

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

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**Question:**

**Senator RHIANNON:** On another matter, does the AEC review, as part of compliance reviews, party websites for how parties solicit donations?

**Mr Rogers:** I think I have to take that on notice. Let me make a general statement. We undertake a range of activities when we undertake a compliance review using the powers available to us under the Electoral Act. Whether we, to rephrase what you said, conduct a review of party websites to see how they solicit donations—my gut feel would probably be no, but I will take that on notice and confirm. If there is a specific instance you would like to raise with us, I am happy to look at it.

**Answer:**

During a compliance review the Australian Electoral Commission reviews all information necessary to the determination of whether a party or associated entity has met its disclosure obligations under the *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918* (Electoral Act). This may include websites if it is considered relevant to the disclosure provisions of the Electoral Act.