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Senator Abetz asked:

Has the AEC received my recent correspondence requesting that it consider the question of whether the activist organisation GetUp! should be considered an associated entity on the grounds that it acts to a significant extent for the benefit of one or more registered political parties, in this case the Greens and Labor Party?

Answer:

Yes. The AEC is examining the available material to ascertain what, if anything, has changed since the previous review was undertaken of the activities of GetUp Limited in late 2005. The AEC also notes that since its receipt of the letters from Senator Abetz dated 6 September and 1 October 2010, it has also received similar representations from Senator Humphries.