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Work to replace the Electoral Commission's political finance system

Many thanks for your letter of 24th October to the Committee on the Electoral Commission's approach to updating the political finance online system. Although it is disappointing that you have decided to pause the implementation of the new system mentioned in your last update to the Committee in March, we are supportive of your ambition to ensure the project is cost effective, value-for-money, and that work to date is not wasted.

As you are aware, in our recently published report on the Work of the Electoral Commission, we welcomed the re-development of the system to support parties and campaigners to accurately and easily submit financial returns. In light of this, we would welcome an update on the new approach being taken in your response to this report, including how procuring existing systems will deliver similar benefits to users and details of any consultation undertaken or planned with parties and campaigners. We would welcome this response before the end of the calendar year.

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