

14th March 2025

Rt Hon Pat McFadden MP
Cabinet Office

Dear Rt Hon Pat McFadden MP,

The Labour Party's election manifesto committed to "replacing the House of Lords with an alternative second chamber that is more representative of the regions and nations. Labour will consult on proposals, seeking the input of the British public on how politics can best serve them."

The bill to abolish hereditary peers is welcomed, but falls short of the substantial reforms the public was promised.

7 in 10 people support an elected or partly-elected second chamber, according to a January 2025 poll from YouGov.

As Baroness Smith of Llanfaes rightfully said in the Hereditary Peers Bill debate: "With record low levels of trust in politics and a Government who have pledged to restore public confidence in the political system, surely now is the time to radically transform this place."

Please can you clarify when the government will begin consulting the public on how to reform the second chamber to make it more representative?

We look forward to your reply.

Yours sincerely,



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