



# Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000

## 2000 CHAPTER 41

### PART X

#### MISCELLANEOUS AND GENERAL

##### *Inspection of registers etc.*

#### **149** Inspection of Commission's registers etc.

- (1) This section applies to any register kept by the Commission under—
  - (a) section 23;
  - (b) section 69;
  - [<sup>F1</sup>(ba) section 71V;]
  - (c) section 89;<sup>F2</sup> . . .
  - (d) section 107.
  - [<sup>F3</sup>(e) paragraph 19 of Schedule 7;
  - (f) paragraph 7 of Schedule 19A.]
- (2) The Commission shall make a copy of the register available for public inspection during ordinary office hours, either at the Commission's offices or at some convenient place appointed by them.
- (3) The Commission may make other arrangements for members of the public to have access to the contents of the register.
- (4) If requested to do so by any person, the Commission shall supply him with a copy of the register or any part of it.
- (5) The Commission may charge such reasonable fee as they may determine in respect of—
  - (a) any inspection or access allowed under subsection (2) or (3); or

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- (b) any copy supplied under subsection (4).
- (6) Subsections (2) to (5) shall apply in relation to any document a copy of which the Commission are for the time being required to make available for public inspection by virtue of—
- (a) section 46,
  - (b) section 84,
  - [<sup>F4</sup>(ba) section 95F,]
  - (c) section 100, or
  - (d) section 124,
- as they apply in relation to any register falling within subsection (1).
- (7) Where any register falling within subsection (1) or any document falling within subsection (6) is held by the Commission in electronic form, any copy—
- (a) made available for public inspection under subsection (2), or
  - (b) supplied under subsection (4),
- must be made available, or (as the case may be) supplied, in a legible form.

<sup>F5</sup>(8) .....

<sup>F5</sup>(9) .....

<sup>F5</sup>(10) .....

<sup>F5</sup>(11) .....

#### Textual Amendments

- F1** S. 149(1)(ba) inserted (11.9.2006 for E.W.S. for certain purposes, 1.7.2008 for N.I. and otherwise prosp.) by [Electoral Administration Act 2006 \(c. 46\)](#), [ss. 61\(3\), 77\(2\)](#); [S.I. 2006/1972, art. 3, Sch. 1 para. 20\(a\)](#) (subject to [art. 4, Sch. 2](#)) (as substituted by [S.I. 2006/2268, art. 3](#)); [S.I. 2008/1656, art. 2](#) (subject to [art. 3, Sch. 1](#))
- F2** Word in s. 149(1) repealed (1.1.2010) by [Political Parties and Elections Act 2009 \(c. 12\)](#), [ss. 39, 43, Sch. 7](#); [S.I. 2009/3084, art. 4\(k\)\(iv\)](#)
- F3** S. 149(1)(e)(f) inserted (1.1.2010) by [Political Parties and Elections Act 2009 \(c. 12\)](#), [ss. 39, 43, Sch. 6 para. 24](#); [S.I. 2009/3084, art. 4\(j\)](#)
- F4** S. 149(6)(ba) inserted (30.1.2014) by [Transparency of Lobbying, Non-Party Campaigning and Trade Union Administration Act 2014 \(c. 4\)](#), [ss. 33\(3\), 45\(3\)\(b\)](#) (with [s. 46\(1\)\(2\)](#))
- F5** S. 149(8)-(11) omitted (8.3.2018) by virtue of [The Transparency of Donations and Loans etc. \(Northern Ireland Political Parties\) Order 2018 \(S.I. 2018/328\)](#), [arts. 1\(2\), 4](#)

#### Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** S. 149(2)-(5) applied (1.2.2016) by [European Union Referendum Act 2015 \(c. 36\)](#), [s. 13\(2\), Sch. 2 para. 8](#); [S.I. 2016/69, reg. 2](#)
- C2** S. 149(2)-(5)(7) applied (1.2.2016) by [European Union Referendum Act 2015 \(c. 36\)](#), [s. 13\(2\), Sch. 1 para. 42](#); [S.I. 2016/69, reg. 2](#)

#### Commencement Information

- I1** S. 149 wholly in force at 16.2.2001; s. 149 not in force at Royal Assent, see [s. 163\(2\)](#); s. 149 in force at 16.2.2001 by [S.I. 2001/222, art. 2, Sch. 1 Pt. I](#) (subject to transitional provisions in [Sch. 1 Pt. II](#))

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## [<sup>F6</sup>149A. Inspection of Commission’s registers etc.: Northern Ireland

- (1) Subsections (2) to (4) of section 149 (Commission to make available a copy of the register) do not apply to so much of the register maintained under section 69 (register of recordable donations) as concerns donations to which section 71E (non-disclosure of a donation received by a Northern Ireland recipient) applies.
- (2) Subsections (2) to (4) of section 149 do not apply to so much of the register maintained under section 71V (register of recordable transactions) as concerns recordable transactions to which section 71Z4 (non-disclosure of a transaction to which a Northern Ireland participant is a party) applies.
- (3) Subsections (2) to (4) of section 149 do not apply to a part of a register to which subsection (4) or (5) applies.
- (4) This subsection applies to a part of the register maintained under section 69 where—
  - (a) the information included in that part of the register relates to a donation which is received by a Northern Ireland recipient and is a donation to which section 71E does not apply, and
  - (b) that part of the register contains details relating to—
    - (i) a document of a kind mentioned in paragraph 2A(4)(b) (Irish passports etc.) of Schedule 6, or
    - (ii) a statement of a kind mentioned in paragraph 2A(5)(c) (statement by Department of Foreign Affairs of Ireland) of that Schedule.
- (5) This subsection applies to a part of the register maintained under section 71V where—
  - (a) the information included in that part of the register relates to a transaction which is entered into by a Northern Ireland participant and is a transaction to which section 71Z4 does not apply, and
  - (b) that part of the register contains details relating to a document of a kind mentioned in paragraph 2A(4)(b) (Irish passports etc.) of Schedule 6A.
- (6) But where subsection (3) would otherwise have the effect that the Commission would be prevented from making available to the public information to which this subsection applies, it does not have that effect.
- (7) Subsection (6) applies to information supplied to the Commission—
  - (a) under a provision of Schedule 6 which is not mentioned in subsection (4)(b), or
  - (b) under a provision of Schedule 6A which is not mentioned in subsection (5)(b).
- (8) A reference in this section to a provision of Schedule 6 or 6A includes a reference to that provision as applied by paragraph 10(4) of Schedule 7 or paragraph 9(9) of Schedule 7A.
- (9) In this section—
  - (a) “Northern Ireland recipient” has the same meaning as in Chapter 6 of Part 4, and
  - (b) “Northern Ireland participant” has the same meaning as in Chapter 2 of Part 4A.]

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#### **Textual Amendments**

- F6** S. 149A inserted (8.3.2018) by [The Transparency of Donations and Loans etc. \(Northern Ireland Political Parties\) Order 2018 \(S.I. 2018/328\)](#), arts. 1(2), **5**

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**Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:**

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 2(2A) inserted by [2022 c. 37 s. 18\(1\)](#)
- s. 4A-4E and cross-heading inserted by [2022 c. 37 s. 16](#)
- s. 8(3)(d) inserted by [2011 c. 13 Sch. 10 para. 12](#)
- s. 13ZA and cross-heading inserted by [2022 c. 37 s. 17\(1\)](#)
- s. 54(1)(aa) inserted by [2009 c. 12 s. 9\(1\)](#)
- s. 54(1)(aa) substituted by [2009 c. 12 s. 10\(1\)](#)
- s. 54(2ZA)-(2ZC) inserted by [2009 c. 12 s. 10\(3\)](#)
- s. 56(1A) inserted by [2009 c. 12 s. 10\(5\)](#)
- s. 56(2)(aa) inserted by [2009 c. 12 s. 9\(3\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 56(3B) inserted by [2009 c. 12 s. 9\(4\)](#)
- s. 71H(3ZA) inserted by [2009 c. 12 Sch. 6 para. 19](#)
- s. 71L(9A) inserted by [2009 c. 12 s. 11\(2\)](#)
- Sch. 1 para. 2(1) Sch. 1 para. 2 renumbered as Sch. 1 para. 2(1) by [2022 c. 37 s. 19\(2\)](#)
- Sch. 1 para. 2(2) inserted by [2022 c. 37 s. 19\(4\)](#)
- Sch. 1 para. 2(1) words inserted by [2022 c. 37 s. 19\(3\)\(a\)](#)
- Sch. 1 para. 2(1) words omitted by [2022 c. 37 s. 19\(3\)\(b\)](#)
- Sch. 2 para. 2(1A) inserted by [2022 c. 37 s. 18\(2\)](#)
- Sch. 2 para. 4 and cross-heading inserted by [2022 c. 37 s. 17\(2\)](#)
- Sch. 7 para. 6(1)(aa) inserted by [2009 c. 12 Sch. 3 para. 1\(1\)](#)
- Sch. 7 para. 8(1A) inserted by [2009 c. 12 Sch. 4 para. 2](#)
- Sch. 7 para. 10(5)(aa) inserted by [2009 c. 12 Sch. 3 para. 2\(5\)\(b\)](#)
- Sch. 7 para. 6(1)(aa) substituted by [2009 c. 12 Sch. 4 para. 1\(1\)](#)
- Sch. 7 para. 10(5)(aa) words inserted by [2009 c. 12 Sch. 4 para. 3\(3\)](#)
- Sch. 7A para. 8(9A) inserted by [2009 c. 12 s. 11\(5\)](#)
- Sch. 7A para. 9(10)(ba) inserted by [2009 c. 12 s. 11\(6\)\(b\)](#)
- Sch. 11 para. 4(3) inserted by [2009 c. 12 Sch. 6 para. 29\(2\)](#)
- Sch. 11 para. 6(1)(aa) inserted by [2009 c. 12 Sch. 3 para. 4\(1\)](#)
- Sch. 11 para. 7(2)(aa) inserted by [2009 c. 12 Sch. 4 para. 5](#)
- Sch. 11 para. 6(1)(aa) substituted by [2009 c. 12 Sch. 4 para. 4\(1\)](#)
- Sch. 11 para. 4(3) words inserted by [2009 c. 12 Sch. 6 para. 29\(3\)](#)
- Sch. 15 para. 4(3)(4) inserted by [2009 c. 12 Sch. 6 para. 30\(2\)\(b\)](#)
- Sch. 15 para. 6(1)(aa) inserted by [2009 c. 12 Sch. 3 para. 7\(1\)](#)
- Sch. 15 para. 7(2)(aa) inserted by [2009 c. 12 Sch. 4 para. 8](#)
- Sch. 15 para. 6(1)(aa) substituted by [2009 c. 12 Sch. 4 para. 7\(1\)](#)
- Sch. 15 para. 4(3) words inserted by [2009 c. 12 Sch. 6 para. 30\(3\)](#)