STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2009 No. 1143

REPRESENTATION OF THE PEOPLE, NORTHERN IRELAND

The European Parliamentary Elections (Returning Officer's Charges) (Northern Ireland) Order 2009

Made - - - - 30th April 2009

Coming into force in accordance with Article 1(1)

The Secretary of State, in exercise of the powers conferred by regulation 16(1) and (5) of the European Parliamentary Elections (Northern Ireland) Regulations 2004(**a**) makes the following Order with the consent of the Treasury(**b**).

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the European Parliamentary Elections (Returning Officer's Charges) (Northern Ireland) Order 2009 and shall come into force on the day after the day on which it is made.

(2) In this Order "the 2004 Regulations" means the European Parliamentary Elections (Northern Ireland) Regulations 2004.

Revocation

2. The European Parliamentary Elections (Returning Officer's Charges) (Northern Ireland) Order 2004(**c**) is revoked.

Overall maximum recoverable amount

3. For the purposes of regulation 16(1) of the 2004 Regulations the amount specified as the overall maximum recoverable amount is—

(a) at a contested European Parliamentary election, £2,401,538; and

(b) at an uncontested European Parliamentary election (within the meaning of rule 17 of the European Parliamentary elections rules)(**d**), £1494.79.

(**a**) S.I. 2004/1267. Regulation 16 was amended by the European Parliamentary Elections (Northern Ireland) (Amendment) Regulations 2009 and this Order is made under that regulation as amended.
(**b**) Consent of the Treasury is required by regulation 16(9) of the 2004 Regulations.
(**c**) S.I. 2004/1405.
(**d**) The European Parliamentary elections rules are contained in Schedule 1 to the 2004 Regulations.

Northern Ireland Office
18th April 2009

Paul Goggins
Minister of State

We consent to this Order

Tony Cunningham
Frank Roy

30th April 2009

Two of the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

Under regulation 16 of the European Parliamentary Elections (Northern Ireland) Regulations 2004 the Secretary of State may specify by order the maximum amount that the returning officer for the electoral region of Northern Ireland may recover in respect of charges incurred, in accordance with the provisions of that regulation, at a European Parliamentary election.

This Order specifies the maximum amounts that may be recovered at both contested and uncontested European Parliamentary elections. At a contested election the maximum amount is £2,401,538 and at an uncontested election it is £1494.79.

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