STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2017 No. 637

REPRESENTATION OF THE PEOPLE

The Parliamentary Elections (Returning Officers' Charges) Order 2017

Made - - - - 3rd May 2017

Coming into force in accordance with article 1(1)

The Minister for the Cabinet Office, with the consent of the Treasury, makes this Order in exercise of the powers conferred by section 29(3), (3A) and (4C) of the Representation of the People Act 1983(**1**).

Citation, commencement and extent

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Parliamentary Elections (Returning Officers' Charges) Order 2017 and comes into force on the day after the day on which it is made.

(2) This Order extends to England and Wales and Scotland except article 5(2)(o) which extends to Scotland only.

Revocation

2. The Parliamentary Elections (Returning Officers' Charges) Order 2015(**2**) is revoked.

Returning officers: overall maximum recoverable amount

3. The overall maximum recoverable amount for each constituency is the amount listed in the corresponding entry in column 4 of the table in the Schedule.

(**1**) 1983 c. 2. Section 29 was amended by paragraphs 3 and 4 of Schedule 6 to the Representation of the People Act 2000 (c. 2), section 68 of the Electoral Administration Act 2006 (c. 22) and section 18(1) of the Electoral Registration and Administration Act 2013 (c. 6). Paragraph 6(3) of Schedule 21 to the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000 (c. 41), as amended by paragraphs 104 and 107 of Schedule 1 to the Electoral Administrations Act 2006, substituted subsections (3) to (4C) but these substitutions are not yet in force. The Transfer of Functions (Returning Officers' Charges) Order 1991 (S.I. 1991/1728) transferred the functions formally conferred on the Treasury by section 29 to the Secretary of State and made consequential amendments. These functions were made exercisable concurrently by the Lord President of the Council and the Secretary of State by the Lord President of the Council Order 2010 (S.I. 2010/1837). The Lord President of the Council's functions were transferred to the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster by the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster Order 2015 (S.I. 2015/1376); and were subsequently transferred to the Minister for the Cabinet Office by the Transfer of Functions (Elections, Referendums, Third Sector and Information) Order 2016 (S.I. 2016/997). Consent of the Treasury is required by section 29(9) of the Representation of the People 1983 Act. There are other amendments to the section but none is relevant.

(**2**) S.I. 2015/476.

Returning officers: maximum recoverable amount for specified services

4.—(1) The maximum recoverable amount in respect of specified services for each constituency is the amount listed in the corresponding entry in column 2 of the table in the Schedule.

(2) The specified services are—

(a) making arrangements for the parliamentary election;

(b) discharging the returning officer's duties at the parliamentary election.

Returning officers: maximum recoverable amount for specified expenses

5.—(1) The maximum recoverable amount in respect of specified expenses for each constituency is the amount listed in the corresponding entry in column 3 of the table in the Schedule.

(2) The specified expenses are those incurred in—

(a) the appointment and payment of persons to assist the returning officer;

(b) travel and overnight subsistence for the returning officer and any person appointed to assist the returning officer;

(c) undertaking the nomination process;

(d) printing or otherwise producing the ballot papers;

(e) printing or otherwise producing or purchasing postal vote stationery;

(f) printing or otherwise producing and arranging for the delivery of poll cards;

(g) printing or otherwise producing and, where appropriate, publishing notices and any other documents required by any enactment or instrument for or in connection with the parliamentary election;

(h) renting, heating, lighting, cleaning, adapting or restoring any building or room;

(i) providing and transporting equipment;

(j) providing information and communications technology equipment and software and associated costs;

(k) providing security, including secure storage of ballot boxes, ballot papers and verification documents;

(l) conducting the verification and the count;

(m) providing and receiving training;

(n) providing stationery and meeting postage, telephone, printing, translation and banking costs and the costs of other miscellaneous items;

(o) in a constituency in Scotland, the supply of copies of the register of electors for use in the conduct of the parliamentary election.

Overall maximum recoverable amount at an uncontested parliamentary election

6. At an uncontested parliamentary election—

(a) articles 3 to 5 do not apply; and

(b) the overall maximum recoverable amount for each constituency is £1,750.

Chris Skidmore
Minister for the Constitution
Cabinet Office

3rd May 2017

We consent to this Order

Two of the Lord Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury
Guto Bebb
Andrew Griffiths

3rd May 2017

SCHEDULE

Articles 3, 4(1) and 5(1)

Overall maximum recoverable amounts and maximum recoverable amounts for specified services and specified expenses for each constituency where a parliamentary election is a standalone poll.

1 *Constituency*	2 *Maximum recoverable amount for the specified services*	3 *Maximum recoverable amount for the specified expenses*	4 *Overall maximum recoverable amount*
Aberavon	£2,500	£121,112	£123,612
Aberconwy	£2,500	£89,741	£92,241
Aberdeen North	£2,976	£191,749	£194,725
Aberdeen South	£3,082	£193,704	£196,786
Airdrie and Shotts	£3,019	£195,459	£198,478
Aldershot	£3,496	£136,182	£139,679
Aldridge-Brownhills	£2,822	£109,586	£112,408
Altrincham and Sale West	£3,445	£175,341	£178,787
Alyn and Deeside	£2,905	£110,058	£112,963
Amber Valley	£3,157	£153,735	£156,892
Angus	£2,996	£166,800	£169,797
Arfon	£2,500	£81,379	£83,879
Argyll and Bute	£3,157	£248,150	£251,306
Arundel and South Downs	£3,764	£140,268	£144,031
Ashfield	£3,700	£116,222	£119,922
Ashford	£4,086	£180,068	£184,154
Ashton-under-Lyne	£3,222	£136,586	£139,808
Aylesbury	£3,859	£157,537	£161,396
Ayr, Carrick and Cumnock	£3,342	£193,172	£196,514
Banbury	£4,328	£205,308	£209,636
Banff and Buchan	£3,207	£178,522	£181,728
Barking	£3,618	£177,864	£181,482
Barnsley Central	£2,977	£153,856	£156,833
Barnsley East	£3,208	£150,312	£153,521
Barrow and Furness	£3,303	£111,647	£114,950
Basildon and Billericay	£3,143	£93,275	£96,419
Basingstoke	£3,797	£165,657	£169,454
Bassetlaw	£3,712	£166,033	£169,745
Bath	£3,216	£128,407	£131,622
Batley and Spen	£3,820	£140,381	£144,201
Battersea	£3,731	£179,484	£183,215
Beaconsfield	£3,569	£100,373	£103,941
Beckenham	£3,223	£175,083	£178,306
Bedford	£3,398	£241,875	£245,273
Bermondsey and Old Southwark	£4,046	£212,282	£216,329
Berwickshire, Roxburgh and Selkirk	£3,432	£223,726	£227,158
Berwick-upon-Tweed	£2,636	£129,307	£131,943
Bethnal Green and Bow	£3,877	£309,430	£313,307
Beverley and Holderness	£3,791	£129,709	£133,500
Bexhill and Battle	£3,842	£152,958	£156,801

Bexleyheath and Crayford	£3,055	£186,915	£189,970
Birkenhead	£3,063	£91,727	£94,790
Birmingham, Edgbaston	£3,102	£131,818	£134,919
Birmingham, Erdington	£2,963	£124,722	£127,685
Birmingham, Hall Green	£3,543	£132,506	£136,049
Birmingham, Hodge Hill	£3,464	£129,823	£133,286
Birmingham, Ladywood	£3,195	£133,503	£136,698
Birmingham, Northfield	£3,296	£134,083	£137,379
Birmingham, Perry Barr	£3,205	£133,335	£136,540
Birmingham, Selly Oak	£3,321	£130,146	£133,466
Birmingham, Yardley	£3,322	£129,268	£132,590
Bishop Auckland	£3,217	£139,296	£142,513
Blackburn	£3,346	£126,998	£130,344
Blackley and Broughton	£3,336	£199,996	£203,332
Blackpool North and Cleveleys	£2,977	£154,712	£157,689
Blackpool South	£2,700	£128,915	£131,616
Blaenau Gwent	£2,500	£118,370	£120,870
Blaydon	£3,277	£108,595	£111,872
Blyth Valley	£2,781	£103,035	£105,816
Bognor Regis and Littlehampton	£3,619	£133,251	£136,870
Bolsover	£3,488	£151,386	£154,874
Bolton North East	£3,155	£95,228	£98,383
Bolton South East	£3,235	£95,022	£98,257
Bolton West	£3,431	£113,146	£116,577
Bootle	£3,452	£137,830	£141,282
Boston and Skegness	£3,236	£136,058	£139,294
Bosworth	£3,814	£140,747	£144,561
Bournemouth East	£3,539	£155,015	£158,554
Bournemouth West	£3,556	£150,018	£153,574
Bracknell	£3,949	£244,904	£248,853
Bradford East	£3,319	£134,972	£138,290
Bradford South	£3,173	£142,041	£145,214
Bradford West	£3,188	£133,235	£136,423
Braintree	£3,562	£174,409	£177,971
Brecon and Radnorshire	£2,685	£134,998	£137,684
Brent Central	£3,782	£201,706	£205,488
Brent North	£3,898	£202,111	£206,009
Brentford and Isleworth	£4,030	£220,897	£224,927
Brentwood and Ongar	£3,425	£141,437	£144,862
Bridgend	£2,907	£126,548	£129,454
Bridgwater and West Somerset	£3,892	£201,139	£205,031
Brigg and Goole	£3,246	£107,851	£111,097
Brighton, Kemptown	£3,248	£136,536	£139,784
Brighton, Pavilion	£3,729	£135,554	£139,283
Bristol East	£3,386	£161,208	£164,594
Bristol North West	£3,489	£142,069	£145,558
Bristol South	£3,918	£172,677	£176,595