
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2014 No. 325

REPRESENTATION OF THE PEOPLE

The European Parliamentary Elections (Returning Officers' and Local Returning Officers' Charges) (Great Britain and Gibraltar) Order 2014

Made - - - - 13th February 2014

Coming into force in accordance with article 1(1)

The Lord President of the Council, with the consent of the Treasury, makes this Order in exercise of the powers conferred by regulation 15(1) of the European Parliamentary Elections Regulations 2004(1).

Citation, commencement and extent

1. (1) This Order may be cited as the European Parliamentary Elections (Returning Officers' and Local Returning Officers' Charges) (Great Britain and Gibraltar) Order 2014 and comes into force on the day after the day on which it is made.

(2) This Order extends to Great Britain and Gibraltar.

Interpretation

2. In this Order—

“the 2004 Regulations” means the European Parliamentary Elections Regulations 2004;

“relevant election or referendum” means an election or referendum referred to in regulation 11 of the 2014 Regulations (other than a European Parliamentary election).

Revocations

3. The following Orders are revoked—

(a) the European Parliamentary Elections (Returning Officers' Charges) (Great Britain and Gibraltar) Order 2009(2);

(1) [S.I. 2004/293](#). The power conferred on the Secretary of State by regulation 15(1) was made exercisable concurrently by the Lord President of the Council and the Secretary of State by the Lord President of the Council Order 2010 ([S.I. 2010/1837](#)). Regulation 15(1) was substituted by [S.I. 2009/186](#). The consent of the Treasury is required by regulation 15(10), which was amended by [S.I. 2009/186](#). There are other amendments to the Regulations but none is relevant.

(2) [S.I. 2009/1069](#).

- (b) the European Parliamentary Elections (Local Returning Officers' Charges) (England, Wales and Gibraltar) Order 2009(3); and
- (c) the European Parliamentary Elections (Local Returning Officers' Charges) (Scotland) Order 2009(4).

Returning officers: overall maximum recoverable amount

4. The overall maximum amount recoverable by the returning officer for an electoral region listed in column 1 of the table in Schedule 1 is the amount listed in the corresponding entry in column 4 of that table.

Returning officers: maximum recoverable amount for specified services

5. (1) The total of the charges recoverable by the returning officer for an electoral region listed in column 1 of the table in Schedule 1 in respect of the services specified in paragraph (2) must not exceed the amount listed in the corresponding entry in column 2 of that table.

(2) The specified services are—

- (a) discharging the returning officer's duties at the election; and
- (b) making arrangements for the election.

Returning officers: maximum recoverable amount for specified expenses

6. (1) The total of the charges recoverable by the returning officer for an electoral region listed in column 1 of the table in Schedule 1 in respect of the expenses specified in paragraph (2) must not exceed the amount listed in the corresponding entry in column 3 of that table.

(2) The specified expenses are those incurred in—

- (a) the appointment and payment of persons to assist the returning officer;
- (b) travel and overnight subsistence for the returning officer and any person appointed to assist the returning officer;
- (c) the nomination process;
- (d) printing or otherwise producing the ballot papers;
- (e) printing or otherwise producing and, where appropriate, publishing notices and any other documents required by any enactment or instrument for or in connection with a European Parliamentary election;
- (f) renting, heating, lighting, cleaning, adapting or restoring any building or room;
- (g) providing and transporting equipment;
- (h) providing information communications technology equipment and software and associated costs;
- (i) providing security, including secure storage of ballot boxes, ballot papers and verification documents;
- (j) conducting the count;
- (k) providing and receiving training; and
- (l) providing stationery and meeting postage, telephone, printing, translation and banking costs and the costs of other miscellaneous items.

(3) S.I. 2009/1077.

(4) S.I. 2009/1120 (S.7).

Local returning officers: overall maximum recoverable amount

7. The overall maximum amount recoverable by the local returning officer for a local counting area—

- (a) listed in column 1 of the table in Schedule 2 is the amount listed in the corresponding entry in column 4 of that table;
- (b) listed in column 1 of the table in Schedule 3 (being an area in which the poll at a European Parliamentary election in 2014 is to be taken together with the poll at a relevant election or referendum) is the amount listed in the corresponding entry in column 4 of that table.

Local returning officers: maximum recoverable amount for specified services

8. (1) The total of the charges recoverable in respect of the services specified in paragraph (2) by the local returning officer for a local counting area—

- (a) listed in column 1 of the table in Schedule 2 must not exceed the amount listed in the corresponding entry in column 2 of that table;
- (b) listed in column 1 of the table in Schedule 3 (being an area in which the poll at a European Parliamentary election in 2014 is to be taken together with the poll at a relevant election or referendum) must not exceed the amount listed in the corresponding entry in column 2 of that table.

(2) The specified services are—

- (a) conducting the election;
- (b) discharging the local returning officer's duties at the election; and
- (c) making arrangements for the election.

Local returning officers: maximum recoverable amount for specified expenses

9. (1) The total of the charges recoverable in respect of the expenses specified in paragraph (2) by the local returning officer for a local counting area—

- (a) listed in column 1 of the table in Schedule 2 must not exceed the amount listed in the corresponding entry in column 3 of that table;
- (b) listed in column 1 of the table in Schedule 3 (being an area in which the poll at a European Parliamentary election is to be taken together with the poll at a relevant election or referendum) must not exceed the amount listed in the corresponding entry in column 3 of that table.

(2) The specified expenses are those incurred in—

- (a) the appointment and payment of persons to assist the local returning officer;
- (b) travel and overnight subsistence for the local returning officer and any person appointed to assist the local returning officer;
- (c) printing or otherwise producing the ballot papers;
- (d) printing, producing or purchasing postal voting documents and arranging for the delivery and payment of the costs of return by voters of such documents;
- (e) printing or otherwise producing and arranging for the delivery of poll cards;
- (f) printing or otherwise producing and, where appropriate, publishing notices and any other documents required by any enactment or instrument for or in connection with a European Parliamentary election;
- (g) renting, heating, lighting, cleaning, adapting or restoring any building or room;

- (h) providing and transporting equipment;
- (i) providing information and communications technology equipment and software and associated costs;
- (j) providing security, including secure storage of ballot boxes, ballot papers and verification documents;
- (k) conducting the verification and the count;
- (l) providing and receiving training; and
- (m) providing stationery and meeting postage, telephone, printing, translation and banking costs and the costs of other miscellaneous items.

Overall maximum recoverable amount at an uncontested election

10. At an uncontested election—

- (a) articles 4 to 9 do not apply;
- (b) the overall maximum recoverable amount for each electoral region is £350; and
- (c) the overall maximum recoverable amount for each local counting area is £1,750.

Signed by authority of the Lord President of the Council

11th February 2014

Greg Clark
Minister of State
Cabinet Office

We consent to this Order

13th February 2014

Sam Gyimah
Anne Milton
Two of the Lords Commissioners of Her
Majesty's Treasury

SCHEDULE 1

Articles 4, 5 and 6

Returning officers: maximum recoverable amounts for electoral regions

<i>1</i> <i>Electoral Region</i>	<i>2</i> <i>Maximum recoverable amount for the specified services</i>	<i>3</i> <i>Maximum recoverable amount for the specified expenses</i>	<i>4</i> <i>Overall maximum recoverable amount</i>
East Midlands	£12,000	£48,794	£60,794
Eastern	£12,000	£21,000	£33,000
London	£12,000	£40,355	£52,355
North East	£12,000	£25,402	£37,402
North West	£12,000	£46,479	£58,479
Scotland	£12,000	£42,356	£54,356
South East	£12,000	£72,022	£84,022
South West	£12,000	£50,265	£62,265
Wales	£12,000	£38,815	£50,815
West Midland	£12,000	£33,171	£45,171
Yorkshire and the Humber	£12,000	£33,427	£45,427

SCHEDULE 2

Articles 7(a), 8(1)(a) and 9(1)(a)

Local returning officers: maximum recoverable amounts for local counting areas

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<i>1</i> <i>Local Counting Area</i>	<i>2</i> <i>Maximum recoverable amount for the specified services</i>	<i>3</i> <i>Maximum recoverable amount for the specified expenses</i>	<i>4</i> <i>Overall maximum recoverable amount</i>
Eden	£2,500	£102,734	£105,234
Lancaster	£5,124	£179,695	£184,819
Ribble Valley	£2,500	£88,300	£90,800
South Ribble	£4,112	£133,619	£137,731
Wyre	£4,104	£141,903	£146,007
Scotland			
Aberdeen City	£8,105	£369,080	£377,185
Aberdeenshire	£9,300	£336,073	£345,373
Angus	£4,164	£171,398	£175,562
Argyll and Bute	£3,184	£165,750	£168,934
Clackmannanshire	£2,500	£102,085	£104,585
Comhairle nan Eilean Siar	£2,500	£65,982	£68,482
Dumfries and Galloway	£5,553	£249,074	£254,627
Dundee City	£5,023	£158,764	£163,787
East Ayrshire	£4,556	£149,930	£154,486
East Dunbartonshire	£3,843	£138,399	£142,242
East Lothian	£3,686	£117,357	£121,043
East Renfrewshire	£3,333	£156,203	£159,536
Edinburgh, City of	£16,423	£675,376	£691,799
Falkirk	£5,436	£157,393	£162,829
Fife	£13,517	£494,828	£508,345
Glasgow City	£22,300	£925,123	£947,423
Highland	£8,645	£321,817	£330,462
Inverclyde	£2,926	£118,572	£121,498
Midlothian	£3,072	£81,534	£84,606
Moray	£3,292	£110,656	£113,948
North Ayrshire	£5,179	£190,427	£195,606
North Lanarkshire	£11,723	£473,636	£485,359
Orkney Islands	£2,500	£34,645	£37,145
Shetland	£2,500	£34,645	£37,145
Perth and Kinross	£5,182	£253,174	£258,356
Renfrewshire	£6,244	£272,325	£278,569
Scottish Borders	£4,296	£163,814	£168,110
South Ayrshire	£4,280	£201,925	£206,205
South Lanarkshire	£11,468	£427,039	£438,507
Stirling	£3,047	£116,019	£119,066
West Dunbartonshire	£3,214	£130,053	£133,267
West Lothian	£6,210	£209,599	£215,809
South East			
Arun	£5,490	£175,151	£180,641
Ashford	£4,330	£191,208	£195,538
Aylesbury Vale	£6,511	£251,155	£257,666
Bracknell Forest	£4,087	£113,200	£117,287
Brighton and Hove	£10,099	£297,612	£307,711
Canterbury	£5,372	£149,481	£154,853

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Chichester	£4,420	£174,997	£179,417
Chiltern	£3,475	£125,234	£128,709
Dartford	£3,431	£161,196	£164,627
Dover	£3,977	£136,242	£140,219
East Hampshire	£4,260	£149,445	£153,705
Eastbourne	£3,501	£115,624	£119,125
Epsom and Ewell	£2,718	£97,913	£100,631
Gravesham	£3,565	£129,946	£133,511
Guildford	£4,990	£188,230	£193,220
Horsham	£4,947	£174,171	£179,118
Isle of Wight	£5,341	£134,498	£139,839
Lewes	£3,986	£141,110	£145,096
Medway	£9,018	£248,310	£257,328
Mid Sussex	£5,040	£159,972	£165,012
New Forest	£6,780	£228,794	£235,574
Rother	£3,469	£118,920	£122,389
Sevenoaks	£4,250	£177,907	£182,157
Shepway	£3,937	£160,977	£164,914
South Bucks	£2,510	£91,184	£93,694
South Oxfordshire	£4,821	£156,390	£161,211
Spelthorne	£3,908	£162,446	£166,354
Surrey Heath	£3,050	£86,084	£89,134
Swale	£4,698	£125,260	£129,958
Test Valley	£4,346	£203,718	£208,064
Thanet	£4,549	£150,647	£155,196
Tonbridge and Malling	£4,365	£155,605	£159,970
Vale of White Horse	£4,377	£156,674	£161,051
Waverley	£4,438	£158,362	£162,800
Wealden	£5,679	£206,789	£212,468
West Berkshire	£5,455	£193,685	£199,140
Windsor and Maidenhead	£5,089	£156,552	£161,641
Wycombe	£5,908	£205,182	£211,090
South West			
Bath and North East Somerset	£6,431	£213,908	£220,339
Bournemouth	£6,728	£225,763	£232,491
Christchurch	£2,500	£75,338	£77,838
Cornwall	£20,190	£744,125	£764,315
Cotswold	£3,213	£161,755	£164,968
East Devon	£4,918	£170,248	£175,166
East Dorset	£3,422	£111,742	£115,164
Forest of Dean	£3,179	£116,793	£119,972
Gibraltar	£2,500	£54,889	£57,389
Isles of Scilly	£2,500	£8,230	£10,730
Mendip	£4,121	£191,214	£195,335
Mid Devon	£2,883	£153,725	£156,608
North Devon	£3,628	£142,983	£146,611

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South Staffordshire	£4,119	£144,611	£148,730
Stafford	£4,678	£201,697	£206,375
Staffordshire Moorlands	£3,733	£163,716	£167,449
Stoke-on-Trent	£9,003	£339,838	£348,841
Telford and Wrekin	£5,803	£213,916	£219,719
Warwick	£4,943	£230,269	£235,212
Wychavon	£4,493	£168,426	£172,919
Yorkshire & Humberside			
East Riding of Yorkshire	£12,748	£358,494	£371,242
Hambleton	£3,360	£127,112	£130,472
North Lincolnshire	£3,766	£249,920	£253,686
Richmondshire	£2,500	£73,075	£75,575
Ryedale	£2,500	£99,499	£101,999
Scarborough	£4,444	£136,065	£140,509
Selby	£3,171	£127,229	£130,400
York	£7,412	£219,121	£226,533

SCHEDULE 3

Articles 7(b), 8(1)(b) and 9(1)(b)

Local returning officers: maximum recoverable amounts for local counting areas where a relevant election or referendum is to be held

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Havering	£9,754	£160,518	£170,272
Hillingdon	£10,838	£186,947	£197,785
Hounslow	£9,733	£199,715	£209,448
Islington	£8,141	£168,040	£176,181
Kensington and Chelsea	£5,639	£102,830	£108,469
Kingston upon Thames	£6,043	£130,109	£136,152
Lambeth	£11,613	£206,803	£218,416
Lewisham	£10,060	£143,648	£153,708
Merton	£7,765	£189,723	£197,488
Newham	£10,866	£165,188	£176,054
Redbridge	£10,850	£193,475	£204,325
Richmond upon Thames	£7,153	£146,836	£153,989
Southwark	£10,705	£191,620	£202,325
Sutton	£7,499	£131,058	£138,557
Tower Hamlets	£8,843	£140,782	£149,625
Waltham Forest	£9,621	£204,257	£213,878
Wandsworth	£11,880	£272,454	£284,334
Westminster	£7,426	£169,943	£177,369
North East			
Gateshead	£7,687	£141,213	£148,900
Hartlepool	£3,676	£74,249	£77,925
Newcastle upon Tyne	£10,700	£179,121	£189,821
North Tyneside	£8,233	£157,191	£165,424
South Tyneside	£6,004	£170,669	£176,673
Sunderland	£11,316	£233,771	£245,087
North West			
Blackburn with Darwen	£5,518	£117,247	£122,765
Bolton	£10,383	£150,703	£161,086
Burnley	£3,473	£66,689	£70,162
Bury	£7,590	£138,285	£145,875
Carlisle	£4,356	£122,620	£126,976
Chorley	£4,320	£110,291	£114,611
Fylde	£3,225	£66,613	£69,838
Halton	£4,967	£74,129	£79,096
Hyndburn	£3,138	£66,371	£69,509
Knowsley	£5,918	£105,555	£111,473
Liverpool	£16,918	£310,399	£327,317

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Manchester	£19,711	£371,000	£390,711
Oldham	£8,412	£153,548	£161,960
Pendle	£3,553	£67,201	£70,754
Preston	£5,229	£108,065	£113,294
Rochdale	£8,421	£153,512	£161,933
Rossendale	£2,775	£51,410	£54,185
Salford	£9,130	£151,073	£160,203
Sefton	£10,642	£157,891	£168,533
South Lakeland	£4,362	£128,504	£132,866
St. Helens	£7,265	£103,523	£110,788
Stockport	£11,554	£180,787	£192,341
Tameside	£8,746	£184,485	£193,231
Trafford	£8,528	£185,623	£194,151
Warrington	£8,350	£170,146	£178,496
West Lancashire	£4,499	£113,638	£118,137
Wigan	£12,875	£166,030	£178,905
Wirral	£12,473	£170,552	£183,025
South East			
Adur	£2,563	£43,609	£46,172
Basingstoke and Deane	£6,706	£138,002	£144,708
Cherwell	£5,693	£146,147	£151,840
Crawley	£4,135	£74,214	£78,349
Eastleigh	£5,048	£97,039	£102,087
Elmbridge	£4,823	£101,651	£106,474
Fareham	£4,688	£67,612	£72,300
Gosport	£3,294	£47,826	£51,120
Hart	£3,616	£76,135	£79,751
Hastings	£3,391	£61,330	£64,721
Havant	£4,910	£75,640	£80,550
Maidstone	£6,337	£161,683	£168,020
Milton Keynes	£9,567	£199,385	£208,952
Mole Valley	£3,458	£106,670	£110,128
Oxford	£5,848	£82,547	£88,395
Portsmouth	£7,755	£125,192	£132,947
Reading	£6,133	£119,860	£125,993
Reigate and Banstead	£5,418	£104,375	£109,793
Runnymede	£3,134	£57,907	£61,041
Rushmoor	£3,516	£70,513	£74,029
Slough	£5,076	£80,476	£85,552
Southampton	£9,010	£126,087	£135,097
Tandridge	£3,302	£64,293	£67,595

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order, which applies in Great Britain and Gibraltar, provides for payments for services and expenses of returning officers and local returning officers in connection with the conduct of European Parliamentary elections. It replaces the European Parliamentary Elections (Returning Officers' Charges) (Great Britain and Gibraltar) Order 2009, the European Parliamentary Elections (Local Returning Officers' Charges) (England, Wales and Gibraltar) Order 2009 and the European Parliamentary Elections (Local Returning Officers' Charges) (Scotland) Order 2009. The Order is made under regulation 15(1) of the European Parliamentary Elections Regulations 2004 ([S.I. 2004/293](#)), under which returning officers and local returning officers may recover their charges for services and expenses, provided they were necessarily rendered or incurred for the efficient and effective conduct of the election and the total does not exceed the overall maximum recoverable amount specified by the Secretary of State in an order. Regulation 15(2) also enables the Secretary of State to specify a maximum recoverable amount for particular services or expenses.

Articles 4 to 6 of, and Schedule 1 to, this Order specify the maximum amounts recoverable by returning officers. Article 4 deals with the overall maximum amount for an electoral region, article 5 with specified services and article 6 with specified expenses. Schedule 1 applies whether the poll is a stand-alone poll or a combined poll. The table in the Schedule lists for each electoral region the maximum recoverable amount for the specified services (column 2), the maximum recoverable amount for the specified expenses (column 3) and the overall maximum recoverable amount (column 4).

Articles 7 to 9 of, and Schedules 2 and 3 to, this Order specify maximum amounts recoverable by local returning officers. Article 7 deals with the overall maximum amount for each local counting area, article 8 with specified services and article 9 with specified expenses. Schedule 2 applies to stand-alone polls and Schedule 3 applies where the election of a Member of the European Parliament in 2014 is to be taken together with a local government election or a mayoral election or a referendum on the governance arrangements for a local authority. The table in each of those Schedules lists for each local counting area the maximum recoverable amount for the specified services (column 2), the maximum recoverable amount for the specified expenses (column 3) and the overall maximum recoverable amount (column 4).

In the case of an uncontested election, article 10 provides that articles 4 to 9 do not apply. Instead the overall maximum recoverable amount is £1,750 for each local counting area and £350 for each electoral region.

A full regulatory impact assessment has not been produced for this instrument because no impact on the private or voluntary sectors is foreseen.