



Senate Group Return



For election held on 2 July 2016

Subsections 304(3) and 309(3) of the *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918* ('the Electoral Act') requires Senate group agents to furnish a return within 15 weeks after the polling day in the election.

The due date for lodging this return is Monday 17 October 2016

Completing the Return:

- This return is for all agents of members of a Senate group who had their names grouped in the ballot papers in the 2016 Federal Election.
- This return is to be completed by the person notified to the AEC as the Senate Group agent or by the person whose name appeared first on the ballot paper if no agent of a Senate group was appointed.
- This return is to be completed with reference to the [Financial Disclosure Guide for Candidates and Senate Groups](#).
- Amounts should be reported on a GST inclusive basis.
- Under subsection 320(4) of the Electoral Act this return will be available for public inspection at www.aec.gov.au from Monday 19 December 2016.
- Any supporting documentation included with this return may be treated as part of a public disclosure and displayed on the AEC website.
- The information on this return is collected under sections 304 and 309 of the Electoral Act.

NOTE: Senate groups endorsed by a single political party do not need to complete this return.

Senate Group Members

Party name/s (if none leave blank)		
State or Territory contested		
Names of group members	1	2
	3	4
	5	6
	7	8
	9	10
	11	12

Agent Details

Name			
Postal address			
	Suburb/town	State	Postcode
Telephone number	()	Fax number	()
Email address			

Certification

I certify that the information contained in this return and its attachments is true and complete to the best of my knowledge, information and belief. I have made due and reasonable inquiries of the Senate group candidates on whose behalf I am completing this form.

I understand that submitting an incomplete, false or misleading return is an offence under section 315 of the Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918.

Signature



Date

Enquiries and returns should be addressed to:

Funding and Disclosure
Australian Electoral Commission
Locked Bag 4007
Canberra ACT 2601

Phone: 02 6271 4552
Fax: 02 6293 7655
Email: fad@aec.gov.au

Office use only

Date received

Part 1—Donations received (subsection 304(3) of the Electoral Act).

The disclosure period for reporting donations received by a Senate group commences from the date their request to be grouped on the ballot paper was made to the AEC and concludes 30 days after polling day (1 August 2016).

Part 1a: Total of donations received

\$

This is the total value of **all donations received**, both **above and below** the disclosure threshold by the Senate group during the disclosure period.

NOTE: Each Senate group member must report any individual donations received for their own benefit (as distinct to the benefit of the Senate group) in a Candidate Return.

Part 1b: Total number of donors

This is the **total number of donors** who made the donations included in the calculation of 'total of donations received' at Part 1a.

Part 1c: Details of donations received

Details of donations of more than \$13 200 received during the disclosure period.

Under section 304 of the Electoral Act, for each donation received that was more than the disclosure threshold, the following details must be disclosed:

- full name and address* of the person or organisation from whom the donation was received; and
- date each donation was received; and
- value or amount of each donation.

Received from	Date of Donation**	Value of donations (GST inclusive)
Name		\$
Postal address		
Suburb/town	State	Postcode
Name		\$
Postal address		
Suburb/town	State	Postcode
Name		\$
Postal address		
Suburb/town	State	Postcode

If insufficient space, please attach additional sheets

Total \$

***Name and address details**

- If the donation was from an unincorporated association (other than a registered industrial organisation), the name of the association along with the name and address of each member of the executive committee are required.
- If the donation was from a trust or foundation, the name or description of the trust or foundation along with the names and addresses of the trustees are required.

** In this form, **donation** is a gift within the meaning of Division 4 – Disclosure of donations, in Part XX of the Electoral Act.

Part 2 – Electoral expenditure (subsection 309(3) of the Electoral Act).

Electoral expenditure must be reported if the purchased services and/or materials relate to the election and are used during the election period (i.e. commences on the day of the issue of the writ (16 May 2016) and concludes at the close of polling (2 July 2016)). The physical expenditure can be incurred outside this time period.

NOTE:

All **electoral expenditure** by the Senate group and its members must be disclosed in this return.

All members of a Senate group are considered to be candidates and must also lodge a Candidate Return, which may be a 'nil' return if they have no individual donations to disclose.

For each category of electoral expenditure (listed below), disclose the total amount incurred on goods and services provided during the election period, even if payment for those goods and services (for example, production of an advertisement) was made outside of the election period.

1. Broadcasting advertisements relating to the election (including production costs)	\$
2. Publishing advertisements relating to the election (including production costs)	\$
3. Displaying electoral advertisements at a place of entertainment such as a cinema (including production costs)	\$
4. Production of campaign material that is required by section 328, 328A or 328B of the Electoral Act to include a name, address or place of business**	\$
5. Production and distribution of electoral matter that is addressed to particular persons or organisations	\$
6. Carrying out opinion polling or other research relating to the election	\$

**What do sections 328, 328A and 328B require?

Section 328 of the Act requires all electoral advertisements, handbills, pamphlets, posters, electoral video recordings or notices to include the name and address of the person who authorised the advertisement and, except in the case of newspapers and electoral video recordings, the name and place of business of the printer to appear at the end of the advertisement, handbill, pamphlet, poster or notice.

Section 328A of the Act imposes a requirement on persons who publish or cause, permit or authorise the publication of an electoral advertisement on the internet to include the name and address of the person who authorised the advertisement to appear at the end of the advertisement.

Section 328B imposes a requirement to include authorisation details at the top or bottom of the printed face of each how-to-vote card.

For more detailed information about these provisions please refer to the AEC's Electoral Backgrounder on Electoral Advertising at www.aec.gov.au.