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ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Topic: Discrepancies between party and donor returns

Senator: Rhiannon

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Question:

1. In response to question reference number F43, the Australian Electoral Commission (AEC) advised that an automated process had identified 172 potential discrepancies between party and donor returns. The AEC's response also indicated that some of these potential discrepancies would be subject to further review. Can the AEC provide a spreadsheet in an .xlsx or .docx format listing each of these potential discrepancies, including the amount of money, the donor, the party, and an indication of whether it is subject to further review?
2. Can the AEC provide a spreadsheet in an .xlsx or .docx format listing amended party disclosure returns submitted for 2012-13, including the party, the total amount of the requested amendment, and a link to the 'Request for Amendment' form on the AEC website?
3. If the data requested above cannot be supplied in an .xlsx or .docx format please supply a list of the 172 potential discrepancies with the amount of money, the donor, the party, and an indication of whether it is subject to further review.

Answer:

1. No: Providing these details may prejudice other processes.
2. Yes: see Attachment A.
3. Please refer to response provided in Answer 1.

List of Political Party Disclosure Amendments for 2012-13

Date	Party	Amendment Number	Requested Amendment
30/10/2013	Australian Labor Party NT Branch	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Total receipts” from \$1,363,755 to \$1,387,810 • “total payments” from \$1,827,235 to \$1,851,496
31/10/2013	One Nation	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A. Law \$14,000 from “other receipt” to “Donation”
04/11/2013	Australian Labor Party (ACT Branch)	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gifts-in-kind” from \$429,230 to \$16,361
05/11/2013	Liberal Party of Australia (S.A. Division)	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Total receipts” from \$3,947,421 to \$3,964,517 • “gifts-in-kind” from \$77,399 to \$77,753 • “total payments” from \$2,267,645 to \$2,267,999
14/11/2013	National Party of Australia	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Total receipts” from \$2,137,175 to \$2,145,920 • “gifts-in-kind” from \$116,401 to \$125,146 • Lion Nathan “donation received” from \$20,000 to \$16,330
27/11/2013	Liberal Party of Australia (ACT Division)	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Added to “other receipts” – Stratsec \$217,800
06/12/2013	Australian Greens, Australian Capital Territory Branch	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Added “donation received” – Judith Katherine Iltis \$18,000
09/12/2013	Australian Labor Party (N.S.W. Branch)	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chiu, William \$50,000 changed from “other receipt” to “donation received” • Huang Changran \$150,000 changed from “other receipt” to “donation received” • Luo, Changxiong \$150,000 changed from “other receipt” to “donation received” • Unions NSW \$150,482 changed from “other receipt” to “donation received” • Wei Wah International \$200,000 changed from “other receipt” to “donation received” • Yuhu Group \$100,000 changed from “other receipt” to “donation received” • Yuhu Group \$100,000 changed from “other receipt” to “donation received”
10/12/2013	Australian Christians	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Added “donation received” – Personnel Contracting \$25,000 • changed “donor name” Personnal to Personnel

11/12/2013	Australian Democrats	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Total debts” from \$23,838 to \$23,076 • “total receipts” from \$57,250 to \$59,651 • “total payments” from \$39,726 to \$39,149
11/12/2013	Liberal National Party of Queensland	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Changed “donor” from Ian Seymour to Sub Divide Pty Ltd
13/12/2013	Australian Labor Party (State of Queensland)	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quinn & Scattini Lawyers changed \$13,498 from “donation received” to “other receipt”
13/12/2013	National Party of Australia	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Small Business Association of Australia changed \$15,000 from “donation received” to “other receipt” • Regional Express “donation received” of \$75,700 changed to \$95,700 • NT House Pty Ltd changed “donation received” from \$22,368 to \$15,000
13/12/2013	Liberal Party of Australia (S.A. Division)	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Removed “donation received” of \$50,000 from Kambitsis Group
16/12/2013	The Greens NSW	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Total payments” from \$ 1,628,227 to \$1,647,837 • “total receipts” from \$1,335,552 to \$1,338,509 • “gifts-in-kind” from \$15,381 to \$15,588
17/12/2013	Liberal Party Australia	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Total debts” from \$4,782,959 to \$4,789,414 • “name on receipt” changed from “Corman, Senator Mathias” to “Senator Mathias Corman Liberal Party Campaign Committee”
18/12/2013	Country Liberals (Northern Territory)	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Added “other receipt” – North West Constructions Pty Ltd \$3,000 • removed DAC Enterprises “donation received” of \$15,000 • added “donation received” – Halikos Pty Ltd of \$100,000 • added “donation received” – DPCA of \$15,000 • added “other receipt” – A & K (NT) Pty Ltd and John Alexopoulos of \$4,500 • added “other receipt” – Paspaley Pearls Pty Ltd of \$30,000 • amended John Halikos “donation received” from \$150,000 to \$50,000 • amended Paspaley Pearls Pty Ltd “donation received” from \$33,000 to \$30,000 • changed “donation received” North West Constructions Pty Ltd from \$23,000 to

			\$20,000
09/01/2014	Liberal Party of Australia (Victorian Division)	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amended "total payments" from \$9,270,183 to \$9,495,676 amended "total receipts" from \$11,987,103 to \$12,594,517
20/01/2014	Australian Democrats	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amended "total payments" from \$39,149 to \$42,682 amended "total receipts" from \$59,651 to \$67,092
23/01/2014	Australian Labor Party (N.S.W. Division)	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amended "total receipts" from \$9,273,389 to \$9,342,586 amended "total payments" from \$8,800,110 to \$8,451,801 amended "total debts" from \$3,148,269 to \$3,150,320 added "donation received" – Electrical Trades Union of Australia NSW Branch \$25,000 added "donation received" – United Voice NSW \$18,500
04/02/2014	Liberal Party of Australia (S.A. Division)	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Added "donation received" – Tarcila Resources Pty Ltd \$18,000
04/02/2014	Australian Greens, Victorian Branch	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Added "donation received" Electrical Trades Union \$50,000
05/02/2014	Liberal Party (WA Division) Inc	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Changed "donor" from Sundance Resources to Gindalbie Metals Pty Ltd
20/12/2013	Liberal Party (WA Division) Inc	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Changed "total receipts" from \$12,323,211 to \$11,360,186 changed "gifts-in-kind" from \$375,668 to \$402,987 changed "total payments" from \$12,504,458 to \$11,647,110 changed Perron Group Trust - \$25,000 from "other receipt" to "donation received" added "donation received" – Herbert Smith Freehills, \$15,951
06/03/2014	Australian Labor Party (N.S.W. Branch)	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Changed "total receipts" from \$9,342,586 to \$9,719,315 changed "total payments" from \$8,451,801 to \$8,735,545 added "donation received" – Jefferson Investments Pty Ltd, \$25,000 added "donation received" – PricewaterhouseCoopers, \$18,000
05/04/2014	Liberal Party of Australia NSW Division	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Changed "gifts-in-kind" from \$131,786 to \$173,115 changed Leighton Holdings Limited -

			<p>\$22,000 from “donation received” to “other receipt”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • changed “donor” from Yuhu Group (Australia) Pty Ltd to Yuhu Investment Trust • added “donation received” – Anthony Pratt, \$20,000 • added “donation received” – NIB Health Funds, \$20,000 • added “donation received” – Australian Outback Tours, \$20,000 • added “donation received” – Varley Group, \$20,000 • added “donation received” – Thompson Health Care, \$14,000 • added “donation received” – Thompson Health Care, \$7,000 • added “donation received” – Restaurant & Catering, \$19,898
09/04/2014	Australia First Party (NSW) Inc	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Changed “total receipts” from \$21,974 to \$24,024
14/04/2014	National Party of Australia – N.S.W.	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Added “other receipt” – The Crown Solicitor, \$18,000
07/05/2014	Australian Labor Party (N.S.W. Branch)	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Added “donation received” – Transport Workers Union, \$20,000 • added “donation received” – Frank Rowland, \$15,000
20/08/2014	Australian Labor Party (ALP)	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Changed “total receipts from \$13,801,706 to \$14,495,361 • changed “gifts-in-kind” from \$276,083 to \$969,738 • added “donation received” – RTBU National, \$9,028 • added “donation received” – United Voice NSW, \$20,207 • added “donation received” – United Voice National, \$63,627 • added “donation received” – AMWU National, \$152,313 • added “donation received” – MUA National, \$74,137 • added “donation received” – CFMEU WA Construction & General, \$9,033 • added “donation received” – CPSU National, \$109,547 • added “donation received” – TWU National, \$16,653 • added “donation received” – ASU Vic Private Sector, \$9,600

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> added "donation received" – SDU National, \$229,507
29/11/2014	Australian Labor Party (ALP)	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> changed "donor" from TWU National to TWU Queensland
02/04/2015	Australian Labor Party (Western Australia Branch)	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> changed "total debts" from \$142,405 to \$331,234 added "debt" – Perth Trades Hall Inc, \$129,856
21/04/2015	Country Liberals (Northern Territory)	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> added "postal address" to A & K (NT) Pty Ltd – 19 Kirkland Crescent, Larrakeyah, NT, 0820 added "donation received" – Foundation 51, \$20,000
08/05/2015	Liberal Party of Australia (WA Division) Inc	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> changed "total receipts" from \$11,360,186 to \$11,392,486 changed "gifts-in-kind" from \$402,987 to \$435,287 added "other receipt" – ASX Group, \$110,000 added "donation received" – Scott Park Group, \$20,000