

Standards in Public Office Commission

Dublin Central and Dublin South Bye-Elections of 5 June 2009

**Report to the Ceann Chomhairle under Section 4(1) of the Electoral Act
1997, as amended**

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Foreword

I am pleased to furnish this report on the Dublin Central and Dublin South Dáil bye-elections of 5 June 2009 to the Ceann Comhairle in accordance with section 4 (1) of the Electoral Act 1997, as amended.

Justice M.P. Smith
Chairman

1. Introduction

This report concerns the Standards Commission's supervision of the Dublin Central and Dublin South Dáil bye-elections of 5 June 2009 and is being furnished to the Chairman of Dáil Éireann (Ceann Comhairle) as required by the Electoral Act 1997, as amended.

Matters dealt with in the report include -

- the disclosure of donations by unsuccessful candidates at the bye-elections;
- the disclosure of expenditure on behalf of candidates and political parties; and
- the reimbursement of election expenses to qualified candidates.

2. Appointment of Election Agents and National Agents

Election agents

Each candidate at a Dáil bye-election is required to appoint an election agent for the purpose of incurring expenditure on the candidate's behalf at the election. A candidate may act as his/her own election agent.

National Agents

Each political party with candidates contesting a Dáil bye-election is required to appoint a national agent for the purpose of incurring expenditure on the party's behalf at the election.

Each of the seven political parties which contested the bye-elections notified the Standards Commission of the appointment of a national agent. As required under **section 6(a)** of the Act, the Standards Commission published in *Iris Oifigiúil*, on 26 May 2009, the names and addresses of the national agents appointed, or deemed to have been appointed, by each of the political parties. For details of the candidates, their election agents and the national agents of political parties, see Appendix I.

3. Guidelines and advice

The Electoral Act provides that the Standards Commission may publish Guidelines or give advice to any person to whom a provision of the Act applies. A person must act in compliance with the advice given or Guidelines published, unless by so doing he/she would be contravening another provision of the Act. In May 2009, the Standards Commission published Guidelines for the Dublin Central and Dublin South Bye-elections.

The Guidelines contained 4 chapters -

- Chapter 1 dealt with the requirements attaching to candidates at the bye-elections.

- Chapter 2 concerned the duties and responsibilities of the election agents of candidates with regard to spending at the bye-elections.
- Chapter 3 set out the duties and responsibilities attaching to the national agents of political parties with candidates contesting the bye-elections.
- Chapter 4 outlined the rules relating to "Third Parties", "Other Persons" and the publishers of newspapers, magazines, etc., in connection with the bye-elections.

Appendices to the Guidelines contained details of legal definitions of terms used, advice regarding the treatment of the proceeds of fund-raising events and examples of items which are often incorrectly included as election expenses.

Circulation of the Guidelines began immediately to all candidates and election agents whose details were known to the Standards Commission at the time. The published Guidelines were also sent to the national agent of each political party with candidates contesting the bye-election.

4. Disclosure of donations

4.1 Disclosure of donations by unsuccessful candidates

Each unsuccessful candidate at the Dáil bye-elections was required to furnish to the Standards Commission, within 56 days after polling day (i.e., by 31 July 2009), a Donation Statement, and accompanying documentation, indicating whether or not, at any time in relation to the election, the candidate received a donation with a value greater than €634.87. If no such donation was received, the candidate was required to furnish a "nil" return. Where a donation of such value was received, the value and nature of each donation together with the name, a description and the postal address of the donor were required to be disclosed.

Ten of the fifteen unsuccessful candidates returned their Donation Statements by the statutory deadline, with a further five Donation Statements being returned later. One Donation Statement which had been incorrectly completed was returned to the candidate on 2 July 2009 and this Donation Statement was finally returned on 16 November 2009 to the Standards Commission. Failure to furnish a Donation Statement and Statutory Declaration within 56 days of polling day is an offence under section 25 of the Act. The Standards Commission decided not to refer such matters to the Gardaí as no Donation Statement remained outstanding .

Four of the fifteen unsuccessful candidates who furnished Donation Statements disclosed that they had received a donation valued in excess of €634.87 in relation to the bye-elections. The total value of the donations disclosed was €16,571.15. *Details are given in Appendix II.*

4.2 Disclosure of donations by the two elected candidates

The elected candidates, Deputies George Lee and Maureen O'Sullivan are required, as members of the Dáil, to furnish to the Standards Commission, by 31 January each year, an annual Donation Statement and accompanying documentation. The Donation Statements which will be furnished by Deputies Lee and O'Sullivan to the Standards Commission by 31 January 2010 will contain details of any donations received by them during 2009 including any donations received in relation to the bye-elections.

5. Prohibited donations

Anonymous donations, donations in excess of the prescribed limit and foreign donations are prohibited by the Electoral Act. Details of what constitutes such donations are given in the Standards Commission's Guidelines.

No candidate at the bye-elections notified the Standards Commission of the receipt of an anonymous donation, foreign donation, or donation in excess of the prescribed limit.

6. Political Donations Accounts

The Electoral Act requires that a candidate at a Dáil bye-election who receives a monetary donation which exceeds €126.97 must open and maintain an account in a financial institution in the State and must lodge that donation, and any further monetary donations received of whatever value, to this political donations account. When furnishing his or her Donation Statement and Statutory Declaration, an unsuccessful candidate who was required to open a political donations account must complete and furnish to the Standards Commission a Certificate of Monetary Donations which confirms that all monetary donations were lodged to the account and that all withdrawals from the account were used for political purposes.

The Certificate of Monetary Donations must also be accompanied by a statement from the financial institution where the political donations account was opened, specifying the transactions that took place in relation to the account during the period beginning on the date of opening the account and ending on polling day.

Each of the fifteen unsuccessful candidates who furnished a Donation Statement also furnished a Certificate of Monetary Donations.

The successful candidates, if required to open a political donations account, must furnish a Certificate of Monetary Donations and statement from the financial institution in which the account is held, with their annual Donation Statement.

The Electoral Act provides that the Certificates of Monetary Donations, the accompanying Statutory Declarations and the statements from financial institutions are *not* laid before the Houses of the Oireachtas and are *not* available for public inspection.

7. Election Expenses

7.1 Spending limits for the Dáil bye-elections

The spending limits at the Dáil bye-elections were €37,650 per candidate in Dublin Central (4 seat constituency) and €45,200 per candidate in Dublin South (5 seat constituency). These amounts include VAT. The Electoral Act provides that a candidate may assign part, or all, of the permitted expenditure to the party's national agent. Spending by the national agent on that candidate may not exceed the amount assigned.

7.2 Definition of election expenses

The Electoral Act defines election expenses and the Standards Commission's Guidelines further clarify the term. In the case of a Dáil bye-election, the "election period" is from the date of the order appointing polling day up until polling day. The election period at the Dáil bye-elections in Dublin Central and Dublin South, therefore, was from 13 May 2009 to 5 June 2009. The election agents of candidates and the national agents of political parties were therefore required to account for all goods, property or services used for electoral purposes during this period.

The Electoral Act also defines what are not considered to be election expenses.

7.3 The Kelly case in relation to election expenses where the costs were met out of public funds.

Arising from the judgement in *Kelly v. Minister for the Environment and Ors.* (2002) 4 I.R. 191, where property, services or facilities are used for electoral purposes during the election period and the costs are met out of public funds, such costs must be accounted for as an election expense. As with any other election expense, the use of facilities paid for out of public funds must be authorised by a candidate's election agent. In relation to the bye-elections, it was a matter for the relevant agent and the candidate, in consultation with the provider of the facilities, to determine the value of the use of such facilities for electoral purposes during the election period and to account for this in the Election Expenses Statement.

Prior to the 2007 General Election, the Houses of the Oireachtas Commission provided Guidelines for Members under section 4(4A) of the Houses of the Oireachtas Commission Acts 2003 to 2006, which deal with the provision of services and facilities following a dissolution of Dáil Éireann. The Guidelines included a Schedule of Charges. There is no provision which allows the Houses of the Oireachtas to use these same procedures when there is no dissolution of the Dáil as in the case of a bye-election.

7.4 Issue and receipt of Election Expenses Statement forms

The Election Expenses Statement must be provided to the Standards Commission within 56 days after polling day at a Dáil bye-election (i.e., by 31 July 2009 in this instance).

An Election Expenses Statement form and explanatory letter was issued on 19 June 2009 to the election agents of the 17 candidates who contested the bye-elections. Election Expenses Statement forms were issued on 22 June 2009 to the national agents of the seven political parties with candidates contesting the bye-elections.

Six of the 17 election agents furnished their Election Expenses Statements by the statutory deadline. The remaining 11 election agents furnished their Election Expenses Statements later. Five of the seven Election Expenses Statements furnished by national agents were received by the statutory deadline of 31 July 2009, while the remaining two Election Expenses Statements were received later.

Failure to furnish an Election Expenses Statement and Statutory Declaration within 56 days of polling day is an offence under the Electoral Act. The Standards Commission decided, however, not to refer such matters to the Gardaí as, ultimately, no Election Expenses Statement remained outstanding .

7.5 Consideration of Election Agents' and National Agents' Election Expenses Statements

The Standards Commission considered the Election Expenses Statements furnished by candidates' election agents and the national agents of political parties. Where, following consideration of an Election Expenses Statement, the Standards Commission considers that there may be a minor error or omission, it may notify the person who furnished the statement of the error or omission and afford him/her 14 days to rectify the error or make good the omission. Of the 24 Election Expenses Statements received (17 election agent and 7 national agent) 19 forms were considered to have been incorrectly completed and were returned by the Standards Commission to the agents concerned for appropriate amendments to be made. The last of the amended Election Expenses Statements was received by the Standards Commission on 12 November 2009.

Total expenditure disclosed in the two bye-elections amounted to €259,759.95. *For details of the expenses incurred by election agents and national agents at the Dáil bye-elections see Appendices III and IV.*

7.6 Overspending

In considering the Election Expenses Statements furnished to it, the Standards Commission found no evidence of any election agent or national agent having overspent at the election.

7.7 Use of property, goods or services where the costs were met out of public funds

Where goods, property or services were used for electoral purposes at the Dáil bye-elections during the election period and the costs were met from public funds, such costs were subject to the expenditure limit applying at the election and had to be accounted for as election expenses by the election agents and national agents concerned. The election agents of three candidates accounted for such costs. *Details are given in Appendix III.*

8. Reimbursement of election expenses

The Electoral Act provides for the reimbursement of election expenses to qualified candidates. In order to qualify, candidates at a Dáil bye-election must either -

- (i) have been elected, or
- (ii) if not elected, have exceeded, at any stage of the counting of votes at the election, one quarter of what would have been the quota in the constituency were the full number of members of the Dáil for the constituency to be elected.

A total of eight candidates at the bye-elections (five in Dublin Central and three in Dublin South) qualified for a reimbursement of their election expenses. The maximum amount which may be reimbursed to a qualified candidate is the lesser of €8,700 or the actual expenses incurred by/on behalf of the candidate.

The Standards Commission must certify to the Minister for Finance that a candidate is eligible for a reimbursement of his/her election expenses and that an Election Expenses Statement, completed in accordance with the provisions of the Act and the Guidelines published by the Standards Commission, has been furnished to the Standards Commission in relation to the candidate. The Standards Commission is also required to notify the Minister for Finance of the expenditure incurred by each candidate and of the reimbursement due in each case.

Qualified candidates apply to the Standards Commission for a reimbursement of their election expenses. It is the practice of the Standards Commission not to issue an application form to a qualified candidate until such time as all matters relating to the completion of his/her other statutory returns have been finalised. Reimbursement applications have been issued to all 8 qualified candidates.

The names of the qualified candidates and the amount of the reimbursement due in each case are given in Appendix V.

9. Publication of Donation Statements and Election Expenses Statements furnished to the Standards Commission

The Electoral Act requires that a copy of each Donation Statement and Election Expenses Statement received by the Standards Commission in relation to the bye-elections must be laid before each House of the Oireachtas.

In addition, the Donation Statements and Election Expenses Statements received by the Standards Commission, together with any relevant invoices, receipts or vouchers, are being made available for public inspection and copying at the offices of the Standards Commission. A copy of this report and accompanying Press Release, together with a summary of the donations received and election expenses incurred, are on www.sipo.gov.ie.

Appendix I - Details of candidates, election agents and national agents

Dublin Central

Candidate	Election Agent	National Agent
Ahern, Maurice, Councillor 25 Church Avenue Drumcondra Dublin 9	Mr Dominic Dillane 91 Marlborough Court Marlborough Street Dublin 1	Mr Seán Dorgan Fianna Fáil Headquarters 65-66 Lower Mount Street Dublin 2
Bacik, Ivana, Senator Seanad Éireann Kildare Street Dublin 2	Mr Paul Daly 81 Parkgate Place Parkgate Street Dublin 8	Ms Ita McAuliffe A/Deputy General Secretary The Labour Party 17 Ely Place Dublin 2
Burke, Christy, Mr 11 Cherrymound Crescent Malahide Road Dublin 3	Mr Ciarán Doherty 6 Avondale Avenue Phibsborough Dublin 7	Ms Treasa Quinn Finance Manager Sinn Féin 58 Parnell Square Dublin 1
Donohoe, Paschal, Mr 86 Shandon Park Phibsborough Dublin 7	Mr John Gannon 202 The Spinnaker Arran Quay Dublin 7	Mr Tom Curran Fine Gael Headquarters 51 Upper Mount Street Dublin 2.
Geary, David, Mr 56 Carnew Street Stoneybatter Dublin 7	Mr David Hodnett 3rd Floor Alexandra House Earlsfort Terrace Dublin 2	Mr Phil Kearney Green Party Headquarters 16/17 Suffolk Street Dublin 2
O'Loughlin, Paul, Mr Christian Solidarity Party 14 North Frederick Street Dublin 1	Candidate	Candidate
O'Sullivan, Maureen, Ms 39 Fairfield Avenue East Wall Dublin 3	Candidate	N/A
Stenson, Malachy, Mr 23 Spencer Street North Strand Road Dublin 3	Mr Kieran Connolly 9 Celtic Park Road Whitehall Dublin 9	Mr Kieran Connolly The Workers' Party 24 Mountjoy Square Dublin 1
Talbot, Patrick, Mr 45 Blackhouse Avenue Dublin 7	Mr Paul Conroy Brownstown Ratoath Co. Meath	N/A

Dublin South

Candidate	Election Agent	National Agent
Brennan, Shay, Mr 31 Finsbury Park Churchtown Dublin 14	Mr Tim Davies 18 Balally Park Dundrum Dublin 16	Mr Seán Dorgan Fianna Fáil Headquarters 65-66 Lower Mount Street Dublin 2
Davidson, Elizabeth, Ms Mount Venus House Mount Venus Road Rathfarnham Dublin 16	Mr Jonathan Mills 21 Clarinda Park East Dun Laoghaire Co. Dublin	Mr Phil Kearney Green Party Headquarters 16/17 Suffolk Street Dublin 2
Lee, George, Mr 29 Cabinteely Way Cabinteely Dublin 18	Deputy Brian Hayes Leinster House Kildare Street Dublin 2	Mr Tom Curran Fine Gael Headquarters 51 Upper Mount Street Dublin 2.
O'Gara, Noel, Mr Ballinahowen Court Athlone Co. Westmeath	Candidate	N/A
O'Gorman, Frank, Mr Grey Fort Cruagh Rock Brook Rathfarnham Dublin 16	Candidate	N/A
O'Mullane, Ross, Mr 79 Glenbrook Park Rathfarnham Dublin 14	Ms Mairéad Enright 1 School Terrace Donore Avenue Dublin 8	N/A
Tracey, Shaun, Mr 32 Levmosse Avenue Levmosse Park Leopardstown Dublin 18	Candidate	Ms Treasa Quinn Finance Manager Sinn Féin 58 Parnell Square Dublin 1
White, Alex, Senator 1 Main Street Rathfarnham Dublin 14	Mr Peter Ward Room 3.43.2 Distillery Building 145-151 Church Street Dublin 7	Ms Ita McAuliffe A/Deputy General Secretary The Labour Party 17 Ely Place Dublin 2

Appendix II

Donations disclosed by unsuccessful candidates

Dublin Central

Name	Value of donation	Nature of Donation	Name & Address of Donor
Ahern, Maurice	€1096.15	Use of St Lukes	Fianna Fail, 63-66 Lr Mount Street
Bacik, Ivana	€1,000	Cheque	Rina Bacik, 33 Bushy Park Road, Dublin 6
	€1,000	Cheque	Henry Bacik, Dunlargy, Ravensdale, Co Louth
	€2,500	Cheque	R Murphy, 4 De Vesci Terrace, Dun Laoghaire
	€2,500	Cheque	P Murphy, 4 De Vesci Terrace, Dun Laoghaire
	€725	Use of office	Dublin Central Labour Party, c/o Joe Costello TD Dail Eireann, Dublin 2
Burke, Christy	Nil		
Donohue, Pascal	Nil		
Geary, David	Nil		
O'Loughlin, Paul	Nil		
Stenson, Malachy	Nil		
Talbot, Patrick	€2,500	Cheque	ICP, PO Box 6469, Dublin 2
	€2,500	Cheque	Áine NÍ Chonaill, ICP, PO Box 6469, Dublin 2

Dublin South

Name	Value of donation	Nature of Donation	Name & Address of Donor
Brennan, Shay	Nil		
Davidson, Elizabeth	Nil		
O'Gara, Noel	Nil		
O'Gorman, Frank	Nil		
O'Mullane, Ross	Nil		
Tracey, Shaun	Nil		
White, Alex	€750	Cheque	Hugh Hartnett, 3.43.1 Distillery Bdg., Church St. Dublin 7
	€1,000	Cheque	Roddy Horan, The Distillery Bdg, Church St Dublin 7
	€1,000	Cheque	Peter Ward, 3.43.2 Distillery Bdg., Church St. Dublin 7

Appendix III - Expenditure on individual candidates at the Dáil bye-elections

The following should be noted:

- The expenditure limits applying to candidates at the bye-elections were:

€37,650 - Dublin Central

€45,200 - Dublin South

As well as other expenditure, the limit took account of the commercial price of property, goods or services, received free or below cost, which were used at the election.

- A candidate of a political party was entitled to assign to the party any portion, up to 100%, of his / her expenditure limit. If an assignment was made, the amount available for expenditure by the election agent of the candidate concerned was reduced accordingly.
- The amount in column 3 represents expenditure accounted for by the national agent of the candidate's political party in relation to that candidate. All spending by the national agent at the bye-elections was deemed to be spending on the candidate(s) concerned.
- The amount in column 5 represents expenditure on the candidate which was met out of public funds (e.g. use of Oireachtas facilities, etc.). This amount is included in the total in column 4.

**Dublin Central
Expenditure on candidates**

1	2	3	4	5
Candidate details	Expenses accounted for by the candidate's election agent €	Expenses accounted for by the national agent of the candidate's political party €	Total expenses €	Amount of total expenses met from public funds €
Ahern, Maurice, Councillor (FF)	7,641.08	21,493.36	29,134.44	Nil
Bacik, Ivana, Senator (Lab)	12,018.54	19,141.95	31,160.49	70.00
Burke, Christy, Mr (SF)	10,781.23		10,781.23	Nil
Donohoe, Paschal, Mr (FG)	32,671.41	577.53	33,248.94	81.00
Geary, David, Mr (GP)	1,737.80	358.50	2,096.30	Nil
O'Loughlin, Paul, Mr (CSP)	1,545.54		1,545.54	Nil
O'Sullivan, Maureen, Ms (NP)	11,516.54		11,516.54	Nil
Steenon, Malachy, Mr (WP)	3,648.68		3,648.68	Nil
Talbot, Patrick, Mr (NP)	5,859.40		5,859.40	Nil
TOTAL	87,420.22	41,571.34	128,991.56	151.00

**Dublin South
Expenditure on candidates**

1	2	3	4	5
Candidate details	Expenses accounted for by the candidate's election agent €	Expenses accounted for by the national agent of the candidate's political party €	Total expenses €	Amount of total expenses met from public funds €
Brennan, Shay, Mr (FF)	4,063.03	39,642.33	43,705.36	
Davidson, Elizabeth, Ms (GP)	3,029.37		3,029.37	
Lee, George, Mr (FG)	34,908.80	721.88	35,630.68	
O'Gara, Noel, Mr (NP)	0.00		0.00	
O'Gorman, Frank, Mr (NP)	1,075.52		1,075.52	
O'Mullane, Ross, Mr (NP)	1,668.26		1,668.26	
Tracey, Shaun, Mr (SF)	1,865.85		1,865.85	
White, Alex, Senator (Lab)	17,252.53	24,285.84	41,538.37	2,200.00
TOTAL	63,863.36	64,650.05	128,513.41	2,200.00

Appendix IV

Breakdown by category of expenditure by candidate accounted for by election agents and national agents

The definition of what constitutes election expenditure is provided in the schedule to the Act under the following headings -

- Advertising
- Publicity
- Election Posters
- Other Election Material
- Office and Stationery
- Transport and Travel
- Market Research
- Campaign Workers.

The Election Expenses Statement forms issued by the Standards Commission to election agents and national agents were designed to ensure that details of election expenditure would be provided under the above headings.

Below is a summary of the information provided by election agents and national agents in their Election Expenses Statements. Table 1 shows a breakdown of expenditure in Dublin Central under the above headings. Table 2 shows a similar breakdown for Dublin South. In each case, expenditure opposite the candidate's name represents expenditure incurred by the candidate's election agent.

Table 1 - Dublin Central

Candidate	Advertising	Publicity	Posters	Other Election Material	Office & Stationery	Transport & Travel	Market Research	Campaign Workers	Total
	€	€	€	€	€	€	€	€	€
Ahern, Maurice	666.01		248.56	6,541.01	185.50				7,641.08
National Agent	4,544.32	4,178.59	9,270.45	3,500.00					21,493.36
Total	5,210.33	4,178.59	9,519.01	10,041.01	185.50				29,134.44
Bacik, Ivana	5,421.08	918.35	2,071.80	1,786.33	1,674.00			146.98	12,018.54
National Agent	1,184.25		7,354.88	10,602.82					19,141.95
Total	6,605.33	918.35	9,426.68	12,389.15	1,674.00			146.98	31,160.49
Burke, Christy			4,976.85	4,151.45	1,257.93	395.00			10,781.23
National Agent									0.00
Total			4,976.85	4,151.45	1,257.93	395.00			10,781.23
Donohoe, Paschal	11,097.58	1,256.36	8,809.10	8,047.12	2,197.58	1,263.67			32,671.41
National Agent	138.34	248.57		11.99		178.63			577.53
Total	11,235.92	1,504.93	8,809.10	8,059.11	2,197.58	1,442.30			33,248.94
Geary, David			1,074.56	663.24					1,737.80
National Agent			358.50						358.50
Total			1,433.06	663.24					2,096.30
O'Loughlin, Paul			68.69	606.07	670.00	131.00		69.78	1,545.54
National Agent									0.00
Total			68.69	606.07	670.00	131.00		69.78	1,545.54
O'Sullivan, Maureen	182.25	290.00	5,583.10	4,881.04	66.00	100.00		414.15	11,516.54
National Agent									0.00
Total	182.25	290.00	5,583.10	4,881.04	66.00	100.00		414.15	11,516.54
Steenon, Malachy			1,640.25	2,008.43					3,648.68
National Agent									0.00
Total			1,640.25	2,008.43					3,648.68
Talbot, Patrick	2,634.20		450.00	2,775.20					5,859.40
National agent									0.00
Total	2,634.20		450.00	2,775.20					5,859.40

Table 2 - Dublin South

Candidate	Advertising	Publicity	Posters	Other Election Material	Office & Stationery	Transport & Travel	Market Research	Campaign Workers	Total
	€	€	€	€	€	€	€	€	€
Brennan, Shay				2,242.46	1,715.57	105.00			4,063.03
National Agent	10,832.45	770.60	13,992.71	12,622.04	1,424.53				39,642.33
Total	10,832.45	770.60	13,992.71	14,864.50	3,140.10	105.00			43,705.36
Davidson, Elizabeth	206.55	283.75	890.35	1,378.04	270.68				3,029.37
National Agent									0.00
Total	206.55	283.75	890.35	1,378.04	270.68				3,029.37
Lee, George	9,431.23	2,773.24	8,919.04	8,386.37	3,815.60	1,583.32			34,908.80
National Agent	172.92	310.69		14.99		223.28			721.88
Total	9,604.15	3,083.93	8,919.04	8,401.36	3,815.60	1,806.60			35,630.68
O'Gara, Noel									0.00
National Agent									0.00
Total									0.00
O'Gorman, Frank	1,075.52								1,075.52
National Agent									0.00
Total	1,075.52								1,075.52
O'Mullane, Ross				1,668.26					1,668.26
National Agent									0.00
Total				1,668.26					1,668.26
Tracey, Shaun			665.85	1,200.00					1,865.85
National Agent									0.00
Total			665.85	1,200.00					1,865.85
White, Alex	1,355.00		5,043.01	3,804.52	4,850.00			2,200.00	17,252.53
National Agent	11,767.83			10,018.01	2,500.00				24,285.84
Total	13,122.83		5,043.01	13,822.53	7,350.00			2,200.00	41,538.37

Appendix V
Details of candidates who qualified for a reimbursement of their election expenses

- Eight candidates qualified for a reimbursement of their election expenses. All of these qualified for the maximum reimbursement of €8,700. The total amount due to be reimbursed if all candidates apply is €69,600.

Candidate / Political Party	Constituency	Amount of reimbursement which candidate was qualified to claim €
Ahern, Maurice (FF)	Dublin Central	8,700
Bacik, Ivana (Lab)	Dublin Central	8,700
Burke, Christy (SF)	Dublin Central	8,700
Donohoe, Paschal (FG)	Dublin Central	8,700
O'Sullivan, Maureen (NP)	Dublin Central	8,700
	<i>Total</i>	<i>43,500</i>
Brennan, Shay (FF)	Dublin South	8,700
Lee, George (FG)	Dublin South	8,700
White, Alex (Lab)	Dublin South	8,700
	<i>Total</i>	<i>26,100</i>
	Total for both constituencies	69,600

Appendix VI

Summary of Expenditure by Political parties and their individual candidates at the Dáil by-elections

Party	Party "National" Spend	Party spend on individual candidates	Candidates' Election Agents' spend	Total Spending	Expenditure by the party which was originally met out of public funds
	€	€	€	€	€
Christian Solidarity Party	288.30	0.00	1,545.54	1,833.84	Nil
Fianna Fáil	0.00	61,135.69	11,704.11	72,839.80	Nil
Fine Gael	0.00	1,299.41	67,580.21	68,879.62	Nil
Non - Party	0.00	0.00	20,119.72	20,119.72	Nil
Sinn Féin	0.00	0.00	12,647.08	12,647.08	Nil
The Green Party	1,786.68	358.50	4,767.18	6,912.35	Nil
The Labour Party	0.00	43,427.79	29,271.07	72,698.86	Nil
The Workers Party	180.00	0.00	3,648.68	3,828.68	Nil
Total	2,254.98	106,221.39	151,283.59	259,759.95	Nil