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Rt Hon Michael Gove MP
Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities
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By email

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Dear Secretary of State,

I am writing to request an update on the government's consideration of the recommendations in our 2021 report, [Regulating Election Finance](#).

The Committee received an [initial response](#) to our report in September 2021, which set out the government's early views on some of the recommendations and noted that further work would be needed to consider the implications and practicalities. The response committed to considering the recommendations in our report as part of further work looking at the regulatory framework for elections, beyond the Elections Bill.

Now that it has been a year since the Elections Act 2022 received Royal Assent, on 28 April 2022, we are keen to hear the government's full response to the practical recommendations we made to reform the system for regulating election finance.

As you know, our recommendations are evidence-based, following consultation with a broad range of stakeholders, including political parties, candidates, non-party campaigners, the Electoral Commission, police, academics and returning officers. We believe that, together, they have the potential to significantly streamline and enhance the integrity and effectiveness of the system for regulating electoral funding and expenditure.

I would be very happy to meet if this would be helpful.

Yours,



Lord Evans of Weardale KCB DL
Chair, Committee on Standards in Public Life