

Party Leader's Statement
1 January 2023 to 31 December 2023
Electoral Act 1997

Checklist

- ☐ I have read and fully understand the Donations Guidelines issued by the Standards Commission
- ☐ I fully understand my obligations under the Electoral Act 1997
- ☐ I fully understand that failure to provide returns to the Standards Commission by the dates indicated is an offence and may result in a referral to the Director of Public Prosecutions
- ☐ I understand my returns are not complete until the Standards Commission receives all forms either in hard copy or by email.

All party leaders are requested to refer to the Donations Guidelines published by the Standards in Public Office Commission, and if necessary request advice on completion of the forms from:

Standards in Public Office Commission
6 Earlsfort Terrace
Dublin 2
D02 W773

Tel: 01 - 6395666
E-mail: info@sipo.ie
Website: <http://www.sipo.ie>
Twitter: @SIPOCIreland

The Party Leader's Statement should reach the Standards in Public Office Commission, 6 Earlsfort Terrace, Dublin 2, D02 W773 **not later than 31 March 2024**

Más mian leat comhfhreagras agus foirmeacha as Gaeilge a fháil le do thoil déan teagmháil linn.

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Please complete in BLOCK CAPITALS and black ink to facilitate copying

1. General Information

Name of Political Party:	Click here to enter text.
Name of Party Leader:	Click here to enter text.
Address for correspondence:	Click here to enter text.
Telephone No.	
Email Address:	

2. Donations

Did the Party receive any single donation exceeding €100.00 in value from outside the State between 1 January 2023 and 31 December 2023? If your answer is YES , you must list the value of the donation(s) on page 4.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> (Insert [<input type="checkbox"/>] as appropriate)
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Do you confirm that each donation (including all contributions) received by the political party from outside the State (if any), whether in cash or in kind, exceeding €100 in value has been included in the written statement for that year?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> (Insert [<input type="checkbox"/>] as appropriate)
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You must complete the Statutory Declaration, in full, in addition to this form.

3. Details of Donations (photocopy this page if more than 2 donations are being disclosed)

Donation #

Name and full postal address of donor or the person on whose behalf the donation was made			
Was donation requested from donor?	YES / NO	Name of person who requested donation (if appropriate)	
Value of Donation	€	Nature of Donation¹	
Description of Donor²		Date Donation was received	
If the donation was from a corporate donor, was it accompanied by a statement of approval form? ³			YES / NO
Did receipt issue?	YES / NO	Donor is an Irish Citizen?	YES / NO
Name of person who issued receipt			
Additional information			

¹ For example, cash/cheque/EFT, use of property, services, etc.

² For example, individual, registered corporate donor, trade union, political party, etc.

³ For further information see note V below

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Did receipt issue?	YES / NO	Donor is an Irish Citizen?	YES / NO
Name of person who issued receipt			
Additional information			

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³ For further information see note A) v) below

4. Statutory Declaration

Part 1

(to be completed in full by the Party Leader)

I (name of Party Leader), do solemnly and sincerely declare that the attached **Party Leader's Statement** is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, correct in every material respect and that I took all reasonable action in order to be satisfied as to its accuracy and I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true and by virtue of the Statutory Declarations Act 1938.

Signature of Party Leader:

Part II

(to be completed in full by witness)

When completing this part, the witness needs to state whether the person making the statutory declaration is known to him/her or has been identified to him/her by another person or by one of the documents referred to below

Declared before me (*name of witness in capital letters here*)

..... a (*category of witness i.e. whether a notary public, commissioner for oaths, peace commissioner or practising solicitor to be entered here*)

by

..... (*insert name of appropriate officer furnishing the statement*) who is personally known to me,

or

who is identified to me by..... who is personally known to me,

or

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whose identity has been established to me before the taking of this Declaration by the production to me of

passport no. issued on [*date of issue*]..... by the authorities of [*issuing state*]which is an authority recognised by the Irish Government

or

national identity card no. issued on [*date of issue*]by the authorities of [*issuing state*].....(which is an EU Member State, the Swiss Confederation or a Contracting Party to the EEA Agreement)

or

Aliens Passport no. issued on [*date of issue*] by the authorities of [*issuing state*]..... which is an authority recognised by the Irish Government

or

refugee travel document no.issued on [*date of issue*] by the Minister for Justice, Equality and Defence

or

travel document (other than refugee travel document) no. issued on [*date of issue*]..... by the Minister for Justice, Equality and Defence

Signature of witness

Category of witness*

Place of Signature

Date.....

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***Please note a witness must belong to one of the following categories:
Commissioner for Oaths/ Notary Public/ Peace Commissioner/ Practising
Solicitor.**

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NOTES:

For each single donation exceeding €100 in value from outside the State between 1 January 2023 and 31 December 2023, the value and nature of the donation must be stated together with the name and **the full postal address** of the person (see part 3).

The party leader must confirm that each donation (including all contributions) has been included in the written statement for that year submitted by the appropriate officer.

A) PROHIBITED DONATIONS

i) Anonymous Donations

Acceptance of an anonymous donation exceeding a value of **€100** is prohibited. A donation is anonymous if the member or former Member of either House of the Oireachtas or MEP does not know the name **and** address of the donor. The onus is on the recipient to ensure that the name and address of the donor is known.

ii) Cash Donations in excess of €200

The **maximum cash donation** that may be accepted in any calendar year from a donor by a TD, Senator, MEP, candidate at a Dáil, Seanad or European election, Presidential candidate/election agent, political party, accounting unit of a political party, or a third party is **€200.00**.

iii) Donations in excess of the limit

A member or former Member of either House of the Oireachtas or MEP is prohibited from accepting, in any calendar year, a donation exceeding €1,000.00 in value, or donations exceeding €1,000.00 in aggregate value from the same person. The values of all donations received from the same person in the same calendar year should be aggregated and treated as a single donation.

iv) Foreign donations

A political donation, of any value, cannot be accepted from an individual (other than an Irish citizen) who resides outside the island of Ireland, or from a body corporate or an unincorporated body of persons which does not keep an office in the island of Ireland from which at least one of its principal activities is directed.

v) Donations by non-registered corporate donors in excess of €200

It is prohibited to accept a donation exceeding **€200** in value from a corporate donor unless the corporate donor is registered in the Register of Corporate Donors maintained by the Commission **and** a statement is made on behalf of the corporate donor (and furnished with the donation to the donee) confirming that the making of the donation was approved by the corporate donor. The statement must be accompanied by a statutory declaration that to the best of the knowledge and belief of the person concerned, the statement is correct in every material respect and that the person has taken all reasonable action in order to satisfy him/herself as to the accuracy of the statement.

If the party has received a donation that is prohibited, the appropriate officer should check the guidelines for information on how it is to be dealt with.