

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**BUDGET ESTIMATES 2012-2013**

**Finance and Deregulation Portfolio**

**Department/Agency:** Australian Electoral Commission

**Outcome/Program:** 1/1.2

**Topic:** Long Jetty Campaign Office postage expenses

**Senator:** Ronaldson

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**Question:**

Whether the advice from the HSU National Office of the disclosure of an amount for postage and envelopes at the Long Jetty campaign office was for the specific amount of \$9,574.11 or an amount of postage and envelopes?

**Answer:**

In a letter dated 10 February 2012, the AEC was advised by the Law Firm Slater & Gordon on behalf of the HSU National Office that an amount of \$7,253.17 on Australia Post - Long Jetty had been included in the 2007/08 Third Party Return of Political Expenditure. This amount had been identified in the credit card statements that were referred to in the article of Mr Steve Lewis and Mr Andrew Clennell of the *Daily Telegraph*.