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MPs' Outside Interests

Thank you for your letter of 2 July to the Prime Minister concerning the Committee on Standards in Public Life's report, "MPs' Outside Interests". I am replying on behalf of the Minister for the Constitution.

The Government is grateful for the work of the Committee in this matter. I note that there are limited areas of action in the report identified for the Government. The Committee makes one recommendation for Government, that all candidates at Parliamentary elections must publish, at nomination, whether they intend to continue to hold any existing interests if elected, and that Government (through Cabinet Office) should issue guidance to Parliamentary candidates on the registration of outside interests. We will consider your recommendation carefully where it relates to Government, while appreciating that the majority of recommendations are necessarily a matter for the House of Commons.

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