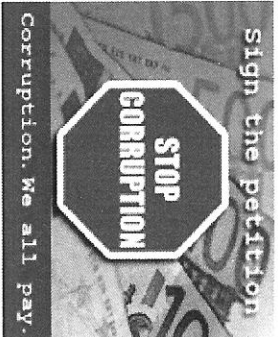


Questionnaire for Political Parties and Candidates

Survey to assess anti-corruption commitments of political parties and candidates for the **Dublin South and Dublin Central by-elections 2009**

The purpose of this survey is to share Irish political parties' and candidates' views on how best corruption can be prevented and trust built in government, politics and business. There are ten questions in total. All responses will be published on Transparency International Ireland's website on 3 June 2009. Responses to the questionnaire should be returned to Transparency International Ireland by 30 May 2009. Please contact TI Ireland at info@transparency.ie for further information.



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(This questionnaire can be completed by candidates or a political party on behalf of candidates. Please indicate above)

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Question	Yes/No	Comments
1. Should all employees/contracted staff in both the public and private sectors have full legal protection for reporting concerns* in good faith? <small>*Such concerns would relate to health and safety risks, corruption, fraud, waste, mismanagement, neglect, negligence</small>	<p>YES</p>	<p>Whistleblower protection is essential.</p>

<p>2. Should a register of lobbyists be established that allows people to scrutiny all correspondence, sources of finance and expenditure directly used to influence government policy, laws, and regulations?</p>	<p>yes</p>	
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<p>3. Do you think the current fee structure for Freedom of Information (FOI) applications and appeals promotes accountability and transparency in government? If not, what solutions do you or your party propose?</p>	<p>Comment Only</p>	<p>NO - I would propose reform of the fee structure so that the cost of applying for FOI disclosure does not remain prohibitive</p>
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<p>4. Should bodies such as An Garda Síochána, the Central Bank, Financial Regulator and NAMA be subject to Freedom of Information legislation?</p>	<p>yes</p>	
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<p>5. Should the threshold for disclosing political donations to candidates and political parties be reduced, remain unchanged or be increased?</p>	<p>Comment Only</p>	<p>I think a comprehensive review of current rules on disclosure are needed to be undertaken - it is too easy to 'get around' the disclosure thresholds → spending limits are present.</p>
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6. Should elected politicians be able to accept more or less in gifts and non-commercial loans without disclosing them?	Comment Only	less
7. Should political parties publish detailed annual accounts and be available to the general public?	yes	
8. Should T.D.s be required to produce receipts for all official expenses?	yes	
9. Should appointments to the Boards of State Bodies be open to public competition and direct oversight by the Oireachtas?	yes	I agree with the recommendation that the Seanad would be an appropriate forum for oversight of such appointments
10. Can you list three measures that could be introduced to restore public and investor confidence in our banking system?	Comment Only	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> ① Temporary nationalisation of the banks ② A clean sweep of boards in banks ③ Disclosure of the true extent of the 'toxic debts' owed to the banks by developers.

Go raibh maith agat! Thank you for taking part!