

**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:** Inquiries about discrepancies

**Senator:** Rhiannon

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**Question:**

Has the AEC made any specific inquiries about large discrepancies between the documents, particularly:

1. An increase in money received from the LNP to \$1.9 million;
2. An increase in receipts including \$1 million from companies, and a \$1 million discrepancy in the total amount received and the individual amounts disclosed;
3. An increase total payments from \$100,000 to \$3 million; and
4. A reduction in total debt from \$100 million to \$10 million.

**Answer:**

Each of the above discrepancies was originally identified by the AEC in the course of a compliance investigation it conducted under s.316(2A) of the *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918* (the Act) of the 2012-13 disclosure return lodged by Altum Pty Ltd as trustee for Altum Property Unit Trust. These findings were agreed to by Altum Pty Ltd which led to the above amendments being lodged under s.319A of the Act, thereby correcting the public record.