

Summary of political parties' donations and borrowing for quarter two 2017 (April to June)

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 two 2017 returns.

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](#).

Quarter 1 2017

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

Read our news release on the quarter one 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 2017	£40,185,917	£1,717,501	£41,903,418
Q1 2017	£9,398,639	£2,712,927	£12,111,566
Q4 2016	£7,737,775	£2,417,009	£10,154,784
Q3 2016	£6,490,557	£2,334,194	£8,824,750
Total	£63,812,888	£9,181,631	£72,994,518

Table 2: Donations to political parties accepted in quarter two 2017 (April to June)

Party	Donations excluding public funds	Public funds	Total accepted in quarter 2 2017
British National Party	£100,000	-	£100,000
Conservative and Unionist Party	£24,840,627	£61,671	£24,902,297
Co-operative Party	£150,980	-	£150,980
Green Party	£176,363	-	£176,363
Labour Party	£9,492,519	£746,955	£10,239,474
Liberal Democrats	£4,358,410	£533,534	£4,891,943
Plaid Cymru - The Party of Wales	£5,300	-	£5,300
Scottish National Party (SNP)	£596,000	£375,342	£971,342
The Socialist Party of Great Britain	£26,333	-	£26,333
UK Independence Party (UKIP)	£156,455	-	£156,455
Women's Equality Party	£282,931	-	£282,931
Total	£40,185,917	£1,717,501	£41,903,418

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

Party	Central Party		Accounting unit	
	Value	Number	Value	Number
Conservative and Unionist Party	-	-	£5,600	3
Labour Party	-	-	£4,150	4
Liberal Democrats	-	-	£28,854	4
Total	-	-	£38,604	11

Table 4: Top donors for quarter two 2017

Donor Name	Total amount (£)	Recipient
Unite the Union	£4,165,935	Labour Party
J.C.B. Service	£1,500,000	Conservative and Unionist Party
GMB	£1,253,711	Labour Party
Mr John C. Armitage	£1,100,000	Conservative and Unionist Party
Communication Workers Union CWU	£1,039,794	Labour Party
Mr John Griffin	£1,033,000	Conservative and Unionist Party
Mr John E. Gore	£1,000,050	Conservative and Unionist Party
UNISON	£922,586	Labour Party
Mr Mark J. C. Bamford	£750,000	Conservative and Unionist Party
Mr David E. D. Brownlow	£605,711	Conservative and Unionist Party
Mr Andrew Law	£525,000	Conservative and Unionist Party
Lord Michael Ashcroft	£500,000	Conservative and Unionist Party
J.S. Bloor (Services) Ltd	£412,000	Conservative and Unionist Party

Donor Name	Total amount (£)	Recipient
Union of Shop Distributive and Allied Workers	£411,340	Labour Party
Mr Christopher J. Rea	£400,000	Conservative and Unionist Party
Countrywide Developments Ltd	£350,000	Conservative and Unionist Party
Mr Ian R. Taylor	£328,000	Conservative and Unionist Party
Mr David Rowland	£312,500	Conservative and Unionist Party
Flowidea Ltd	£311,000	Conservative and Unionist Party
Mr Andrew Dixon	£305,100	Liberal Democrats

Public funds

Table 5: Total of public funds accepted by parties in quarter two 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	-	-	£61,671	-	£61,671
Labour Party	£533,379	£159,517	£54,060	-	£746,955
Liberal Democrats	£49,185	£43,270	£8,510	£432,568	£533,534
Scottish National Party (SNP)	£251,103	-	-	£124,238	£375,342
Total	£833,667	£202,787	£124,241	£556,806	£1,717,501

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 351 registered political parties in Great Britain during quarter two 2017. 51 were required to submit a quarterly donation report and 44 to submit borrowing information within the deadline. Of these, the following parties failed to submit a donation or loan report for the Q2 2017 deadline.

Donations

Reported late	Failed to report
Blue Revolution	Ashfield Independents
	Enact
	English Independence
	Movement For Consensus
	Scotland's Independence Referendum Party
	Swanscombe and Greenhithe Residents' Association
	Tribune

Borrowing

Reported late	Failed to report
Blue Revolution	Absolute Action Party
Labour Party	Ashfield Independents
	Enact
	English Independence
	One Love Party
	Movement For Consensus
	Scotland's Independence Referendum Party
	St. Neots Independent Group
	Swanscombe and Greenhithe Residents' Association
	Tribune

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 30 June 2017

Party	Loans⁴	Credit facilities⁵	Connected transactions⁶
Alliance 4 Freedoms Stop Brexit Party (formerly registered as Alliance EPP: European People's Party UK)	£54,349		
Conservative and Unionist Party	£833,347	£5,554,000	
English Democrats	£166,644		
Equal and Just Society	£8,000		
Green Party	£12,600		
Labour Party	£860,193	£113,000	
Liberal Democrats	£911,904	£55,000	£40,000
One Love Party	£10,000		
Plaid Cymru - The Party of Wales	£9,413	£50,000	
Scottish National Party (SNP)	£665,553		
Scottish Socialist Party	£63,000	£10,000	
The Peoples Party For Better Government	£7,800		
UK Independence Party (UKIP)	£474,000		
Total	£4,076,803	£5,782,000	£40,000

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 two 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
Alliance EPP: European People's Party UK	£9,009
Green Party	£14,100
Labour Party	£25,728
Liberal Democrats	£18,073
Scottish National Party (SNP)	£100,000
UK Independence Party (UKIP)	£420,000
Total	£586,910

Table 8: Loans repaid in full or converted to donations reported in quarter two 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	£5,000	-
Green Party	£7,000	£4,079
Labour Party	-	£1,514
UK Independence Party (UKIP)	-	£350,000
Total	£12,000	£355,593