



Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000

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PART IV

CONTROL OF DONATIONS TO REGISTERED PARTIES AND THEIR MEMBERS ETC.

CHAPTER II

RESTRICTIONS ON DONATIONS TO REGISTERED PARTIES

Permissible donations

- 55** **Payments etc. which are (or are not) to be treated as donations by permissible donors**
- (1) The following provisions have effect for the purposes of this Part.
 - (2) Any payment out of public funds received by a registered party shall (subject to section 52(1)(a) and (b)) be regarded as a donation received by the party from a permissible donor.
 - (3) Any donation received by a registered party shall (if it would not otherwise fall to be so regarded) be regarded as a donation received by the party from a permissible donor if and to the extent that—
 - (a) the purpose of the donation is to meet qualifying costs incurred or to be incurred in connection with a visit by any member or officer of the party to a country or territory outside the United Kingdom, and
 - (b) the amount of the donation does not exceed a reasonable amount in respect of such costs.
 - (4) In subsection (3) “qualifying costs”, in relation to any member or officer of the party, means costs relating to that person in respect of—

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- (a) travelling between the United Kingdom and the country or territory in question, or
 - (b) travelling, accommodation or subsistence while within that country or territory.
- (5) Any exempt trust donation received by a registered party shall be regarded as a donation received by the party from a permissible donor.
- (6) But any donation received by a registered party from a trustee of any property (in his capacity as such) which is not—
- (a) an exempt trust donation, or
 - (b) a donation transmitted by the trustee to the party on behalf of beneficiaries under the trust who are—
 - (i) persons who at the time of its receipt by the party are permissible donors, or
 - (ii) the members of an unincorporated association which at that time is a permissible donor,
- shall be regarded as a donation received by the party from a person who is not a permissible donor.