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ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Written Question on Notice

Senator Fierravanti-Wells asked:

Further to my questions on 13 February 2007, can you please specify the actions that have been taken in relation to my questions on returns pertaining to the CFMEU and the AMWU.

Answer:

The payments identified by Senator Fierravanti-Wells on 13 February are as follows:

- AMWU of 28 Station Street, Moonah, Tasmania, to the amount of \$5,000;
- AMWU, PO Box 160, Granville, New South Wales 2142, for the amount of \$4,000;
- CFMEU, Construction and General Division, 33A Newtown Road, Newtown, Tasmania, for \$20,000;
- CFMEU, Forestry, Mining and Energy Division, 237 Wellington Street, Launceston, Tasmania, for \$26,000; and
- CFMEU, Mining and Energy Division, PO Box Q1641, Queen Victoria Building Post Office, Sydney, for a donation of \$100,000.

The AEC undertook a compliance review of the Australian Labor Party (Tasmanian Branch) in the week starting 4 June 2007, and has completed its review.

The AMWU donation of \$5,000 to the Australian Labor Party (Tasmanian Branch) has been disclosed in a donor return by the Auto, Food, Metals, Engineering, Printing & Kindred Industry Union.

The CFMEU Construction and General Division donation of \$20,000 to the Australian Labor Party (Tasmanian Branch) has not been disclosed in a donor return. The AEC wrote to the CFMEU Construction and General Division in June 2007 seeking a donor return.

The CFMEU Forestry, Mining and Energy Division donation of \$26,000 to the Australian Labor Party (Tasmanian Branch) has not been disclosed in a donor return.

The AEC has written to the CFMEU Forestry, Mining and Energy Division in June 2007 seeking a donor return.

The AEC conducted a compliance review of the Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch) in the week starting 4 June 2007, but has not yet completed the review. A response will be provided in relation to the AMWU donation of \$4,000 and CFMEU donation of \$100,000 to the Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch) when the compliance review is complete.