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## **INQUIRY INTO ELECTORAL AND POLITICAL PARTY FUNDING**

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Some of my feelings on political donations:

Politicians are paid by the people but controlled by donors.

When government funding was introduced I understood the aim was to remove the need for private donations. Now we have the worst of both worlds, we pay, others control.

Government funding should only be available to politicians or political parties which do not spend any non-government-provided money on their election campaign.

Pre-election advertising should be strictly limited to factual statements about past performance or promises the breaking of which precipitate a new election.

The distribution of How-to-votes on election day should be banned. The practice does not inform voters and benefits the group with most funds.

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