

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**Finance and Administration Portfolio**

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**Question: 10**

**Outcome 2, Output 2.3**

**Topic: Financial Disclosure by Fair Go Alliance**

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**Senator Brandis asked:**

Why is there no record on the disclosure return of where that \$7,000 came from, only details of which Labor Party candidates received that money?

**Answer:**

The answer provided to me by the Australian Electoral Commission is as follows;

The returns lodged by the Fair Go Alliance are election financial disclosure returns. There are three types of election financial disclosure returns required to be lodged by third parties, including donors, where relevant. Those returns are:

- Return of donations made
- Return of electoral expenditure incurred
- Returns of donations received and used to incur electoral expenditure.

There is no requirement in election financial disclosure returns to list donations received where those donations were not used to incur electoral expenditure.