Alexander faces third investigation over donations to her leadership campaign

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WENDY Alexander has been reported to a fledgeling authority over donations to her Labour leadership campaign.

Following on from complaints made to the Electoral Commission and the police, she could now face an inquiry by Holyrood's own standards commissioner, Dr Jim Dyer, over whether funds should have been declared in her register of interests.

It is also claimed e-mails regarding campaign fundraising were sent from Holyrood e-mail accounts, which would break the rules about the use of parliamentary facilities for strictly party business. An SNP spokesman confirmed a party member had made a complaint to Dr Dyer.

A parliament spokesman said he could not comment on the matter.

A spokesman for Ms Alexander said: "The Scottish Parliament standards clerk advised they were satisfied no register of members' interests reporting requirements arose as no donations were made to Ms Alexander personally."

But opponents point out Ms Alexander has already admitted to the Electoral Commission that she was the legal recipient of the donations, which included several of less than the £500 limit that preserves anonymity and ease from Paul Greentree, a Jersey businessman who was legally barred from donating.

The SNP's Roseanna Cunningham said: "This latest revelation is a further blow making it even harder to believe Wendy Alexander's explanations and statements." One of Labour's biggest donors in Scotland said he would not be giving the party any more money until the row over funding is cleared up by scrapping the rules permitting any donations to be made anonymously.

Glasgow businessman Willie Haughey has donated an estimated £1m to the party since 2003. His name emerged last week on a leaked list of donors to Ms Alexander's campaign for the leadership. But Mr Haughey told a Sunday newspaper: "I'm calling on the Prime Minister (to ensure) that every single penny given to any party is transparent. I will not be giving anymore money if that is not the case."