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REPRESENTATION OF THE PEOPLE, NORTHERN IRELAND

The European Parliamentary Elections (Returning Officer's Charges) (Northern Ireland) Order 2019

Made - - - - 25th April 2019

Coming into force in accordance with article 1(2)

The Secretary of State, in exercise of the powers conferred by regulation 16(1)(b) 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 2019.

(2) This Order comes into force on the day after the day on which it is made.

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

Overall maximum recoverable amount

2. 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, £2,850,000; and

(b) at an uncontested European Parliamentary election, within the meaning of rule 17(2) of Schedule 1 to the 2004 Regulations (the European Parliamentary elections rules), £1,750.

Revocation

3. The European Parliamentary Elections (Returning Officer's Charges) (Northern Ireland) Order 2014(**c**) is revoked.

Duncan of Springbank
Parliamentary Under Secretary of State
Northern Ireland Office

25th April 2019

(**a**) S.I. 2004/1267; regulation 16 was amended by S.I. 2009/813.
(**b**) Consent of the Treasury is required by regulation 16(9) of S.I. 2004/1267.
(**c**) S.I. 2014/794.

Mike Freer
Jeremy Quin

24th April 2019 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 (S.I. 2004/1267) the Secretary of State may specify by order the overall 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 overall maximum amounts that may be recovered at both contested and uncontested European Parliamentary elections. At a contested election the maximum amount is £2,850,000 and at an uncontested election it is £1,750.

A full impact assessment has not been produced for this instrument as no, or no significant, impact on the private, voluntary or public sector is foreseen.

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