

HOUSE OF COMMONS  
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Dear Geoffrey

Thank you for your letter dated 8th February concerning Party Policy Groups. I can appreciate that the timing of these matters is something of a "moving target" and I will do my best to produce any suggestions in as good time as possible. However, our small number of Policy Groups have been working to a deadline of 31st March, and I think it very unlikely that we shall have even interim suggestions to make before the week beginning 14th March. I will do my utmost to speed matters up as I appreciate you will wish to have information as quickly as possible.

As you know from our conversations, we are relying upon the Groups which you have set up and which include Scottish representatives, to provide material which is suitable for both English and Scottish requirements. We have in addition a small number of purely Scottish Groups working on Scottish themes and I will bring forward any material which they produce to you personally.

Yours wls,

George -

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