



REQUEST 19169

I am writing to submit a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 for a copy of the 2024 General Election expense return, including the statement of donations, for Lisa Eva Nandy (Wigan).

RESPONSE

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request received on requesting: "A copy of the 2024 UK Parliamentary General Election expense return, including the statement of donations, for Lisa Eva Nandy (Wigan)."

With reference to your request for information, I would like to draw your attention to the distinction between the roles of the local authority and those of the Electoral Registration Officer/ (Acting) Returning Officer for Electoral Registration and elections.

The role of the Electoral Registration Officer/ (Acting) Returning Officer is separate from that of the Chief Executive of the local authority and the responsibilities and duties associated with the former roles are personal to the postholder. A list of public bodies and local authorities that are subject to the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act is available at the following website:

<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2000/36/schedule/1>

As you will see, the Freedom of Information Act does not list any person appointed under the Representation of the People Act 1983 (or related electoral legislation). It therefore follows that the Electoral Registration Officer/ (Acting) Returning Officer or any other person appointed under the 1983 Act (or related electoral legislation) such as the Counting Officer, are not subject to the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act.

Therefore, as there is no statutory obligation to provide you with this information, I am on this occasion unable to supply any answers to your questions.

However, outside of FOIA the information can be shared.

The Acting Returning Officer holds parliamentary candidates spending returns for a period of two years and must make them available for public inspection in accordance with the Representation of the People Act 1983. The spending return for Lisa Nandy has been received. We can provide a copy; however, in line with statutory requirements, the residential addresses of individual donors must be redacted before disclosure.

Copies of spending returns may be supplied on request for a fee of £0.20 per side of paper. If your request is for an electronic copy, the same statutory fee applies. Please confirm whether you wish to proceed and we will advise the total cost.

You may inspect the return free of charge at the Acting Returning Officer's office at a mutually convenient time.