

Compliance Review Report

Australian Labor Party-National Secretariat

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Australian Electoral Commission

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Review details

Location of review: Australian Electoral Commission
West Block, Queen Victoria Terrace
PARKES ACT 2600

Date of visit: October 2013

AEC review officers: Brad Edgman, Director
Alan Page
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Party staff involved:

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Background

Registered Political Parties and Associated Entities are required under the provisions of the *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918* (the Act) to lodge annual disclosure returns. The Australian Electoral Commission (AEC) has powers under the Act to review records and gather relevant information to assess whether disclosure obligations have been met.

The purpose of this limited scope review was to assess whether the disclosure of all individual receipts above the threshold were disclosed in the return for the 2011-12 financial year lodged on behalf of the Australian Labor Party – National Secretariat (the Party) and complies with the specific disclosure obligation as set out in the Act.

Compliance and cooperation

The compliance review was conducted under the provisions of the *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918*. In accordance with s316 (2A)(c), the party agent of a political party is required to produce the documents requested in the notice within the period and in the manner specified in the notice.

During the review, AEC staff examined financial records of the Secretariat for the 2011-12 financial year.

The Party fully complied with the first s316(2A) notice in delivering requested records to the AEC by the due date.

Review findings requiring amendment

Detailed examination of the Party's records identified a discrepancy that in our opinion requires correction on the 2011-12 disclosure return.

Receipts above the disclosure threshold

Section 314AC of the Act, requires disclosure of the particulars of the sum of individual amounts received by, or on behalf of, an entity from a person or organisation during the 2011-12 financial year of more than \$11,900.

Our examination of the transactions recorded in the Party's general ledger and cash receipt databases revealed three undisclosed amounts, one of which is amending the existing disclosed amount.

Part 2 of the *Request for Amendment* form, therefore, should be completed to show the details of the undisclosed receipts as set out in the table below.

Required amendment (Original Entry)

Name	Address	New Amount
<i>Australian Agencies for International Development</i>	GPO Box 887 Canberra ACT 2601	\$550 000
Australian Labor Party (SA Branch)	141-145 Gillies St ADELAIDE SA 5000	\$19 800

Required amendment (Amended Entry)

Name	Address	Original Amount
<i>Chifley Research Centre</i>	P O Box 6222 Kingston ACT 2604	\$25 000 Amended amount \$27 500

Conclusion

Except for the matter noted above, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the Party has not complied, in all material respects, with its disclosure obligations under the Act.

As you have already prepared and submitted an amended return to the AEC no further action is required by you.

Enquiries and Assistance

Should the party require any assistance regarding its disclosure obligations under the Act, please contact the AEC's Funding and Disclosure Section either on telephone number (02) 6271 4552 or by email at fad@aec.gov.au.

REDACTION CODES

- 1 Personal Information (name) redacted.
- 2 Personal Information (facsimile of signature) redacted
- 3 Personal Information (facsimile of manuscript initialling) redacted
- 4 Personal Information (Individual's address)
- 5 Personal information (individual's telephone number)
- 6 Business information (Bank Account details) redacted.
- 7 Business information (Billing Account details) redacted.
- 8 Legal Professional Communication redacted.
- 9 Deliberative material redacted.
- 10 Irrelevant material redacted.