

25 May 1998,

The Rt Hon Sir Robert Porter QC,



Thank you very much for your letter and for its very kind sentiments. Since you wrote, of course, we have had the Referendum result, and it was a very good one. I am sure that had it not been for the matter of the Balcombe Street bombers, and the Michael Stone incident, the results would have been even more resounding.

Already we have embarked on the next phase, which is to ensure that we have a workable Assembly, and I believe that I and my Alliance colleagues have a role to play there too, so we must try to get as many as possible of us elected!

As some one of your experience in public life will know, many of those who write to me, do so to complain about something. It was therefore especially gratifying to receive the encouragement of such a positive letter as yours. Thank you very much for taking the trouble to write.