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Ms Jenny Wilkinson
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Dear Ms Wilkinson,

MINOR PARTIES AND THE PBO POST-ELECTION COMMITMENT REPORT

I write to you on behalf of the Nick Xenophon Team (NXT) in relation to the consultation paper of the Parliamentary Budget Office (PBO), "*Allowing minor parties to opt in to the PBO's post-election report of election commitments*". Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission.

Transparency and accountability are core policy principles of NXT, and we welcome any process that creates the opportunity for additional transparency. As such, we fully support the first five propositions as outlined in the consultation paper.

However, in relation to Proposition 6, NXT recommends that election commitments of minor parties who no longer have a representative in Parliament but have opted in to the post-election report should have their commitments included in the post-election report.

The reasons for this view are in the interest of transparency, to contribute to Australian policy development, and also in view of the often changing composition of the Parliament's membership between elections.

Thank you again for the opportunity to make a submission.

Yours sincerely,

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