

# Donations to Political Parties Analysis

Fourth Quarter, 2005

Source: Electoral Commission

Donations register for all cash and noncash donations is now on the Party Watch website (<http://www.new-politics.com/partywatch>). Details on individual donors is accessible on the New Politics Network wiki (<http://www.new-politics.com/wiki>).

## Main points:

- Conservative and Liberal Democrat donations almost double in comparison to the last quarter - no discernable "Cameron" effect or "Kennedy" effect;
- George Galloway MP fails to declare the speakers fee he earned which caused him to miss crucial Terrorism Bill vote;

## Top Ten Donors

1. Amicus (Labour, £627,417.00)
2. Unison (Labour, £490,613.00)
3. Kenneth W Richards (Conservatives, £452,512.70)
4. GMB (Labour, £330,225.00)
5. William Haughey OBE (Labour, £330,000.00)
6. Lord Leonard Steinberg (Conservatives, £250,000.00)
7. Union of Shop Distributive and Allied Workers (Labour, £247,024.00)
8. Mahomed A Galadari (Conservatives, £150,000.00)
11. Peter Coates (Labour, £100,000.00)
11. Derek Tullett CBE (Labour, £100,000.00)
11. William Archer (Labour, £100,000.00)

## Donation Trends

Q4 2005	Q3 2005 (% change)	Q4 2004 (% change)	Q4 2001 (% change)
£5,795,639.58	£5,261,786.92	£10,239,046.78	£2,720,743.43
n/a	+10.1%	-43.4%	+113.0%

*Note: we would expect to see a dip in donations compared to the fourth quarter last year (building up to the General Election). The third quarter in 2001 is roughly the equivalent period in the last electoral cycle.*

## **Labour Donors**

1. Amicus (£627,417.00)
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- **William Haughey** - Chief Executive of City Refrigeration, a leading UK provider of refrigeration and facilities management.
  - **Peter Coates** - owns Lindley Catering Investments and former Chair of Stoke City FC
  - **Derek Tullett CBE** - international stockbroker and philanthropists. Founded Tullett and Riley in 1971 (now Tullett Prebon).
  - **William Archer** - President of AT&T's Europe, Middle East and Africa region.

## **Labour Donation Trends**

<b>Q4 2005</b>	<b>Q3 2005 (% change)</b>	<b>Q4 2004 (% change)</b>	<b>Q4 2001 (% change)</b>
£3,025,254.00	£3,723,049.00	£5,093,535.00	£1,514,746.00
n/a	-18.7%	-40.6%	+99.7%

*Note: Lakshmi Mittal donated £2m to the Labour Party in the third quarter of 2005.*

## Conservative Donors

1. Kenneth W Richards (£452,512.70) - bequest
  2. Lord Leonard Steinberg (£250,000.00)
  3. Mahomed A Galadari (£150,000.00)
  4. Midlands Industrial Council (£53,000.00)
  5. Ada R Cook (£51,449.98) - bequest
- **Lord Leonard Steinberg** - former Deputy Treasurer of the Conservative Party. Founder and Non-Executive Chairman of Stanley Leisure Ltd which owns a large network of betting shops and casinos.
  - **Mahomed A Galadari** - publisher and Editor of the *Khaleej Times*, an English language daily newspaper published in Dubai, United Arab Emirates.
  - **Midlands Industrial Council** - an unincorporated association, the members of which have not been made public.

## Conservative Donation Trends

Q4 2005	Q3 2005 (% change)	Q4 2004 (% change)	Q4 2001 (% change)
£2,073,169.76	£1,044,955.92	£3,567,784.96	£763,883.11
n/a	+98.4%	-41.9%	+171.4%

## A Cameron Effect?

Although donations have almost doubled since the previous quarter, we would expect a slight recovery due to the time elapsed since the general election. It is comparable to the Liberal Democrats' increase of 88.9%.

It will not be clear until the first quarter 2006 figures are reported if there has been any discernable "Cameron Effect".

## **Liberal Democrat Donors**

1. Alpha Healthcare Ltd (£60,000.00)
2. Lord Jacobs (£20,000.00)
3. Bloomberg Tradebook Europe Ltd - Sponsorship (£18,967.35)
4. KPMG LLP (£18,250.00)
5. Independent News & Media Ltd - Sponsorship (£11,156.85)

- **Alpha Healthcare Ltd** - runs 10 nursing homes in the West Midlands area.
- **Lord Jacobs** - former businessman, former party treasurer and working peer.

## **Liberal Democrat Donation Trends**

<b>Q4 2005</b>	<b>Q3 2005 (% change)</b>	<b>Q4 2004 (% change)</b>	<b>Q4 2001 (% change)</b>
£363,687.25	£ 192,523.44	£885,444.72	£247,150.17
n/a	+88.9%	-58.9%	+47.2%

## **A Kennedy Effect?**

There would seem to be little sign of the Liberal Democrats recent troubles effecting donations, although nearly £50,000 appears to come from (conference) sponsorship which would normally be reported in the third quarter.

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## **Galloway's missing money**

The Respect Party have again submitted no registered donations for the fourth quarter of 2005, although they have submitted a number of donations that should have been declared previously. This is despite George Galloway's tour of one-man shows which he is undertaking for the explicit reason of raising money from the Party.

Mr Galloway missed a crucial debate on the Terrorism Bill in the House of Commons on 2 November 2005 in which the government managed to win a vote by a majority of just one. His reason was that he was speaking in Cork:

*George Galloway yesterday defended his decision to miss this week's key Commons vote on new anti-terror legislation, claiming he was legally obliged to attend a lucrative speaking engagement instead.*

*The Respect MP for Bethnal Green and Bow, who swept to victory on an anti-war platform, was 350 miles away in Cork on his one-man tour, An Audience With George Galloway, subtitled The Mother of All One Man Shows.*

*The government prevailed by just one vote in a section of the bill outlawing the glorification of terrorism. The MP said dates for the speaking engagement were fixed before the schedule for the Commons vote was known. He told the Guardian that the £1,000 fees from each show on the tour are needed to finance Respect.*

*But critics yesterday accused him of letting down constituents. They pointed to his voting record in the Commons, where he has spoken in four debates since the general election and asked one written question. The Commons analysts Public Whip calculate he has taken part in just 13% of parliamentary votes.*

*Mr Galloway said: "If I had known in advance that the government would get through an amendment by just one vote and if there were not a contract which would have meant losing thousands, I would have been there, although it would still have been a difficult amendment for me to vote for. I may be prosecuted under this bill. The amendment would only have made it less bad. I have to balance my time between parliament, the constituency and the duties I have as a national figure in Respect, as an international figure and as a fundraiser."*

**"Galloway says he was legally obliged to miss key terror vote", The Guardian, 5 November 2005**

## **The rise of the "unincorporated association"**

<b>2005</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>2001</b>
£1,884,547.55	£ 1,114,992.51	£ 671,256.16	£ 587,124.94	£ 635,335.85

<b>Party</b>	<b>Lib Dem</b>	<b>Labour</b>	<b>Conservatives</b>
All time	£972,530.59	£1,090,744.22	£2,732,261.38
2004	£243,048.57	£310,145.00	£550,736.94
2005	£261,666.40	£426,055.00	£1,184,096.15