



Appendix H

Electoral legislation since the 1998 election report

Following the report by this Committee's predecessor on the 1998 federal election tabled in June 2000, the *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918* has been amended by four amending Acts. The relevant Acts are as follows:

- The ***Commonwealth Electoral Amendment Act (No. 1) 2002*** amended the Electoral Act to provide that following elections, public funding for the Liberal Party is to be paid to the party's Federal Secretariat as agent of the Liberal Party of Australia, unless a notice has been lodged, prior to polling day, setting out the proportions to be paid to the State and Territory Divisions of the Liberal Party and the Federal Secretariat. Assent: 10 October 2002.
- The ***Electoral and Referendum Amendment Act (No. 1) 2001*** amended the Electoral Act and the Referendum (Machinery Provisions) Act in relation to: enrolment and voting processes; candidate nominations; voting ticket information; registration of political parties; provision of electronic lists of postal vote applicants to candidates, registered political parties, Members of the House of Representatives and Senators; and transitional provisions. Assent: 28/4/01; Act No. 34, 2001.
- The ***Commonwealth Electoral Amendment Act (No. 1) 2000*** amended the Electoral Act to enable the provision of: a wide range of elector information to Members, Senators and federally registered political parties; and age-range information for use in

approved medical research and public health screening programs and in relation to the registration of political parties. Assent: 26/10/00; Act No. 126, 2000.

- The ***Commonwealth Electoral Legislation (Provision of Information) Act 2000*** clarified the validity of past and future use of electronically supplied elector information by Commonwealth agencies and authorities; and admissibility of evidence in court which has been gathered relying on the use of such elector information. Assent: 26/10/00; Act No. 127, 2000.