

SCHEDULE

Article 2

EXPENSES IN RESPECT OF WHICH A RETURNING OFFICER AT A PARLIAMENTARY ELECTION IN NORTHERN IRELAND MAY RECOVER HIS CHARGES

PART A

EXPENSES OF RETURNING OFFICER FOR WHICH MAXIMUM RECOVERABLE AMOUNTS ARE SPECIFIED

1.—(1) This paragraph makes provision for a returning officer's expenses in respect of the payment of presiding officers at polling stations, including expenses incurred in respect of a person who takes over the duties of a presiding officer on polling day due to the incapacity of the previously appointed presiding officer.

(2) Subject to sub-paragraphs (3) to (5), the maximum recoverable amount for the expenses specified in sub-paragraph (1) in respect of the presiding officer at each polling station is £200.00.

(3) Subject to sub-paragraphs (4) and (5), where there are combined polls at a polling station, the maximum recoverable amount for the expenses specified in sub-paragraph (1) is increased by £40.00.

(4) Subject to sub-paragraph (5), where, at a polling place there is more than one polling station the maximum recoverable amount for the expenses specified in sub-paragraph (1) in respect of one only of the presiding officers at the polling stations at such a polling place is increased by £10.00.

(5) In the event of a combined election, the maximum recoverable amount for the expenses specified in sub-paragraph (1) in respect of one only of the presiding officers at the polling stations at such a polling place is increased by £15.00.

(6) Where a presiding officer receives training (including a presiding officer who, owing to incapacity or other reason, does not discharge the duties of presiding officer on polling day) the maximum recoverable amount in respect of that training is £40.00.

2.—(1) This paragraph makes provision for a returning officer's expenses in respect of the payment of poll clerks at polling stations.

(2) Subject to sub-paragraph (3), the maximum recoverable amount for the expenses specified in sub-paragraph (1) in respect of each poll clerk is £150.00.

(3) Where there are combined polls at a polling station, the maximum recoverable amount for the expenses specified in sub-paragraph (1) in respect of each poll clerk is increased by £25.00.

(4) Where a poll clerk receives training (including a poll clerk who, owing to incapacity or other reason, does not discharge the duties of poll clerk on polling day) the maximum recoverable amount in respect of that training is £40.00.

3.—(1) This paragraph makes provision for a returning officer's expenses in respect of the payment of persons employed in connection with the preparation, issue and revision of the official poll cards.

(2) The maximum recoverable amount for the expenses specified in sub-paragraph (1) is, for every 100 cards or fraction thereof, £1.69.

4.—(1) This paragraph makes provision for a returning officer's expenses in respect of the payment of persons employed in connection with—

- (a) the preparation, issue and receipt of postal ballot papers; and

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- (b) the count and any other clerical or other assistance for the purpose of the election.
- (2) Subject to sub-paragraphs (3) to (5), the maximum recoverable amount for each constituency for the expenses specified in sub-paragraph (1)(a) is £4,500.00.
- (3) Subject to sub-paragraph (4), where there are combined polls for the conduct of which the returning officer is responsible, the maximum recoverable amount for each constituency for the expenses specified in sub-paragraph (1)(a) is £6,375.00.
- (4) In a constituency where the number of entries in the register exceeds 60,000, the maximum recoverable amount for the expenses specified in sub-paragraph (1)(a) is increased for every thousand entries or fraction thereof above 60,000, by £53.98.
- (5) For every 100 voters or fraction thereof entitled to vote by post in a constituency, the maximum recoverable amount for the expenses specified in sub-paragraph (1)(a) is increased by £50.00.
- (6) Subject to sub-paragraphs (7) and (8), the maximum recoverable amount for each constituency for the expenses specified in sub-paragraph (1)(b) is £8,000.00.
- (7) Where there are combined polls for the conduct of which the returning officer is responsible, the maximum recoverable amount for the expenses specified in sub-paragraph (1)(b) is £9,400.
- (8) For each recount of the votes ordered by the returning officer, the maximum recoverable amount in sub-paragraphs (6) and (7) will be increased by £500.
- (9) Where a person employed in connection with the count receives training (including count staff who, owing to incapacity or other reason, do not discharge their duties at the count) the maximum recoverable amount in respect of that training is £40.00.

- 5.—(1) This paragraph makes provision for a returning officer's expenses in respect of persons employed to provide training in accordance with paragraphs 1(6), 2(4) and 4(9).
- (2) The maximum recoverable amount in respect of each training session is £150.00.
- (3) The number of training sessions shall not exceed 90.

PART B

EXPENSES OF RETURNING OFFICER FOR WHICH NO MAXIMUM RECOVERABLE AMOUNTS ARE SPECIFIED

1. The returning officer may recover expenses incurred of a kind specified in this Part.
2. Travelling and overnight subsistence expenses of –
 - (a) the returning officer;
 - (b) any person employed to count the votes;
 - (c) any presiding officer or poll clerk;
 - (d) any person performing functions delegated to him by the returning officer in accordance with section 14A(1) of the Electoral Law Act (Northern Ireland) 1962(1); and
 - (e) any clerical or other persons employed by the returning officer.
3. Expenses in printing or otherwise producing the ballot papers.
4. Expenses in printing or otherwise producing the official poll cards and in delivering them to the voters, excluding the expenses referred to in paragraph 3(1) of Part A of this Schedule.

(1) 1962 c. 14; section 14A(1) was inserted by the [Electoral Law \(Northern Ireland\) Order 1972 No. 1264 \(N.I. 13\)](#). It allows the Chief Electoral Officer to appoint persons to assist him. Section 14A(2) authorises him to delegate any of his functions to persons appointed under section 14A(1).

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5. Expenses in printing or otherwise producing and, where appropriate, publishing notices and other documents required by the Representation of the People Acts.
6. Expenses in renting, heating, lighting and cleaning any building or room.
7. Expenses in adapting any building or room and in restoring it to a fit condition for its normal use.
8. Expenses in the provision and storage of voting compartments and any other furniture necessary for polling stations, and for the count.
9. Expenses in the provision and storage of ballot boxes and instruments to stamp on the ballot papers the official mark.
10. Expenses in the conveyance to and from the polling stations of—
 - (a) the ballot boxes and ballot papers, and
 - (b) the voting compartments, and any other furniture necessary for polling stations and the instruments to stamp on the ballot papers the official mark.
11. Expenses in the provision of stationery and writing implements and in postage, telephone and bank charges and other miscellaneous items.
12. Expenses in the provision to each polling station of the large version of the ballot paper and of the prescribed devices for assisting voters with disabilities.
13. Expenses in the connection with the provision of security measures.