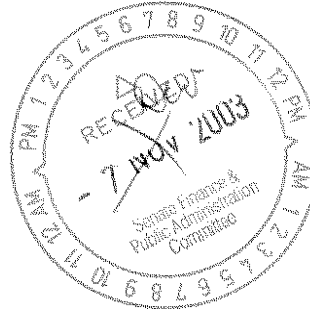




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Senator Brett Mason  
Chairman  
Senate Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration  
Parliament House  
CANBERRA ACT 2600



Dear Senator

At Estimates Committee hearings on 4 November 2003 the Australian Electoral Commission (AEC) took a number of questions on notice and agreed to provide the Committee with certain documents. Committee members indicated that provision of the documents as a matter of priority was preferred.

Senator Brandis asked questions about the content of disclosure returns lodged by the Fair Go Alliance. In responding, Ms Mitchell indicated that it might be more effective if she provided copies of the relevant returns, which are publicly available documents, to the Committee. Copies of the returns are attached.

Senator Faulkner requested that the Committee be provided with copies of the letters the AEC sent to Mr Abbott in September 1998 and June 1999 concerning the Australians for Honest Politics trust fund. Whilst the AEC would normally prefer not to provide the Committee with documents relating to a matter under current consideration in case it prejudiced the AEC's action in such matters, the letters have already been made publicly available by someone other than the AEC. As such, it would seem unlikely that provision of the letters to the Committee would further prejudice the AEC's ability to proceed with this matter. A copy of each of the letters is attached.

Yours sincerely

Paul Dacey  
Deputy Electoral Commissioner

06 November 2003



# Third Party Return of Donations made for the Election held on 1998

Please refer to the Funding and Disclosure Handbook for Third Parties when completing this form.

### Third Party Details

Name of person or organisation

FAIR GO ALLIANCE

Postal Address

377-383 SUSSEX STREET SYDNEY, NSW  
Postcode 2000

### Details of Person completing the Return

Name

JEFFREY, C. PRIESTLY

(Write "as above" if you are completing your own return.)

Capacity/Position

FINANCIAL CONTROLLER

(A return for an organisation should be completed by an appropriate officer such as the company secretary or finance manager.)

Postal Address

377-383 SUSSEX STREET, SYDNEY, NSW  
Postcode 2000

Telephone number (BH)

(02) 9286 1620

Facsimile number

(02) 9283 4563

I certify that the information contained in this return and its attachments is true and complete.

Signature

Date

2/9/03

**The due date for lodging this return is Monday,**

Enquiries and returns should be addressed to:

THE RETURNS OFFICER  
FUNDING AND DISCLOSURE SECTION  
AUSTRALIAN ELECTORAL COMMISSION  
PO BOX E201  
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# Third Party Return of Donations made for the Election held on 10 November 2001

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## Third Party Details

Name of person or organisation

FAIR GO ALLIANCE

Postal Address

377- 383 SUSSEX STREET. SYDNEY. NSW.  
Postcode 2000

## Details of Person completing the Return

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Telephone number (BH)

(02) 9286 1620

Facsimile number

(02) 9283 4663

Email

j.priestly@labour.org.au

I certify that the information contained in this return and its attachments is true and complete.

Signature

Date

21/9/02

The due date for lodging this return is Monday, 25 February 2002

Enquiries and returns should be addressed to:

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AUSTRALIAN ELECTORAL COMMISSION  
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KINGSTON ACT 2604  
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**FAIR GO ALLIANCE PAYMENTS 3.11.98 - 10.12.01**

		\$
7.2.01	Macquarie Fec Campaign	5,000.00
20.2.01	Jenny George - Throsby FEC Ca.	5,000.00
	Jenny McAlister - Richmond FEC	5,000.00
	Caroline Nielson - Wentworth FEC	2,000.00
	David Borger - Parramatta FEC	2,000.00
	Darryl Melham - Banks FEC	2,000.00
	Frank Mossfield - Greenway FEC	2,000.00
1.3.01	Jan Merriman - Hume FEC	2,000.00
21.5.01	Steve Martin Campaign	250.00
	Jenny George Campaign	250.00
	Jann Merriman Campaign	250.00
6.6.01	Christine Hawkins Campaign	2,000.00
14.6.01	Peter Primrose Function Account	1,000.00
15.6.01	Fran Tierney Campaign	1,000.00
22.6.01	David Borger Campaign	325.00
24.7.01	Carolyn Nielson Campaign	2,000.00
19.9.01	Pat Dixon Campaign	1,000.00
	Fran Tierney Campaign	1,000.00
	Christine Hawkins Campaign	1,000.00
26.9.01	Pery Young Campaign	1,000.00
9.10.01	Jan Merriman - Hume Campaign	1,000.00
	John Murphy - Lowe Campaign	1,000.00
12.10.01	Adam Searle Campaign	900.00
	Adam Searle Campaign	1,000.00
	Peter Macdonald Campaign	1,000.00

	Daryl Melham Campaign	1,000.00
	Carolyn Neilson Campaign	1,000.00
19.10.01	Gilmore Election Campaign	1,000.00
	Trish Moran Campaign	1,000.00
25.10.01	Bass Campaign Fund	2,000.00
	Lowe Campaign Fund	400.00
31.10.01	Mitchell Campaign Fund	1,000.00
	Julie Heraghty Campaign	1,000.00
	Peter Macdonald Campaign	1,000.00
	John Murphy Campaign	500.00
5.11.01	Democrats Campaign	1,000.00
	Greens Campaign	1,000.00
6.11.01	David Borger Campaign	1,000.00
	Fran Tierney Campaign	<u>500.00</u>
		<u>54,375.00</u>



# Third Party Return of Donations received for the Election held on 10 November 2001

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## Third Party Details

Name of person or organisation

FAIR GO ALLIANCE

Postal Address

377-383 SUSSEX STREET, SYDNEY, NSW  
Postcode 2000

## Details of Person completing the Return

Name

JEFFREY C. PRIESTLY

(Write "as above" if you are completing your own return.)

Capacity/Position

FINANCIAL CONTROLLER

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I certify that the information contained in this return and its attachments is true and complete.

Signature

Date

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The due date for lodging this return is Monday, 25 February 2002

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# DONATIONS RECEIVED

## 1. Period covered by this return is 3 November 1998 to 10 December 2001

This return covers donations received which were used to help fund expenditure incurred from 31 days after the previous Federal election and concluding 30 days after polling day, irrespective of when payment was made. Donations received are required to be disclosed irrespective of whether they were received within or outside this period.

## 2. Details of donations received

Where donations, including gifts-in-kind (as defined in the Handbook), totalling \$1000 or more were received from a person or organisation and those donations were used in whole or in part to incur expenditure of \$1000 or more, in relation to an election, on the following:

- publication by any means (including radio or television) of electoral matter;
- by any other means publicly expressing views on an issue in the election;
- making a donation to a political party;
- making a donation to a candidate or Senate group; or
- making a donation to a person on the understanding that that person or another person will use either the whole or part of the donation for any of the purposes listed above;

list in the table below the name and address of each person or organisation from whom those donations were received, along with the date and value of each donation.

Name	Address	Date of donation	Value of donation
PUBLIC SERVICE ASSOCIATION OF NEW SOUTH WALES	160 CLARENCE STREET SYDNEY NSW 2000.	7. 2. 01	5000. 00
"	"	21. 2. 01	20.000. 00
"	"	18. 5. 01	5000. 00
"	"	22. 6. 01	5.000. 00
"	"	3. 8. 01	5.000. 00
"	"	9. 10. 01	5.000. 00
COMMUNITY & PUBLIC SECTOR UNION SASF GROUP	"	28. 10. 01	17.000. 00
"	"	7. 12. 01	10.000. 00

If space is insufficient please attach additional sheets

Please provide an estimate of the time taken to complete this form  hrs  mins



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The Hon. Tony Abbott MP  
4-10 Sydney Road  
Manly NSW 2095

Dear Mr. Abbott

### ANNUAL RETURN FOR AN ASSOCIATED ENTITY

An associated entity is a term interpreted by the *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918* (the Act) and used by the Australian Electoral Commission (the AEC) for an organisation which is controlled wholly or mainly for the benefit of one or more political parties. This includes organisations which are independent of, but primarily benefit, a party or parties.

A recent newspaper article (Courier Mail, 1 September 1998) reports that you have set up a trust fund with Messrs J. Wheeldon and P. Coleman. On the basis of the press report, the fund may be an associated entity. If this is the case, you are required under the *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918* (the Act) to lodge an associated entity return. The Act provides penalties for failure to meet your disclosure obligations.

Please find enclosed a copy of the Funding and Disclosure Handbook for Associated Entities and an annual return form. The deadline for lodgment of an associated entity annual return is close of business 20 October 1998. If after having read the handbook you consider that the trust fund does not fall within the ambit of an associated entity, please provide a written response outlining your reasons for arriving at this decision.

If you require further information regarding your disclosure responsibilities, please do not hesitate to contact an officer of the Funding and Disclosure Section on one of the numbers provided above.

Yours sincerely

Roger Wills  
Funding and Disclosure

18/09/98



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The Hon. Tony Abbott, MP.  
Suite 11  
Pacific Point  
4-10 Sydney Road  
Manly NSW 2095

Dear Mr Abbott,

Thank you for your letter of 20 October 1998, responding to our inquiry as to whether the trust "Australians for Honest Politics" may fall within the ambit of an associated entity. I apologise if you have not received a response earlier.

On the basis of the information provided, I am of the opinion that the trust does not constitute an associated entity at this time and accordingly is not required to lodge a disclosure return.

I take this opportunity to note that if the activities of the Trust alter, then it may constitute an associated entity. This is a term interpreted by the *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918* and used by the Australian Electoral Commission for an organisation that is controlled by, or operates wholly or mainly for the benefit of, one or more political parties.

If I can be of any further assistance, please telephone me on 02 6271 4413.

Yours sincerely,

Brad Edgman  
Director  
Funding and Disclosure

10/06/99