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Annual Returns

Statutory Donations Returns in respect of the Electoral Act, 1997, as amended

Checklist

- I have read and fully understand the Donations Guidelines issued by the Standards Commission
- I fully understand my obligations under the Electoral Act 1997, as amended
- **I fully understand that failure to provide returns to the Standards Commission by the dates indicated is an offence and will result in a referral to the DPP**
- I understand my returns are not complete until the Standards Commission receive a signed hardcopy of all forms and supporting documentation

All members are requested to refer to the Donations Guidelines published by the Standards in Public Office Commission, and if necessary request advice on completion of the forms from:

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Donation Statement
1 January 2015 to 31 December 2015
Electoral Act 1997, as amended

1. General Information

Name	Click here to enter text.
Address	Click here to enter text.
Telephone No.	Click here to enter text.
E-Mail	Click here to enter text.
Political Party	Click here to enter text.
Political Group (if any)	Click here to enter text.

2. Donations

Did you receive any single donation exceeding €600.00 in value, or donations from the same person exceeding €600.00 in aggregate value, between 1 January 2015 and 31 December 2015? If your answer is YES , you must list the donation(s) on Part 3 of this form.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> (Insert [✓] as appropriate)
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NOTES:

For each donation exceeding €600.00 received, the value and nature of the donation must be stated together with the name and **the full postal address** of the person (see part 3).

A) PROHIBITED DONATIONS

i) Anonymous Donations

Acceptance of an anonymous donation exceeding a value of **€100** is prohibited. A donation is anonymous if the member or former Member of either House of the Oireachtas or MEP does not know the name **and** address of the donor. The onus is on the recipient to ensure that the name and address of the donor is known.

ii) Cash Donations in excess of €200

The **maximum cash donation** that may be accepted in any calendar year from a donor by a TD, Senator, MEP, candidate at a Dáil, Seanad or European election, Presidential candidate/election agent, political party, accounting unit of a political party, or a third party is **€200.00**.

iii) Donations in excess of the limit

A member or former Member of either House of the Oireachtas or MEP is prohibited from accepting, in any calendar year, a donation exceeding €1,000.00 in value, or donations exceeding €1,000.00 in aggregate value from the same person. The values of all donations received from the same person in the same calendar year should be aggregated and treated as a single donation.

iv) Foreign donations

A political donation, of any value, cannot be accepted from an individual (other than an Irish citizen) who resides outside the island of Ireland, or from a body corporate or an unincorporated body of persons which does not keep an office in the island of Ireland from which at least one of its principal activities is directed.

v) Donations by non-registered corporate donors in excess of €200

It is prohibited to accept a donation exceeding **€200** in value from a corporate donor **unless** the corporate donor is registered in the Register of Corporate Donors maintained by the Commission **and** a statement is made on behalf of the corporate donor (and furnished with the donation to the donee) confirming that the making of the donation was approved by the corporate donor. The statement must be accompanied by a statutory declaration that to the best of the knowledge and belief of the person concerned, the statement is correct in every material respect and that the person has taken all reasonable action in order to satisfy him/herself as to the accuracy of the statement.

If you have received a donation that is prohibited, please check the guidelines for information on how it is to be dealt with.

B) POLITICAL DONATIONS ACCOUNT

A TD, Senator, MEP or former Member must open and maintain a political donations account on receipt of a monetary donation of more than €100.00 (if such an account has not already been opened). Members must also complete the Certificate of Monetary Donations in addition to this donation statement if they have a political donations account.

3. Details of Donations (photocopy this page if more than 2 donations are being disclosed)

Donation 1

Name and full postal address of donor or the person on whose behalf the donation was made			
Was donation requested from donor?	YES/NO	Name of person who requested donation (if appropriate)	
Value of Donation	€	Nature of Donation¹	
Description of Donor²		Date Donation was received	
Did receipt issue?	YES/NO	Date receipt issued	
Name of person who issued receipt			

¹ For example, cash/cheque, use of property, services, etc.

² For example, individual, company, trade union, political party, etc.

Donation 2

Name and full postal address of donor or the person on whose behalf the donation was made			
Was donation requested from donor?	YES/NO	Name of person who requested donation (if appropriate)	
Value of Donation	€	Nature of Donation¹	
Description of Donor²		Date Donation was received	
Did receipt issue?	YES/NO	Date receipt issued	
Name of person who issued receipt			

¹ For example, cash/cheque, use of property, services, etc.

² For example, individual, company, trade union, political party, etc.

CERTIFICATE OF MONETARY DONATIONS

This Certificate is Not for Public Display

Member's Name	Click here to enter text.
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If you do not have a political donations account please sign here only.

Signature	
Date	

If you have a political donations account then please complete this part of the form.

Political Donations Account

Name of Bank/Financial Institution	Click here to enter text.
Address of Bank/Financial Institution	Click here to enter text.
Account Number	Click here to enter account number
Date Account Opened	Click to enter date.
Account Balance	Click here to enter text.
Date of last Transaction	Click to enter date.

I hereby certify that all monetary donations were lodged to the above account and all amounts debited from the account were used for political purposes.

Please sign below even if there were no transactions on the above account during 2015.

Signature	
Date	

Please attach a copy of your Bank Statement covering the period from 1st January 2015 to 31st December 2015, along with this completed form

Part A of Statutory Declaration
(To be completed in full by the Member)

I (name of Member), do solemnly and sincerely declare that the attached **Donation Statement and Certificate of Monetary Donations** are, to the best of my knowledge and belief, correct in every material respect and that I took all reasonable action in order to be satisfied as to their accuracy and I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true and by virtue of the Statutory Declarations Act 1938.

Signature of **Member**

Part B of Statutory Declaration (to be completed in full by the witness)

When completing this part the witness needs to state whether the person making the statutory declaration is known to him/her or has been identified to him/her by another person or by one of the documents referred to below

Declared before me (***name of witness in capital letters here***)....., a notary public/ commissioner for oaths/ peace commissioner/ practising solicitor (***delete as appropriate***) by (***Insert name of member furnishing the statement***) who is personally known to me,

or

who is identified to me by..... who is personally known to me,

or

whose identity has been established to me before the taking of this Declaration by the production to me of Passport no. issued on [date of issue] by the authorities of [issuing state]which is an authority recognised by the Irish Government

or

National identity card no. issued on [date of issue]by the authorities of [issuing state].....(which is an

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EU Member State, the Swiss Confederation or a Contracting Party to the EEA Agreement)

or

Aliens Passport no. issued on [*date of issue*]
by the authorities of [*issuing state*]..... which is an authority
recognised by the Irish Government

or

refugee travel document no.issued on [*date of*
issue] by the Minister for Justice and Equality

or

travel document (other than refugee travel document) no. issued on
[*date of issue*]..... by the Minister for Justice and Equality

Signature of witness

Category of witness*

Place of Signature

Date

***In order to qualify, the witness must be a Commissioner for Oaths, Notary Public, Peace Commissioner, or practicing Solicitor.**