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## BRIEFING FOR A LABOUR PRIME MINISTER

During our discussions over the past week or so about briefing for incoming Ministers, and in particular briefing for a new Leader of the House, Muir Russell and I have mentioned the advice given on state aid for political parties in the light of the Labour Manifesto commitment. We promised to let you know the present position.

The latest draft of the briefing for an incoming Labour Prime Minister states "A decision will be required before the debate on the Queen's speech on Ministerial responsibility for implementing the Houghton Report and the timescale for action. It would be helpful to decide by then how the proposals relating to political donations could be taken forward."

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