

# Donations to TDS, Senators and MEPs 2016

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*furnished to the Standards in Public Office Commission by Members of both Houses of the Oireachtas and Members of the European Parliament, pursuant to section 24 of the Electoral Act 1997, as amended*

*Report by the Standards in Public Office Commission to the Ceann Comhairle in accordance with section 4(1) of the Electoral Act 1997*



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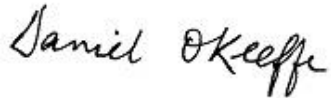
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## Foreword

I am pleased to furnish this report to the Ceann Comhairle in accordance with the provisions of section 4(1) of the Electoral Act 1997, as amended (the Act). The donation statements/statutory declarations described in the report were furnished to the Standards in Public Office Commission pursuant to section 24 of the Act. The certificates of monetary donations/statutory declarations and statements from financial institutions were furnished pursuant to section 23B of the Act.



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Justice Daniel O'Keeffe  
Chairperson  
Standards in Public Office Commission  
June 2017

## Chapter 1 Introduction

In accordance with the provisions of Part IV of the Act, each person who, in the preceding year, was a Member of Dáil Éireann (TD), a Member of Seanad Éireann (Senator) or a Member of the European Parliament (MEP) is required, by 31 January each year, to furnish to the Standards Commission a donation statement/certificate of monetary donations/statutory declaration and, where appropriate, a bank statement in respect of the previous year.

Section 4(1) of the Act requires the Standards Commission to consider every statement and notification furnished to it in relation to political donations and, where it considers it appropriate to do so, shall furnish a report in writing to the Ceann Comhairle on any matter arising.

This report concerns the statutory returns furnished in respect of 2016. As there was a general election to the Dáil and Seanad in 2016, those required to provide a Donation Statement in respect of 2016 include -

- Members of both Houses up to the date of the elections,

and

- current Members of both Houses of the Oireachtas and MEPs.

As those outgoing TDs and Senators who unsuccessfully contested the Dáil or Seanad elections were required, within 56 days after the relevant election, to provide to the Commission a Donation Statement disclosing any donations received in relation to the election, the Commission decided that it was not necessary for them to provide another Donation Statement.

However, those TDs and Senators who did not contest the elections were required to provide a Donation Statement as they were Members of one or other of the Houses for part of 2016, i.e. up to the date of dissolution of the Dáil or cessation of the Seanad.

In accordance with section 4(5) of the Act the Commission's report must be laid before each House of the Oireachtas.

The relevant details relating to donations disclosed are given in the Appendices.

## Chapter 2 General information relating to donations

The Standards Commission had previously published guidelines for TDs, Senators and MEPs on donations setting out the requirements relating to various matters such as the acceptance and disclosure of donations, prohibited donations and political donation accounts. These are available on the Commission's website - [www.sipo.ie](http://www.sipo.ie).

The following is a summary of relevant useful information.

### Relevant amounts

€100	On receipt of a donation of this value, a political donations account must be opened (if one has not already been opened) by a TD, Senator or MEP.
€100	An anonymous donation exceeding this amount cannot be accepted.
€200	Maximum cash donation that may be accepted by a TD, Senator or MEP in any calendar year from a donor.
€200	Maximum donation that may be accepted by an accountable person (a TD, Senator, MEP, candidate at a Dáil, Seanad or European election, political party, third party or accounting unit of political party) in any calendar year from a corporate donor <b>unless</b> the corporate donor is registered in the Register of Corporate Donors maintained by the Commission.
€200	Maximum aggregate donation that a company, trade union, society or building society can give before reporting it in annual returns made under the Companies Act 1963, or to the Registrar of Friendly Societies or the report of a building society (under the Building Societies Act 1989).
€600	All donations received by a TD, Senator or MEP exceeding this amount must be disclosed on the Donation Statement.
€1,000	Maximum donation that may be accepted by a TD, Senator or MEP in a particular year from an individual or corporate donor.
€2,500	Maximum donation that may be accepted by a political party, accounting unit of a political party or a third party in any calendar year from an individual or a registered corporate donor in any calendar year.

## Chapter 3 Donations disclosed

The tables in the Appendices provide summaries of donations disclosed. The individual donation statements are on the Commission's website - [www.sipo.ie](http://www.sipo.ie).

A total of 259 Members or former Members were required to furnish donation statements in respect of 2016, as follows –

- 158 TDs
- 60 Senators
- 11 MEPs
- 19 Former TDs
- 11 Former Senators

### Late Filing of Returns

All Members are obliged to furnish their donation statements by 31 January 2017. 246 Members had fully complied with the statutory requirements by the 31 January deadline, 13 were late. All 259 members complied by 25 February 2017.

Sections 25(1)(c) and 25(2)(c) of the Act provide that a Member who fails to return the donation statement/statutory declaration and certificate of monetary donations/statutory declaration, along with a statement from a financial institution by 31 January shall be guilty of an offence. Where a person is guilty of an offence under this section, the person shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding €2,500 and to an on-going fine not exceeding €500 per day for each day, after a conviction, on which the statutory returns are still outstanding.

As all are in substantive compliance no files were sent to An Garda Síochána for prosecution.

Sections 23A(1)(i) and (ii) of the Act provide that where a donation exceeding the permissible limit is received then the donation must, within fourteen days of receipt, be returned to the donor or, if it is a monetary donation, the part of it exceeding the limit must be returned to the donor. A written record of the return must be kept for the purpose of it being furnished to the Standards Commission, if required; or the recipient of the donation must, within fourteen days of receipt, notify the Standards Commission of receipt of the donation and remit the donation or the value thereof to the Standards Commission. In the case of a monetary donation, the part of it exceeding the limit must be remitted.

The table in Appendix 1 shows that net donations with a total value of **€72,969.12** were disclosed by Members in respect of 2016. The donation statements furnished by Minister Paschal Donohoe, TD, Mr. Martin Ferris, TD, Mr Alan Kelly, TD, Minister Denis Naughten, TD, and, Mr Fergus O'Dowd, TD, disclosed donations from

persons who were not resident in the island of Ireland. The Members confirmed that the donors in question are Irish citizens as required by the legislation.

In addition to donations disclosed in respect of 2016 returns, 6 Members previously disclosed **€9,084** in their unsuccessful donation statements in relation to their candidacy in respect of the 2016 General Election.

## Chapter 4 Donor Statements

Section 24(1A) of the Act provides that an individual must furnish a donation statement/statutory declaration to the Standards Commission, if he/she, in a particular year, makes donations exceeding €1,500 in aggregate value to two or more persons who were members of the same political party when the donations were made, or to a political party and to one or more of its members. The donation statement must give details of the donations and the persons to whom they were made and must be furnished by 31 January of the following year.

If a donor does not intend to comply with this requirement and a Member or a party is aware of this, the member/party is prohibited from accepting a donation from that individual.

Eight donation statements from individual donors were received in respect of 2016. The table in Appendix 1 sets out the details of the donations disclosed. Donations with a total value of **€37,274** were disclosed by the eight donors in respect of 2016.



## **Chapter 5 Publication of Donation Statements furnished to the Standards Commission**

The donation statements are being laid today by the Standards Commission before each House of the Oireachtas, pursuant to section 24(7)(a) of the Electoral Act 1997, as amended.

The donation statements received are now available for public inspection and copying at the offices of the Standards Commission and are also on the Commission's website. A copy of this report and accompanying press release are also available on the website - [www.sipo.ie](http://www.sipo.ie).

Certificates of monetary donations, statutory declarations and accompanying bank statements are not required to be laid before the Houses and are not available for public inspection as per Section 23B(8) of the Electoral Act 1997, as amended.

## Appendix 1 - Donations disclosed by Members

Party	Member	Donor	Total value of donations	Total Value of Donations to Parties
			€	€
Fianna Fáil	John Brassil TD	Dr. Joan Ahern, Killeshandra, Co. Cavan	1,000.00	
		Mary Brassil, Dirtane, Ballyheigue, Tralee, Co. Kerry	1,000.00	
		John Hannan, Urlee, Lisselton, Co. Kerry	1,000.00	
	James Browne TD	*Fianna Fáil Enniscorthy/Bunclody Comhairle, Enniscorthy, Co. Wexford	1,000.00	
	Shane Cassells TD	James N. Fitzsimons, 'Ardsion', Dublin Road, Navan, Co. Meath	1,000.00	
		Paul Mac Quillan, Old Bridge House, Kilcarne, Navan, Co. Meath	750.00	
	Senator Lorraine Clifford-Lee	Leo Mohan, 5 Lansdowne Terrace, Shelbourne Road, Ballsbridge, Dublin 4	750.00	
	John Curran TD	*Fianna Fáil -Dublin Mid West CDC, Monastery Rise, Clondalkin, Dublin 22	1,000.00	
	Sean Haughey TD	Victor Brophy, Corona, Dublin Road, Sutton, Dublin 13	1,000.00	
		Dermot Desmond, IFSC House, Custom House Quay, Dublin 1	1,000.00	
	James Lawless TD	Sean Davin, 17 Raglan Lane, Dublin 4	1,000.00	
		Sean Darcy, 13 Morell Lawns, Naas, Co. Kildare	1,000.00	
		Michael Duff, Ryefield, Monread Road, Naas, Co. Kildare	1,000.00	
		Margaret Davin, 17 Raglan Lane, Dublin 4	1,000.00	

	Micheál Martin TD	*Fianna Fáil, 65/66 Lower Mount Street, Dublin 2	<b>1,000.00</b>	
	John McGuinness TD	Fianna Fáil Kilkenny CDC , c/o Conor O'Higgins, Shellumsrath, Co. Kilkenny	<b>1,000.00</b>	
	Jim O'Callaghan TD	John Donnelly, Glenbevan, Cros Avenue, Blackrock, Co. Dublin	<b>1,000.00</b>	
	Willie O'Dea TD	Anthony Burke, 20A Knockhill, Ennis Road, Limerick	<b>1,000.00</b>	
	Fiona O'Loughlin TD	*Kildare South Fianna Fáil CDC, Allenwood, Co. Kildare	<b>1,000.00</b>	
	Ceann Comhairle Seán Ó Fearghail	*Kildare South CDC Fianna Fáil, Allenwood, Co. Kildare	<b>1,000.00</b>	
<b>Total</b>				<b>19,500.00</b>
<b>Fine Gael</b>				
	Minister Simon Coveney	Martin Horan, Reagrove, Minane Bridge, Co. Cork	<b>1,000.00</b>	
		Nancy Horan, Reagrove, Minane Bridge, Co. Cork	<b>1,000.00</b>	
	Michael D'Arcy TD	Annrai O'Toole, 53 Rathgar Road, Dublin 6	<b>1,000.00</b>	
		Anthony Neville, Alma House, Park, Wexford	<b>1,000.00</b>	
		Joe Divito, Coolgeany, Gorey, Co. Wexford	<b>650.00</b>	
		Patrick Asple, North Parade, Gorey, Co. Wexford	<b>1,000.00</b>	
		Peggy D'Arcy, 60 Shrewsbury Lawn, Cabinteely, Dublin 18	<b>1,000.00</b>	
		Robert Hughes, Inch, Gorey, Co. Wexford	<b>1,000.00</b>	
		Ronnie McCormack, Plattenstown, Coolgreany, via Arklow, Co. Wicklow	<b>1,000.00</b>	
		Thomas Lynch, San Marco, Brighton Road, Foxrock, Dublin 18	<b>1,000.00</b>	
		Walter Hobbs, 17 Knocksinna Park, Foxrock, Dublin 18	<b>1,000.00</b>	

	Minister Paschal Donohoe	Lorcan Patrick Cleary, Wimbledon, SW19 5AD, England	1,000.00	
		Michael McNally, 2 Cloncurry Street, London, SW6 6DR, England	1,000.00	
		Ronan Donohoe, 71 Portland Road, London, W11 4LJ, England	1,000.00	
		Ross Niland, 56 Warren House, London, W14 8TT, England	1,000.00	
		Shane O’Gorman, 2 Castlepark Residence, Castlepark Road, Dalkey, Co. Dublin	1,000.00	
	Minister Andrew Doyle	Paul McGuinness, Avonmore House, Avonmore, Co. Wicklow	1,000.00	
	Minister Simon Harris	Barry Kenny, Unit 1, Market Court, Main Street, Bray, Co. Wicklow	1,000.00	
	Minister Heather Humphreys	Eileen Wright, 12A Clyde Lane, Ballsbridge, Dublin 4	1,000.00	
	Minister Helen McEntee	Gareth Robinson, Apt 77, Windmill Lane Apts, Windmill Lane, Sir John Rogerson’s Quay, Dublin 2	1,000.00	
	Minister Dara Murphy	Jim Hennessy, Carrigaline, Co. Cork	1,000.00	
		Gary Quinn, Glasheen, Co. Cork	640.00	
	Kate O’Connell TD	Eileen Wright, 40 Russell Court Hotel, Harcourt Street, Dublin 2	1,000.00	
	Fergus O’Dowd TD	Niall O’Dowd, 2100 875 6th Avenue, New York, NY10001, USA	899.94	
<b>Total</b>				<b>23,189.94</b>
<b>Green Party</b>	Senator Grace O’Sullivan	Eamon McSweeney & Catherine Hayden, Drumcannon, Tramore, Co. Waterford	1,000.00	
	Eamon Ryan TD	Richard Rice, Monte Vista, Knocknacree Road, Dalkey, Co. Dublin	1,000.00	

		Frank Keogh, 2 Country Brook Lawns, Enniskerry, Co. Wicklow	<b>1,000.00</b>	
		Bob Ryan, 18 Burdette, Avenue, Sandycove, Dun Laoghaire, Co. Dublin	<b>1,000.00</b>	
<b>Total</b>				<b>4,000.00</b>
<b>Independents</b>	Minister Seán Canney	Frank Canavan, Belclare, Tuam, Co. Galway	<b>1,000.00</b>	
	Senator Gerard Craughwell	Anonymous	<b>100.00</b>	
	Stephen Donnelly TD	Triona Sheeran, 1 Twin Oaks, Church Road, Greystones, Co. Wicklow	<b>1,000.00</b>	
		Michael Hall, 70 The Pines, Castleknock, Dublin	<b>1,000.00</b>	
		Michael Chadwick, Carrigoona Village, Rocky Valley Drive, Kilmacanogue, Co. Wicklow	<b>1,000.00</b>	
		Declan Cunningham, 25 Pembroke Park, Ballsbridge, Dublin 4	<b>1,000.00</b>	
		David Hall, 5 College Grv, Castleknock, Dublin 15	<b>1,000.00</b>	
		Michael Harty TD	Roisin Costello, Clough Jordan, Co. Tipperary	<b>1,000.00</b>
	Liam Glynn, Ballyvaughan, Co. Clare		<b>1,000.00</b>	
	Finbar Fitzpatrick, 6 Westgate Business Park, Abbey Medical Centre, Kilrush, Ennis Co. Clare		<b>800.00</b>	
	Dr. Colm Gavin, Saffron & Blue Medical Practice, Clarecastle, Co. Clare		<b>1,000.00</b>	
	Senator Alice-Mary Higgins	Peter O'Dwyer, 46 Upper Leeson Street, Dublin 4	<b>900.00</b>	
		John Higgins, Ullard, Graiguenamanagh, Co. Kilkenny	<b>800.00</b>	
	Mattie Mc Grath TD	Kieran & Catherine Bourke, Cregg Road, Carrick-on-Suir, Co. Tipperary	<b>1,000.00</b>	

	Minister Denis Naughten	Mary Naughten, Ardkeen Drive, Athlone, Co. Roscommon	1,000.00	
		John Tiernan, Tibarney, Four Roads, Co. Roscommon	1,000.00	
		Cyril Regan, 8200 S 86th CT Justice, Illinois, 60458, USA	1,000.00	
<b>Total</b>				<b>15,600.00</b>
<b>Sinn Féin</b>				
	Martin Ferris TD	Bill O'Reilly, 107 Brondesbury Villas, Kilburn, London, NW6 6AG, England	656.08	
		Aishling Morrissey, 121 Ridgewood Ave, Yonkers, New York, USA	880.00	
	Mary Lou McDonald TD	Martin Lanigan, 186 Cabra Road, Dublin 7	1,000.00	
	Imelda Munster TD	Emmet Steenson, 68 Shrewsbury Road, Drogheda, Co. Louth	400.00	
		Aodh McSeain, 87 Brookville, Drogheda, Co. Louth	600.00	
	Carol Nolan TD	Oisín O'Sullivan, The Tanard, Tullamore, Co. Offaly	150.00	
	Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire TD	Rossa Frenett, Tahilla, Cobh, Co. Cork	199.10	
		Eileen Spillane, 17 the Manor, Model Farm Road, Cork	60.00	
		Edward Dore, 35 Landsdowne Park, Ballsbridge, Dublin 4	40.00	
		David Barry, 17 Montrose Gardens, Bishopstown, Cork	100.00	
<b>Total</b>				<b>4,085.18</b>
<b>Social Democrats</b>	Catherine Murphy TD	Michael Chadwick, Carrigoonahs House, Rocky Valley Drive, Kilmacanogue, Co. Wicklow	1,000.00	1,000.00
<b>The Labour Party</b>	Senator Kevin Humphreys	John O'Connor, 14 Merton Road, Rathmines, Dublin 6	1,000.00	

		Caroline Hussey, 10 Shelbourne Road, Dublin 4	<b>1,000.00</b>	
	Alan Kelly TD	Michael Madden, 10 Graham Court, Rye, New York, USA	<b>995.00</b>	
		Declan Kelly, Castletown, Portroe, Nenagh, Co. Tipperary	<b>999.00</b>	
	Senator Aodhán Ó Ríordáin	Kathleen & Sean Reardon, 133 Biscayne, Malahide, Co. Dublin	<b>600.00</b>	
	Brendan Ryan TD	*Transport Salaried Staffs' Association, Nerney's Court, Off Temple Street, Dublin 1	<b>1,000.00</b>	
<b>Total</b>				<b>5,594.00</b>
	<b>Total</b>		<b>72,969.12</b>	<b>72,969.12</b>

\*Registered Corporate Donor

## Appendix 2(a) - Donations disclosed by Section 24(1A) Donors – listed by party

Recipient Party	Recipient of donation	Donor	Total value of donations €
<b>Fine Gael</b>	Heather Humphreys TD	Eileen Wright, 12A Clyde Lane, Ballsbridge, Dublin 4	<b>1,000.00</b>
	Kate O'Connell TD		<b>1,000.00</b>
<b>Green Party</b>	Gearoid Fitzgibbon	SIPTU, Liberty Hall, Eden Quay, Dublin 1	<b>950.00</b>
	Green Party, Suffolk St	Brian Hurley, 63 Greenlawns, Skerries, Co. Dublin	<b>2,000.00</b>
	Green Party, Fingal		<b>480.00</b>
	Green Party Suffolk St	Frank Keogh, Country Brook Lawns, Enniskerry, Co. Wicklow	<b>1,000.00</b>
	Eamon Ryan TD		<b>1,000.00</b>
<b>Independent</b>	Declan Bree	SIPTU, Liberty Hall, Eden Quay, Dublin 1	<b>950.00</b>
<b>People Before Profit</b>	Sharon Briggs	Unite the Union, 55-56 Middle Abbey Street, Dublin 1	<b>100.00</b>
	Una Dunphy	Unite the Union, 55-56 Middle Abbey Street, Dublin 1	<b>1,000.00</b>
	Brian Finucane	SIPTU, Liberty Hall, Eden Quay, Dublin 1	<b>950.00</b>
	Aishling Merriman	SIPTU, Liberty Hall, Eden Quay, Dublin 1	<b>950.00</b>
	People Before Profit	Unite the Union, 55-56 Middle Abbey Street, Dublin 1	<b>2,500.00</b>
	Liam Coyne		<b>1,000.00</b>
	Ken Curtin		<b>1,000.00</b>



<b>Social Democrats</b>	Stephen Donnelly TD	Michael Chadwick, Carrigoonahs House, Rocky Valley Drive, Kilmacanogue, Co. Wicklow	1,000.00
	Gary Gannon		1,000.00
	James Heffernan		1,000.00
	Sarah Jane Hennelly		1,000.00
	Leonard Kelly		1,000.00
	Glenna Lynch		1,000.00
	Anne Marie McNally		1,000.00
	Catherine Murphy TD		1,000.00
	Cian O'Callaghan		1,000.00
	Aisling O'Neill		1,000.00
	Niall O'Tuathail		1,000.00
	Social Democrats Party		2,500.00
<b>The Labour Party</b>	Ger Dunne	SIPTU, Liberty Hall, Eden Quay, Dublin 1	950.00
	Alan Kelly TD	Declan Kelly, Castletown, Portroe, Nenagh, Co. Tipperary	999.00
		Michael Madden, 10 Graham Court, Rye, New York, 10580, USA	995.00
	The Labour Party	SIPTU, Liberty Hall, Eden Quay, Dublin 1	2,500.00
	Michael McCarthy	SIPTU, Liberty Hall, Eden Quay, Dublin 1	950.00
	Tipperary Labour Party	Declan Kelly, Castletown, Portroe, Nenagh, Co. Tipperary	1,500.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>37,274.00</b>

## Appendix 2(b) - Donations disclosed by Section 24(1A) Donors – listed by donor

Donor	Recipient Party	Recipient of donation	Total value of donations €
<b>Brian Hurley, 63 Greenlawns, Skerries, Co. Dublin</b>	Green Party	Green Party 16/17 Suffolk St, Dublin 2	<b>2,000.00</b>
		Green Party, Fingal, Co. Dublin	<b>480.00</b>
<b>Declan Kelly, Castletown, Portroe, Nenagh, Co. Tipperary</b>	The Labour Party	Alan Kelly TD	<b>999.00</b>
		Tipperary Labour Party	<b>1,500.00</b>
<b>Eileen Wright, 12A Clyde Lane, Ballsbridge, Dublin 4</b>	Fine Gael	Heather Humphreys TD	<b>1,000.00</b>
		Kate O'Connell TD	<b>1,000.00</b>
<b>Frank Keogh, 2 Country Brook Lawns, Enniskerry, Co. Wicklow</b>	Green Party	Green Party, 16/17 Suffolk Street, Dublin 2	<b>1,000.00</b>
		Eamon Ryan TD	<b>1,000.00</b>
<b>Mr Michael Madden, 10 Graham Court, Rye, New York, 10580, USA</b>	The Labour Party	Alan Kelly TD	<b>995.00</b>
<b>Michael Chadwick, Carrigoonahs House, Rocky Valley Drive, Kilmacanogue, Co. Wicklow</b>	Social Democrats	Social Democrats Party	<b>2,500.00</b>
		Liam Coyne	<b>1,000.00</b>
		Ken Curtin	<b>1,000.00</b>
		Stephen Donnelly TD	<b>1,000.00</b>
		Gary Gannon	<b>1,000.00</b>
		James Heffernan	<b>1,000.00</b>

		Sarah Jane Hennelly	1,000.00
		Leonard Kelly	1,000.00
		Glenna Lynch	1,000.00
		Anne Marie McNally	1,000.00
		Catherine Murphy TD	1,000.00
		Cian O'Callaghan	1,000.00
		Aisling O'Neill	1,000.00
		Niall O'Tuathail	1,000.00
<b>SIPTU, Liberty Hall, Eden Quay, Dublin 1</b>	The Labour Party	Labour Party	2,500.00
	Independent	Declan Bree	950.00
	The Labour Party	Ger Dunne	950.00
	People Before Profit	Brian Finucane	950.00
	Green Party	Gearoid Fitzgibbon	950.00
	The Labour Party	Michael Mc Carthy	950.00
	People Before Profit	Aishling Merriman	950.00
<b>Unite the Union, 55-56 Middle Abbey Street, Dublin 1</b>	People Before Profit	People Before Profit	2,500.00
		Sharon Briggs	100.00
		Una Dunphy	1,000.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>37,274.00</b>