

Summary of Q3 2012 donations and borrowing

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. This document is a summary of donations and regulated transactions reported to the commission following the submission of quarter 3 2012 returns.

Donations

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

Quarter	Donations excluding public funds	Public funds	Donations total
Quarter three 2012	£7,013,946	£3,091,242	£10,105,188
Quarter two 2012	£7,892,718	£2,416,806	£10,309,524
Quarter one 2012	£8,878,653	£852,461	£9,731,114
Quarter four 2011	£6,882,308	£2,078,790	£8,961,098
Total	£30,667,625	£8,439,299	£39,106,924

Table 2: Donations to political parties accepted in quarter three 2012¹

Party	Donations excluding public funds	Public funds	Total accepted in Quarter 3 2012
British National Party	£35,750		£35,750
Conservative and Unionist Party	£2,613,496	£27,560	£2,641,056
Co-operative Party	£461,708		£461,708
Green Party	£30,030	£15,147	£45,177
Labour Party	£3,011,858	£2,973,830	£5,985,688
Liberal Democrats	£578,087	£9,411	£587,499
Plaid Cymru – The Party of Wales	£21,961	£18,322	£40,283
Scottish National Party (SNP)	£198,505	£46,971	£245,476
UK Independence Party (UK I P)	£62,550		£62,550
Total	£7,013,946	£3,091,242	£10,105,188

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

Party	National Party		Accounting unit	
	Value	Number	Value	Number
Labour Party			£1,125	1
Liberal Democrats			£14,240	5
Total			£15,365	6

¹ All figures throughout this document are rounded to the nearest pound. In this table aggregated donations (this is where a party accepts a number of smaller donations which then add up to a reportable amount) have been redistributed to the quarter in which they were accepted, rather than the quarter in which they were reported. They therefore are not included in this table.

Table 4: Top donors for quarter three 2012

	Donor Name	Total Amount (£)	Recipient
1	Unite the Union	£791,281.00	Labour Party
2	Union of Shop, Distributive and Allied Workers	£605,869.00	Labour Party
3	Mr Michael S Farmer	£525,560.00	Conservative and Unionist Party
4	UNISON	£412,379.00	Labour Party
5	The Co-operative Group (CWS) Ltd	£406,747.00	Co-operative Party
6	GMB	£401,459.25	Labour Party
7	Mr Edwin G Morgan	£195,879.00	Scottish National Party (SNP)
8	Mr Stanley Fink	£151,900.00	Conservative and Unionist Party
9	Communications Workers Union	£145,393.42	Labour Party
=10	National Conservative Draws Society	£100,000.00	Conservative and Unionist Party
=10	Mr Alexander A Fraser	£100,000.00	Conservative and Unionist Party

Public funds

Four parties, the Green Party, Labour Party, Plaid Cymru – The Party of Wales and the Scottish National Party, accepted a total of £2,748,942 in Short Money, which the UK Parliament pays directly to opposition parties in the House of Commons. The Labour Party accepted a total of £214,137 in Cranborne Money, which the UK Parliament pays directly to opposition parties in the House of Lords

Three parties – Conservative and Unionist Party, Labour Party, and Liberal Democrats – accepted a total of £128,163 in assistance paid directly to opposition parties in the Scottish Parliament.

Late Reporting

Table 5: Late and outstanding donation and loan reports in quarter three 2012

The parties in this table were required to submit donation and loan returns, but failed to do so by the deadline.

Party	Donation	Loan
Commonwealth National Party	Not submitted	Not submitted
Heath & Birchgrove Independents	Late	Late
The Fair Party	Not submitted	Not submitted

Borrowing

Table 6: Total outstanding borrowing by party as at 30 September 2012

Party	Loans	Credit facilities	Connected transaction
Christian Party "Proclaiming Christ's Lordship" (de-registered)	£200,000	£0	£0
Conservative and Unionist Party	£2,606,585	£10,161,000	£0
English Democrats Party	£108,041	£0	£0
Jury Team (de-registered)	£519,056	£20,000	£0
Labour Party	£9,863,723	£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 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
Total	£14,285,276	£13,383,500	£745,000

Table 7: New loans in quarter three 2012²

Party	Total amount of new loans
Conservative and Unionist Party	£51,765
Liberal Democrats	£3,600
Total new loans	£55,365

Table 8: Loans repaid in full or converted to donation in quarter three 2012³

Party	Loans converted to donations (including partial conversion)	Loans repaid in full
Conservative and Unionist Party		£100,670
Labour Party		£5,000
Scottish National Party (SNP)		£210,000
Total loans repaid		£315,670

The Conservative and Unionist Party reported four full repayments totalling £19,000 and two new regulated transactions totalling £38,000 that should have been reported in a previous quarter.

The Liberal Democrats reported two full repayments totalling £3,954 and one full conversion of a loan to a donation of £1,045 that should have been reported in a previous quarter.

The Scottish National Party (SNP) reported a £5,000 reduction in credit facilities and reported one full repayment of £52,950 that should have been reported in a previous quarter

² Further details 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 on the Electoral Commission website.

³ Changes to terms and conditions of borrowings (such as changes to interest rate and repayment or review date) must be reported to the Electoral Commission. These details are available to view on the Commission website.