STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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REPRESENTATION OF THE PEOPLE

The European Assembly Elections (Returning Officers' Expenses) (Northern Ireland) Regulations 1979

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The Treasury, in exercise of the powers conferred on them by Section 20(2) of the Representation of the People Act 1949(**a**), as applied by Regulation 3(1) of and Schedule 1 to the European Assembly Elections (Northern Ireland) Regulations 1979(**b**) hereby make the following Regulations:—

1. These Regulations may be cited as the European Assembly Elections (Returning Officers' Expenses) (Northern Ireland) Regulations 1979, and shall come into operation on 28th May 1979.

2. Unless the context otherwise requires, in these Regulations expressions have the same meaning as in the Representation of the People Act 1949 and the European Assembly Elections Act 1978(**c**).

3. The maximum charges to which the Chief Electoral Officer for Northern Ireland, as the returning officer responsible for the conduct of the European Assembly Elections in Northern Ireland shall be entitled are, in respect of expenses incurred by him, the amounts specified in the Schedule to these Regulations.

Peter Morrison,
John MacGregor,
Two of the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury.

23rd May 1979.

(a) 1949 c. 68. (b) S.I. 1979/322. (c) 1978 c. 10.

SCHEDULE

SCALE OF MAXIMUM EXPENDITURE WHICH MAY BE INCURRED BY THE CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER FOR NORTHERN IRELAND AS THE RETURNING OFFICER FOR A EUROPEAN ASSEMBLY ELECTION IN NORTHERN IRELAND IN RESPECT OF PAYMENT OF FEES AND DISBURSEMENTS TO PERSONS APPOINTED BY THE RETURNING OFFICER TO ASSIST HIM AND HIS DEPUTY ELECTORAL OFFICERS AND IN RESPECT OF ALL OTHER EXPENSES IN CONNECTION WITH A EUROPEAN ASSEMBLY ELECTION.

Except as expressly provided in this Schedule, in no case shall a charge exceed the sum actually and necessarily paid or payable by the returning officer. Subject thereto the maximum charges shall be as follows:—

I. In a contested election:

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1. For the presiding officer at each polling station (to include all expenses other than any travelling and overnight subsistence expenses specified in this part of the Schedule) ...	24·00
In addition, a further sum, not exceeding £1·50 may be paid to one of the presiding officers at a polling place to which there are assigned not less than 3,000 voters being a presiding officer who acts as overall presiding officer at that polling place.	
2. (*a*) For one clerk at each polling station	18·00
(*b*) For additional clerks at a polling station to which there are assigned more than 700 voters, such additional clerks not to exceed one clerk for every 600 voters or fraction thereof in excess of 700:	
For each additional clerk (whole-time or part-time as the case may require) an amount within a range having a maximum of	18·00
3. (I) For the employment of persons in connection with the manual preparations and issue of the official poll cards, including charges for superannuation contributions where payable:	
(*a*) For the initial preparation of the cards: For every 100 cards or fraction thereof ...	1·50
(*b*) For each revision:	
(i) For every 100 cards or fraction thereof prepared on the initial preparation	0·25
(ii) For every 100 new cards or fraction thereof prepared ... ... Provided that, if the number of new cards does not exceed 15 per cent. of the number prepared on the initial preparation, the total allowances for the revision shall be increased by 5 per cent.	1·50
(*c*) For the revision of a particular section of the cards (other than such a revision carried out in the course of a revision of the whole):	
For every 100 new cards or fraction thereof prepared	1·50
(*d*) For the completion and issue of the cards on the occasion of an election:	
For every 100 cards or fraction thereof issued (or withdrawn in respect of voters entitled to vote by post)	0·75

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Provided that the maximum amount which a returning officer shall be entitled to charge under this paragraph shall be the total of the sums which he would be entitled to charge for such of the stages of work represented by items (a), (b), (c) and (d) hereunder as he has carried out, notwithstanding that the amount disbursed by him for any particular stage is greater than the amount specified hereunder as the maximum amount for that stage.	
(II) For the employment of persons in connection with the issue of poll cards which have not been prepared manually, including charges for superannuation contributions where payable:	
For every 100 cards or fraction thereof	0·75
4. (*a*) For persons employed in connection with the count, including the verification of ballot papers, as:	
(i) Count Clerk	18·00 per day
(ii) Sorter	20·00 per day
(iii) Count Supervisor or Calculator	24·00 per day
(*b*) For all clerical and other assistance employed by the Returning Officer and Deputy Returning Officers	Actual and necessary cost.
5. Returning or deputy returning officers' travelling and overnight subsistence expenses where necessary to make arrangements for the poll or otherwise in connection with the conduct of the election	Actual and necessary cost.
6. Travelling and overnight subsistence expenses of presiding officers and poll clerks (including any expenses incurred in conveying the ballot boxes in those cases in which presiding officers or poll clerks are responsible for the transport of the boxes to or from the polling stations)	Actual and necessary cost.
7. Travelling and overnight subsistence expenses of clerical and other assistants employed by the returning officer or deputy returning officer where necessary to make arrangements for the poll or otherwise in connection with the conduct of the election	Actual and necessary cost.
8. For printing and providing ballot papers	Actual and necessary cost.
9. For printing and providing official poll cards	Actual and necessary cost.
10. For printing and providing notices and other documents required in and about the election or poll and costs of publishing the same	Actual and necessary cost.
11. For the renting of any building or room for the purpose of the election and for expenses of heating, lighting and cleaning any building or room for such purposes	Actual and necessary cost.
12. For adapting and fitting up any building or room for the purpose of the election (including the provision of voting compartments and any necessary furniture) and restoring it to fit condition for its normal use	Actual and necessary cost.

13. For providing ballot boxes, including any repairs ...	Actual and necessary cost.
14. For the conveyance of ballot boxes and ballot papers in those cases where the cost of transport is not included in the travelling expenses of presiding officers and poll clerks under paragraph I.6 of this part of the Schedule	Actual and necessary cost.
15. For every stamping instrument required to be purchased, hired, altered or repaired	Actual and necessary cost.
16. For copies of the electoral register	Actual and necessary cost.
17. For general stationery, postage, telegrams, telephone calls, bank charges and miscellaneous expenses	Actual and necessary cost.

II. In an uncontested election for all necessary preliminary work the amount shall be the same as the amount specified for corresponding work in a contested election.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(*This note is not part of the Regulations.*)

These Regulations prescribe for Northern Ireland the maximum charges in respect of expenses incurred by the Chief Electoral Officer for Northern Ireland for the European Assembly Elections.

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