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National Assembly for Wales Standards of Conduct Committee

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Cross Party Groups Annual Report

Dear Llywydd,

The Standards of Conduct Committee meet on 3 October 2017 and considered the annual report for Cross Party Groups. The Committee firmly believes that the adherence to the rules of cross party groups (the rules) is very important to maintain the integrity of the National Assembly for Wales. We therefore recommend the following actions for those cross party groups which are failing to comply with the rules:

Category B (Groups who submit the necessary information but are late in doing so): The Committee recommends a reminder is issued to each of these groups about the need to comply with the rules and highlighting the areas they have fallen short of the timescales expected.

Category C (Groups who have not provided details required by the rules): The Committee recommends that you write to each of these groups requesting that they comply with the requirements not met under the rules within four weeks or else they will be disbanded in accordance with the rules.

We also recommend more generally that the Cross Party Groups annual report is published on the Assembly website as this will aid transparency and that an annual reminder of responsibilities is sent.

Yours sincerely,

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Chair

