Democratic Unionist Party



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Dear Ms Edwards

Thank you for your letter dated 27th June. I am disappointed that you felt the need to write to me on the basis of elements of a BBC Northern Ireland Spotlight programme broadcast on 26th June, which attempted to attribute a meaning to a part of an interview given by me to an individual not associated with the BBC. I also regret that you appear (albeit to a limited degree) to be relying on biased BBC output in arriving at a point where you indicate in your letter that you have sufficient cause for concern.

For my part I am clear that what was broadcast was both out of context and used in the programme in an attempt to convey an incorrect impression that I am not familiar with my responsibilities as a registered treasurer of a registered political party under the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000 (PPERA 2000).

For the avoidance of any doubt I am fully aware of both my legal duties as registered treasurer and that of the Democratic Unionist Party in relation to the permissibility of donations and the associated declaration to be made to the Electoral Commission, and indeed indicated that I was, in an untransmitted section of the aforesaid interview.

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I trust this clarification addresses any concerns that the inaccurate selected excerpts may have given the Electoral Commission.

Yours sincerely



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