

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**Finance and Administration Portfolio**

**Australian Electoral Commission**

Additional Budget Estimates Hearings – 14 February 2006

**Question: F36**

**Outcome: Australian Electoral Commission (AEC)**

**Topic: Donations by Individuals to Registered Political Parties**

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**Senator Faulkner asked:**

I was wondering what the second-largest donation was, when it was received and who gave it

**Answer:**

The AEC examined the donor annual returns for the 1998-99 financial year onwards. These are the returns which are readily searchable as the data in them is stored electronically. Annual returns prior to this time are held in hard copy only and are not readily searchable.

The second largest donation by an individual disclosed in a donor annual return for the financial years 1998-99 to 2004-05 is:

Mr H R Gilham disclosed a donation of \$500,000 to the Citizens Electoral Council of Australia made on 19 April 2004.