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National Assembly for Wales

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Cross Party Groups Annual Report 2017–18

Dear Llywydd,

The Standards of Conduct Committee meet on 9 October 2018 and considered the 2017–18 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 that 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 working weeks or else they will be de-registered in accordance with the rules. We also recommend that, should any of these groups appear under this category again in the 2018–19 Annual Report, they should be de-registered as a matter of course.

The following Cross Party Group has appeared in **Category C**, for the second consecutive year, and the Committee recommends that it is de-registered immediately:

- Fathers and Fatherhood (Mark Isherwood)



We would also recommend writing to all Cross Party Group Chairs attaching the monitoring results and reminding them of the rules and responsibilities governing Cross Party Groups as well as highlighting that three groups have been de-registered as a result of failing to comply with the requirements two years in a row.

As with our consideration of the 2016-17 Annual Report, 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jayne Bryant". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jayne Bryant
Chair

