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## STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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### 2020 No. 385

## REPRESENTATION OF THE PEOPLE

### The Elections (Policy Development Grants Scheme) (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 2020

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| <i>Made</i>                   | - - - - | <i>at 12.51 p.m. on 31st<br/>March 2020</i> |
| <i>Laid before Parliament</i> |         | <i>at 2.45 p.m. on 31st<br/>March 2020</i>  |
| <i>Coming into force</i>      | - -     | <i>1st April 2020</i>                       |

The Minister for the Cabinet Office, in exercise of the power conferred by section 12(6) of the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000<sup>(1)</sup>, makes the following Order, which gives effect to the recommendations submitted to the Minister by the Electoral Commission for variations to the scheme for the making by the Commission of policy development grants.

#### Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Elections (Policy Development Grants Scheme) (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 2020 and comes into force on 1st April 2020.

(2) In this Order, “the Scheme” means the policy development grants scheme set out in the Schedule to the Elections (Policy Development Grants Scheme) Order 2006<sup>(2)</sup>.

#### Amendments to the policy development grants scheme

2.—(1) The amendment to the Scheme set out in paragraph (2) has effect for the purpose of the making by the Electoral Commission of policy development grants on or after 1st April 2020.

(2) In paragraph 7(3)(b) of the Scheme, after “A is the number of votes cast in Northern Ireland, Scotland or Wales (as the case may be)” insert “for that party”.

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(1) [2000 c.41](#). The powers under section 12 are conferred on “the Secretary of State”, which is defined under section 159A of the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000 as meaning the Secretary of State or the Minister for the Cabinet Office. Section 159A was inserted by [S.I. 2002/2626](#), Schedule 2, paragraph 25(3), and amended by [S.I. 2008/1319](#), Article 4(2) and [S.I. 2016/997](#), Schedule 2, paragraph 15(b).

(2) [S.I. 2006/602](#), amended by [S.I. 2014/556](#), [2015/128](#) and [302](#), [2016/164](#), [2017/109](#), [2018/127](#) and [2020/139](#).

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**Status:** *This is the original version (as it was originally made). This item of legislation is currently only available in its original format.*

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At 12.51 p.m. on 31st March 2020

*Chloe Smith*  
Minister of State (Chloe Smith)  
Cabinet Office

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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Order)*

This Order amends the Policy Development Grants Scheme (“the Scheme”) as set out in the Schedule to the Elections (Policy Development Grants Scheme) Order 2006 ([S.I. 2006/602](#)). It makes a change to the text of paragraph 7(3)(b) of the Scheme, as substituted by the Elections (Policy Development Grants Scheme) (Amendment) Order 2020 ([S.I. 2020/139](#)).

This instrument is issued free of charge to all known recipients of the defective instrument.

Under section 12 of the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000 ([c. 41](#)) the Electoral Commission is required to keep under review the terms of the Scheme and to make recommendations to the Secretary of State for any variations to the Scheme which they consider appropriate. The changes made by this Order, together with [S.I. 2020/139](#), give effect to those recommendations.

An impact assessment has not been produced for this instrument as no impact on the private or voluntary sectors is foreseen.