Dear Lord Bew

In March of this year you requested that I provide your Committee an updated version of paper on British political party expenditure in the previous Parliament submitted to the Committee in September 2011. As part of my brief I was asked:

1. To prepare a study of party expenditure during the 2010-2015 parliamentary cycle;
2. To provide paper on party income and related topics;
3. To suggest possible areas of which the Committee may usefully discuss and about which there may be a prospect of cross-party agreement during the current Parliament.

Below is an updated version of my paper on party expenditure, along with a shorter on party income. In addition I have included areas of further research and potential reform in my executive summary, as requested.

The final figures are still to be checked and to be completed once the Electoral Commission has published central party accounts for 2015.

Yours,

Michael