

**Final assessment of state funding for 2006***1. Parties entitled to receive state funding*

The following 22 parties were entitled to receive state funding in 2006 under section 18 (4) of the Law on Political Parties (listed in descending order of votes won, cf. vote account for 2006, as at: 31 December 2006, Annex 1):

<u>Bundestag parties</u>	<u>Other parties</u>	
CDU	NPD	Deutschland
SPD	REP	DVU
ALLIANCE 90/THE GREENS	WASG	Offensive D
CSU	GRAUE	SSW
FDP	Die Tierschutzpartei	Freie Wähler in Thüringen
The Left Party	FAMILIE	Pro DM
	ödp	Eltern
	DIE FRAUEN	50Plus

*2. Calculation of state funding for 2006*

The levels of state funding allocated to the parties for 2006 were calculated in line with the attached 'Summary' (ANNEX 2, last amended: 15 January 2007).

The following points apply to the Summary:

The *second column of the Summary* contains the parties' 'vote accounts' on the qualifying date of 31 December 2006 (section 19a (2) of the Law on Political Parties, cf. Annex 1). This comprises the sum of total eligible valid votes cast for each party's lists at the most recent Bundestag, European and Landtag elections. Here, the final updated official results replace any earlier results for the duration of the electoral term. In 2006, this applied to the Landtag elections in Baden-Württemberg, Berlin, Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania, Rhineland-Palatinate and Saxony-Anhalt. Changes in the vote account are taken into consideration up to 31 December of each entitlement year.

The *third column of the Summary*, headed 'Contributions', lists the subscriptions and donations taken into account in calculations of state funding. Pursuant to section 24 (8) of the

Law on Political Parties, the parties reported these contributions separately in their 2005 statement of account, which is used to assess their state funding for 2006. These contributions represent the sum of membership subscriptions, contributions by elected representatives, and donations by natural persons up to a total of €3,300 per person per year.

The Freie Wähler party in Thuringia failed to submit the 2005 statement of account required for assessment of state funding for 2006 by 31 December 2006, meaning that it has already forfeited the contributions-based funding for 2006 (section 19a (3) sentence 3 of the Law on Political Parties). It will, however, be able to retain votes-based funding if it submits the 2005 statement of account before the deadline (c.f. section 19a (3), sentence 5 of the Law on Political Parties) of the end of 2007.

The *fourth column of the Summary* - headed 'Votes-based funding' - shows the amount of funding for each party calculated on the basis of the number of votes it received (cf. column 2) (€0.85 for each of the first four million votes and €0.70 for every additional vote thereafter).

The *fifth column of the Summary* - headed 'Contributions-based funding' - shows the financial calculation of the donations and subscriptions listed in column 3, based on €0.38 for each euro of contributions received.

The *sixth column of the Summary* - headed 'Total' - shows the sum of the two previous columns ('Votes-based funding' and 'Contributions-based funding'). It states the amount that parties would receive based on these figures if no absolute or relative limits applied. The total - over €61 million - shows that the absolute limit of €33 million was exceeded by approximately €28 million, or roughly 21%, in 2006 (22% in 2005).

As the total amount of state funding must not exceed the absolute limit, the amounts accruing to the individual parties in column 6 ('Total') have to be reduced proportionally as prescribed by section 18 (5) of the Law on Political Parties. This calculation is shown in the seventh column of the Summary (headed 'Absolute limit'). The result of this reduction is that instead of €0.85 or €0.70, the eligible parties actually received only around €0.70 or €0.58 per vote, and only around €0.31, rather than €0.38, for each euro of contributions received for the year 2006.

Owing to the constitutional ban on political parties being 'predominantly' funded by the state, the level of state funding must not, under section 18 (5), first sentence, and section 19a (4) of the Law on Political Parties, exceed the revenue raised by parties themselves in the previous year. Under section 19 (5), first sentence, of the Law on Political Parties, the amounts calculated in column 7 must therefore be compared with the revenue raised by the party itself, and included in the 2005 statement of accounts, which is shown in *column 8 of the Summary* (headed 'Relative limit').

For 2006, we can see that the annual revenue raised by the Tierschutz (Animal Protection), FAMILIE (Family), DIE FRAUEN (The Women), Deutschland (Germany) and Eltern (Parents) parties themselves is less than their state funding calculated on the basis of the absolute limit. This means that their state funding must be restricted to the relative limit.

The Freie Wähler party in Thuringia has not so far submitted a statement of accounts for 2005, meaning that neither a relative limit nor the level of funding to be paid out on this basis can be given (c.f. section 19a (1), sentence 2 of the Law on Political Parties).

Under section 19a (6) of the Law on Political Parties, the state funding payable for valid votes won in Landtag elections is taken from the total state funding allocated to each party and is disbursed by the Länder (states) from Land funds to the party associations at Land level at the rate of €0.50 per vote. The relevant figures are shown in the penultimate column of the Summary (headed 'Share disbursed by the Länder').

The Federal Government disburses the remaining state funding to the parties' federal associations - or, if the party is only represented at Land level, such as the CSU, SSW and 50Plus, to the Land association - from the federal budget via the President of the German Bundestag (section 21 (1) of the Law on Political Parties). The relevant amounts are shown in the *last column of the Summary* ('Share disbursed by the Federal Government'). The resultant final amounts paid or repaid from the share of funding disbursed by the Federal Government, from which any previous advance payments are deducted, are shown in column 4 ('Final payment/repayment for 2006') of the table entitled 'Federation' (As at: 15 January 2007, Annex 3).

### 3. Federation/Länder share and share of state funding

The totals shown in the final two columns reveal that the federal states (Länder) provided approximately €17 million (approx. 13%) and the Federal Government around €15 million (approx. 87%) of total state funding in 2006.

The difference between the total revenue raised by the parties themselves for 2005 (approx. €328 million, shown in column 8, headed 'Relative limit') and the total level of state funding for 2006 (approx. €133 million, shown in column 9, headed 'Final amount') reveals that parties' own finances exceed state funding by a substantial margin, i.e. by approx. €195 million. Thus the share of state funding in total party funding of €461 million (€328 million + €133 million) is around 29% on average.

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### Summary

## Assessment of state funding for 2006 pursuant to sections 18 ff. of the Law on Political Parties (PartG)

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Party	Vote account (section 19a (2) PartG)  Votes won at the most recent Bundestag, European and 16 Landtag elections  As at: 31.12.2006	Contributions (section 24 (8) PartG)  According to 2005 statement of account	Votes-based funding (section 18 (3) sentence 1 (section 18 (3) sentence 1 no. 1 & sentence 2 PartG)  4 million votes times €0,85, thereafter times €0,70 (column 2)		Contributions-based funding (section 18 (3) sentence 1 (section 18 (3) sentence 1 no. 3 PartG)  €0,38 for every €1,00 in contributions (column 3)		Total (column 4 + column 5)	Absolute limit (section 19a (5) PartG)  Limit of €133,000,000.00	Relative limit (section 18 (5) PartG, section 19a (5) PartG)  Revenue raised by parties pursuant to 2005 statement of account	Final amount (section 19a (5) PartG)  Taking account of absolute and relative limits	Share disbursed by Länder / Federation (section 19a (6) PartG)	
			€	€	€	€					Länder  €0,50 per vote cast at the respective Landtag elections as shown in the vote account	Federation  Remaining funding (column 9 - column 10)
	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11		
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CDU	35.462.480	75.224.305,30	25.423.736,00	28.585.236,01	54.008.972,01	44.591.403,49	112.026.161,29	44.591.403,49	6.456.371,50	38.135.031,99		
SPD	32.382.894	75.517.487,00	23.268.025,80	28.696.645,06	51.964.670,86	42.903.568,04	121.694.479,00	42.903.568,04	5.320.129,00	37.583.439,04		
ALLIANCE 90/THE GREENS	9.636.909	12.256.436,41	7.345.836,30	4.657.445,84	12.003.282,14	9.910.264,48	16.310.393,20	9.910.264,48	1.359.427,50	8.550.836,98		
CSU	8.667.141	16.818.517,00	6.666.998,70	6.391.036,46	13.058.035,16	10.781.099,75	30.822.993,00	10.781.099,75	1.554.466,00	9.226.633,75		
FDP	8.550.438	14.136.083,85	6.585.306,60	5.371.711,86	11.957.018,46	9.872.067,82	22.574.986,31	9.872.067,82	1.168.431,50	8.703.636,32		
The Left Party	7.333.167	12.161.125,93	5.733.216,90	4.621.227,85	10.354.444,75	8.548.935,61	13.534.550,05	8.548.935,61	817.932,00	7.731.003,61		
NPD	1.358.311	1.349.643,23	1.154.564,35	512.864,43	1.667.428,78	1.376.678,48	1.711.777,07	1.376.678,48	184.000,00	1.192.678,48		
REP	1.050.855	1.741.722,32	893.226,75	661.854,48	1.555.081,23	1.283.921,02	1.817.726,95	1.283.921,02	149.546,00	1.134.375,02		
WASG	389.071	862.310,33	330.710,35	327.677,93	658.388,28	543.584,82	961.384,69	543.584,82	194.535,50	349.049,32		
GRAUE	382.449	3.429.127,36	325.081,65	1.303.068,40	1.628.150,05	1.344.248,80	3.459.308,19	1.344.248,80	34.023,50	1.310.225,30		
Die Tierschutzpartei <sup>1)</sup>	365.456	71.934,41	310.637,60	27.335,08	337.972,68	279.040,23	78.924,31	78.924,31	17.034,00	61.890,31		
FAMILIE <sup>1)</sup>	321.880	182.417,61	273.598,00	69.318,69	342.916,69	283.122,16	182.861,67	182.861,67	26.706,00	156.156,67		
ödp	245.589	1.430.728,11	208.750,65	543.676,68	752.427,33	621.226,24	1.491.047,94	621.226,24	50.026,00	571.200,24		
DIE FRAUEN <sup>1)</sup>	145.312	25.984,87	123.515,20	9.874,25	133.389,45	110.130,27	28.249,33	28.249,33	0,00	28.249,33		
Deutschland <sup>1)</sup>	135.015	25.882,24	114.762,75	9.835,25	124.598,00	102.871,79	34.172,45	34.172,45	0,00	34.172,45		
DVU	104.588	505.431,34	88.899,80	192.063,91	280.963,71	231.971,94	573.742,22	231.971,94	52.294,00	179.677,94		
Offensive D	53.218	118.560,86	45.235,30	45.053,13	90.288,43	74.544,80	179.950,21	74.544,80	26.609,00	47.935,80		
SSW	51.920	76.691,90	44.132,00	29.142,92	73.274,92	60.497,94	419.328,32	60.497,94	25.960,00	34.537,94		
Freie Wähler in Thuringia <sup>2)</sup>	26.302	0,00	22.356,70	0,00	22.356,70	18.458,35	---	---	---	---		
Pro DM	25.763	48.728,38	21.898,55	18.516,78	40.415,33	33.368,09	75.799,27	33.368,09	30,00	33.338,09		
Eltern <sup>1)</sup>	14.499	7.342,16	12.324,15	2.790,02	15.114,17	12.478,71	7.342,16	7.342,16	7.249,50	92,66		
50Plus	11.875	26.083,66	10.093,75	9.911,79	20.005,54	16.517,17	30.928,99	16.517,17	5.937,50	10.579,67		
<b>Total</b>	<b>106.715.132</b>	<b>216.016.544,27</b>	<b>79.002.907,85</b>	<b>82.086.286,82</b>	<b>161.089.194,67</b>	<b>133.000.000,00</b>	<b>328.016.106,62</b>	<b>132.525.448,41</b>	<b>17.450.708,50</b>	<b>115.074.739,91</b>		

<sup>1)</sup> Pursuant to section 19 a (5) PartG, this party's entitlement is limited to the amount of revenue it raises itself ("relative limit", cf. section 18 (5) PartG).

<sup>2)</sup> This party has not so far submitted a statement of account for 2005, meaning that no state funding may be assessed on 15 February 2007, pursuant to section 19 a (1), sentence 2 PartG. Independently of this, and as a result of failing to submit the 2005 statement of account on time, it has forfeited its right to contributions-based funding for 2005, pursuant to section 19a (3), sentence 3 PartG.

**Federation**  
**Assessment of state funding for 2006**  
**and calculation of advance payments for 2007 pursuant to section 18 ff. of the Law on Political Parties**

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Party	Share disbursed by the Federation	Advance payments for 2006	Final payment/ repayment for 2006	Amount of individual advance payments for 2007
	According to Summary, column 11	Total	Share disbursed by Federation minus advance payments for 2006 (column 2 - column 3)	25% of share disbursed by Federation (25% of column 2)
	€ 2	€ 3	€ 4	€ 5
CDU <sup>1)</sup>	38.135.031,99	38.468.472,60	- 333.440,61	9.533.758,00
SPD <sup>1)</sup>	37.583.439,04	38.065.679,36	- 482.240,32	9.395.859,76
ALLIANCE 90/THE GREENS	8.550.836,98	8.264.619,40	286.217,58	2.137.709,25
CSU	9.226.633,75	8.995.660,28	230.973,47	2.306.658,44
FDP	8.703.636,32	8.383.601,36	320.034,96	2.175.909,08
The Left Party	7.731.003,61	7.587.792,92	143.210,69	1.932.750,90
NPD <sup>2)</sup>	1.192.678,48	1.010.883,45	181.795,03	298.169,62
REP	1.134.375,02	1.083.642,04	50.732,98	283.593,76
WASG	349.049,32	35.865,88	313.183,44	87.262,33
GRAUE	1.310.225,30	1.194.782,84	115.442,46	327.556,33
Die Tierschutzpartei	61.890,31	44.002,64	17.887,67	15.472,58
FAMILIE	156.155,67	133.035,28	23.120,39	39.038,92
ödp	571.200,24	564.842,00	6.358,24	142.800,06
DIE FRAUEN <sup>1)</sup>	28.249,33	32.485,56	- 4.236,23	7.062,33
Deutschland	34.172,45	23.895,12	10.277,33	8.543,11
DVU <sup>1)</sup>	179.677,94	204.603,36	- 24.925,42	44.919,49
Offensive D <sup>1)</sup>	47.935,80	110.491,56	- 62.555,76	11.983,95
SSW	34.537,94	34.213,80	324,14	8.634,49
Freie Wähler in Thüringia <sup>4)</sup>	---	---	---	---
Pro DM <sup>3)</sup>	20.486,59	28.699,48	- 8.212,89	5.121,65
Eitern	92,66	0,00	92,66	23,17
50Plus	10.579,67	8.568,56	2.011,11	2.644,92
<b>Total</b>	<b>115.061.888,41</b>	<b>114.275.837,49</b>	<b>786.050,92</b>	<b>28.765.472,14</b>

1) The negative repayment amount shown in column 4 is offset against the first advance payment due on 15 February 2007 pursuant to section 20 (2) sentence 2 of the Law on Political Parties.

2) The disbursement of the advance payment on 15 November 2006 was made conditional upon provision of collateral, as it was deemed likely that the party concerned would be obliged to repay some of this amount. After the party had provided collateral amounting to €180.000,00, the same amount was paid to the party as a partial payment in advance. The remaining amount (€276.961,15 – €180.000,00 = €96.961,15) increased the original final payment of €84.833,88 to (€84.833,88 + €96.961,15 =) €181.795,03.

3) After the repayment for 2006 has been offset against the first advance payment for 2007, the party must repay any remaining amount, pursuant to section 20 (1) of the Law on Political Parties.

4) This party has not submitted a statement of account for 2005, meaning that no state funding may be assessed on 15 February 2007; pursuant to section 19a (1) sentence 2 of the Law on Political Parties.