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Evidence from: Douglas Bain, Commissioner for Standards

By email

Hannah Blythyn MS

Chair of the Standards of Conduct Committee

22 July 2025

Dear Chair,

Inquiry into Individual Member Accountability – Donations

I regret the slightly late response to this consultation.

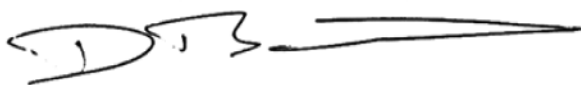
As a general point I believe that there is merit in keeping the provisions as simple as possible consistent with the requirement for transparency and accountability.

To that end, I believe consideration should be given to aligning any restrictions on who can donate with the Electoral Commission provisions. My views on the level of reporting and disclosure of donations remain as stated in my letter of 20 March 2025.

I do not support a cap on the donations from any one individual or entity. Unless such a provision was supported by detailed rules, it would be easy to avoid and so would serve no purpose.

It appears to me that a variation of the rules depending on the source of the donation would introduce unnecessary complexity and would also be straightforward to avoid.

Yours sincerely,



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