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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**The European Parliamentary Elections  
(Amendment) Regulations 2009**

**Amendments to the 2004 Regulations**

**11.** In regulation 15 (payments by and to returning officers and local returning officers)—

(a) for paragraphs (1) to (4) substitute—

“(1) A returning officer or a local returning officer may recover his charges in respect of services rendered, or expenses incurred, for or in connection with a European Parliamentary election if—

- (a) the services were necessarily rendered, or the expenses were necessarily incurred, for the efficient and effective conduct of the election; and
- (b) the total of his charges does not exceed the amount (“the overall maximum recoverable amount”) specified in, or determined in accordance with, an order made by the Secretary of State.

(2) An order under paragraph (1) may specify, or make provision for determining in accordance with the order, a maximum recoverable amount for services or expenses of any specified description and, subject to paragraph (3), the returning officer or local returning officer may not recover more than that amount in respect of any such services or expenses.

(3) The Secretary of State may, in a particular case, authorise the payment of—

- (a) more than the overall recoverable amount, or
- (b) more than the specified maximum recoverable amount for any specified services or expenses,

if he is satisfied that the conditions in paragraph (4) are met.

(4) The conditions referred to in paragraph (3) are—

- (a) that it was reasonable for the returning officer concerned to render the services or incur the expenses; and
- (b) that the charges in question are reasonable.”; and

(b) in paragraph (10) for “paragraphs (1) and (2)” substitute “paragraph (1)”.