



ROYAL COMMISSION

Royal Commission on the Reform of the House of Lords

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Chairman: The Rt Hon Lord Wakeham DL

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To the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR MAJESTY

We, the undersigned Commissioners, having been appointed by Royal Warrant incorporating the following terms of reference:

“Having regard to the need to maintain the position of the House of Commons as the pre-eminent chamber of Parliament and taking particular account of the present nature of the constitutional settlement, including the newly devolved institutions, the impact of the Human Rights Act 1998 and developing relations with the European Union:

- to consider and make recommendations on the role and functions of the second chamber;
- to make recommendations on the method or combination of methods of composition required to constitute a second chamber fit for that role and those functions;
- to report by 31 December 1999.”

HUMBLY SUBMIT TO YOUR MAJESTY THE FOLLOWING REPORT.