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Documents lodged with the Australian Securities and Investment Commission show the majority shareholder of Jefferson is Judith Parker. Previous shareholders were Kenneth Parker and Stokes. Both Kenneth Parker and Stokes were previous directors of the company along with Peter Gammell, the former managing director and chief executive of Stokes's Seven Group Holdings. Stokes ceased to be a director in late 2001, Kenneth Parker in mid-2006 and Gammell in late 2009, and all appear to have had no involvement with the donation.

Stephen Bennett, a Sydney accountant listed as the director of Jefferson Investments, declined to comment on why the company had declared a donation to the Labor party that the party said it hadn't received.

A Labor party spokesman said: "We confirmed with the AEC that we did not receive an amount of \$25k from Jefferson in 2012-13. The AEC were satisfied with this response."

The analysis reveals a string of undeclared donations and errors in donor declarations and shows how the Electoral Act allows donors and parties to obscure the true extent of their donations.

Political parties are required by law to disclose any donations received over a certain threshold, which in 2012-13 was \$12,100. Guardian Australia compared all declarations made by donors to all declarations made by political parties and found significant discrepancies between the two.

Nine donations that did not match were associated with the federal Liberal party or its Victorian division, and one with the National party.

Political party	Donor	Donation
Liberal Party of Australia	Darwin International Airport Hotel Pty Ltd	\$100,000
Liberal Party of Australia	Mr Duncan Andrews	\$25,000
Liberal Party of Australia	Mr Paul Espie	\$75,000
Liberal Party of Australia	Mr Paul Espie	\$25,000
Liberal Party of Australia	Mrs Eva Curran	\$20,000
Liberal Party of Australia	Ramsay Health Care Limited	\$95,000
Liberal Party of Australia	Viterra Ltd	\$150,000
Liberal Party of Australia (Victorian Division)	Bensons Property Group Pty Ltd	\$27,500
Liberal Party of Australia (Victorian Division)	Group Administration Australia Pty Ltd	\$50,000
National Party of Australia	Viterra Ltd	\$50,000

Neither the federal Liberal party nor its Victorian branch would comment specifically on any of the donations



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