



Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee

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Dear Minister,

Representation of the People Bill LCMs

I am writing regarding the Representation of the People Bill Legislative Consent Memorandum (LCM) and supplementary LCMs considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee at its meeting on 29 September 2026. At that meeting, the Committee agreed to ask the Scottish Government a question in relation to Clause 66.

Clause 66 confers powers on the Secretary of State to make regulations to impose equivalent or similar prohibitions and restrictions on other political donations, transactions and gifts to those introduced by the Bill regarding relevant donations to and relevant transactions involving registered political parties in relation to the moratorium on cryptoassets, the cap on donations made and transactions entered into by overseas contributors, and transactions and/or donations to registered parties by company and LLPs.

This is a significant delegated power which enables the Secretary of State to make provision applying the effects of the Bill's new political finance measures to a range of other electoral and referendum regimes, including Scottish Parliament elections and Scottish referendum campaign finance arrangements.

Given the significance of this power, the Committee asks the Scottish Government whether it considers the delegation of these powers to the Secretary of State, exercisable within devolved competence subject to Scottish Ministers' consent, to be appropriate given that regulations made under the powers would not be subject to scrutiny by the Scottish Parliament. The Committee would be grateful for a response by **Monday 12 October**.

Yours sincerely,

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Convener

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