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INQUIRY INTO ELECTORAL AND POLITICAL PARTY FUNDING

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Politicians in the pay of private interests cannot be trusted by the people.

Political donations corrupt democracy - politicians are paid by the people, but controlled by the donors.

Politicians, paid by the public and using their money, but who are in fact controlled by donors, can be compared with medieval monarchs controlled by their financiers who enabled them to fight wars and gain their crowns.

To take the place of reduced private donations public funding of elections should be increased. This could take the form of:

- Assistance in the form of free mailings
- Free use of public rooms during an election period
- Free airtime for political broadcasts

Public funding should be available on an equitable basis to all contestants of an election.

Political donors must be on the electoral roll. No organisation or entity should be allowed to donate. A limit of \$100 per donation should be applied.

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