

Statement of nil return: quarterly donation return by a political party (Revised version January 2010)

Explanatory notes on completing form RP10QN(NI)

Registered political parties are required to submit a donation return to the Electoral Commission at the end of each calendar quarter. Parties should submit a statement of nil return if during the relevant calendar quarter they have not received any of the following:

- any donations (including aggregate donations) of more than £7,500 accepted by a party headquarters
- any donations (including aggregate donations) of more than £1,500 accepted by a party's accounting units
- any donations which fall to be reported as 'section 62' donations (i.e., aggregate donations of more than £7,500 made to different sections of the party)
- any impermissible or unidentifiable donations received by any section of a party

The return must be submitted within 30 days of the end of the calendar quarter (see below).

Each note corresponds to a numbered section on form RP10QN(NI).

1 Details of registered party

Please give:

- the registered name of the party
- the party's reference number
- the relevant quarterly reporting period and year, i.e.:
 - Quarter 1 (January–March)
 - Quarter 2 (April–June)
 - Quarter 3 (July–September)
 - Quarter 4 (October–December)

2 Statement of nil return

No action is necessary in this section.

3 Declaration and signature

This declaration must be amended as applicable and signed by the person registered as party treasurer.

Important: It is an offence for a treasurer to make a false declaration knowingly or recklessly, or to fail to submit a return within 30 days of the end of the reporting period.

Form RP10QN(NI) should be returned to:

The Electoral Commission
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The Gasworks, Belfast BT7 2JB

Tel.: 028 9089 4020

Fax: 028 9031 4827

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