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Dear Sir Graham,

My electoral staff have considered the questions in the consultation paper on the review of the electoral commission and have made the following comments:

Since the Commission was established in November 2000 they feel it has been extremely effective in promoting public awareness and involvement in the democratic process. Unfortunately the Government has failed to take on board the Commission's advice on some matters ie the Commission was not in favour of the rolling out of all postal pilots in the European elections in 2004.

The Commission has worked closely with the Association of Electoral Administrators, the professional body of people who carry out the electoral registration process and organise elections, has listened to and taken on board comments on how the present electoral registration system works. The Commission's staff have first hand practical experience in electoral registration of election matters and Government should listen to the Commission and support their work. The Commission and the AEA have no political agenda and they wish to engage the public and increase public confidence in the democratic process.

Regards

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