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are given a donation on behalf of someone else, the person giving you the donation
(the agent) must tell you: that the donation is on behalf of someone else; and the
actual donor's details An example of someone acting as an agent is where an event
organiser is handing over the proceeds from a dinner held specifically to raise funds
for your party. If you think that someone might be acting as an agent, you must find
out the facts so that you can make the right checks. If you are not sure who you
should treat as the donor, please contact us for advice. Local party fighting funds
During elections, your party may run local fighting funds for candidates. If the fund
is managed and controlled by the party and not the candidate, donations to the fund
are usually treated as donations to the party, unless a donation is specifically made
towards the candidate's election campaign. For example, a party branch collects
donations to raise funds for election campaigning in the local area. If the local
party makes it clear that these donations are made for the purpose of meeting the
candidate's election expenses, or a donor specifies their donation is being made for
this purpose, then this is a candidate donation. If instead a donation is not
specifically made to meet candidate expenses in this scenario, it should be treated
as a donation to the party. Donations from unidentified sources If you are unable to
confirm who a donation is from, or that it is from a permissible source, you should
record it and return it. If any interest has been gained on the donation your party
can keep it, as it is not treated as a donation. Please see What do you do if you
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how to return a donation. Last updated: 31 March 2022 Book traversal links for
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