

Conditions of access to registers of senators' interests and gifts to the senate and the parliament

The conditions of public access to the Register of Senators' Interests and the Register of Gifts to the Senate and the Parliament are as follows:

- (1) Statements of senators' interests are published online in accordance with the following arrangements:
 - Statements of senators' interests will be published on the committee's website under each senator's name.
 - Statements will be scanned (as pdf documents), without any watermarking or redaction.
 - Notifications of alterations will be added to the relevant senator's published statement.
 - Updates will be done on a weekly basis, with a notation to that effect on the website.
 - (2) Otherwise, public access to the registers is by appointment with the Registrar of Senators' Interests, Room SG39, Parliament House Canberra, phone 6277 3360, fax 6277 3199, generally between the hours of 10.00am and 12.00 noon and 2.00pm and 4.00pm, Monday to Friday (public holidays excepted). Access is to be supervised.
 - (3) Inquirers may make notes. A copy of a senator's statement or declaration may be supplied if requested. A copy of a statement or declaration may be collected in person or may be sent by post, facsimile, or email.
- Note: If the amount of printing involved becomes excessive, the committee reserves the right to levy a charge for its provision.
- (4) Details from the register (eg advice as to whether a particular senator has or has not declared a particular interest or notified a particular alteration) will not be provided over the telephone.

Access to the registers available for public inspection will continue during and after an election until such time as new registers are tabled.

A senator's statement of interests will be removed from the register from the date that the senator ceases to be a senator. Declarations of gifts in the name of senators who are former members of the Senate will be held in a volume of the register separate from the volume holding declarations of serving senators. The public will, however, continue to have access to past senators' statements and declarations which have been tabled in the Senate, through the Table Office.