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

**Finance and Deregulation Portfolio**

**Department/Agency: Australian Electoral Commission**

**Outcome/Program:**

**Topic: Australian Trade and Industry Alliance Pty Ltd – Gifts Received**

**Senator: Faulkner**

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**Question:**

Section 314AB is the returns relating to annual expenditure. Section 314AC is annual returns relating to gifts received for political expenditure. So, if the amount is above the \$11,900 for 2011-12 then there should have been a disclosure if the amounts that they received were gifts.

**Answer:**

The Australian Electoral Commission (AEC) wrote to the Australian Trade and Industry Alliance Pty Ltd (ATIA) on 18 February 2013 seeking information about the source of funding for the political expenditure disclosed by ATIA in its 2011-12 disclosure return.

A response on behalf of the ATIA was received by the AEC on 28 February 2013. The AEC wrote again to the ATIA on 5 March 2013 seeking further information and is awaiting a response.