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FOREWORD

Background Information

1. These Accounts cover the year 1 April 2012 to 31 March 2013 and have been prepared in a form directed by HM Treasury.
2. UK Parliamentary Elections are financed from the Consolidated Fund. Funding for the Northern Ireland Assembly Elections is provided to the Northern Ireland Office by the Northern Ireland Executive through agreed funding mechanisms. It is treated as non-voted from a budgeting perspective. The account includes payments for staffing costs, postal charges of absent votes and poll cards, use of premises as polling places, printing of election stationery, transportation and storage of post election documentation. Funding for all elections is held in separate bank accounts from the departmental commercial bank accounts.
3. The Secretary of State, with the consent of two of the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, specifies in an Order the overall maximum recoverable that the Returning Officer in Northern Ireland may recover in respect of services rendered or expenses incurred for or in connection with a Parliamentary Election.
4. Under section 29(3) of the Representation of the People Act 1983, as amended by section 68 of the Electoral Administration Act 2006, a Returning Officer is entitled to recover his charges in respect of services properly rendered or expenses properly incurred for or in connection with a Parliamentary Election and an Assembly Election, as applied to Northern Ireland Assembly Elections by article 3(1) of, and Schedule 1 to, the Northern Ireland Assembly (Elections) Order 2001. The Parliamentary Elections (Returning Officer's Charges) (Northern Ireland) Order 2010 (S.I. 2010 No. 869) and the Northern Ireland Assembly Elections (Returning Officer's Charges) Order 2011 (S.I. 2011 No. 473) which came into force on 16 March 2010 and 20 February 2011 set the overall maximum recoverable amount that the Returning Officer may recover in respect of each of the eighteen Parliamentary Constituencies in Northern Ireland. Under the Returning Officer's Accounts (Parliamentary Elections) (Northern Ireland) Regulations 1991, as applied to Northern Ireland Assembly Elections by article 3(1) of, and Schedule 1 to, the Northern Ireland Assembly (Elections) Order 2001, the Returning Officer must submit his account to the Northern Ireland Office within the period of twelve months commencing with the day of the declaration of result of the elections to which the charges in the account relate. Final settlement payments during 2013-14 year in relation to the Mid Ulster 2013 Parliamentary By-Election will be included in the 2013-14 accounts. Provision for the cost of combined polls is included in the Parliamentary Voting System and Constituencies Act 2011.

Review of Activities

5. During the period there were transactions in progress for the UK Parliamentary Elections held on 6 May 2010, the combined polls for the Northern Ireland Assembly Elections, Local Government Elections and Alternative Vote (AV) referendum held on 5 May 2011,

UK Parliamentary By-Elections for the Constituencies of Belfast West held on 9 June 2011 and Mid Ulster held on 7 March 2013.

6. The cost of the combined polls (excluding any cost solely attributable to the Northern Ireland Assembly Elections, the Local Government Elections and the AV referendum) was apportioned, where applicable, between the three polls. The majority of expenditure for the combined polls was paid from the Northern Ireland Assembly and AV referendum funds and apportionment of costs recharged to the twenty-six District Councils.
7. Receipts in the account include advances made available from the Consolidated Fund and recouplement from the twenty-six District Councils for their proportion of election expenses for the Local Government Elections 2011 combined polls.
8. Surplus advances of £396,284 were surrendered from the Northern Ireland Assembly Elections 2011 Account and £1,442 surrendered from the Parliamentary Elections 2010 Account to the consolidated fund during 2012-13. The Northern Ireland Assembly Elections 2011 Account was closed on 31 August 2012, the Parliamentary Elections 2010 Account was closed on 26 October 2012 and the Belfast West Parliamentary By-Election 2011 Account was closed on 13 August 2012.
9. Surrender was made from the Parliamentary By-Election Mid Ulster 2013 Account to the Consolidated Fund during 2012-13 of the deposit of £500 forfeited by one candidate as the number of votes credited to him did not exceed one twentieth of the total valid votes polled.
10. The cost of candidates mailing expenses are funded separately from Returning Officer's Charges for all elections.
11. The Northern Ireland Office is required to prepare a statement of accounts for each financial year in respect of Returning Officer's Expenses in the form and on the basis directed by HM Treasury. The accounts are prepared on a cash basis and must properly present the receipts and payments for the financial year and the balances held at year end.
12. HM Treasury has appointed the Northern Ireland Office's Accounting Officer as the Accounting Officer for Returning Officer's Expenses (Northern Ireland). The relevant responsibilities as Accounting Officer, including the responsibility for propriety and regularity of the public finances for which the post holder is answerable and for the keeping of proper records, are set out in HM Treasury's *Managing Public Money* guidance.

**Statement of
Accounting
Officer's
Responsibilities**

**Julian King
Accounting Officer**

17 October 2013

Governance Statement 2012-13

1. Scope of Responsibility

The Chief Electoral Officer for Northern Ireland (CEO) is a Statutory Office Holder and is funded by the Northern Ireland Office (NIO). He is assisted by the staff of the Electoral Office for Northern Ireland (EONI), the administrative structure created to support him in the discharge of his duties. The funding covers the expenses incurred in performance of his statutory duties and the cost of the staff employed in the EONI. The cost of running UK Parliamentary elections is funded by HM Treasury. Funding for the Northern Ireland Assembly elections is provided to the NIO by the Northern Ireland Executive. Funding for all elections is held in separate bank accounts from the NIO commercial bank accounts. The Secretary of State for Northern Ireland is accountable to Parliament for all expenditure by the CEO.

As Accounting Officer, I have personal responsibility for the robustness of the control and governance arrangements operated by the CEO. The Governance Statement outlines how I have discharged my responsibility to manage and control the resources made available to the CEO during the course of the year. This sound governance system, as outlined in this Statement supports the achievement of the CEO's and the wider NIO's policies, aims and objectives, whilst safeguarding public funds and Departmental assets in accordance with the responsibilities assigned to me in *Managing Public Money*.

I also have responsibility for reviewing the effectiveness of the system of internal control operated by the CEO. My assessment of the effectiveness of the governance arrangements is informed by the work of the internal auditors, the CEO who has responsibility for the development and maintenance of the internal control framework, managers within the Department who have sponsorship responsibility for the CEO, and comments made by the external auditors in their management letter and other reports. I am also advised on the CEO's system of internal control by the Departmental Audit and Risk Committee.

2. Purpose of Governance Framework

The CEO has agreed a Framework Document with the NIO which outlines the roles and responsibilities of each party, including the governance arrangements established in relation to the administrative and financial support provided by the NIO to the CEO. This Document was agreed in 2011 and will be reviewed again not later than November 2014, but may be reviewed before then if necessary.

In addition, the CEO has internal governance policies and procedures designed to manage risk to a reasonable level rather than to eliminate all risk of failure to achieve policies, aims and objectives; the CEO can therefore only provide reasonable and not absolute assurance of effectiveness. The CEO operates an ongoing process designed to identify and prioritise the risks to the achievement of his aims and objectives, to evaluate the likelihood of those risks being realised and the impact should they be realised, and to manage them efficiently, effectively and economically.

The Framework Document continued to be supported within the EONI by policies and guidance that draw on best practice and Departmental guidance on matters such: Anti Fraud and Whistleblowing; Gifts and Hospitality; Financial Management; Procurement; Risk Management and Information Assurance.

3. Management Board

The NIO Management Board has a corporate responsibility for setting objectives, agreeing priorities and implementing ministerial policy, including ensuring that the CEO discharges his statutory duties and complies with his governance responsibilities. The NIO Board also has responsibility for monitoring the CEO's financial performance and ensuring that he complies with key policies, such as those relating to risk management, information assurance and workforce planning.

Below the Departmental level, the CEO is supported by his own Management Board comprised of the senior EONI staff. Two trade union representatives are also invited to attend all meetings; the minutes of which are made available to all staff and on the EONI website. The Management Board, which meets monthly or more often as required, has corporate responsibility for the EONI Strategic Risk Register which is reviewed on a monthly basis and more frequently when appropriate.

The EONI Board members play an important role in managing corporate governance and audit arrangements in accordance with the framework in place for promoting accountability and assurance. They are responsible for ensuring that adequate processes are in place within their business area to identify potential risks that should be considered for inclusion in the Risk Register.

In addition to taking all strategic business decisions, the EONI Board take as standing agenda items the review of performance against targets and development objectives, finance, contracts and procurement, staffing issues, risk management and complaints. The equality and human rights aspects of any matter are considered by the EONI Board as part of the normal decision making process.

4. Board Assessment of Effectiveness

There were no significant changes to the composition or practices of the EONI Management Board during 2012-13.

The Management Board has continued to take a robust approach to its meetings, including having a tightly focused and strategic agenda. It has demonstrated its effectiveness in monitoring performance against targets and objectives by the achievement of the six targets and twelve of the thirteen development objectives set for the financial year. The Management Board intend to complete a self-assessment of its effectiveness in 2013-14.

5. Audit and Risk Committee

The EONI is not a public body, and because of its size it would not be appropriate for the CEO to be supported by an independent Audit and Risk Committee; however, the Departmental Audit and Risk Committee provided this advisory function to the Accounting Officer during 2012-13.

6. Internal Audit

During 2012/13, internal audit services were provided by Ministry of Justice. The Head of Internal Audit (HIA) for the EONI is required to submit regular reports to the CEO and report any significant internal control problems to the Departmental Audit and Risk Committee.

In year, the Internal Audit services undertook planned audits of four areas agreed by the CEO and the NIO as suitable for detailed examination. All audits received a satisfactory

rating. The auditors made a total of seven recommendations, all of which the board accepted. All recommendations were implemented in full by 31 March 2013. Progress reports were provided to the NIO's Audit and Risk Committee.

7. Information Assurance

I am responsible for ensuring that information risks are assessed and mitigated to an acceptable level. Information is a key business asset for the CEO and it continues to make Information Assurance (IA) a priority.

In his role as Information Asset Owner, the CEO manages information assurance and risk across his organisation. Additionally, he or his representative attends the Security Managers' Forum, comprising of representatives from each of the NIO business areas and other sponsored bodies which meet annually. The purpose of this Forum is to improve and implement approved policies and guidance in relation to security and information assurance and to provide a mechanism for promoting and sharing best practice across the NIO and its Arms Length Bodies (ALBs).

I am satisfied that the CEO has implemented the necessary internal controls and measures, policies and training to ensure that the EONI continued to comply with Government standards.

8. Stewardship Statements

The CEO and sponsor team deputy Director sign stewardship statements biannually, providing assurance to the Accounting Officer as to governance, risk management and operation of internal controls. In addition to relying on these assurances, during 2012-13, quarterly governance meetings were held with the NIO to monitor and manage risks and safeguard the effectiveness of corporate governance processes within the EONI.

I am satisfied that the statements presented by the sponsor team deputy Director and the CEO provide me with an appropriate level of assurance.

9. Risk Assessment

As Accounting Officer, I acknowledge my overall responsibility for the effective management of risk within the NIO and its sponsored bodies. In meeting this responsibility, I am supported by the NIO Board, which I chair, and the Departmental Audit and Risk Committee. The NIO Board owns and maintains the Departmental risk register, which sets out the key strategic risks facing the wider Department and the controls in place to manage these risks, and reviewed this document on a quarterly basis. The register is also provided to the Departmental Audit and Risk Committee for periodic review who also receives a regular update on the NIO's sponsored bodies.

Registers that identify, assess, and set out mitigating actions to significant risks, are in place across the NIO and its ALBs, including the EONI. The senior risk owner within the EONI is the CEO who delegates accountability for risk management to his senior managers who are responsible for personally addressing the risks in their respective business area. The EONI Management Board members also play a crucial role in ensuring that risk-related issues are properly addressed when plans and policies are being prepared or revised in their business area. The EONI strategic risk register is regularly submitted to the Department's Corporate Governance Team who in turn reports any significant risks to the Departmental Audit and Risk Committee.

During the financial year, I received assurance first hand through discussions with NIO staff in the relevant sponsor team and Corporate Governance Team and through sight of submissions and other documentation setting out advice and guidance to ministers and senior officials. I also received assurance through written stewardship statements provided by the sponsoring deputy Director and the CEO.

10. Review of effectiveness

As Accounting Officer, I have responsibility for reviewing the effectiveness of the system of internal control within the NIO and its sponsored bodies. The CEO's system of internal control is based on a framework of regular management information, financial regulations, administrative procedures including segregation of duties, and a system of delegation and accountability.

For the period 2012-13, I am able to report that there were no significant weaknesses in CEO's system of internal controls which affected the achievement of the EONI's objectives, the CEO's statutory duties or the Department's key policies, aims and objectives. In addition, I am satisfied that the CEO exercised control over the election expenses through detailed review of expenditure.

Julian King
Accounting Officer

17 October 2013

Returning Officer's Expenses, Northern Ireland 2012-13

THE CERTIFICATE AND REPORT OF THE COMPTROLLER AND AUDITOR GENERAL TO THE HOUSE OF COMMONS

I certify that I have audited the Returning Officer's Expenses, Northern Ireland, financial statements for the year ended 31st March 2013 under the Government Resources and Accounts Act 2000. These comprise the Receipts and Payments Account and the related notes. These financial statements have been prepared under the accounting policies set out within them.

Respective responsibilities of the Accounting Officer and auditor

As explained more fully in the Statement of Accounting Officer's Responsibilities, the Accounting Officer is responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the Government Resources and Accounts Act 2000 and HM Treasury directions made there under. My responsibility is to audit, certify and report on the financial statements in accordance with the Government Resources and Accounts Act 2000. I conducted my audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland). Those standards require me and my staff to comply with the Auditing Practices Board's Ethical Standards for Auditors.

Scope of the audit of the financial statements

An audit involves obtaining evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements sufficient to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or error. This includes an assessment of: whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the circumstances relevant to the Returning Officer's Expenses, Northern Ireland account and have been consistently applied and adequately disclosed; the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by the Accounting Officer in preparing that account; and the overall presentation of the financial statements.

In addition I read all the financial and non-financial information in the Foreword and Governance Statement to identify material inconsistencies with the audited financial statements. If I become aware of any apparent material misstatements or inconsistencies I consider the implications for my certificate.

In addition, I am required to obtain evidence sufficient to give reasonable assurance that the receipts and payments reported in the financial statements have been applied to the purposes intended by Parliament and the financial transactions conform to the authorities which govern them.

Opinion on Regularity

In my opinion, in all material respects the receipts and payments have been applied to the purposes intended by Parliament and the financial transactions conform to the authorities which govern them.

Opinion on financial statements

In my opinion:

- the financial statements properly present the receipts and payments of the Returning Officer, Northern Ireland, for the year ending 31st March 2013; and

- the financial statements have been properly prepared in accordance with the Government Resources and Accounts Act 2000 and HM Treasury directions issued thereunder.

Opinion on other matters

In my opinion:

- the information given in the Foreword for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements.

Matters for which I report by exception

I have nothing to report in respect of the following matters which I report to you if, in my opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records or returns;
or
- I have not received all of the information and explanations I require for my audit; or
- the Governance Statement does not reflect compliance with HM Treasury's guidance.

Report

I have no observations to make on these financial statements.

Amyas C E Morse
Comptroller and Auditor General

24 October 2013

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**RETURNING OFFICER'S EXPENSES – NORTHERN IRELAND
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2013**

	Note	2012-13		2011-12	
		£	£	£	£
Receipts					
Advances from the Consolidated Fund		145,206		3,191,640	
Candidates Deposits		2,000		21,000	
Other Receipts		<u>354,545</u>		<u>1,722,803</u>	
	2		501,751		4,935,443
Payments					
Constituency Claims	3	191,312		1,922,583	
Other Payments – includes Candidates Mailing	4	<u>19,857</u>		<u>3,066,118</u>	
	5		<u>211,169</u>		<u>4,988,701</u>
Excess of (payments over receipts)/ receipts over payments before amounts to be surrendered to the Consolidated Fund			290,582		(53,258)
Less: amounts surrendered to the Consolidated Fund in respect of:					
Forfeited Deposits	6	500		9,400	
Surplus Advances	6	<u>397,726</u>		<u>-</u>	
			<u>(398,226)</u>		<u>(9,400)</u>
Excess of (payments over receipts)/ receipts over payments			<u>(107,644)</u>		<u>(62,658)</u>
Statement of Balances as at 31 March 2013					
Balance at 1 April 2012			126,042		188,700
Less: Excess of (payments over receipts)/ receipts over payments			<u>(107,644)</u>		<u>(62,658)</u>
Balance at 31 March 2013	7		<u><u>18,398</u></u>		<u><u>126,042</u></u>

The notes on pages 10-14 form part of these accounts

Julian King
Accounting Officer

17 October 2013

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNT

1 These accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis in accordance with the accounts direction issued by HM Treasury dated 19 February 2007.

	2012-13 £	2011-12 £
2 Receipts		
Advances from the Consolidated Fund (EONI)	145,206	191,640
Advances from the Consolidated Fund (EONI) for Northern Ireland Assembly Elections 2011	-	3,000,000
Transfer of funds from AV referendum Account to Northern Ireland Assembly Elections 2011 Account to cover shared expenditure	-	1,588,280
Income from District Councils for hire of Ballot Boxes and Polling Screens	-	8,487
Monies recouped from District Councils re their share of costs 2011 Combined Polls transferred to Northern Ireland Assembly Elections 2011 Account	349,259	-
Recharge from District Councils 2011 Elections Account to Northern Ireland Assembly Elections 2011 Account to cover expenses for Local Government Elections 2011	68	-
Deposits Income – Northern Ireland Assembly Elections 2011	-	18,000
Deposits Income – Parliamentary By-Election Belfast West 2011	-	3,000
Deposits Income – Parliamentary By-Election Mid Ulster 2013	2,000	-
Recharge from Northern Ireland Assembly Elections 2011 Account to Parliamentary By-Election Belfast West 2011 Account	-	76
Recharges from Parliamentary By-Election Belfast West 2011 Account to Northern Ireland Assembly Elections 2011 Account	-	86,576
Recharge from Parliamentary Election 2010 Account to Northern Ireland Assembly Elections 2011 Account	3,963	-
Transfer of funds from Parliamentary Elections 2010 Account to Parliamentary By-Election Belfast West 2011 Account	156	-
Miscellaneous Receipts	1,099	39,384
	<u>501,751</u>	<u>4,935,443</u>
3 Constituency Claims: Payments to the Returning Officer		
Advances	-	-
Final Payments	191,312	1,922,583
	<u>191,312</u>	<u>1,922,583</u>
4 Other Payments		
Candidates Mailing Northern Ireland Assembly Elections 2011	-	1,034,993
Candidates Mailing Parliamentary By-Election Belfast West 2011	-	31,847
Miscellaneous	2,878	108,221
Share of payments on behalf of 2011 Combined Polls	16,979	1,891,057
	<u>19,857</u>	<u>3,066,118</u>
5 Expenditure Analysed by Election		
Parliamentary Elections 2010 (see note 8)	9,746	38,487
Northern Ireland Assembly Elections 2011 (see note 9)	59,919	2,889,389
Parliamentary By-Election Belfast West 2011 (see note 10)	362	169,768
Parliamentary By-Election Mid Ulster (see note 11)	124,163	-
Cost of Local Government 2011 Combined Polls	8,153	836,741
Cost of AV referendum 2011 Combined Polls	8,826	1,054,316
	<u>211,169</u>	<u>4,988,701</u>

	2012-13	2011-12
	£	£
6 Surrenders to Consolidated Fund		
Parliamentary Elections 2010	1,442	-
Northern Ireland Assembly Elections 2011	396,284	-
Forfeited Deposits - Northern Ireland Assembly Elections 2011	-	8,400
Forfeited Deposits - Parliamentary By-Election Belfast West 2011	-	1,000
Forfeited Deposit - Parliamentary By-Election Mid Ulster 2013	500	-
	<u>398,226</u>	<u>9,400</u>
7 Statement of Balances		
Cash at Bank - Parliamentary Elections 2010 Account	-	6,176
Cash at Bank - Northern Ireland Assembly Elections 2011 Account	-	119,865
Cash at Bank - Parliamentary By-Election Belfast West 2011 Account	-	1
Cash at Bank - Parliamentary By-Election Mid Ulster 2013 Account	18,398	-
	<u>18,398</u>	<u>126,042</u>

8 Parliamentary Elections 2010 Expenditure by Constituency

Constituency	Maximum £	Cumulative £	Actual 2012-13 £	Actual 2011-12 £	Actual 2010-11 £
Belfast East	122,500	96,027	715	1,802	93,510
Belfast North	138,000	118,769	303	2,115	116,351
Belfast South	118,500	114,386	529	1,991	111,866
Belfast West	130,000	113,596	529	1,987	111,080
East Antrim	130,000	111,437	303	2,089	109,045
East Londonderry	141,000	112,813	241	2,424	110,148
Fermanagh and South Tyrone	160,000	143,699	543	2,500	140,656
Foyle	143,000	113,024	241	2,419	110,364
Lagan Valley	136,500	98,372	861	2,061	95,450
Mid Ulster	148,500	116,077	287	2,406	113,384
Newry and Armagh	160,000	105,632	807	2,024	102,801
North Antrim	161,500	129,485	287	2,457	126,741
North Down	116,500	91,240	715	1,780	88,745
South Antrim	129,500	113,143	303	2,109	110,731
South Down	148,500	102,544	861	2,082	99,601
Strangford	118,500	91,613	715	1,780	89,118
Upper Bann	152,500	100,722	807	2,003	97,912
West Tyrone	145,000	130,243	543	2,458	127,242
	<u>2,500,000</u>	<u>2,002,822</u>	<u>9,590</u>	<u>38,487</u>	<u>1,954,745</u>

This note discloses the final payments made during 2012-13 relating to the Parliamentary Elections 2010 as well as the cumulative amount paid compared to the maximum amount that could have been paid. In addition to the amounts disclosed above excess funds were transferred to the Parliamentary By-Election Belfast West 2011 Account to cover postage costs.

Transfer of funds to Parliamentary By-Election Belfast West 2011 Account	<u>156</u>
Total Parliamentary Elections 2010 Payments (see note 5)	<u>9,746</u>

9 Northern Ireland Assembly Elections 2011 Expenditure by Constituency

Constituency	Maximum £	Cumulative £	Actual 2012-13 £	Actual 2011-12 £	Actual 2010-11 £
Belfast East	162,000	100,303	3,632	94,981	1,690
Belfast North	182,000	103,880	2,857	97,761	3,262
Belfast South	156,500	128,909	3,366	122,486	3,057
Belfast West	171,500	115,008	3,655	108,296	3,057
East Antrim	171,500	106,593	2,779	100,552	3,262
East Londonderry	186,000	103,381	2,998	97,898	2,485
Fermanagh and South Tyrone	211,000	104,139	3,450	97,669	3,020
Foyle	189,000	96,931	4,135	90,311	2,485
Lagan Valley	180,000	91,648	3,653	86,360	1,635
Mid Ulster	196,000	98,043	2,533	91,478	4,032
Newry and Armagh	211,000	98,585	3,442	93,634	1,509
North Antrim	213,000	102,949	2,882	96,035	4,032
North Down	154,000	94,057	3,496	88,871	1,690
South Antrim	171,000	89,933	2,740	83,931	3,262
South Down	196,000	96,672	3,944	91,093	1,635
Strangford	156,500	81,878	3,535	76,653	1,690
Upper Bann	201,500	98,647	3,365	93,811	1,471
West Tyrone	191,500	100,396	3,295	94,050	3,051
	<u>3,300,000</u>	<u>1,811,952</u>	<u>59,757</u>	<u>1,705,870</u>	<u>46,325</u>

This note discloses the final payments made during 2012-13 relating to the Northern Ireland Assembly Elections 2011 as well as the cumulative amount paid compared to the maximum amount that could have been paid. In addition to the amounts disclosed above the following payment was made.

Refund of bank charges to Election Claims Unit relating to the AV referendum	<u>162</u>
Total Northern Ireland Assembly Elections 2011 Payments (see note 5)	<u><u>59,919</u></u>

10 Parliamentary By-Election 2011 Expenditure

Constituency	Maximum	Cumulative	Actual 2012-13	Actual 2011-12
	£	£	£	£
Belfast West	<u>130,000</u>	<u>136,207</u>	<u>362</u>	<u>135,845</u>

The actual figures above reflect final payments made for this By-Election during 2012-13 (see note 5). Additional costs were incurred above maximum recoverable to ensure that the count centre satisfied the Police Service of Northern Ireland security requirements.

11 Parliamentary By-Election 2013 Expenditure

Constituency	Maximum	Actual 2012-13
	£	£
Mid Ulster	<u>148,500</u>	<u>121,603</u>

The actual figures above reflect payments made for this By-Election during 2012-13 (see note 5). Whilst the majority of payments were made this year, further payments will be made during the 2013-14 year. In addition to the amount disclosed above, the following payments related to this By-Election have been made. Because of their nature these payments have not been categorised against the constituency.

Candidates Deposits	1,500
Other	1,060
Total Parliamentary By-Election Mid Ulster 2013 Payments (see note 5)	<u>124,163</u>

12 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The Chief Electoral Officer for Northern Ireland (CEO) is a Statutory Office Holder appointed under section 8 of the Northern Ireland (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2006. He is supported in the performance of his duties by staff appointed under provision of the Electoral Law Act (Northern Ireland) 1962. Employees of the CEO are referred to collectively as 'The Electoral Office for Northern Ireland' (EONI).

During the year, transactions were conducted with the Consolidated Fund as described in the accounts, as provided for by the funding arrangements for election expenses.

In addition, neither the CEO nor the EONI had any material transactions with other entities which, for reporting purposes, are regarded as related parties.

None of the key managerial staff or other related parties had undertaken any material transactions with the CEO or the EONI during the year.



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