



## Attorney General; Minister for Electoral Affairs

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Dear Associate Professor Drum

### MINISTERIAL EXPERT COMMITTEE ON ELECTORAL REFORM

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