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Statement of Accounts 2022 Human Dignity Alliance

Dear Mr Fennelly,

As you have previously mentioned, under the Electoral Act 1997, as amended by the Electoral (Amendment) (Political Funding) Act 2012, (the Act) provides for the disclosure of accounts by political parties.

As it is a nil account (no bank account in existence, no donations solicited or received by the HDA and all values nil) we have not received the assistance of an auditor.

Please find the 2022 statement of accounts enclosed. If you have any other queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Rónán Mullen

Chairperson

Human Dignity Alliance

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Statement of Accounts 2022

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Annual Statement of Accounts for year ended 31 December 2022

Overview Statement

As of a 7th June 2023 election the composition of the executive is as follows;

- Chairperson; Rónán Mullen
- Secretary; Katie (Katherine) O'Driscoll
- Treasurer; Niall Buckley
- Public Relations Officer; Peadar Hand

Appropriate Officer

Rónán Mullen,

Seanad Éireann,

Leinster House

Dublin 11

Structure of the party

The day-to-day running of the Human Dignity Alliance, including all matters relating to membership, representation, administration, finance and policy direction, is the responsibility of the Human Dignity Alliance Executive ('the Executive'). The Executive consists of a Chairperson, a Secretary, a Treasurer and a Public Relations Officer. The party is centrally organised with members across Ireland

Scope of the financial statements

The scope of the financial statements includes all funds received in the name of party and all expenditures by it. As at 31 December 2022, the party had not opened any accounts nor had been in receipt of any monies.

Statement of Appropriate Officer's Responsibilities

I am responsible for preparing the statement of accounts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

The Electoral Acts and guidelines published by the Standards in Public Office Commission require me to prepare an annual statement of accounts that gives a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities and financial position of the Party at 31 December 2022 and of its surplus or deficit for the year then ended.

In preparing the statement of accounts, I am required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently,
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent,
- comply with generally applicable accounting practice in Ireland including FRS 102, subject to any material departure being disclosed and explained in the statement of accounts,
- include any additional information required by law or regulation, and
- prepare the statement of accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Party will continue in operation.

I am also responsible for keeping all proper and usual books of account of the Party that

- disclose at any time, with reasonable accuracy, the financial position of the Party at that time, and
- enable me to ensure that the annual statement of accounts complies with the guidelines.

Rónán Mullen

Appropriate Officer

26/06/23

Annual Statement of Accounts for year ended 31 December 2022

Human Dignity Alliance

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Income and Expenditure Account and Retained Revenue Reserves

		2022	2021
	Note	€	€
Income			
State funding	2	0	0
Membership fees and subscriptions	3	0	0
Donations	4	0	0
Donations in kind (including notional donations)	5	0	0
Gross fundraising income	6	0	0
Other amounts remitted by branches	7	0	0
Miscellaneous income	8	0	0
Total Income		0	0
Expenditure			
Staff costs	9	0	0
Administration	10	0	0
Premises costs	11	0	0
Transfers to branches	12	0	0
Application of donations in kind and notional donations	13	0	0
Fundraising expenses	6	0	0
Financing charges	14	0	0
Campaign and election costs	15	0	0
Depreciation	16	0	0

Miscellaneous expenses	17	0	0
Total expenditure		0	0
Surplus/ (deficit) for the year		0	0
Balance brought forward at 1 January		0	0
Balance carried forward at 31 December		0	0

Annual Statement of Accounts for year ended 31 December 2022

Balance Sheet

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		2022	2021
	Note	€	€
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	16	0	0
Investments	18	0	0
Current assets			
Stock	19	0	0
Debtors	20	0	0
Cash and cash equivalents	21	0	0
Current liabilities			
Creditors and Accruals	22	0	0
Loans	23	0	0
Total assets less current liabilities			
Retained revenue reserves		0	0
Other reserves		0	0

Annual Statement of Accounts for year ended 31 December 2022

Statement of Cash Flows for the year ended 31 December 2022

		2022	2021
	Notes	€	€
Net cash flows from operating activities		0	0
Net cash inflow/(outflow) from operating activities	25	0	0
Cash flows from financing activities			
Bank interest received		0	0
Bank interest paid		0	0
Repayment of borrowings		0	0
Net cash flows from financing activities		0	0
Cash flows from investing activities			
Receipts from sales of property, plant and equipment		0	0
Payments to acquire tangible fixed assets		0	0
Net cash flows from investing activities		0	0
Net increase/ (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		0	0
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 January		0	0
Cash and cash equivalents at 31 December	21	0	0

Annual Statement of Account for year ended 31 December 2022 Notes forming part of the Statement of Accounts

Note 1. Accounting policies

Statement of compliance

The statement of accounts for the year ended 31 December 2022 have been prepared in accordance with FRS102, the provisions of the Electoral Act 1997 (as amended) and the guidelines issued by the Standards in Public Office Commission.

Basis of preparation and significant accounting policies

The note should set out accounting policies relating to the material headings in the income and expenditure account and retained revenue reserves, and in the balance sheet, including –

the basis of income recognition;

the basis of expenditure recognition;

pension arrangements including entitlements, basis of recognition of charge, etc.;

treatment of employee benefits;

depreciation policy (including rates and method) and basis of valuation of fixed assets;

basis of any provisions;

valuation of investments.

The accounting policies should be applied consistently.

Note 2. State funding

Total

State funding comprises:	2022	2021
	€	€
Exchequer funding under section 19 of the Electoral Act 1997, as amended ^a	0	0
	0	0
Parliamentary Activities Allowance b		
Administrative support provided by the Houses of the Oireachtas	0	0
Other State funding ^c	0	0

[a Under section 20 of the Electoral Act 1997, as amended, a separate accounting is made in respect of the application of Exchequer funding received by qualified parties under section 19 of that Act.]

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[b Under section 3 of the Oireachtas (Ministerial & Parliamentary Offices) (Amendment) Act 2014, a separate accounting is made in respect of the application of this funding.]

[c The nature of the state funding should be disclosed. "]

Note 3. Membership fees and subscriptions

	2022	2021
Membership fee and subscription income is comprised as follows:	0	0
	€	€
Collected by Head Office/national units	0	0
Remitted by subsidiary units	0	0
It is made up of:		
Corporate memberships	0	0
Individual subscriptions	0	0
Note 4. Donations		
	2022	2021
The total donations reported comprise:	0	0
	€	€
Individual donations	0	0
Corporate donations	0	0

Under section 24 of the Electoral Act 1997, a separate accounting is made in respect of donations received.

Note 5. Donations in kind

2022	2021
0	0

The estimated value of donations in kind and notional donations received by the party in the year was € (2022: €X). This was applied as outlined in Note 12.

		2022	2021
Note 6.	Fundraising	0	0

The principal sources of fundraising income in the year were as follows:

(Please categorise income based on main sources and insert a table (with current year and comparative year), including 'Other fundraising income', that totals to the reported figure. In addition, categorise direct expenditure on fundraising activities based on the nature of the expenditure and include in the table.)

Note 7. Other amounts remitted by branches

2022	2021
0	0

Membership and subscriptions remitted by branches are included in that heading. The balance of funding transferred to Head Office/national unit by branches comprises:

Categorise key components of the income (if material). If not, state 'The balance comprises miscellaneous amounts remitted to Head Office/national unit by branches of the party'.

Note 8.	Miscellaneous income
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	2022	2021
Miscellaneous income comprises:	0	0
	€	€
Investment income	0	0
Rental income	0	0
Service income		
Other income	0	0

Note 9. Staff costs

	2022	2021
Staff costs comprise:	0	0
	€	€
Salaries and wages	0	0
Employers' PRSI	0	0
Pension costs	0	0
Training and development costs	0	0
Other costs	0	0

Staff costs include €x in respect of salaries (2022:€X) and €y in respect of pension costs of staff (2022: €Y) provided without charge by the Houses of the Oireachtas Commission as administrative support (see Note 1).

Staff numbers	2022	2021
Employed at year end	0	0

Average during year – whole time equivalents

Note 10.

Administration

	2022	2021
Administration comprises:	0	0
	€	€
Communications and telephone costs	0	0
Equipment rental and maintenance	0	0
Party meetings e.g. Ard Fheis	0	0
Printing and publishing	0	0
Professional services	0	0
Auditor's remuneration and expenses	0	0
Staff travel	0	0
Other administrative expenses	0	0

Administration includes €x in respect of computer equipment (2022:€X) provided without charge by the Houses of the Oireachtas Commission as administrative support (see Note 1).

Note 11. Premises costs

	2022	2021
The cost of premises utilised in the year comprises:		
	€	€
Rental and related charges	0	0
Heating and electricity	0	0
Upkeep and maintenance	0	0
Insurance	0	0
Other premises costs	0	0

Premises costs includes €x in respect of the use of premises (2022:€X) provided without charge by the Houses of the Oireachtas Commission as administrative support (see Note 1).

Note 12. Transfers to branches

	2022	2021
The transfers to branches were made for the following purposes:	0	0
(Categorise transfers by purpose if material)	0	0

Note 13. Application of donations in kind and notional donations

The value of donations in kind and notional donations is set out in Note 4. This amount was applied to non-campaign/election expenses as follows:

	2022	2021	
	€	€	
Transport	0	0	
Fundraising costs	0	0	
Premises use	0	0	
Other (specify nature if material)	0	0	

Note 14. Financing charges

	2022	2021
Financing charges comprise:	0	0
	€	€
Loan and mortgage interest	0	0
Overdraft interest	0	0
Finance lease charges	0	0
Other financing costs	0	0

Note 15. Campaign and election costs

Campaign costs include election expenses (as defined under Section 31 of the Electoral Act 1997, as amended) and other expenses incurred in relation to elections or referendum campaigns, or party/policy promotion and comprise [Note: separate analysis to be provided for <u>each</u> campaign]:

	2022	2021
	€	€
Presidential election 20xx		
Election expenses	0	0
Other campaign expenses	0	0
Donations in kind	0	0
General election 20xx		
Election expenses	0	0
Other campaign expenses	0	0
Donations in kind	0	0
Local elections 20xx		
Election expenses	0	0
Other campaign expenses	0	0
Donations in kind	0	0
Bye-election in x constituency		
Election expenses	0	0
Other campaign expenses	0	0
Donations in kind	0	0
Referendum A		
Campaign expenses	0	0
Donations in kind	0	0
General party/policy promotion (public meetings, publications, etc.)		
Expenses	0	0
Donations in kind	0	0
	0	0

Note 16. Depreciation and tangible assets

	Prope	erty	Fixture	s	Equipr	nent	Vehicl	es
Gross cost	2022	2021	2022 2	021	2022 2	021	2022 2	2021
At beginning of year	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Additions	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Disposals	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
At end of year	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Accumulated depreciation								
At beginning of year	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Provided for in year	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Disposals	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
At end of year	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Net book value at end of year	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Net book value at beginning of year	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Provide details of any tangible fixed a	ssets p	ledged	as security	0 0	C	0	0	0

Note 17. Miscellaneous expenses

	2022	2021
Miscellaneous expenses comprise:	0	0
(Insert a categorisation relevant to the business of the year if material)	0	0
Note 18. Investments		
	2022	2021
(Classify investments by type if material)	0	0
Note 19. Stock		
	2022	2021
Stocks consist of (specify)	0	0
Stocks consist of (specify)	0	0
Note 20. Debtors and prepayments		
	2022	2021
	0	0
(Specify by main categories)		

(Funding due but not yet received from the Oireachtas should be disclosed separately in this note)

Note 21. Cash and cash equivalents

	2022	2021
The cash balances of the party comprise:	0	0
	€	€
Current accounts	0	0
Deposit accounts	0	0
Cash on hand	0	0
Other cash balances	0	0
Note 22. Creditors and accruals		
	2022	2021
Creditors and accruals are comprised of:	0	0
	€	€
Payroll taxes	0	0
Creditors	0	0
Accruals	0	0

Note 23. Loans and finance leases

	2022	2021
The balance of loans and finance leases comprises:	0	0
·	€	€
Loans	0	0
Finance leases	0	0
(Insert note setting out any security given)	0	0

Note 24. Restricted funding

2022	2021
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Funding received under the Electoral Act 1997 and the Oireachtas (Ministerial and Parliamentary Offices) (Amendment) Act 2014 may only be used for the purposes specified in those Acts. The total amount of funding received under those Acts but not yet expended at the yearend for the specified purposes was €X (2022:€X).

Note 25. Net cash flow in year

2022	2021
0	0

Insert the standard accounting note linking the surplus or deficit of the year per the income and expenditure account and revenue reserves with net cash inflow (outflow) from operating activities.

Other standard financial reporting disclosure notes

Insert all standard accounting notes including -

- taxation set out the tax status of the party i.e. liability or exemption from key taxes;
- operating lease commitments provide the disclosures required by section 20 of FRS102
- other commitments set out an estimate of capital or other major financial commitments at year end;
- contingencies and legal actions state whether any material contingencies exist and, if so, outline their nature;
- related undertakings set out all related undertakings;
- related parties provide the disclosures required by section 33 of FRS102;
- pension costs set out the basis for pension provision for the various classes of employees;
- insert the date of approval of the statement of accounts by Executive Committee or similar body elected by the party.