

Alba

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I find it slightly odd to make a personal statement on party politics, because I don't do party politics, but for once I feel it necessary.

As most readers will know I take an interest in Scottish politics. And many readers will also know that I have on occasion appeared on the Alex Salmond Show, which has sometimes offered its own ethical challenges. So I have, of course, met Alex and had discussions with him.

However, for the record I have no link with his new party, Alba. Nor am I planning any link with it. I am always willing to offer advice, usually without ever drawing attention to the fact, to politicians who ask. But whilst it was entirely predictable that Alex Salmond would seek to return to Scottish politics I had not discussed his doing so with him and have no intention of breaking my commitment to not doing party politics. Although that will not, of course stop me commenting on it if I think it appropriate.