

## Country case: Committee on Standards in Public Life, United Kingdom

### Description

The Committee on Standards in Public Life is an advisory non-departmental public body (NDPB) sponsored by the Cabinet Office. The Chair and members are appointed by the Prime Minister. The Committee was established in October 1994, by the then Prime Minister, with the following terms of reference: “to examine current concerns about standards of conduct of all holders of public office, including arrangements relating to financial and commercial activities, and make recommendations as to any changes in present arrangements which might be required to ensure the highest standards of propriety in public life.”

Public Procurement  
Principle: **Integrity**

Procurement Stage:  
**All phases**

Audience: **Policy Maker,  
Procuring Entity**

The Committee on Standards in Public Life (CSPL) advises the Prime Minister on ethical standards across the whole of public life in the United Kingdom. It monitors and reports on issues relating to the standards of conduct of all public office holders.

The Committee is a standing Committee. It can not only conduct inquiries into areas of concern about standards in public life, but can also revisit that area and monitor whether and how well its recommendations have been put into effect.

Source: OECD (2015), [Effective Delivery of Large Infrastructure Projects: The Case of the New International Airport of Mexico City](#), OECD Publishing, Paris.