

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Senator: Wong

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Question:

Does the Commonwealth disclosure regime require donations to state branches of political parties to also be disclosed at a federal level?

If an above-threshold donation is made to the campaign of a candidate in a state election, does this also have to be disclosed to the Australian Electoral Commission under the Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918?

Answer:

A1: Yes, if in a financial year, a person makes gifts that total more than the disclosure threshold to a registered political party or a state branch of a registered political party, the person must lodge a disclosure return.

A2: Yes.