

Explanatory Note

National Agent – Election Expenses Statement form 34th Dáil General Election 2024

Electoral Act 1997, as amended

The National Agent should:
refer to the Guidelines published by the Standards in Public Office Commission, and
if necessary request advice on completion of the statement from:

Standards in Public Office Commission:

Tel: (01) 639 5666
Email: info@sipo.ie

PLEASE NOTE:

The Standards Commission Secretariat will be available to meet national agents to assist in the completion of the statement.

Invoices, vouchers or receipts must be provided for every payment of election expense exceeding €126.97 in value.

In part 4 of the statement, ensure that the reference number in column 1 is written on the accompanying invoice, voucher or receipt, where appropriate.

The Election Expenses Statement and accompanying documentation should reach the Standards in Public Office Commission, 6 Earlsfort Terrace, Saint Kevin's, Dublin 2, D02 W773 not later than 56 days after polling day, i.e. 24 January 2025.

Failure to furnish the documentation on time may result in summary proceedings for offences being brought and prosecuted by the Standards Commission. In any other case, the matter may be referred to the Director of Public Prosecutions.

National Agent - Election Expenses Statement

Please complete in **BLOCK CAPITALS** and black ink

Following pages for public display

1. National Agent details	
Political Party	Irish Freedom Party
Name of National Agent	Shane Lynam
Office Address	13, Baggot Street Upper, St Peter's Dublin 4

2. Amount assigned by each candidate to the political party

Use additional pages if necessary

Candidate Name	Constituency	Amount Assigned €	Total Expenditure on the candidate by the national agent €
1. Barry Ward	Dublin South Central	476.11	476.11
2. Victoria Byrne	Fingal East	374.77	374.77
3. David O'Shea	Meath West	552.90	552.90
4. Michael Kelly	Sligo Leitrim	957.08	957.08
5. All Others		0	0

3. List here any persons authorised by the National Agent to incur election expenses on his/her behalf

Name: Click here to enter text.

Amount authorised to spend: Click here to enter text.

Amount spent: Click here to enter text.

Name: Click here to enter text.

Amount authorised to spend: Click here to enter text.

Amount spent: Click here to enter text.

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DETAILS OF EXPENSES INCURRED BY AUTHORISED PERSONS MUST BE INCLUDED UNDER THE APPROPRIATE HEADINGS AT PART 5 OF THIS STATEMENT

4. Details of election expenses incurred by the National Agent and persons authorised by the National Agent

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4A	Advertising (whatever the medium) (NATIONAL LEVEL)	
	Expenses under this heading include agency fees, design costs and other costs incurred in connection with preparing, producing, distributing or otherwise disseminating such advertising.	
	List advertising expenses which <u>were not</u> met out of public funds	
Ref.	Expenditure Item	Cost
A1	Litr and Thoghcháin - Sligo Leitrim Invoice Number 60845	€ 957.08
A2	Litr and Thoghcháin - Dublin West Invoice Number 60845	€552.90
A3	Litr and Thoghcháin - Fingal East Invoice Number 60845	€374.77
A4	Litr and Thoghcháin - Dublin South Central Invoice Number 60845	€ 476.11
A5		€
A6		€
A7		€
A8		€
A9		€
A10		€
A11		€
A12		€
A	Total:	€2,366.48
	List below advertising expenses which <u>were</u> originally met out of public funds	
A13		€0
A14		€
A15		€
A	Total:	€€2,366.48

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4B	Publicity (NATIONAL LEVEL) Expenses under this heading include expenses incurred in respect of party political broadcasts, the provision of any services or facilities in connection with press conferences or other dealings with the media, media advice and training and photography.
List publicity expenses which <u>were not</u> met out of public funds	
Ref.	Expenditure Item
B1	
B2	
B3	
B4	
B5	
B6	
B7	
B8	
B9	
B10	
B11	
B12	
B	Total:
	€0.00
List below publicity expenses which <u>were</u> originally met out of public funds	
B13	
B14	
B15	
B	Total:
	€0.00

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4C	Election Posters (NATIONAL LEVEL) Expenses under this heading include the costs of the design, production, printing, erection and removal of election posters (must be during the election period)
	List election poster expenses which were not met out of public funds
Ref.	Expenditure Item
C1	
C2	
C3	
C4	
C5	
C6	
C7	
C8	
C9	
C10	
C11	
C12	
C	Total:
	€0.00
	List below election poster expenses which were originally met out of public funds
C13	
C14	
C15	
C	Total:
	€0.00

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4D	Other Election Material (NATIONAL LEVEL)	
	Expenses under this heading include the design, production, printing and dissemination of election material (other than posters) including canvass cards, election leaflets, election manifestos, newsletters, websites, social media and any other promotional election material.	
	List other election material expenses which <u>were not</u> met out of public funds	
Ref.	Expenditure Item	Cost
D1		€
D2		€
D3		€
D4		€
D5		€
D6		€
D7		€
D8		€
D9		€
D10		€
D11		€
D12		€
D	Total:	€0.00
	List below other election material expenses which <u>were</u> originally met out of public funds	
D13		€
D14		€
D15		€
D	Total:	€0.00

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4E	Office and Stationery (NATIONAL LEVEL) Expenses under this heading include costs incurred in the rental or use of an office premises or meeting rooms for election purposes (other than for the purposes of annual or other party conferences) and the costs of heating, electricity, insurance, purchase or rental of office equipment, telephones, stationery and postage.
List office and stationery expenses which <u>were not</u> met out of public funds	
Ref.	Expenditure Item
E1	
E2	
E3	
E4	
E5	
E6	
E7	
E8	
E9	
E10	
E11	
E12	
E	Total:
	€0.00
List below office and stationery expenses which <u>were</u> originally met out of public funds	
E13	
E14	
E15	
E	Total:
	€0.00

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4F	Transport and Travel (NATIONAL LEVEL)	
	Expenses in respect of those matters include expenses incurred on transport and travel (by any means), petrol and diesel, rental or use of campaign vehicles, rental or use of vehicles for transport of voters on polling day, accommodation costs (for paid campaign workers), taxi and hackney services and courier services.	
	List travel and transport expenses which <u>were not</u> met out of public funds	
Ref.	Expenditure Item	Cost
F1		€
F2		€
F3		€
F4		€
F5		€
F6		€
F7		€
F8		€
F9		€
F10		€
F11		€
F12		€
F	Total:	€0.00
	List below travel and transport expenses which <u>were</u> originally met out of public funds	
F13		€
F14		€
F15		€
F	Total:	€0.00

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4G	Market Research (NATIONAL LEVEL)	
	Expenses under this heading include expenses incurred on the taking of an opinion poll or other similar survey relating to an election within the period of 60 days before polling day at the election by or on behalf of a political party, a political group or a candidate at the election.	
	List market research expenses which <u>were not</u> met out of public funds	
Ref.	Expenditure Item	Cost
G1		€
G2		€
G3		€
G4		€
G5		€
G6		€
G7		€
G8		€
G9		€
G10		€
G11		€
G12		€
G	Total:	€0.00
	List below market research expenses which <u>were</u> originally met out of public funds	
G13		€
G14		€
G15		€
G	Total:	€0.00

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4H	Campaign Workers (NATIONAL LEVEL) Expenses under this heading include payments to campaign workers, insurance and other costs. (The payment of reasonable expenses for volunteer campaign workers e.g. for tea/coffee, alcohol, food and accommodation are not an election expense)
List campaign worker expenses which <u>were not</u> met out of public funds	
Ref.	Expenditure Item
H1	€
H2	€
H3	€
H4	€
H5	€
H6	€
H7	€
H8	€
H9	€
H10	€
H11	€
H12	€
H	Total: €0.00
List below campaign worker expenses which <u>were</u> originally met out of public funds	
H13	€
H14	€
H15	€
H	Total: €0.00

Use additional pages if necessary

4. Expenses Review

Expenses not met out of public funds

Complete this review by adding total calculated expenses that **were not** met out of public funds for each relevant heading.

Section	Expense Total (€)
4A - Advertising	€€2,366.48
4B - Publicity	€0.00
4C – Election Posters	€0.00
4D – Other Election Material	€0.00
4E – Office and Stationery	€0.00
4F – Transport and Travel	€0.00
4G – Market Research	€0.00
4H – Campaign Workers	€0.00
Overall Expense total:	€2,366.48

Expenses met out of public funds	
Complete this review by adding total calculated expenses that were met out of public funds for each relevant heading	
Section	Expense Total (€)
4A - Advertising	€0.00
4B - Publicity	€0.00
4C – Election Posters	€0.00
4D – Other Election Material	€0.00
4E – Office and Stationery	€0.00
4F – Transport and Travel	€0.00
4G – Market Research	€0.00
4H – Campaign Workers	€0.00
Overall Expense total:	€0.00

5. Details of election expenses incurred by the National Agent and persons authorised by the National Agent on individual candidates at constituency level

5J	Advertising (whatever the medium) (INDIVIDUAL LEVEL)		
	Expenses under this heading include agency fees, design costs and other costs incurred in connection with preparing, producing, distributing or otherwise disseminating such advertising.		
	List expenses which were not met out of public funds		
Ref	Expenditure Item	Candidate Name	Cost
J1	Litr and Thoghcháin - Sligo Leitrim Invoice Number 60845	Michael Kelly	€ 957.08
J2	Litr and Thoghcháin - Meath West Invoice Number 60845	David O'Shea	€552.90
J3	Litr and Thoghcháin - Fingal East Invoice Number 60845	Victoria Byrne	€374.77
J4	Litr and Thoghcháin - Dublin South Central Invoice Number 60845	Barry Ward	€ 476.11
J5			€
J6			€
J7			€
J8			€
J9			€
J10			€
	List expenses which were originally met out of public funds		
J11			€
J12			€
J13			€
J14			€
J15			€

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5K	Publicity (INDIVIDUAL LEVEL) Expenses under this heading include expenses incurred in respect of party political broadcasts, the provision of any services or facilities in connection with press conferences or other dealings with the media, media advice and training and photography.		
	List expenses which <u>were not</u> met out of public funds		
Ref	Expenditure Item	Candidate Name	Cost
K1			€0.00
K2			€
K3			€
K4			€
K5			€
K6			€
K7			€
K8			€
K9			€
K10			€
	List expenses which <u>were originally</u> met out of public funds		
K11			€
K12			€
K13			€
K14			€
K15			€

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5L	Election Posters (INDIVIDUAL LEVEL) Expenses under this heading include the costs of the design, production, printing, erection and removal of election posters (must be during the election period)		
	List expenses which <u>were not</u> met out of public funds		
Ref	Expenditure Item	Candidate Name	Cost
L1			€0.00
L2			€
L3			€
L4			€
L5			€
L6			€
L7			€
L8			€
L9			€
L10			€
	List expenses which <u>were originally</u> met out of public funds		
L11			€
L12			€
L13			€
L14			€
L15			€

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5M	Other Election Material (INDIVIDUAL LEVEL)		
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	List expenses which <u>were not</u> met out of public funds		
Ref.	Expenditure Item	Candidate Name	Cost
M1			€0.00
M2			€
M3			€
M4			€
M5			€
M6			€
M7			€
M8			€
M9			€
M10			€
	List expenses which <u>were originally</u> met out of public funds		
M11			€
M12			€
M13			€
M14			€
M15			€

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5N	Office and Stationery (INDIVIDUAL LEVEL)		
	Expenses under this heading include costs incurred in the rental or use of an office premises or meeting rooms for election purposes (other than for the purposes of annual or other party conferences) and the costs of heating, electricity, insurance, purchase or rental of office equipment, telephones, stationery and postage.		
	List expenses which were <u>not</u> met out of public funds		
Ref	Expenditure Item	Candidate Name	Cost
N1			€0
N2			€
N3			€
N4			€
N5			€
N6			€
N7			€
N8			€
N9			€
N10			€
	List expenses which <u>were originally</u> met out of public funds		
N11			€
N12			€
N13			€
N14			€
N15			€

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5P	Transport and Travel (INDIVIDUAL LEVEL) Expenses under this heading include expenses incurred on transport and travel (by any means), petrol and diesel, rental or use of campaign vehicles, rental or use of vehicles for transport of voters on polling day, accommodation costs, taxi and hackney services and courier services.		
	List expenses which <u>were not</u> met out of public funds		
Ref	Expenditure Item	Candidate Name	Cost
P1			€0
P2			€
P3			€
P4			€
P5			€
P6			€
P7			€
P8			€
P9			€
P10			€
	List expenses which <u>were originally</u> met out of public funds		
P11			€
P12			€
P13			€
P14			€
P15			€

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5Q	Market Research (INDIVIDUAL LEVEL)		
	Expenses under this heading include expenses incurred on the taking of an opinion poll or other similar survey relating to an election within the period of 60 days before polling day at the election by or on behalf of a political party, a political group or a candidate at the election.		
	List expenses which <u>were not</u> met out of public funds		
Ref	Expenditure Item	Candidate Name	Cost
Q1			€0
Q2			€
Q3			€
Q4			€
Q5			€
Q6			€
Q7			€
Q8			€
Q9			€
Q10			€
	List expenses which <u>were originally</u> met out of public funds		
Q11			€
Q12			€
Q13			€
Q14			€
Q15			€

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5R	Campaign Workers (INDIVIDUAL LEVEL) Expenses under this heading include payments to campaign workers, insurance and other costs. (The payment of reasonable expenses for volunteer campaign workers e.g. for tea/coffee, alcohol, food and accommodation are not an election expense)		
	List expenses which <u>were not</u> met out of public funds		
Ref	Expenditure Item	Candidate Name	Cost
R1			€0
R2			€
R3			€
R4			€
R5			€
R6			€
R7			€
R8			€
R9			€
R10			€
	List expenses which <u>were originally</u> met out of public funds		
R11			€
R12			€
R13			€
R14			€
R15			€

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6. Details of Claims in Dispute

If there are election expenses where there is a dispute as to the amount payable please complete the table below.

Please give details below of the disputed amount:

Description of Item	Name & Address of Supplier	Amount in Dispute (€)

NOTE: Where there is a disputed claim for election expenses the amount in dispute should be entered above and **should not be** included in the list of election expenses at Part 4 of the statement.

7. Details of Claims received 45 days after polling day (13 January 2025)

If there were any claims for payment of election expenses received more than 45 days after polling day please complete the table below.

Please give details below:

Description of Item	Name & Address of Supplier	Amount Claimed (€)

NOTE: While it is an offence to pay any claims for payment received more than 45 days after polling day the amount of the expense incurred **must be** included in the list of election expenses at the appropriate section of Part 5 of the statement.

8. Expenses Review

Expenses not met out of public funds

Complete this review by adding total calculated expenses that **were not** met out of public funds for each relevant heading.

Section	Expense Total (€)
5J - Advertising	€ 2,366.48
5K - Publicity	€
5L – Election Posters	€
5M – Other Election Material	€
5N – Office and Stationery	€
5P – Transport and Travel	€
5Q – Market Research	€
5R – Campaign Workers	€
Overall Expense total:	€ 2,366.48

Expenses met out of public funds	
Complete this review by adding total calculated expenses that were met out of public funds for each relevant heading	
Section	Expense Total (€)
5J - Advertising	€0
5K - Publicity	€
5L – Election Posters	€
5M – Other Election Material	€
5N – Office and Stationery	€
5P – Transport and Travel	€
5Q – Market Research	€
5R – Campaign Workers	€
Overall Expense total:	€0