

Candidate Return

For Aston by-election held on 1 April 2023

Subsections 304(2) and 309(2) of the *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918* (Electoral Act) require candidates or candidate 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 July 2023.

Completing the Return:

- This return is for all candidates in the Aston by-election.
- This return is to be completed by the person notified to the AEC as the candidate's agent or by the candidate themselves if no agent was appointed.
- A candidate who receives no gifts or incurs no electoral expenditure in relation to the Aston by-election is required under sections 307 and 313 of the Electoral Act to lodge a nil return.
- This return is to be completed with reference to the [Financial Disclosure Guide for Candidates](#).
- Amounts should be reported on a GST inclusive basis.
- Under subsection 320(1) of the Electoral Act this return will be available for public inspection at www.aec.gov.au from Monday, 18 September 2023.
- 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, 307, 309 and 313 of the Electoral Act.

Candidate Details

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|-------------------------------------|-------|--|--|
| Candidate name | | | |
| Party name (if none leave blank) | | | |
| Electorate contested | Aston | | |

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. Where I sign as an agent, I have made due and reasonable inquiries of the candidate on whose behalf I have consented to act as an agent for the purposes of Part XX of the Electoral Act. I understand that submitting an incomplete, false or misleading return is an offence under Division 137.1 of the Criminal Code Act 1995.

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
Email: fad@aec.gov.au

Office use only

Date received

Part 1—Donations Received (subsection 304(2) of the Electoral Act)

For the purpose of reporting donations, under subsection 304(10) of the Electoral Act, a candidate in an election is taken to begin to be a candidate starting from the earlier of the following:

- the day that is 6 months before the day the person announced their candidacy; or
- the day that is 6 months before the day the person nominated as a candidate;

and is taken to cease being a candidate at the end of 30 days after polling day (1 May 2023).

Part 1a: Total of donations received

This is the total value of **all donations received**, both **above and below** the disclosure threshold while the person was a candidate.

\$

Part 1b: Total number of donors

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

Part 1c: Details of donations received

This is the details of donations received from each person or organisation while the person was a candidate that were **more than \$15,200**. This includes the sum of all donations received from a single source that total to more than the disclosure threshold.

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 donation** |
|--------------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| Name | | \$ |
| Postal address | | |
| Suburb/townStatePostcode | | |
| Name | | \$ |
| Postal address | | |
| Suburb/townStatePostcode | | |
| Name | | \$ |
| Postal address | | |
| Suburb/townStatePostcode | | |
| Name | | \$ |
| Postal address | | |
| Suburb/townStatePostcode | | |

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 in section 287(1) of the Electoral Act.

Part 2—Electoral Expenditure (subsection 309(2) of the Electoral Act)

For the purpose of reporting electoral expenditure, under subsection 309(6) of the Electoral Act, a candidate in an election is taken to begin to be a candidate starting from the earlier of the following:

- the day that is 6 months before the day the person announced their candidacy; or
- the day that is 6 months before the day the person nominated as a candidate;

and is taken to cease being a candidate at the end of 30 days after polling day (1 May 2023).

Electoral expenditure is defined in section 287AB of the Electoral Act to be expenditure incurred for the dominant purpose of creating or communicating electoral matter. Further information on electoral expenditure can be found on the [AEC website](#).

Electoral expenditure incurred while the person was a candidate

\$

Part 3—Discretionary Benefits (subsection 309(4) of the Electoral Act)

A candidate must report details of any discretionary benefits received from the Commonwealth, a State or a Territory during the period of 12 months before polling day. Discretionary benefits include grants, contracts, payments and other benefits requiring the exercise of discretion by the Commonwealth or a State or Territory, and do not include statutory entitlements.

| Received from | Date of discretionary benefit | Value of discretionary benefit |
|--|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Name | | \$ |
| Name | | \$ |
| Name | | \$ |
| Name | | \$ |
| Name | | \$ |
| <i>If insufficient space, please attach additional sheets.</i> | | |
| Total | | \$ |