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Question:

The thing that interested me about this was that the Australian Trade and Industry Alliance incurred political expenditure of \$9,261,235.09 and returns lodged. It is published on your website. That appears to be the single largest expenditure that was disclosed by any third party in the last financial year.

Answer:

The largest sum of political expenditure disclosed for the 2011-12 financial year was the \$9,261,235.09 reported by the Australian Trade and Industry Alliance Pty Ltd, as trustee for the Australian Trade and Industry Alliance Trust.