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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

Under section 13(1) of the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000, the Electoral Commission are required to promote public awareness of the matters specified in that provision (which include current electoral systems and systems of local government). By this Order the power in section 13(6) of that Act is exercised in order to set a limit of £7,500,000 on the total expenditure in any year in respect of such functions. The Order also revokes the Order made in 2001 that set a limit of £1,500,000 for this purpose.