

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Topic: Discrepancies between party and donor returns

Senator: Rhiannon

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Question:

Senator RHIANNON: I will put it in questions on notice then. How many discrepancies have been detected between donor returns and party returns for the 2013-14 disclosure data released on 2 February this year?

Mr Rogers: Again if I could take that on notice.

Senator RHIANNON: Thank you for taking it on notice. Could you inform the committee if the IT process has been run that enables you to identify apparent discrepancies? Has that been run through the system?

Mr Rogers: I am sure it has been. I do not have that detailed information here in front of me. I do not want to make a comment here that is inaccurate. As you know, it is not an uncommon occurrence for those amendments to be made—in fact, it is a part of the process that we have in place.

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Senator Ronaldson: The question has been taken on notice. Once that information is available then the commissioner can give it to you.

Answer:

An automated process has been run to identify apparent discrepancies which are now subject to further review. Out of 10,091 individual line item transactions recorded for the 2013-2014 annual return disclosure period, the process flagged 172 as potential discrepancies. Most of these were minor in nature.