

Summary of political parties' donations and borrowing for quarter two 2016 (April to June)

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 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 two 2016 returns.

Find full analysis and breakdown of the figures for quarter two, 2016 [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
Q2 2016	£14,992,533	£3,159,681	£18,152,214
Q1 2016	£11,954,008	£2,370,143	£14,324,151
Q4 2015	£9,225,096	£2,235,621	£11,460,717
Q3 2015	£6,088,450	£3,413,776	£9,502,226
Total	£42,260,087	£11,179,221	£53,439,308

Table 2: Donations to political parties accepted in quarter two 2016 (April to June)

Party	Donations excluding public funds	Public funds	Total accepted in quarter 2 2016
All People's Party	£7,350	-	£7,350
British National Party	£42,797	-	£42,797
Conservative and Unionist Party	£4,321,937	£48,167	£4,370,104
Co-operative Party	£100,687	-	£100,687
English Democrats	£15,000	-	£15,000
Green Party	£17,733	£53,508	£71,241
Labour Party	£6,186,695	£2,055,930	£8,242,625
Liberal Democrats	£2,867,678	£539,887	£3,407,565
Plaid Cymru - The Party of Wales	£4,584	-	£4,584
Scottish National Party (SNP)	£20,612	£462,188	£482,800
UK Independence Party (UKIP)	£1,252,891	-	£1,252,891
Women's Equality Party	£154,570	-	£154,570
Total	£14,992,533	£3,159,681	£18,152,214

Table 3: Donations accepted in previous quarters and reported late in quarter two 2016

Party	Central Party		Accounting unit	
	Value	Number	Value	Number
Conservative and Unionist Party	£7,736	4	-	-
Immigrants Political Party	£7,670	1	-	-
Labour Party	-	-	£2,000	1
Liberal Democrats	-	-	£98,384	11
UK Independence Party (UKIP)	-	-	£2,000	1
Total	£15,406	5	£102,384	13

Table 4: Top donors for quarter two 2016

Donor Name	Total amount (£)	Recipient
Lord David Sainsbury	£2,150,000	Labour Party
Lord David Sainsbury	£2,125,000	Liberal Democrats
Unite the Union	£816,559	Labour Party
Unison	£604,411	Labour Party
GMB	£596,769	Labour Party
Union of Shop Distributive and Allied Workers	£466,455	Labour Party
Mr Gerado Lopez Fojaca	£400,000	Conservative and Unionist Party
Growth Financial Services Ltd	£359,000	UK Independence Party (UKIP)
National Conservative Draws Society	£302,500	Conservative and Unionist Party
Mr Michael Davis	£262,500	Conservative and Unionist Party

Public funds

Table 5: Total of public funds accepted by parties in quarter two 2016 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	-	-	£48,167	-	£48,167
Green Party	£53,508	-	0	-	£53,508
Labour Party	£1,683,446	£175,367	£107,248	£89,870	£2,055,930
Liberal Democrats	£136,043	£74,327	£5,446	£324,072	£539,887
Scottish National Party (SNP)	£298,635	-	0	£163,553	£462,188
Total	£2,171,632	£249,694	£160,861	£577,495	£3,159,681

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 401 registered political parties in Great Britain during quarter two 2016. 71 were required to submit a quarterly donation report and 64 to submit borrowing information within the deadline. Of these, the following parties failed to submit a donation or loan report for the Q2 2016 deadline.

Donations

Reported late	Failed to report
Europeans Party	Cannabis is Safer than Alcohol
Jammu Kashmir National Awami Party UK	Radcliffe Independence Party ⁴
RISE – Respect, Independence, Socialism and Environmentalism	Stable Economy Party
UK Independence Party (UKIP)	The Diamond Party
	We Are The Reality Party

Borrowing

Reported late	Failed to report
Cymru Sovereign	Democracy For All (DFA)
Europeans Party	Everyone's Party
Jammu Kashmir National Awami Party UK	Immigrants Political Party
RISE – Respect, Independence, Socialism and Environmentalism	Radcliffe Independence Party
Take Back the City	Stable Economy Party
UK Independence Party (UKIP)	The Diamond Party

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 usual enforcement policy, [which can be viewed here](#).

⁴ The Radcliffe Independence Party have no de-registered with the Electoral Commission's register of political parties.

Borrowing

Table 6: Total outstanding borrowing by party as at 30 June 2016

Party	Loans ⁵	Credit facilities ⁶	Connected transactions ⁷
Alliance EPP: European People's Party UK	£36,680	-	-
British National Party	£119,304	-	-
Conservative and Unionist Party	£996,847	£5,554,000	-
English Democrats	£166,644	-	-
Equal and Just Society	£8,000	-	-
Green Party	£2,000	-	-
Labour Party	£615,084	£113,000	-
Liberal Democrats	£1,015,846	£55,000	£40,000
One Love Party	£10,000	-	-
Plaid Cymru - The Party of Wales	£9,413	£50,000	-
Scottish National Party (SNP)	£1,165,553	-	-
Scottish Socialist Party	£63,000	£10,000	-
The Peoples Party For Better Government	£7,800	-	-
The Respect Party ⁸	£18,417	-	-
UK Independence Party (UKIP)	£315,000	-	-
Total	£4,549,588	£5,782,000	£40,000

⁵ 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

⁶ 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

⁷ 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.

⁸ The Respect Party has since de-registered with the Electoral Commission as a registered political party.

Table 7: New loans reported in quarter two 2016

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
Conservative and Unionist Party	£24,236
Labour Party	£78,709
Liberal Democrats	£506,000
Total	£608,945

Table 8: Loans repaid in full or converted to donations reported in quarter two 2016

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
Green Party	-	£15,000
UK Independence Party (UKIP)	-	£13,954
Total	-	£28,954