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## SCHEDULES

### SCHEDULE 9

#### LIMITS ON CAMPAIGN EXPENDITURE

#### PART II

#### GENERAL LIMITS

##### *Parliamentary general elections*

- 3 (1) This paragraph imposes limits in relation to campaign expenditure incurred by or on behalf of a registered party which contests one or more constituencies at a parliamentary general election.
- (2) Where a registered party contests one or more constituencies in England, Scotland or Wales, the limit applying to campaign expenditure which is incurred by or on behalf of the party in the relevant period in that part of Great Britain is—
- (a) [<sup>F1</sup>£54,010] multiplied by the number of constituencies contested by the party in that part of Great Britain; or
  - (b) if greater, the appropriate amount specified in sub-paragraph (3).
- (3) The appropriate amount is—
- (a) in relation to England, [<sup>F2</sup>£1,458,440];
  - (b) in relation to Scotland, [<sup>F3</sup>£216,060]; and
  - (c) in relation to Wales, [<sup>F4</sup>£108,030].
- (4) Where a registered party contests one or more constituencies in Northern Ireland, the limit applying to campaign expenditure which is incurred by or on behalf of the party in the relevant period in Northern Ireland is [<sup>F5</sup>£54,010] multiplied by the number of constituencies contested by the party there.
- (5) Sub-paragraph (6) applies to a registered party in a case where at the election a candidate stands for election in any constituency in the name of that party and one or more other registered parties.
- (6) In such a case, the amount applying to the party in respect of the constituency under sub-paragraph (2)(a) or (4) (as the case may be) shall, instead of being the amount specified in that provision, be that amount divided by the number of registered parties in whose name the candidate stands for election as mentioned in sub-paragraph (5).
- (7) For the purposes of this paragraph the relevant period is—
- (a) (subject to paragraph (b)) the period of 365 days ending with the date of the poll for the election;
  - (b) where the election (“the election in question”) follows another parliamentary general election held less than 365 days previously, the period—

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(i) beginning with the day after the date of the poll for the earlier election, and

(ii) ending with the date of the poll for the election in question.

#### Textual Amendments

- F1** Sum in Sch. 9 para. 3(2)(a) substituted (21.11.2023) by [The Representation of the People \(Variation of Election Expenses, Expenditure Limits and Donation etc. Thresholds\) Order 2023 \(S.I. 2023/1235\)](#), arts. 1(2), **3(a)(i)** (with art. 5(1)-(3))
- F2** Sum in Sch. 9 para. 3(3)(a) substituted (21.11.2023) by [The Representation of the People \(Variation of Election Expenses, Expenditure Limits and Donation etc. Thresholds\) Order 2023 \(S.I. 2023/1235\)](#), arts. 1(2), **3(a)(ii)(aa)** (with art. 5(1)-(3))
- F3** Sum in Sch. 9 para. 3(3)(b) substituted (21.11.2023) by [The Representation of the People \(Variation of Election Expenses, Expenditure Limits and Donation etc. Thresholds\) Order 2023 \(S.I. 2023/1235\)](#), arts. 1(2), **3(a)(ii)(bb)** (with art. 5(1)-(3))
- F4** Sum in Sch. 9 para. 3(3)(c) substituted (21.11.2023) by [The Representation of the People \(Variation of Election Expenses, Expenditure Limits and Donation etc. Thresholds\) Order 2023 \(S.I. 2023/1235\)](#), arts. 1(2), **3(a)(ii)(cc)** (with art. 5(1)-(3))
- F5** Sum in Sch. 9 para. 3(4) substituted (21.11.2023) by [The Representation of the People \(Variation of Election Expenses, Expenditure Limits and Donation etc. Thresholds\) Order 2023 \(S.I. 2023/1235\)](#), arts. 1(2), **3(a)(iii)** (with art. 5(1)-(3))

#### Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** Sch. 9 para. 3 modified (cond.) (30.1.2014) by [Transparency of Lobbying, Non-Party Campaigning and Trade Union Administration Act 2014 \(c. 4\)](#), ss. 45(3)(d), **46(3)(b)(4)** (with s. 46(7))
- C2** Sch. 9 para. 3(2)(a) amended (with application if the date of the poll for the next parliamentary general election after 29.1.2001 is before 16.2.2002) by [S.I. 2001/222](#), art. 2, **Sch. 1 Pt. II para. 5(3)**
- C3** Sch. 9 para. 3(7)(a) amended (with application if the date of the poll for the next parliamentary general election after 29.1.2001 is before 16.2.2002) by [S.I. 2001/222](#), art. 2, **Sch. 1 Pt. II para. 5(2)**
- C4** Sch. 9 para. 3(4) amended (with application if the date of the poll for the next parliamentary general election after 29.1.2001 is before 16.2.2002) by [S.I. 2001/222](#), art. 2, **Sch. 1 Pt. II para. 5(3)**

#### Commencement Information

- I1** Sch. 9 wholly in force at 16.2.2001; Sch. 9 not in force at Royal Assent, see s. 163(2); Sch. 9 in force at 16.2.2001 by [S.I. 2001/222](#), art. 2, **Sch. 1 Pt. I** (subject to transitional provisions in Sch. 1 Pt. II)

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#### Textual Amendments

- F6** Sch. 9 para. 4 and cross-heading repealed (31.12.2020) by [The European Parliamentary Elections Etc. \(Repeal, Revocation, Amendment and Saving Provisions\) \(United Kingdom and Gibraltar\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2018 \(S.I. 2018/1310\)](#), reg. 1, **Sch. 1 Pt. 1** (as amended by [S.I. 2019/1389](#), regs. 1, 2(2))

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### *General elections to Scottish Parliament*

- 5 (1) This paragraph imposes limits in relation to campaign expenditure incurred by or on behalf of a registered party which contests one or more constituencies or regions at an ordinary or extraordinary general election to the Scottish Parliament.
- (2) The limit applying to campaign expenditure which is incurred by or on behalf of a registered party in the relevant period in Scotland is—
- (a) £12,000 for each constituency contested by the party; plus
  - (b) £80,000 for each region contested by the party.
- [<sup>F7</sup>(2A) Sub-paragraph (2B) applies to a registered party in a case where at the election a candidate stands for election in any constituency in the name of that party and one or more other registered parties.
- (2B) In such a case, the amount applying to the party in respect of the constituency under sub-paragraph (2)(a) shall, instead of being the amount specified in that sub-paragraph, be that amount divided by the number of registered parties in whose name the candidate stands for election as mentioned in sub-paragraph (2A).]
- (3) In the case of an ordinary general election, “the relevant period” for the purposes of this paragraph is the period beginning with the appropriate date (as defined by sub-paragraph (4)) and ending with the date of the poll.
- (4) In sub-paragraph (3) “the appropriate date” means the date which falls four months before the date of the poll where—
- (a) the date of the poll is that determined by section 2(2) of the <sup>M1</sup>Scotland Act 1998; or
  - (b) no less than five months before the day on which the poll would have taken place under section 2(2) of that Act, the date of the poll is brought forward under section 2(5) of that Act; or
  - (c) no less than four months before the day on which the poll would have taken place under section 2(2) of that Act, the date of the poll is postponed under section 2(5) of that Act;
- but where the date of the poll is brought forward or postponed otherwise than as mentioned in paragraph (b) or (c) above “the appropriate date” means the date which falls four months before the date when the poll would have taken place under section 2(2) of the Act.
- (5) In the case of an extraordinary general election, “the relevant period” for the purposes of this paragraph is the period beginning with the date when the Presiding Officer proposes a day for the poll for the election under section 3(1) of the <sup>M2</sup>Scotland Act 1998 and ending with the date of the poll for the election.

#### **Textual Amendments**

- F7** Sch. 9 para. 5(2A)(2B) inserted (11.9.2006) by [Electoral Administration Act 2006 \(c. 22\)](#), [ss. 64\(2\), 77\(2\)](#); [S.I. 2006/1972](#), [art. 3](#), [Sch. 1 para. 21](#) (subject to [art. 4](#), [Sch. 2](#))

#### **Commencement Information**

- I2** Sch. 9 wholly in force at 16.2.2001; Sch. 9 not in force at Royal Assent, see s. 163(2); Sch. 9 in force at 16.2.2001 by [S.I. 2001/222](#), [art. 2](#), [Sch. 1 Pt. I](#) (subject to transitional provisions in [Sch. 1 Pt. II](#))

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### Marginal Citations

**M1** 1998 c. 46.

**M2** 1998 c. 46.

### [<sup>F8</sup>General elections to the National Assembly for Wales]

### Textual Amendments

**F8** Sch. 9 para. 6 cross-heading substituted by [The Government of Wales Act 2006 \(Consequential Modifications and Transitional Provisions\) Order 2007 \(S.I. 2007/1388\)](#), art. 3, [Sch. 1 para. 99\(3\)](#), the amending provision coming into force immediately after the ordinary election under s. 3 of the [Government of Wales Act 1998 \(c. 38\)](#) held on 3.5.2007, see art. 1(2) of the amending S.I.

- 6 (1) This paragraph imposes limits in relation to campaign expenditure incurred by or on behalf of a registered party which contests one or more constituencies or regions at [<sup>F9</sup>an ordinary or extra ordinary general election to the National Assembly for Wales].
- (2) The limit applying to campaign expenditure which is incurred by or on behalf of a registered party in the relevant period in Wales is—
- (a) £10,000 for each constituency contested by the party; plus
  - (b) £40,000 for each region contested by the party.
- [<sup>F10</sup>(2A) Sub-paragraph (2B) applies to a registered party in a case where at the election a candidate stands for election in any constituency in the name of that party and one or more other registered parties.
- (2B) In such a case, the amount applying to the party in respect of the constituency under sub-paragraph (2)(a) shall, instead of being the amount specified in that sub-paragraph, be that amount divided by the number of registered parties in whose name the candidate stands for election as mentioned in sub-paragraph (2A).]
- (3) [<sup>F11</sup>In the case of an ordinary general election]“the relevant period” is the period beginning with the appropriate date (as defined by sub-paragraph (4)) and ending with the date of the poll.
- (4) In sub-paragraph (3) “the appropriate date” is the date which falls four months before the date of the poll where—
- (a) the date of the poll is that determined by [<sup>F12</sup>section 3(1) of the Government of Wales Act 2006];
  - (b) no less than five months before the day on which the poll would have taken place under [<sup>F13</sup>section 3(1) of that Act], the date of the poll is brought forward under [<sup>F14</sup>section 4(1) of that Act]; or
  - (c) no less than four months before the day on which the poll would have taken place under [<sup>F13</sup>section 3(1) of that Act], the date of the poll is postponed under [<sup>F14</sup>section 4(1) of that Act];
- but where the date of the poll is brought forward or postponed otherwise than as mentioned in paragraph (b) or (c) above “the appropriate date” means the date which falls four months before the date when the poll would have taken place under [<sup>F15</sup>section 3(1) of that Act].

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[<sup>F16</sup>(5) In the case of an extraordinary general election, “the relevant period” for the purposes of this paragraph is the period beginning with the date when the Secretary of State proposes a date for the poll for the election under section 5(1) of the Government of Wales Act 2006 and ending with the date of the poll for the election.]

#### Textual Amendments

- F9** Words in Sch. 9 para. 6(1) substituted by [The Government of Wales Act 2006 \(Consequential Modifications and Transitional Provisions\) Order 2007 \(S.I. 2007/1388\)](#), art. 3, **Sch. 1 para. 99(4)(a)**, the amending provision coming into force immediately after the ordinary election under s. 3 of the [Government of Wales Act 1998 \(c. 38\)](#) held on 3.5.2007, see art. 1(2) of the amending S.I.
- F10** Sch. 9 para. 6(2A)(2B) inserted (11.9.2006) by [Electoral Administration Act 2006 \(c. 22\)](#), **ss. 64(3), 77(2)**; S.I. 2006/1972, **art. 3, Sch. 1 para. 21** (subject to art. 4, Sch. 2)
- F11** Words in Sch. 9 para. 6(3) substituted by [The Government of Wales Act 2006 \(Consequential Modifications and Transitional Provisions\) Order 2007 \(S.I. 2007/1388\)](#), art. 3, **Sch. 1 para. 99(4)(b)**, the amending provision coming into force immediately after the ordinary election under s. 3 of the [Government of Wales Act 1998 \(c. 38\)](#) held on 3.5.2007, see art. 1(2) of the amending S.I.
- F12** Words in Sch. 9 para. 6(4)(a) substituted by [The Government of Wales Act 2006 \(Consequential Modifications and Transitional Provisions\) Order 2007 \(S.I. 2007/1388\)](#), art. 3, **Sch. 1 para. 99(4)(c)**, the amending provision coming into force immediately after the ordinary election under s. 3 of the [Government of Wales Act 1998 \(c. 38\)](#) held on 3.5.2007, see art. 1(2) of the amending S.I.
- F13** Words in Sch. 9 para. 6(4)(b)(c) substituted by [The Government of Wales Act 2006 \(Consequential Modifications and Transitional Provisions\) Order 2007 \(S.I. 2007/1388\)](#), art. 3, **Sch. 1 para. 99(4)(d)(i)**, the amending provision coming into force immediately after the ordinary election under s. 3 of the [Government of Wales Act 1998 \(c. 38\)](#) held on 3.5.2007, see art. 1(2) of the amending S.I.
- F14** Words in Sch. 9 para. 6(4)(b)(c) substituted by [The Government of Wales Act 2006 \(Consequential Modifications and Transitional Provisions\) Order 2007 \(S.I. 2007/1388\)](#), art. 3, **Sch. 1 para. 99(4)(d)(ii)**, the amending provision coming into force immediately after the ordinary election under s. 3 of the [Government of Wales Act 1998 \(c. 38\)](#) held on 3.5.2007, see art. 1(2) of the amending S.I.
- F15** Words in Sch. 9 para. 6 substituted by [The Government of Wales Act 2006 \(Consequential Modifications and Transitional Provisions\) Order 2007 \(S.I. 2007/1388\)](#), art. 3, **Sch. 1 para. 99(4)(e)**, the amending provision coming into force immediately after the ordinary election under s. 3 of the [Government of Wales Act 1998 \(c. 38\)](#) held on 3.5.2007, see art. 1(2) of the amending S.I.
- F16** Sch. 9 para. 6(5) added by [The Government of Wales Act 2006 \(Consequential Modifications and Transitional Provisions\) Order 2007 \(S.I. 2007/1388\)](#), art. 3, **Sch. 1 para. 99(4)(f)**, the amending provision coming into force immediately after the ordinary election under s. 3 of the [Government of Wales Act 1998 \(c. 38\)](#) held on 3.5.2007, see art. 1(2) of the amending S.I.

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#### *General elections to Northern Ireland Assembly*

- 7 (1) This paragraph imposes limits in relation to campaign expenditure incurred by or on behalf of a registered party which contests one or more constituencies at an ordinary or extraordinary general election to the Northern Ireland Assembly.
- (2) The limit applying to campaign expenditure which is incurred by or on behalf of a registered party in the relevant period in Northern Ireland is [<sup>F17</sup>£30,600] for each constituency contested by the party.

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[<sup>F18</sup>(2A) Sub-paragraph (2B) applies to a registered party in a case where at the election a candidate stands for election in any constituency in the name of that party and one or more other registered parties.

(2B) In such a case, the amount applying to the party in respect of the constituency under sub-paragraph (2) shall, instead of being the amount specified in that sub-paragraph, be that amount divided by the number of registered parties in whose name the candidate stands for election as mentioned in sub-paragraph (2A).]

(3) In the case of an ordinary general election, “the relevant period” for the purposes of this paragraph is the period beginning with the appropriate date (as defined by sub-paragraph (4)) and ending with the date of the poll.

(4) In sub-paragraph (3) “the appropriate date” means the date which falls four months before the date of the poll where—

- (a) the date of the poll is that determined by section 31(1) and (2) of the <sup>M3</sup>Northern Ireland Act 1998;
- (b) no less than five months before the day on which the poll would have taken place under section 31(1) and (2) of that Act, the date of the poll is brought forward under section 31(3) of that Act; or
- (c) no less than four months before the day on which the poll would have taken place under section 31(1) and (2) of that Act, the date of the poll is postponed under section 31(3) of that Act;

but where the date of the poll is brought forward or postponed otherwise than as mentioned in paragraph (b) or (c) above “the appropriate date” means the date which falls four months before the date when the poll would have taken place under section 31(1) and (2) of that Act.

(5) In the case of an extraordinary general election, “the relevant period” for the purposes of this paragraph is the period beginning with the date when the Secretary of State proposes a date for the poll for the election under section 32(1) or (3) of the <sup>M4</sup>Northern Ireland Act 1998 and ending with the date of the poll for the election.

#### Textual Amendments

**F17** Sum in Sch. 9 para. 7(2) substituted (21.11.2023) by [The Representation of the People \(Variation of Election Expenses, Expenditure Limits and Donation etc. Thresholds\) Order 2023 \(S.I. 2023/1235\)](#), arts. 1(2), **3(b)** (with art. 5(1)-(3))

**F18** Sch. 9 para. 7(2A)(2B) inserted (11.9.2006) by [Electoral Administration Act 2006 \(c. 22\)](#), **ss. 64(4), 77(2)**; S.I. 2006/1972, **art. 3**, Sch. 1 para. 21 (subject to art. 4, Sch. 2)

#### Modifications etc. (not altering text)

**C5** Sch. 9 para. 7 amended (20.3.2003) by [Northern Ireland Assembly Elections Act 2003 \(c. 3\)](#), **s. 1(4)**

**C6** Sch. 9 para. 7 modified (15.5.2003) by [Northern Ireland Assembly \(Elections and Periods of Suspension\) Act 2003 \(c. 12\)](#), **s. 1(4)(b)**

#### Commencement Information

**I4** Sch. 9 wholly in force at 16.2.2001; Sch. 9 not in force at Royal Assent, see s. 163(2); Sch. 9 in force at 16.2.2001 by [S.I. 2001/222](#), **art. 2**, **Sch. 1 Pt. I** (subject to transitional provisions in [Sch. 1 Pt. II](#))

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