

Summary of political parties' donations and borrowing for quarter four 2017 (October to December)

The Electoral Commission is the independent body which oversees elections and regulates political finance in the UK. We work to promote public confidence in the democratic process and ensure its integrity.

Registered political parties are required to report quarterly donation and borrowing returns to us within 30 days of the end of each calendar quarter.

This document is a summary of donations and borrowing reported to us in the quarter four 2017 returns.

Find full analysis and breakdown of the figures for quarter four, 2017 [here](#).

Read our news release on the quarter four donations and loans [here](#).

Quarter 1 2017

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Quarter 2 2017

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Quarter 3 2017

Find full analysis and breakdown of the figures for quarter two, 2017 [here](#).

Read our news release on the quarter two donations and loans [here](#).

Donations

Table 1: Reported donations to all political parties over the last four quarters

Quarter	Donations excluding public funds	Public funds	Donations total
Q4 2017	£6,548,400	£2,598,463	£9,146,862
Q3 2017	£6,187,722	£3,343,764	£9,531,487
Q2 2017	£40,185,917	£1,717,501	£41,903,418
Q1 2017	£9,398,639	£2,712,927	£12,111,566
Total	£62,320,678	£10,372,655	£72,693,333

Table 2: Donations to political parties accepted in quarter four 2017 (October to December)

Party	Donations excluding public funds	Public funds	Total accepted in quarter 4 2017
British National Party	£10,000	£0	£10,000
Conservative and Unionist Party	£2,943,358	£63,741	£3,007,099
Co-operative Party	£326,592	£0	£326,592
Green Party	£9,300	£26,908	£36,208
Labour Party	£2,059,131	£2,104,886	£4,164,016
Liberal Democrats	£563,489	£210,182	£773,670
Plaid Cymru – The Party of Wales	£121,832	£0	£121,832
Renew	£29,480	£0	£29,480
Scottish Green Party	£48,597	£0	£48,597
Scottish National Party (SNP)	£222,973	£192,746	£415,719
UK Independence Party (UKIP)	£203,650	£0	£203,650
Women's Equality Party	£10,000	£0	£10,000
Total	£6,548,400	£2,598,463	£9,146,862

Table 3: Donations accepted in previous quarters and reported late in quarter four 2017

Party	Central Party		Accounting unit	
	Value	Number	Value	Number
Conservative and Unionist Party	-	-	£92,725	27
Green Party	-	-	£9,500	3
Labour Party	-	-	£25,115	7
Liberal Democrats			£44,416	10
UK Independence Party (UKIP)	£6,890	1	-	-
Total	£6,890	1	£171,756	47

Table 4: Top donors for quarter four 2017

Donor Name	Total amount	Recipient
Unite the Union	£462,950	Labour Party
Mr Byron S Huson	£400,000	Conservative and Unionist Party
UNISON	£341,076	Labour Party
GMB	£325,738	Labour Party
Union of Shop Distributive and Allied Workers	£321,946	Labour Party
The Co-operative Group Ltd	£312,800	Co-operative Party
Mr Michael Davis	£272,000	Conservative and Unionist Party
National Conservative Draws Society	£250,000	Conservative and Unionist Party
Mr Ian McNish	£217,733	Scottish National Party (SNP)
Growth Financial Services Ltd	£154,000	UK Independence Party (UKIP)

Public funds

Table 5: Total of public funds accepted by parties in quarter four 2017 by type

Party	Short money (House of Commons)¹	Cranborne money (House of Lords)²	Financial assistance to parties (Scottish Parliament)³	Policy Development Grant	Total
Conservative and Unionist Party	-	-	£63,741	-	£63,741
Green Party	£26,908	-	-	-	£26,908
Labour Party	£1,882,613	£162,043	£60,230	-	£2,104,886
Liberal Democrats	£107,594	£94,939	£7,648	-	£210,182
Scottish National Party (SNP)	£192,746	-	-	-	£192,746
Total	£2,209,861	£256,982	£131,619	-	£2,598,462

¹ Allocated to opposition parties in the House of Commons to assist with costs

² Allocated to opposition parties in the House of Lords to assist with costs

³ Allocated to opposition parties in the Scottish Parliament to assist with costs

Late reporting

There were 384 registered political parties in Great Britain during quarter four 2017. 67 were required to submit a quarterly donation report and 61 to submit borrowing information within the deadline. Of these, the following parties failed to submit a donation or loan report for the Q4 2017 deadline.

Donations

Reported late	Failed to report
Conservative and Unionist Party	Enact
Movement For Consensus	Greater Manchester Homeless Voice
Money Free Party	Kingston Independent Residents Group
Renew	New Dawn
	Sovereign Republic
	St. Neots Independent Group

Borrowing

Reported late	Failed to report
Movement For Consensus	Enact
Money Free Party	One Love Party
Renew	Greater Manchester Homeless Voice
	Kingston Independent Residents Group
	New Dawn
	New United Kingdom Voters Alliance
	Sovereign Republic

All other parties are currently exempt from quarterly reporting.

Note:

Parties that submit nil returns for four consecutive quarters are then exempt from quarterly reporting.

The exemption continues to apply unless the party receives reportable donations again at which point the exemption is lifted and the party would again have to submit quarterly reports to the Commission.

Any potential breaches of the legislation will be considered in line with our published Enforcement Policy, [which can be viewed here](#).

Borrowing

Table 6: Total outstanding borrowing by party as at 31 December 2017

Party	Loans⁴	Credit facilities⁵	Connected transactions⁶
Alliance EPP: European People's Party UK	£56,741	-	£2,065
Conservative and Unionist Party	£847,028	£7,549,000	-
English Democrats	£166,644	-	-
Equal and Just Society	£8,000	-	-
Green Party	£13,500	-	-
Labour Party	£858,841	£113,000	-
Liberal Democrats	£896,551	£55,000	40000
Plaid Cymru - The Party of Wales	£9,413	£50,000	-
Scottish National Party (SNP)	£265,553	-	-
Scottish Socialist Party	£63,000	£10,000	-
The Peoples Party For Better Government	£7,800	-	-
UK Independence Party (UKIP)	£304,000	-	-
Total	£3,497,076	£7,777,000	£42,065

⁴ This is the maximum value of loans entered into by a party. In some instances, amounts may have been repaid and converted to donations. Further detail is available on PEF Online

⁵ Credit facilities are an agreement where a registered party is entitled to receive a loan of money from time to time from another person (or organisation). The credit facility will generally have an upper limit specified in the credit facility agreement. Examples of common credit facilities include overdrafts and credit cards. The amount displayed is the maximum that can be borrowed and not the amount that is drawn upon at any one time

⁶ Connected transactions are an arrangement where a person (or organisation) gives any form of security on behalf of a political party in respect of a loan or a credit facility arranged with someone other than the party or the person giving security. Where a person (or organisation) has provided security or a guarantee, it is the maximum that they could be liable to pay.

Table 7: New loans reported in quarter four 2017

Full details of loans, including the date on which the loan was entered into, date repayable, interest rate (whether fixed, variable or nil), whether security was given and details of the lender are available at:

<http://search.electoralcommission.org.uk/>

Party	Total value of new loans
Labour Party	£156,000
Liberal Democrats	£2,300
Total	£158,300

Table 8: Loans repaid in full or converted to donations reported in quarter four 2017

Changes to terms and conditions of borrowings (such as changes to interest rate and repayment or review date) must also be reported to us. These details are available to view at: <http://search.electoralcommission.org.uk/>

Party	Loans converted to donations (including partial conversion)	Loans repaid in full
Conservative and Unionist Party	-	£24,000
Green Party	-	£5,000
Liberal Democrats	-	£3,800
Scottish National Party (SNP)	-	£1,000,000
UK Independence Party (UKIP)	£170,000	-
Total	£170,000	£1,032,800