

Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration

ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Finance and Administration Portfolio

Australian Electoral Commission

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Question: F29

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Topic: Request to investigate certain other receipts disclosed by the Australian Labor Party

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Senator Fierravanti-Wells asked:

I am going on your returns. On the 'Summary of donations reported by donors', they are obviously not there. But on the list annotated 'Donations reported by ALP'—and I am happy to give you a copy from where I got the information—it simply says 'Australian Labor Party: Source of receipt; donation: Value of receipts; all: State; all'.

Mr Bodel—I will chase that up.

Senator WATSON—What does it add up to?

Senator FIERRAVANTI-WELLS—Senator Watson asks me what it adds up to. It adds up to a considerable amount of money; it adds up to almost \$160,000. Mr Bodel, Senator Faulkner was pressing the point about the dates. Perhaps we might investigate the dates in relation to each of those donations. Senator Faulkner was pushing you on the question of dates. Presumably you do not have the dates in relation to these donations either.

Mr Bodel—I would have to check the returns. They are not required to be listed but they may be. I will have to check the returns.

Answer:

The Australian Electoral Commission will be conducting a routine compliance review of the Australian Labor Party NSW Branch before the end of June 2007. The compliance review will examine whether the Party has any outstanding disclosure obligations.