Supplementary written evidence from Lord Inglewood – RIS0068

I am writing as promised when we spoke briefly in the corridor earlier today when I raised the predicament of Non Affiliated Members of the House who appear to have no champion when Committee places are allocated. This seemed to me to be discriminatory and inherently unfair.

Secondly the reality of the way in which the whips offices use committee places as a form of patronage may mean certain members are de facto always going to be excluded. This too seems equally unfair. I wondered whether a number, say 20% of members might be elected by the Whole House.

The effect of the way the present arrangements works may be that the House is denied access to real expertise which might be of considerable help in the deliberations of Committees.

Please let me know if you have any questions,

Good wishes,

Richard

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