2022 Annual Returns

Statutory Donations Returns in respect of the Electoral Act, 1997

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
- ☐ I fully understand that failure to provide returns to the Standards Commission by the dates indicated is an offence and may result in a referral to the Director of Public Prosecutions
- ☐ I understand my returns are not complete until the Standards Commission receives all forms and supporting documentation either in hard copy or by email.

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:

Standards in Public Office Commission
6 Earlsfort Terrace
Dublin 2
D02 W773

Tel: 01 - 6395666
E-mail: info@sipo.ie
Website: http://www.sipo.ie
Twitter: @SIPOCIreland

The Members Annual Returns Donation Statement and accompanying documentation should reach the Standards in Public Office Commission, 6 Earlsfort Terrace, Dublin 2, D02 W773 **not later than 31 January 2023**

Más mian leat comhfhreagras agus foirmeacha as Gaeilge a fháil le do thoil déan teagmháil linn.

Donation Statement

1 January 2022 to 31 December 2022

Electoral Act 1997

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Members details	
Name	**Click here to enter text.**
Address for Correspondence	**Click here to enter text.**
Telephone No.	**Click here to enter text.**
Email	**Click here to enter text.**

Donation Statement
1 January 2022 to 31 December 2022
Electoral Act 1997

Please complete in BLOCK CAPITALS and black ink to facilitate copying

Following pages for public display

1. General Information

Name	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 in value, or donations from the same person exceeding €600 in aggregate value, between 1 January 2022 and 31 December 2022? If your answer is **YES**, you must list the donation(s) on Part 3 of this form.	***Yes*** ☐ ***No*** ☐ (Insert [☐] as appropriate)

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

Donation #

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 Donation[1]**	
Description of Donor[2]		**Date Donation was received**	
If the donation was from a corporate donor, was it accompanied by a statement of approval form? [3]			YES / NO
Did receipt issue?	YES / NO	**Donor is an Irish Citizen?**	YES / NO
Name of person who issued receipt			

[1] **For example, cash/cheque/EFT, use of property, services, etc.**
[2] **For example, individual, registered corporate donor, trade union, political party, etc.**
[3] **For further information see note V below**

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Did receipt issue?	YES / NO	**Donor is an Irish Citizen?**	YES / NO
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[3] **For further information see note A) v) below**

CERTIFICATE OF MONETARY DONATIONS

This Certificate is Not for Public Display

Member's Name	Click here to enter text.

Do you have a political donations account or did you open an account on receipt of a political donation in excess of €100?	***Yes*** ☐ ***No*** ☐ (Insert ✓ as appropriate)

IMPORTANT: If you do not have a political donations account complete Section 1.
If you do have a political donations account please complete Section 2.

SECTION 1: If you *do not have* a political donations account please sign here only.	
Signature	
Date	

Political Donations Account

SECTION 2: If you *have* a political donations account then please complete this part of the form.	
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

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

Please attach a copy of your Bank Statement covering the period from 1st January 2022 to 31st December 2022, 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 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 <u>must</u> be a Commissioner for Oaths, Notary Public, Peace Commissioner, or practicing Solicitor.**

NOTES:
For each donation exceeding €600 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.