

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES 2015-16**

Finance Portfolio  
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**Department/Agency:** Australian Electoral Commission

**Outcome/Program:** General

**Topic:** Foundation 51 – disclosure of donations and gifts to the Country Liberal Party

**Senator:** Wong

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**Question:**

1. Have all donations, including gifts-in-kind, received by the Country Liberal Party from Foundation 51 since 2008-09 been disclosed to the Australian Electoral Commission by the Country Liberal Party in the statutory time period for disclosure.
2. Has the Australian Electoral Commissioner satisfied himself that all donations, including gifts-in-kind, received by the Country Liberal Party from Foundation 51 since 2008-09 have been declared in the Country Liberal Party's annual financial disclosure returns lodged with the Australian Electoral Commission. If so, how.

**Answer:**

1. The Country Liberal Party lodged an annual return within the statutory time period for disclosure each year since 2008–09. There have been a number of subsequent amendments made to some of the annual returns during that period. The Party has a legal obligation to disclose all donations, including gifts-in-kind, as part of the annual return.
2. The Country Liberal Party is responsible for ensuring that its annual financial disclosure return is complete, accurate and lodged in a timely manner. The Australian Electoral Commission has verified that amounts reported as having been provided from Foundation 51 in the 2011–12, 2012–13 and 2013–14 annual financial disclosure returns have been declared in the Country Liberal Party's annual financial disclosure returns.