



Political Parties and Elections Act 2009

2009 CHAPTER 12

PART 2

POLITICAL DONATIONS ETC AND EXPENDITURE

Donations etc

12 Defence to charge of failing to return donation from impermissible donor

In section 56 of the 2000 Act (acceptance or return of donations: general), after subsection (3) there is inserted—

“(3A) Where a party or its treasurer is charged with an offence under subsection (3), it shall be a defence to prove that—

- (a) all reasonable steps were taken by or on behalf of the party to verify (or ascertain) whether the donor was a permissible donor, and
- (b) as a result, the treasurer believed the donor to be a permissible donor.”

Commencement Information

II S. 12 in force at 1.1.2010 by [S.I. 2009/3084](#), [art. 4\(a\)](#)

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Political Parties and Elections Act 2009, Section 12.