

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Finance and Administration Portfolio

Department of Finance and Administration

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Topic: Australians for Honest Politics trust fund and financial disclosure

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Senator Faulkner asked:

Can you confirm whether you have written to Mr Tony Abbott MP to seek information? Mr Abbott is a principal in relation to this, isn't he?

Answer:

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

The AEC is currently looking into the matter of whether the Australians for Honest Politics is an associated entity. As part of this process, the AEC is still gathering information and has written to a number of relevant people. In order not to prejudice its ability to complete consideration of this matter, the AEC would prefer not to be more specific in responding to this question at this time.