

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES 2014-15

Finance Portfolio

Department/Agency: Australian Electoral Commission

Outcome/Program: General

Topic: LNP fundraising

Senator: Rhiannon

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Question:

Has the AEC made any specific inquiries about why the LNP's fundraising bodies have been moving large amounts of money and loans between one another?

Answer:

The disclosure provisions set out in Part XX of the *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918* (the Act) have the objective of requiring complete and accurate disclosure of the receipts, payments and debts of political parties and associated entities. The Act does not otherwise place any conditions on the financial arrangements or interrelationships which may be entered into by persons and organisations with disclosure obligations under the Act. Apart from seeking to ensure disclosure obligations have been discharged in accordance with the requirements for accuracy the AEC is not otherwise entitled to inquire into the financial activities of political parties and associated entities.