



# Political Parties and Elections Act 2009

## 2009 CHAPTER 12

### PART 2

#### POLITICAL DONATIONS ETC AND EXPENDITURE

##### *Offences*

#### **13 “Reasonable excuse” in relation to certain offences under the 2000 Act**

- (1) The 2000 Act is amended as follows.
- (2) In section 47 (failure by registered party to submit proper statement of accounts to Commission)—
  - (a) in paragraph (a) of subsection (1), after “are” there is inserted “, without reasonable excuse,”;
  - (b) in paragraph (b) of that subsection, after “is” there is inserted “, without reasonable excuse,”;
  - (c) subsections (2) and (3) are omitted.
- (3) In section 65 (submission of donation reports to Commission)—
  - (a) in subsections (3) and (4), after “commits an offence if” there is inserted “, without reasonable excuse,”;
  - (b) subsection (5) is omitted.
- (4) In section 71S (submission of transaction reports to Commission)—
  - (a) in subsections (4) and (5), after “commits an offence if” there is inserted “, without reasonable excuse,”;
  - (b) subsection (6) is omitted.
- (5) In paragraph 12 of Schedule 7 (failure to deliver donation report)—
  - (a) in sub-paragraph (1), between “is” and “not delivered” there is inserted “, without reasonable excuse”;

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- (b) in sub-paragraph (2), after “which” there is inserted “ , without reasonable excuse, ”;
  - (c) sub-paragraph (3) is omitted.
- (6) In paragraph 12 of Schedule 7A (failure to deliver transaction report)—
- (a) in sub-paragraph (1), between “is” and “not delivered” there is inserted “ , without reasonable excuse, ”;
  - (b) in sub-paragraph (2), after “which” there is inserted “ , without reasonable excuse, ”;
  - (c) sub-paragraph (3) is omitted.

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**Commencement Information**

- II** S. 13 wholly in force at 1.1.2010; s. 13 not in force at Royal Assent see s. 43(1); s. 13 in force at 1.1.2010 by [S.I. 2009/3084](#), [art. 4\(b\)](#) (with [art. 5](#))

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