Commonwealth Day 2011: CPA Events in London

Background Note

The purpose of this paper is to advise Members of the Branch Executive Committee (BEC) that two representatives from the Scottish Youth Parliament – Emily Shaw MSYP and Grant Costello MSYP - attended the 2011 Commonwealth Day events in London, in March this year, through support from the CPA Scotland Branch.

Emily Shaw has submitted a report about the events which amongst other things expresses gratitude to CPA Scotland Branch for providing the opportunity to participate. A copy of the report is attached at Annex A.

In her report, Emily clearly considers that the Commonwealth Day event was an interesting and informative experience for the young people attending the event. However, Emily does raise some concerns regarding the wider value of participation in terms of benefits which could inform the work of a MSYP back in Scotland. Moreover, Emily also highlights that only one person from each country was able to attend the Commonwealth Secretary-General’s reception.

Given that only one representative from each Branch may attend the reception, attended by HM The Queen, if future invitations to these events are received Members of the BEC may wish to consider a wider competition to compete for one place.

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