

11th February 2003

Dear Clerk to the Standards of Conduct Committee,

RE: Registration of Cross Party Groups

The House Committee requests the Standards Committee's view on proposals for the registration of cross-party groups.

At the House Committee meeting on the 30th January 2003 Members considered arrangements for registration of cross-party groups. Members agreed that a National Assembly for Wales scheme should not be over regulated. House Committee Members proposed a simple registration scheme consisting of the name of the group, the Chair and Secretary, as well as any external donations received by the group. Members agreed that membership must be open to all parties and that groups should consist of Members from at least two parties.

The Committee agreed that it would be useful for Members to have knowledge of all cross-party groups in the Assembly and that the information would be available on the Intranet.

The Standards Committee is invited to consider the proposals.

Regards

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