Press release: Brokenshire provides further details of political donations policy to MPs

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The Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, Rt Hon James Brokenshire MP, has written to MPs to provide further details regarding the move to full transparency of donations and loans to Northern Ireland political parties. The letter, which was addressed to the shadow Secretary of State, Owen Smith MP, and placed in the libraries of both Houses, can be found here.

In January, the Secretary of State wrote to the Northern Ireland parties to propose moving to full transparency and to seek views on the date from which transparency should take effect. The Secretary of State's letter and the responses of the parties, Electoral Commission and the Committee on Standards in Public Life can be found here.

The change, which will be made by secondary legislation, would apply to all donations and loans received on or after 1 July 2017 and enable publication of donor information from the autumn. The proposed legislation is currently the subject of statutory consultation with the Electoral Commission.