

Summary of political parties' donations and borrowing for quarter 4 2012 (October-December)

The Electoral Commission is an independent body set up by the UK Parliament. We regulate party and election finance and set standards for well-run elections.

Registered political parties are required to report quarterly donation and loan returns to us within 30 days of the end of each calendar quarter. As part of our commitment to transparency in party and election finance, we publish this information within 15 working days of that deadline.

This document is a summary of donations and borrowing reported to us in the quarter four 2012 returns.

- Find full analysis and breakdown of the figures for quarter four 2012 at www.electoralcommission.org.uk/party-finance/party-finance-analysis/party-funding/party-finance-analysis-Q4-2012
- Read our news release on the quarter four 2012 donations and loans at: www.electoralcommission.org.uk/news-and-media/news-releases/electoral-commission-media-centre/news-releases-donations/political-parties-donations-and-borrowing-figures-q4-2012

Donations

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

Quarter	Donations excluding public funds	Public funds	Donations total
Quarter 4 2012 (Oct-Dec)	£7,286,258	£2,440,179	£9,726,437
Quarter 3 2012 (Jul-Sept)	£7,039,292	£3,091,242	£10,130,534
Quarter 2 2012 (Apr-Jun)	£7,895,617	£2,416,806	£10,312,423
Quarter 1 2012 (Jan-Mar)	£8,878,654	£852,461	£9,731,115
Total	£31,099,821	£8,800,688	£39,900,509

Table 2: Donations to political parties accepted in quarter four 2012

Party	Donations excluding public funds	Public funds	Total accepted in Quarter 4 2012
British National Party	£100,000	£0	£100,000
Conservative and Unionist Party	£3,309,109	£229,134	£3,538,243
Co-operative Party	£88,413	£0	£88,413
Don't Cook Party	£72,712	£0	£72,712
Green Party	£14,530	£15,147	£29,677
Labour Party	£2,592,885	£2,125,193	£4,718,078
Liberal Democrats	£570,959	£9,411	£580,370
Plaid Cymru – The Party of Wales	£0	£18,322	£18,322
Scottish Green Party	£15,672	£0	£15,672
Scottish National Party (SNP)	£203,673	£42,971	£246,644
The Socialist Party of Great Britain	£150,000	£0	£150,000
UK Independence Party (UK I P)	£168,305	£0	£168,305
Total	£7,286,258	£2,440,179	£9,726,437

Table 3: Donations accepted in previous quarters and reported late in quarter four 2012

Party	National Party		Accounting unit	
	Value	Number	Value	Number
Conservative and Unionist Party	£0	0	£5,000	1
Co-operative Party	£0	0	£5,246	1
Labour Party	£9,400	2	£2,000	1
Liberal Democrats	£0	0	£1,899	1
United Kingdom Independence Party (UK I P)	£6,607	2	£0	0
Total	£16,007	4	£14,145	4

Table 4: Top donors for quarter four 2012

	Donor Name	Total amount (£)	Recipient
1	Unite the Union	£832,990	Labour Party
2	UNISON	£386,363	Labour Party
3	GMB	£316,475	Labour Party
4	National Conservative Draws Society	£300,000	Conservative and Unionist Party
5	Mr Alexander A Fraser	£250,000	Conservative and Unionist Party
6	Mr David J Rowland	£239,800	Conservative and Unionist Party
7	Communications Workers Union	£179,492	Labour Party
8	Mr Stanley Robert Parker	£150,000	The Socialist Party of Great Britain
9	Miss Rosheen Napier	£136,000	Scottish National Party (SNP)
10	Lycamobile	£110,000	Conservative and Unionist Party

Public funds

Table 5: Total of public funds accepted by parties in quarter four 2012 (broken down by type)

Party	Short money (House of Commons)	Cranborne money (House of Lords)	Financial assistance to parties (Scottish Parliament)	Policy development grants (Electoral Commission)	Total
Conservative and Unionist Party	£0	£0	£36,747	£192,387	£229,134
Green Party	£15,147	£0	£0	£0	£15,147
Labour Party	£1,538,879	£44,258	£84,426	£457,630	£2,125,193
Liberal Democrats	£0	£0	£9,411	£0	£9,411
Plaid Cymru – The Party of Wales	£18,322	£0	£0	£0	£18,322
Scottish National Party (SNP)	£42,971	£0	£0	£0	£42,971
Total	£1,615,319	£44,258	£130,585	£650,017	£2,440,179

Late reporting

Table 6: Late and outstanding donation and loan reports in quarter four 2012

No parties submitted their donation or loan reports late in quarter four 2012.

Borrowing

Table 7: Total outstanding borrowing by party as at 31 December 2012

Party	Loans ¹	Credit facilities ²	Connected transaction ³
Christian Party "Proclaiming Christ's Lordship"	£200,000	£0	£0
Conservative and Unionist Party	£2,619,796	£10,161,000	£0
Jury Team	£519,056	£20,000	£0
Labour Party	£9,858,723	£1,793,000	£600,000
Liberal Democrats	£359,252	£1,042,000	£40,000
Pensioners Party	£8,436	£0	£0
Plaid Cymru - The Party of Wales	£69,413	£350,000	£0
Scottish National Party (SNP)	£161,553	£2,500	£0
Scottish Socialist Party	£63,000	£10,000	£0
Scottish Voice	£200,000	£0	£0
The English Democrats	£108,041	£0	£0
The People's Party for Better Government	£7,800	£0	£0
The Progressive Party	£100,000	£5,000	£105,000
The Respect Party	£18,417	£0	£0
UK Independence Party (UK I P)	£7,000	£0	£0
Total	£14,300,488	£13,383,500	£745,000

¹ 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

² 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

³ 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 8: New loans in quarter four 2012

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:

<https://pefonline.electoralcommission.org.uk/search/searchintro.aspx>

Party	Total amount of new loans
Conservative and Unionist Party	£15,000
Liberal Democrats	£0
UK Independence Party (UK I P)	£87,000

Table 9: Loans repaid in full or converted to donation in quarter four 2012

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

<https://pefonline.electoralcommission.org.uk/search/searchintro.aspx>.

Party	Loans converted to donations (including partial conversion)	Loans repaid in full
Conservative and Unionist Party	£0	£1,789
Labour Party	£0	£5,000
Liberal Democrats	£0	£0
UK Independence Party (UK I P)	£0	£80,000
Total loans ended	£0	£86,789

Summary of 2012 donations

Donations

Table 10: Total of all donations to political parties during 2012 and 2011

Party	Donations excluding public funds in 2012	Donations excluding public funds in 2011
British National Party	£265,987	£32,000
Christian Peoples Alliance	£0	£10,000
Conservative and Unionist Party	£13,801,282	£14,230,027
Co-operative Party	£1,041,314	£1,045,454
Don't Cook Party	£72,712	£0
Green Party	£254,483	£158,830
Labour Party	£12,036,055	£11,963,093
Liberal Democrats	£2,481,707	£4,161,018
Plaid Cymru – The Party of Wales	£97,917	£27,067
Scottish Green Party	£15,672	£18,196
Scottish National Party (SNP)	£550,523	£2,820,727
The Socialist Party of Great Britain	£176,758	£0
UK Independence Party (UK I P)	£314,410	£325,957
Total	£31,099,821	£34,792,370

Public Funds

Table 11: Payments from public funds to political parties during 2012

Party	Public funds in 2012	Public funds in 2011
Conservative and Unionist Party	£311,083	£832,492
Green Party	£59,896	£24,858
Labour Party	£7,378,958	£7,336,068
Liberal Democrats	£495,086	£402,348
Plaid Cymru – The Party of Wales	£226,125	£203,584
Scottish Green Party	£0	£8,369
Scottish National Party (SNP)	£329,540	£312,484
Total	£8,800,688	£9,120,204