

**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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**Question: F28**

**Outcome: Australian Electoral Commission**

**Topic: Amendment of financial disclosure returns**

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**Senator Carr asked:**

[From compliance review activity – where amendments to disclosure returns have occurred] Are you able to provide a list to me of [who the donor was] where that has occurred?

**Answer:**

In their annual returns, and any subsequent amendments, parties are required to provide to the AEC details of their receipts, payments and debts. In relation to receipts, the name and address of the person or organisation must be disclosed, however there is no legislative requirement that requires the classification of the receipt into categories that identify the purpose of the receipt, such as donations. Parties are invited, however, to voluntarily identify donations from other receipts. Because of this, complete lists of donors cannot be provided. Images of the amendments to returns lodged are made publicly available on the AEC's website at <http://fadar.aec.gov.au>.