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Mr. A. Sands,  
Secretary,  
Finance and Public Administration Committee,  
PARLIAMENT HOUSE ACT 2600

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Dear Sir,

#### **INQUIRY INTO THE REGIONAL PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAMME**

I am aware that Mr Greg Maguire has responded to a request made by the Senate Committee inquiring into the Regional Partnerships Programme to provide the Committee with details of his companies and his financial contributions allegedly made to the Tony Windsor Campaigns in respect of Federal and NSW Elections.

As the Chairman of the 2001 and 2004 Tony Windsor Federal Campaigns and the person to whom Mr Maguire refers in his response as to being 'fully aware of any such contributions', I advise the Senate Committee that no financial contributions have been made to the Tony Windsor Campaign Funds for the 2001 and 2004 Elections. If requested by you, I will make available audited election returns lodged with the Australian Electoral Commission for the 2001 and 2004 Federal elections as well as all receipt books for these two elections.

Further as Mr Maguire claims in his evidence to have made contributions to Mr Windsor's NSW State Election campaigns, I can also arrange for the audited returns made to the NSW Electoral Office to be made available to your Committee together with the receipt books for these state campaigns. These returns will confirm that Mr Maguire did not make any contributions to Mr Windsor's NSW State Election campaigns.

The Tony Windsor Election Campaign administration is handled with utmost integrity and follows all the requirements of the Australian Electoral Commission.

I reiterate that Mr Maguire has never contributed financially to any of Mr Windsor's election campaigns and ask that the Committee request Mr Maguire to comply with his undertaking to provide them with any evidence to the contrary.

Yours faithfully,

  
Stephen N. Hall.