

Explanatory Notes

**Statement of Expenditure of
"Party Leaders' Allowance"
1 January 2009 to 31 December 2009
Oireachtas (Ministerial and Parliamentary Offices) (Amendment) Act, 2001 (the Act)**

If necessary, the Parliamentary Party Leader should request assistance on completion of the form from the Standards Commission secretariat (see telephone numbers at the end of the page).

The Parliamentary Party Leader should also note the following

- **specific** details must be given, under the individual headings, of the actual matters to which the funding was applied;
- the completed Statement of Expenditure must be accompanied by a report by a Public Auditor as set out at Part 17 of the form;
- section 1.10(12)(a) of the Act provides that no further payment of an allowance under the legislation will be made after 30 April in any year to a qualified political party which has not furnished a Statement of Expenditure and accompanying Public Auditor's report to the Standards Commission.

The completed Statement of Expenditure and the Public Auditor's report, should reach the Secretary, Standards in Public Office Commission, 18 Lr. Leeson Street, Dublin 2, not later than 31 March 2010.

**Standards in Public Office Commission: Tel: (01) 639 5666
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Please complete this form in black pen

Part 1. Political Party

Name of Qualifying Political Party:

Part 2. Parliamentary Leader of Qualifying Political Party

Name of Parliamentary Party Leader:

Address:
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Telephone & Fax Numbers: T.....F.....

Part 3. Public Auditor

Name of Public Auditor:

Address:
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Telephone & Fax Numbers: T.....F.....

Part 4. Details of Funding Received

Total funding received under the Act in respect of the period 1 January 2009 to 31 December 2009:

Amount of funding brought forward from 2008:

Overall total funding available for spending in 2009: =====

Total expenditure, if any, of funding in 2009:

Balance of funding carried forward to 2010: =====

Was any of the funding applied in connection with Dáil, Seanad, European, presidential or local election expenses or in connection with referendum expenses?

Was the funding applied to some or all of the purposes referred to in section 1 (10) (14) of the Act?

Part 7. Expenditure applied to research and training

Details of Expenditure	Amount (€)
Total	€

Part 9. Expenditure applied to the provision of consultants' services, including the engagement of public relations consultants

Details of Expenditure	Amount (€)
Total	€

Part 10. Expenditure applied to polling or public attitude sampling in connection with parliamentary debates or initiatives

Details of Expenditure	Amount (€)
Total	€

Part 12. Expenditure applied to the payment to a parliamentary leader of any salary or honorarium in respect of duties arising from his or her activities as such leader as distinct from those of a member of Dáil Éireann or a holder of a ministerial office

Details of Expenditure	Amount (€)
Total	€

Part 15. Expenditure applied to entertainment

Details of Expenditure	Amount (€)
Total	€

Part 16. Signature

Signature of parliamentary leader:

Date:

Part 17. Auditor's report

**AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE STANDARDS IN PUBLIC OFFICE
COMMISSION ON STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURE OF THE ANNUAL
ALLOWANCE PAID TO A PARLIAMENTARY PARTY LEADER UNDER
THE OIREACHTAS (MINISTERIAL AND PARLIAMENTARY OFFICES)
(AMENDMENT) ACT, 2001 ("the Act")**

I am reporting, as required by section 1 of the Act, on the Statement of Expenditure from the Annual Allowance for 2009 signed by the Parliamentary Party Leader of
[*name of political party*]

I have obtained all the information and explanations I considered necessary for the purposes of my audit.

Proper accounting records have been kept in respect of the said annual allowance and its disbursement. The Statement of Expenditure is in agreement with the accounting records.

In my opinion

- the Statement of Expenditure properly presents the expenditure of the allowance for the year ended 31 December 2009 and the balance not applied at that date
- the disbursements have been applied to expenses arising out of parliamentary activities, including research, as defined in section 1 of the Act.

Signature of Auditor: _____

Date: _____