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Q. FIXED-TERM PARLIAMENTS... Do you agree with fixed-term parliaments or do you oppose them? I support fixed-terms

Q. FREE VOTES... Do you think that there should be fewer, more or roughly the same number of free votes (votes not subject to party whip) in Parliament? The whipping system should be scrapped

Q. VOTING SYSTEM... Do you think that the present voting system for Westminster elections should be maintained or should the voting system be reformed? I support reform of the voting system (single transferable vote in smaller single member constituencies)

Q. OPEN PRIMARIES... Do you agree with open primaries for candidate selection or do you oppose them? I am undecided

Q. VOTING AGE... Do you think that the voting age should remain at 18 or should it be lowered to 16? People should be allowed to vote in any election/referendum that occurs in the year they become 16

Q. RECALLING MPS... Are you open to the idea of having a mechanism whereby constituents can vote on the recall of their MP in instances of "serious wrongdoing" or do you oppose having such a mechanism to recall MPs? I am open to the idea of having a mechanism to recall MPs

Q. HOUSE OF LORDS... What is your view on the composition of the House of Lords/second chamber? I support a fully elected House of Lords/second chamber

Q. OTHER REFORMS... Please list other reforms/changes/measures that you believe would improve democracy/politics.

Smaller constituencies closer to the people. Areas with regional government (eg London) to have no more than four MPs. The Prime minister should be elected by the whole house at the start of each parliamentary year during the fixed term using STV. The removal of party names from ballot papers to eradicate safe party seats. The limitation of an individual's donations to parties to £10,000 in any one financial year. Making company donations to political parties subject to shareholder approval on the basis of one vote per shareholding. The introduction of a voter information booklet to be distributed to all voters containing information on the individuals standing for election at a fixed, low cost to each individual candidate (which may be paid by the party) which does not contain any party allegiance.