

**Appendix 1**  
**Correspondence to**  
**Senator the Hon Arthur Sinodinos AO**  
**from the Chair of the committee dated 20 April 2016**



**THE SENATE**

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND PUBLIC  
ADMINISTRATION**

**References Committee**

20 April 2016

Senator the Hon Arthur Sinodinos AO  
Cabinet Secretary  
PO Box 6100  
Parliament House  
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Senator Sinodinos

I refer to the committee's inquiry, agreed by the Senate on 19 April 2016, with the following terms of reference:

(1) That the following matter be referred to the Finance and Public Administration References Committee for inquiry and report by 4 May 2016:

Commonwealth legislative provisions relating to oversight of associated entities of political parties, with particular reference to the adequacy of:

- (a) the funding and disclosure regime relating to annual returns;
- (b) the powers of the Australian Electoral Commission with respect to supervision of the conduct of, and reporting by, associated entities of political parties; and
- (c) any related matters; and

(2) That the Senate direct Senator Sinodinos to appear before the committee to answer questions.

I draw your attention to (2) where pursuant to Standing Order 177(3) the Senate has ordered you to appear before the committee to answer questions.

The committee will hold a public hearing for a full day on 28 April 2016 which may need to continue on Friday 29 April 2016 and the secretariat will work with your office to find a suitable time. The committee asks that you confirm your attendance by midday Friday 22 April 2016 to the contact below so that your appearance can be scheduled with other witnesses.

If you wish to provide a submission the committee has set midday 26 April 2016 as the closing date.

Should you or your office have any queries, please contact the Committee Secretary Ms Lyn Beverley on or [fpa.sen@aph.gov.au](mailto:fpa.sen@aph.gov.au).

Yours sincerely

Senator Jenny McAllister

Chair