POLITICAL FINANCE Annual Report

Report on the operation of Part VI of the *Electoral Act 1907* for the period ended 30 June 2008



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Dear Minister

In accordance with section 175ZG of the *Electoral Act 1907*, I submit for your information and presentation to Parliament the report on the operation of Part VI of the *Electoral Act 1907* for the period 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008.

Yours sincerely

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Executive Summary

The Western Australian Electoral Commissioner is responsible for adherence by political parties, candidates, groups of candidates and other persons to the requirements for the disclosure of gifts, income and expenditure in relation to elections. The Western Australian Electoral Commissioner also determines claims for electoral funding.

The Political Finance Annual Report 2008 is a compliance review of the disclosures made under the provisions of Part VI of the *Electoral Act 1907* (the Act) in 2007–2008. For 2007–2008, those disclosures include:

- Gifts and/or other income from political parties and associated entities for the financial year;
- Electoral expenditure by political parties for the Murdoch by–election;
- Gifts, other income, and expenditure by candidates in the Murdoch by-election;
- Electoral reimbursement funding for political parties in the Murdoch by–election;
- Registration of agents of political parties; and
- Reports by public agencies in relation to certain expenditure.

Overall, disclosures made to the Electoral Commissioner complied with the requirements under the Act. Areas of concern relate to timeliness of the lodgement of returns, record keeping by some candidates and parties, and the interpretation of the ambiguity of section 175ZE in relation to the disclosure of certain expenditure.

Summary of disclosures through 2007–2008:

- \$11,800,008.27 in gifts and other income was declared by 20 political parties;
- \$3,326,165.50 in gifts and other income was declared by four associated entities;
- \$57,984.73 in election spending was declared by political parties for the Murdoch by–election;
- \$27,650.37 was paid to three political parties as their election funding reimbursements for the Murdoch byelection;
- Two registered parties updated their party agent details; and
- 213 agencies and statutory authorities disclosed to parliament expenditure of \$106,653,254.29 under section
 175ZE of the Act.

In auditing compliance with the Act it was found that generally political parties, associated entities, individual candidates, Legislative Council groups and other persons fulfilled their obligations. Improvements can be made in the areas of:

- Record management, in particular keeping receipt books;
- Timely submission of annual gifts and other income returns; and
- Providing more accurate disclosure of other income and electoral expenditure.

Background

This report considers the operation of Part VI of the *Electoral Act 1907* (the Act) over the 2007–2008 financial year. Part VI of the Act requires all political parties, associated entities, individual candidates, Legislative Council groups and other persons to provide the Electoral Commissioner with details of gifts and/or income received and expenditure incurred for electoral or political purposes. Also, those public agencies that have a requirement to lodge an annual report under Part V of the *Financial Management Act 2006* are required by Part VI of the Act to report all expenditure in relation to advertising agencies, market research organisations, polling organisations, direct mail organisations, and media advertising organisations.

This is the twelfth annual report to Parliament as to the compliance on:

- annual disclosure returns lodged by political parties and associated entities for this period;
- election returns submitted for the 2008 Murdoch by–election;
- changes in the registration of agents of political parties; and
- details on certain expenditure provided by public agencies and statutory authorities in this period.

The 2007–2008 Political finance disclosure schedule, which highlights key disclosure dates during the reporting period, is included in Appendix 1.

Definitions used in this report and essential features of electoral funding and disclosure

Annual Returns

All political parties (whether registered or not) and their associated entities are required to lodge an annual (financial year) return by 30 November, disclosing all gifts and other income received for the previous financial year.

Election-related Returns

After an election or by–election, all parties, candidates, Legislative Council groups and other persons are required to send an election return to the Electoral Commissioner within 15 weeks after polling day.

Political parties are required to disclose only electoral expenditure incurred for an election, as they disclose all gifts and other income in their annual returns. Associated entities are not required to disclose electoral expenditure incurred for an election.

Candidates are required to disclose all gifts received and electoral expenditure incurred during the disclosure period for the election, which ends 30 days after the current election and:

- if the candidate was a candidate in a previous election (in the last five years), it commences 31 days after polling day in the previous election in which they were a candidate; and
- for new and other candidates, it commences one year before the day of nomination in the present election.

Legislative Council groups must submit a return disclosing all gifts received and expenditure incurred between the hour of nomination and 30 days after the current election.

People other than political parties, associated entities, candidates and groups who incur expenditure for political purposes must disclose all gifts received from 31 days after polling day in the last preceding general election to 30 days after the current election. Relevant details of gifts that are expended partially or wholly for political purposes must be provided if the gift equals or exceeds the specified amount of \$1,800. Other people who incur electoral expenditure in relation to an election exceeding \$500 must also lodge a return disclosing relevant amounts of expenditure. Other people may include interest groups, lobby groups, welfare groups, unions and associations.

Electoral Funding

Candidates at a State election or by–election can apply to be reimbursed for electoral expenditure incurred, subject to receiving more than 4% of first preference formal votes. Payments for all candidates endorsed by a registered political party can be made if candidates collectively poll over 4% of the total number of eligible votes at the combined elections in each contested electorate. Candidates included in a Legislative Council group can receive payment if the group as a whole polls over 4%.

For each eligible candidate, the 'election funding reimbursement amount', calculated annually under section 175LC(2) of the Act, is to be paid to that candidate for each valid first preference vote received in an election. The amount for the 2007–2008 annual reporting period was \$1.50419, this being the amount applied to claims for the 2008 Murdoch by–election.

If actual eligible electoral expenditure incurred by that candidate or group is less than the amount that would be paid using the above calculation, then this lesser amount is the amount to be reimbursed. Eligible electoral expenditure is defined at section 175 of the Act.

Payment is made to the political party for endorsed candidates and endorsed candidates included in Legislative Council groups. Payment to unendorsed candidates is made to their agent or to the candidate directly if no agent is appointed. For Legislative Council groups not endorsed by a registered political party, payment is made to the agent of the group.

Gifts

Gifts of \$1,800 or more must include the name and address of the person who made the gift. In accordance with regulation 3 of the *Electoral (Political Finance) Regulations 1996*, the specified amount was reviewed after the 2005 State general election and increased from \$1,600 to \$1,800. This took effect from 1 July 2005 and affects the 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008 disclosure returns reported on in this publication. Acceptance of donations from unidentified persons or sources equal to or more than the specified amount is prohibited under the Act. Under section 175R(5) of this Act, anonymous donations above the specified amount are payable to, or may be recoverable by, the State.

Public Agencies

The definition of Public Agency under Part VI of the Act is broad and encompasses not only departments of the Public Service or organisations specified in schedule two of the *Public Sector Management Act 1994*, but also a number of other organisations. This definition also includes a body or office that is established for a public purpose under a written law, as well as a body or office that is established by the Governor or a Minister. Any corporation or association over which control can be exercised by the State, Minister, or above bodies is defined as a public agency as well.

Records to be kept

Under the *Electoral (Political Finance) Regulations 1996*, agents of political parties, candidates and groups must maintain:

- a receipt book, for recording details of money received;
- an acknowledgment book, for recording details of gifts other than money received;
- bank and financial institution statements; and
- an expenditure book.

The agent of an associated entity must keep all of the above except for an expenditure book.

Other people who incur expenditure for political purposes must keep a record of all gifts received for political purposes and maintain:

- a receipt book;
- an acknowledgment book; and
- bank and financial institution statements.

Other people who incur electoral expenditure must also maintain:

- an expenditure book; and
- bank and financial institution statements.

All records and bank and financial institution statements must be retained for six years.

According to regulation 11 of the *Electoral (Political Finance) Regulations 1996*, the agent of a political party may apply to the Electoral Commissioner for approval for the party to keep or cause to be kept a system of accounting records other than those prescribed in the legislation. If this application is approved by the Electoral Commissioner, the party must keep these records in accordance with this agreement. To this point no such applications have been made.

Role of the Western Australian Electoral Commissioner

The Electoral Commissioner is responsible for maintaining a register of political party agents and obtaining the relevant information from parties, associated entities, candidates, groups and other persons through annual and election–related disclosure returns. The Commissioner is empowered to check all returns, obtain any information relevant to disclosure requirements, and to interview people and scrutinise bank or other financial accounts where donations may be deposited.

The Electoral Commissioner also prepares an annual report (this report) on the operation of Part VI of the Act in relation to the previous financial year. This is submitted to the Minister for Electoral Affairs, who tables the report in Parliament.

Access to Returns

The Western Australian Electoral Commission maintains copies of each political finance return. In accordance with section 175ZC of the Act, members of the public may view or obtain copies of returns, which are available four weeks after the end of the lodgement period. Murdoch by–election returns were made available to the public on 7 July 2008. Annual returns for the 2007–2008 financial year were made available on 29 December 2008. Annual returns of political parties and associated entities lodging a Commonwealth return with the Western Australian Electoral Commission can be viewed on the Australian Electoral Commission's web site at www.aec.gov.au.

Publications

The Commission produces guidelines which are regularly updated and outline the provisions of political finance legislation in Western Australia and the implications for people involved in the electoral process. Copies of the

guidelines and relevant forms are available from the Western Australian Electoral Commission on request, or can be downloaded from the Commission's website at www.waec.wa.gov.au.

2007–2008 Annual returns of political parties and associated entities

Background

The Act provides for the Electoral Commissioner to authorise officers to investigate returns required under Part VI of the Act. In order to reduce the administrative burden on political parties and associated entities who lodge their annual disclosure returns with the Australian Electoral Commission (AEC) a collaborative approach has been taken to audit processes. The AEC conducts a review of annual returns to check their compliance with the disclosure provisions of the *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918* similar to audits that the WAEC undertakes under the Act. The AEC is in the process of reviewing four Western Australian based parties and two associated entities who prepared Commonwealth annual disclosure returns for 2007–2008.

This reporting and audit period continued to demonstrate the discrepancy between State and Commonwealth specified amounts. Effectively this means that political parties that lodge annual returns made under the *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918* are able to disclose gifts and other income under a significantly higher disclosure threshold than those lodging State returns. For the 2007–2008 financial year the specified amount for annual returns lodged under the *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918* was \$10,500 as compared to \$1,800 for annual returns lodged under the Act. At the date of this report, the Commonwealth Government Electoral Amendment (Political Donations and Other Measures) Bill 2008 is seeking to reduce the specified amount from \$10,000 to \$1000, without provision for CPI adjustment.

Summary of activity

Agents of the various political parties were sent letters in September 2008, reminding that the disclosure period for the 2007–2008 annual returns ended on 30 June 2008 and that returns were due to be lodged with the Commission by 30 November 2008. A total of twenty political parties and four associated entities lodged disclosure returns for the period, similar to the previous financial year. Liaison continued throughout the year to assist political parties to meet their disclosure requirements.

Seven political parties, including two registered political parties, did not submit their annual reports by the required date of 30 November 2008. Four annual returns were still outstanding when annual returns became publically available on 29 December 2008. One registered political party did not submit its annual return until March 2009 and only after repeated requests from the Electoral Commission and the threat of legal action.

The total amount of gifts and other income declared by political parties was \$11,800,008.27 and \$3,326,165.50 by associated entities.

Result of Investigation into Annual Returns

The Western Australian Electoral Commission employed an independent auditing firm, Stantons International, to audit annual returns of four registered political parties not usually audited by the AEC. Three annual returns disclosing nil amounts were audited by the Electoral Commission's Electoral Liaison Officer.

Stantons International randomly sampled the records of four political parties to test compliance with the disclosure requirements of the Act. In comparison to the two previous reporting periods there was a general improvement in compliance with the need to keep records according to the Electoral (Political Finance) Regulations 1996. Two parties however did not fully comply with keeping the correct records. One party, through other records, did provide a reasonable assurance as to compliance in declaring gifts and other income. One Nation Western Australia were not able to reconcile their annual and by–election returns and this party, albeit now de-registered, have been required to submit a revised return.

Data provided in the 2007–2008 returns are included as Appendices 2 through to 6 of this report.

2008 Murdoch by-election returns and funding claims

Background

Political party agents and agents of candidates for the Murdoch by–election received copies of the relevant funding and disclosure forms, together with explanatory letters, in March 2008 reminding of their obligation to disclose gifts received (candidates only) and expenditure incurred for the Murdoch by–election. Candidates and political parties were also advised whether they were eligible to claim for electoral funding, and given instructions regarding the claim process. Candidates who did not appoint agents, or who were not endorsed by the registered parties, received their letter and the relevant forms personally. Of the four candidates at the by–election, three had appointed agents by the 6.00 pm deadline on 22 February 2008.

Summary of activity

The disclosure period for political parties, candidates, and other persons ended 30 days after polling day, which was 25 March 2008. By–election returns were due within 15 weeks of polling day, which was 9 June 2008. No election related returns were received from other persons and all political party and candidate returns were lodged on time. No candidates disclosed any gifts or expenditure, while the total expenditure by political parties reported for the by–election was \$57,984.73.

Claims for electoral funding in relation to the Murdoch by-election were due within 20 weeks of polling day. All eligible claims were received and processed by the deadline of 14 July 2008. Of the four candidates at the by-

election, three received over 4% of first preference formal votes. The political parties who endorsed these three candidates were entitled to claim reimbursement of electoral expenditure as defined under section 175 of the Act. The total amount of reimbursement funding paid to political parties was \$27,650.37.

Results of investigations into the Murdoch by-election

The Western Australian Electoral Commission employed an independent auditing firm, Stantons International, to audit all of the election returns lodged by political parties and candidates in relation to the Murdoch by–election. All candidates in the Murdoch by–election were endorsed by political parties and all supplied a 'nil' return for gifts and expenditure. A review by Stantons International randomly sampled the records of four political parties that endorsed candidates to test compliance with the disclosure requirements of the Act.

In comparison to the 2007 Peel by–election, compliance with record keeping was much improved for the 2008 Murdoch by–election. In response to feedback from the audit process the Commission will continue to emphasis the importance of correctly identifying electoral expenditure against the definition as well as the meaning of election period.

Data provided in the 2008 Murdoch by-election returns are included as Appendices 7, 8, and 10 of this report.

Register of Agents of Political Parties

Background

All political parties are required to appoint an agent who must register with the Electoral Commissioner. The appointment takes effect on the entry of the name and address of the party agent in the party agents' register at the Electoral Commission, and ceases to have effect when the name and address is removed. An agent assumes responsibility for lodging disclosure returns and claims for electoral funding.

To be eligible for appointment as an agent of a political party, the nominated person must:

- be over the age of 18 years;
- be appointed in writing by the party;
- declare their eligibility and consent to the position; and
- not have been convicted of an offence under the disclosure provisions of the Act.

When there is no agent of the political party, all members of the party's executive committee jointly assume responsibility for the disclosure obligations.

Summary of Activity

Two political parties lodged notices of appointment of an agent by a political party during the 2007–2008 reporting period.

Section 175ZE of the Act

Background

Public agencies who are required to publish an annual report under part 5 of the *Financial Management Act 2006* or any other written law must include a statement in that annual report of all expenditure incurred by or on behalf of the public agency during the reporting period in relation to:

- advertising agencies;
- market research organisations;
- polling organisations;
- direct mail organisations; and
- media advertising organisations.

This statement must detail the total amount of the expenditure, the amount of expenditure for each heading listed above, and the name of each person, agency or organisation to which an amount was paid. No details are required if the amount of expenditure under a heading is less than \$1,800, although a 'nil' statement is still required to be published.

This Political Finance Annual Report has not previously included information with regards to the operation of section 175ZE of the Act. While the exact purpose of this section of the Act and its operation is not clear, it may be that it merely provides a consolidated annual view of public agency advertising related expenditure for comparative purposes.

Summary of Activity

There is considerable difficultly in compiling a definitive list of public agencies that are required to declare this expenditure under Part VI of the Act. Of the 213 public agencies that submitted an annual report to Parliament 67.14% were found to have reported the expenditure in accordance with section 175ZE of the Act. Total expenditure over the 213 agencies that declared expenditure was \$106,653,254.29.

Appendix 9 lists the specific details of the various public agencies disclosure which is summarised in the following table.

Total expenditure reported	\$ 106,653,254.29
Media Advertising Organisations	\$ 53,285,486.23
Direct Mail Organisations	\$ 2,219,279.42
Polling Organisations	\$ 1,248.789.07
Market research organisations	\$ 7,673,444.90
Advertising agencies	\$ 40,214,332.63

Of the public agencies that reported expenditure under the Act, 32.86% did not comply with the level of disclosure required. Public agencies either did not disclose the expenditure under the required categories or did not report the name of each person, agency or organisation to which an amount was paid.

Efforts to assist agencies in complying with the reporting requirements under section 175ZE of the Act are hampered by a lack of clarity of the disclosure categories against which expenditure must be declared. Further section 175ZE of Act does not provide for further investigation or sanction of the failure to meet reporting requirements.

For more details on reporting under section 175ZE of the Act, see 'Advertising' in the Annual Report Framework located at the Public Sector Management web site at www.dpc.wa.gov.au/psmd.

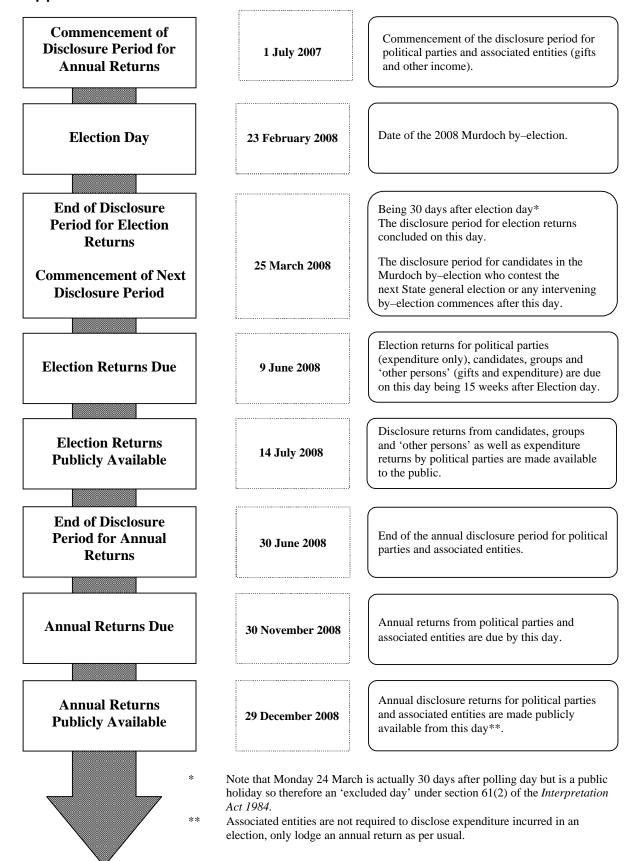
Concluding observations

The Western Australian Electoral Commission continues to provide confidence to the public through independent means that there is widespread compliance to the regulation of political finance provisions in Part VI of the Act. Compliance levels have improved marginally from the previous reporting period through ongoing engagement and communication with those who are required to submit disclosures to the Western Australian Electoral Commission.

Investigation into the disclosure returns for 2007–2008 has demonstrated that there is substantial commitment to the timely and accurate submission of disclosure returns. The main issue identified during the audit process was the maintenance of records as required under the *Electoral (Political Finance) Regulations 1996*. In the case of political party annual returns, two of the four political parties audited did not keep the required records. In the case of election related returns, one of the four political parties audited did not keep adequate records. Liaison with party agents is ongoing to remind and educate as to their obligations.

There is evident confusion during the transitional period when new party agents are appointed and the Commission continues to work with new agents in order to assist them in meeting their obligations. To this end the Commission produces guidelines covering political finance legislation in Western Australia and makes it's officers available for assistance as necessary. This publication is regularly updated and outlines the implications for people involved in the electoral process. Copies of the guidelines and relevant forms are available from the Western Australian Electoral Commission to party and candidate agents, on request, or can be downloaded from the Commission's web site at www.waec.wa.gov.au.

Appendix 1: 2007-2008 Political finance disclosure schedule



Appendix 2: Summary of gifts and other income received and expenditure incurred by each political party

Political Party Bolded entries indicate registered political parties	Total Gifts less than \$1,800 and number \$ (n)	Total Gifts \$1,800 or more and number \$ (n)	Other Income	Total Gifts and Other Income 2007–2008 \$
Australia First Party (WA)	0	0	0	0
Australian Democrats	7,164 (48)	0	7,446	14,610
Australian Labor Party (WA Branch)*	NA	756,000 (13)	351,444.75	3,020,268.82
Christian Democratic Party WA	248,982 (2,608)	129,146 (30)	68,425	446,553
Citizens Electoral Council of Australia	0	0	0	0
Community 1st (Inc.)	0	0	0	0
Daylight Saving Party	0	0	0	0
Family First Party WA Inc.	2,355 (3)	0	4665.58	7,021.58
Fremantle Hospital Support Group	0	0	0	0
liberals for forests	0	0	0	0
New Country Party	0	0	0	0
Nurses for Health	0	0	0	0
One Nation Western Australia	11,224 (31)	0	7,205	18,429
Progressive Labour Party	15 (1)	0	47.42	62.42
Public Hospital Support Group	0	0	0	0
Socialist Alliance	2,441 (21)	2,000 (1)	2,948.15	7,389.15
The Greens (WA) Inc.	112,506 (731)	268,380 (27)	542,158	923,044
The Liberal Party of Australia (WA Division) Inc.*	NA	1,215,400 (12)	1,500,762.39	7,031,250.87**
The National Party of Australia (WA) Inc.	33,360.77 (301)	165,568.52 (22)	135,193.92	334,123.21
Unity Party WA	400 (4)	0	600	1,000

^{*} Disclosure of gifts by the Australian Labor Party and the Liberal Party is based on Commonwealth specified amount of \$10,500; therefore may not include all gifts over the State specified amount of \$1,800.

^{*} Political party amended return submitted.

Appendix 3: Gifts \$1,800 or greater received by political parties

Names in the following table are in the same format as provided by the respective political parties.

Political Party	Donor	For 2007–2008 \$
Australian Labor Party	Alcoa Allsite Operations	36,000.0 0
(Western Australian Branch) *	Ascot Capital Ltd	35,000.0 0
	Auzcorp	20,000.0
	AWU	20,000.0
	Burswood Entertainment Complex	25,000.0 0
	CFMEU	20,000.0
	LHMU	100,000. 00
	Mineralogy Pty Ltd	20,000.0
	JL Simpson	20,000.0
	ALP National Secretariat	395,000. 00
	Sanur Pty Ltd	25,000.0 0
	Transfield Services	15,000.0 0
	Wesfarmers	25,000.0 0
	Total	756,000. 00
Christian Democratic Party WA	Peter Wieske	15,000.0 0
	Peter Staer	11,500.0
	Bryan Taylor	10,000.0
	John Wieske	10,000.0
	Ray Moran	6,730.00

Political Party	Donor	For 2007–2008 \$
	Paul Mewhor	5,050.00
	Daniel Bosveld	5,000.00
	Marianne Brockwell	5,000.00
	Peter Hondema	5,000.00
	Lachlan Dunjey	4,659.00
	John Dykstra	3,800.00
	Tasman Gilbert	3,340.00
	Michael Rose	3,200.00
	John Sullivan	3,000.00
	Peter Terpstra	2,900.00
	Martin Creelman	2,750.00
	Damian Milne	2,700.00
	Ken White	2,640.00
	David Brewer	2,637.00
	John Wieske	2,550.00
	Cornerstone Legal	2,500.00
	George Cugley	2,500.00
	David Stone	2,350.00
	Harry Kleyn	2,240.00
	Brain Geytenbeek	2,200.00
	John Hair	2,100.00
	Ron Brolsma	2,000.00
	Kari Rummukainen	2,000.00
	Harry van der Veen	2,000.00
	Craig Hendry	1,800.00
	Total	129,146. 00
National Party of Australia	Parliamentary National Party	7,200.00
(WA) Incorporated	Apartments WA	2,500.00
	Buckeridge Properties Pty Ltd	2,500.00
	Burswood Entertainment Complex	3,000.00
	Corporate Advisors Australia	30,000.0
	Devereaux Holdings Pty Ltd	10,000.0

Political Party	Donor	For 2007–2008 \$
	Ian Duncan	1,800.00
	Wendy Duncan	1,800.00
	Envoyer Pty Ltd	10,000.0 0
	Philip Gardiner	3,388.00
	Brendon Grylls	16,361.5 0
	Independent Grocers Alliance	15,000.0 0
	MG Kailis Group	5,000.00
	Palmcove Pty Ltd	10,000.0 0
	Perron Group Trust	5,000.00
	Quandinnie	1,800.00
	Richard Buckeridge Investments Pty Ltd	2,500.00
	Twenty Two Mount Street Pty Ltd	2,500.00
	Terry Waldron	3,533.60
	Wesfarmers Ltd	10,000.00
	Grant Woodhams	3,503.60
	Skywest Airlines	18,181.8 2
	Total	165,568. 52
The Greens (WA) Inc.	Paul Llewellyn	12,668.0 0
	Giz Watson	13,167.0 0
	Rachael Siewert	6,702.00
	Ruth Greble	53,600.0 0
	Ruth Greble	70,000.0 0*
	Tasmanian Greens	20,000.0 0
	CEPO Engineering	10,000.0 0
	CJ Ludlam	2,000.00
	Maritime Union (WA)	2,000.00

Political Party	Donor	For 2007–2008 \$
	Mark Edwards	2,000.00
	Noelle Dawson	10,000.0
	lan Rudd	5,000.00
	Nikolas Kalic	2,000.00
	Lee Kozel	2,000.00
	Harley Lacy	10,000.0 0
	Bob Frayne	5,000.00
	Jim Thom	5,000.00
	C.J. Ludlam	10,000.0 0
	Greg M Boland	5,000.00
	Lyn Gauntlett	2,000.00
	Jim/Mary Frith	2,000.00
	James Mumme/ Vicki Foster	4,200.00
	Louis Bell	3,000.00
	Stephen de Gruchy	2,000.00
	Paul Lee	2,000.00
	Sandra Davis	10,000.0 0
	Total	271,337. 00
	*these amounts are loans dec	clared as donations

Political Party	Donor	For 2007–2008 \$
The Liberal Party of	B & J Catalano	12,000.00
Australia (Western	Kari Rummukainen	20,000.00
Australian Division)	Apex Minerals NL	25,0000.00
Incorporated*	The 500 Club	250,000.00
	Josephine C Armstrong	600,000.00

	Marylyn New	14,400.00
	Toyota Stan Perron	20,000.00
	Furama Pty Ltd	250,000.00
	Total	1,191,400
Socialist Alliance	Communication, Electrical & Plumbing Union	2,000.00
	Total	2,000.00

^{*} Disclosure of gifts by the Australian Labor Party and the Liberal Party is based on the Commonwealth specified amount of \$10,300; therefore may not include all gifts over the State specified amount of \$1,800.

Appendix 4: Other income \$1,800 or greater received by political parties

Political Party	Source of Other Income	For 2007–2008 \$
Australian Labor Party	Australian Taxation Office	127,057.21
(Western Australian Branch) *	LHMU	67,943.72
	Perth Trades Hall Inc	77,671.50
	Shop Distributive & Allied Employees Ass.	67,940.42
	Transport Workers Union	10,831.90
	Total	351,444.75
The Liberal Party of	Charlie Morgan	45,000
Australia (WA) Division Inc.	John Poynton	25,000
	John Schaffer	25,000
	Gordon Martin	25,000
	Marianne Brockwell	24,000
	Austal Ships	25,000
	Adross Estates	25,000
	Michael Kiernan	25,000
	Auzcorn Pty Ltd	26,000
	Nomad Modular Building Pty	13,000
	Ross Neumann	25,000
	Paterson Securities Limited	25,000
	Alexander Liu	25,000
***************************************	Sally Malay Mining Ltd	25,000
	Peter Laurance AO	25,000
	Burswood	22,000
***************************************	Westfamers Ltd	25,000
***************************************	The Esplanade Hotel	20,000
***************************************	Perron Group	13,000
	Liberal Party Fed Secretariat	885,255.91
***************************************	BAS Refunds	129,270
	Great Southern Limited	25,000
	Candidate Nomination Fee Refund	13,500
	Saracen Properties	25,000
	WAEC	19,738.48
***************************************	Total	1,560,764

*	Disclosure of gifts by the Australian Labor Party and the Liberal Party is based on the Commonwealth specified amount of \$10,300; therefore may not include all gifts over the State specified amount of \$1,800.

Appendix 5: Summary of gifts and other income received by each associated entity*

Associated Entity	Political Party	Total of Gifts \$1,800 or more \$	Total Gifts and Other Income 2007–2008 \$
Liberal Party of Western Australia Pty Ltd**	Liberal Party of Australia (WA Division) Inc.	0.00	2,324,258.86
LPPH Pty Ltd**	Liberal Party of Australia (WA Division) Inc.	0.00	77,316.76
Perth Trades Hall Inc.**	Australian Labor Party (WA Branch)	0.00	455,504.88
The 500 Club**	Liberal Party of Australia (WA Division) Inc.	49,985.00	469,085.00

^{*} Associated Entities are not required to disclose expenditure incurred in an election.

^{**} Returns based on Commonwealth specified amount of \$10,500; therefore may not include all gifts over the State specified amount of \$1,800.

Appendix 6: Gifts \$1,800 or greater received by associated entities*

Names in the following table are in the same format as provided by the respective associated entities.

Liberal Party of Australia (WA Division) Inc. Associated Entities	Donor	For 2007–2008 \$
The 500 Club**	Terrace Properties & Investments Pty Ltd (gift-in-kind)	49,985.00
	Total Receipts	469,085.00

^{*} Associated Entities are not required to disclose expenditure incurred in an election.

^{**} Returns based on Commonwealth specified amount of \$10,500; therefore may not include all gifts over the State specified amount of \$1,800.

Appendix 7: Summary of gifts received and expenditure incurred by each candidate at the 2008 Murdoch by-election

Candidate Ballot Paper Name	Party Ballot Paper Name	Total Gifts \$1,800 or more	Total Gifts \$	Total Expenditure \$
CHEW, Ka-ren	Christian Democratic Party WA	0.00	0.00	0.00
GILMOUR, Neil	ONE NATION	0.00	0.00	0.00
HARPER, Hsien	Greens (WA)	0.00	0.00	0.00
PORTER, Christian	Liberal	0.00	0.00	0.00

Appendix 8: Summary of expenditure incurred by each party at the 2008 Murdoch by-election

Election Expenditure	Christian Democratic Party (WA) Inc CDP	Liberal Party of Australia (WA Division) Inc	One Nation Western Australia*	The Greens (WA) Inc
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Broadcasting an election-related advertisement (for example, a television or radio advertisement)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Publishing an advertisement in a journal (including newspapers or magazines)	0.00	3,516.74	0.00	4,516.00
Displaying an election-related advertisement at a place of entertainment (for example, the cinema)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
The production of any advertisement which is broadcast, published or displayed as above (even if the production of that advertisement occurs outside the election period)	0.00	4,454.50	0.00	0.00
Producing any material, other than above, which requires authorisation and which is used for advertising during the election period (even if the production of that material occurs outside the election period)	0.00	13,068.00	0.00	0.00
Producing and distributing electoral matter addressed to particular persons or organisations (for example, mail-outs or letterbox drops to households)	1,332.70	27,672.06	829.34	1,223.00
Consultant's or advertising agent's fees for services provided during the election period, or the production of material for use during the election period	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Carrying out an opinion poll or other research related to the election	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total	1,332.70	48,711.30	829.34	5,739.00

^{*} One nation declared additional expenditure of \$530.20 for "how to vote" material.

Appendix 9: Summary of expenditure of agencies and statutory authorities that declared expenditure to Parliament under section 175ZE of the Act

Agency	Advertising Agencies	Market Research Organisations	Polling Organisations	Direct Mail Organisations	Media Advertising organisations	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Agricultural Produce Commission	66,592.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	66,592.00
Agriculture and Food, Department of	189,547.00	0.00	0.00	1,674.00	149,142.00	340,363.00
Albany Port Authority	15,297.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	15,297.00
Animal Resources Authority	3,789.15	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,789.15
AqWest Bunbury Water Board	10,683.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	84,461.00	95,144.00
Architects Board of Western Australia	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	7,207.00	7,207.00
Armadale Redevelopment Authority	74,751.00	24,540.00	0.00	0.00	13,703.00	112,994.00
Art Gallery of Western Australia	135,979.00	11,810.00	0.00	28,621.00	184,124.00	360,534.00
Attorney General, Department of the	341,412.00	33,020.00	0.00	71,650.00	0.00	446,082.00
Auditor General, Office of the [OAG]	40,276.65	61,748.18	0.00	0.00	0.00	102,024.83
Botanic Gardens and Parks Authority	51,972.38	4,616.40	0.00	16,035.59	126,335.46	198,959.83
Broome Port Authority	40,052.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	40,052.00
Builders' Registration Board	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	9,420.00	9,420.00
Building and Construction Industry Training Board	125,970.00	38,000.00	0.00	0.00	369,576.00	533,546.00
Bunbury Port Authority	13,461.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	26,757.00	40,218.00
Busselton Water	0.00	6,530.00	0.00	0.00	23,300.00	29,830.00
Central TAFE	28,359.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	276,816.00	305,175.00
Central West TAFE	3,775.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	77,881.83	81,656.83
Challenger TAFE	281,817.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	281,817.00

Agency	Advertising Agencies	Market Research Organisations	Polling Organisations	Direct Mail Organisations	Media Advertising organisations	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Chemistry Centre of Western Australia	0.00	13,350.00	0.00	0.00	15,936.00	29,286.00
Child Protection, Department for	72,417.10	85,423.36	0.00	679.72	741,100.81	899,620.99
Coal Industry Superannuation Board	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Commissioner for Children and Young People	2,968.00	9,801.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	12,769.00
Communities, Department for	5,876.00	116,953.00	0.00	42,502.00	208,700.00	374,031.00
Conservation Commission of Western Australia	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,554.30	5,554.30
Consumer and Employment Protection, Department of	260,472.00	16,690.00	0.00	0.00	1,633,201.00	1,914,878.00
Corrective Services, Department of	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	583,494.00	583,494.00
Corruption and Crime Commission of Western Australia	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	72,164.00	72,164.00
Council of Official Visitors	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,316.98	2,316.98
Country High School Hostels Authority	75,850.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	75,850.00
Country Housing Authority	76,276.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	76,276.00
Culture and the Arts, Department of	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	53,047.28	53,047.28
Curriculum Council	3,131.00	9,750.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	12,881.00
Dampier Port Authority	7,030.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	7,030.00
Director of Public Prosecutions	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Disability Services Commission	39,323.71	10,263.60	0.00	0.00	74,489.51	124,076.82
Drug and Alcohol Office	461,614.00	193,876.00	0.00	0.00	1,164,407.04	1,819,897.04
East Perth Redevelopment Authority	0.00	5,000.00	0.00	0.00	552,000.00	557,000.00
Economic Regulation Authority	100,100.00	3,080.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	103,180.00
Edith Cowan University	1,240,000.00	77,000.00	0.00	0.00	2,850,000.00	4,167,000.00
Education and Training, Department of	1,426,408.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,536,225.00	3,962,633.00

Agency	Advertising Agencies	Market Research Organisations	Polling Organisations	Direct Mail Organisations	Media Advertising organisations	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Education Services, Department of	1,058.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,058.00
Energy, Office of	74,917.09	0.00	0.00	0.00	265,325.29	340,242.38
Environment and Conservation, Department of	237,755.82	98,450.00	0.00	0.00	1,961,722.96	2,297,928.78
Environmental Protection Authority	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Equal Opportunity Commission of Western Australia	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Esperance Port Authority	0.00	292,960.00	36,766.00	0.00	24,098.00	353,824.00
Fire and Emergency Services Authority of Western Australia	14,818.00	32,252.00	0.00	8,867.00	190,756.00	246,693.00
Fire and Emergency Services Superannuation Board	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Fisheries, Department of	103,131.58	0.00	0.00	0.00	70,268.25	173,399.83
Forest Products Commission	74,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	102,000.00
Fremantle Port Authority	0.00	52,640.00	0.00	4,766.00	152,597.00	210,003.00
Gaming and Wagering Commission of Western Australia	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Gascoyne Development Commission	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	13,132.00	13,132.00
Geraldton Port Authority	5,200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,204.00	10,404.00
Gold Corporation	5,478.00	1,800.00	0.00	181,965.00	67,888.00	257,131.00
Goldfields Esperance Development Commission	12,693.00	2,593.00	0.00	0.00	418.00	15,704.00
Government Employees Superannuation Board	338,151.00	65,542.00	0.00	0.00	820,765.00	1,224,458.00
Great Southern Development Commission	0.00	3,195.00	0.00	0.00	9,956.00	13,151.00
Great Southern TAFE	37,569.41	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,263.14	42,832.55
Hairdressers Registration Board of Western Australia	0.00	0.00	10,917.50	0.00	0.00	10,917.50
Health Review, Office of	1,212.29	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,212.29
Health, Department of	257,609.00	628,153.00	0.00	160,378.00	1,826,303.00	2,872,443.00

Agency	Advertising Agencies	Market Research Organisations	Polling Organisations	Direct Mail Organisations	Media Advertising organisations	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Healthway	11,742.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	11,742.00
Heritage Council of Western Australia	0.00	35,773.00	0.00	0.00	19,296.00	55,069.00
Horizon Power	162,630.00	41,200.00	0.00	0.00	184,747.00	388,577.00
Housing and Works, Department of	6,858.98	0.00	0.00	0.00	560,570.86	567,429.84
Housing Authority	188,033.04	7,425.00	0.00	975.12	381,377.45	577,810.61
Independent Market Operator	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	34,401.00
Indigenous Affairs, Department of	73,770.00	15,132.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	88,902.00
Industry and Resources, Department of	0.00	97,842.00	0.00	7,079.00	340,620.00	445,541.00
Information Commissioner of Western Australia	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Inspector of Custodial Services, Office of the	9,640.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	9,640.00
Insurance Commission of Western Australia	0.00	80,298.00	0.00	3,892.00	260,691.00	344,881.00
Keep Australia Beautiful Council	40,388.61	5,750.00	0.00	0.00	70,234.30	116,372.91
Kimberley Development Commission	4,457.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,457.00
Kimberley TAFE	71,933.95	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	89,826.91
Land Information Authority, Western Australian [Landgate]	27,874.00	98,472.07	0.00	0.00	294,781.42	421,127.49
LandCorp	4,598,389.00	241,487.00	0.00	0.00	2,139,296.00	6,979,172.00
Law Reform Commission of Western Australia	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Legal Aid Western Australia	44,398.87	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	57,254.50
Library of Western Australia, State	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	62,783.00	62,783.00
Local Government Advisory Board	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Local Government and Regional Development, Department of	51,667.00	12,255.00	160,000.00	1,781.00	8,206.00	233,909.00
LotteryWest	6,433,448.00	55,016.00	0.00	51,895.00	8,111,152.00	14,651,511.00

Agency	Advertising Agencies	Market Research Organisations	Polling Organisations	Direct Mail Organisations	Media Advertising organisations	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Main Roads Western Australia	549,000.00	45,000.00	0.00	0.00	5,000.00	599,000.00
Marine Parks and Reserves Authority	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Medical Board of Western Australia	2,015.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	722.00	2,737.00
Mentally Impaired Accused Review Board	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Metropolitan Cemeteries Board	0.00	9,618.00	0.00	0.00	27,445.00	37,063.00
Metropolitan Health Service	3,167,832.00	0.00	0.00	714.00	223,692.00	3,387,238.00
Midland Redevelopment Authority	135,032.05	0.00	0.00	648.22	99,596.36	235,276.63
Mid-West Development Commission	26,289.00	5,433.00	0.00	0.00	9,921.00	41,643.00
Minerals and Energy Research Institute of Western Australia	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,764.00	0.00	2,764.00
Museum, Western Australian	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,414.25	272,122.75	316,354.98
National Trust of Australia (WA)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	739.88	739.88
Native Title, Office of	18,218.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	18,218.00
Osteopaths Registration Board of Western Australia	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Painters Registration Board	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	20,807.00	20,807.00
Parliamentary Inspector of the Corruption and Crime Commission of Western Australia	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	29,357.00
Peel Development Commission	12,738.00	4,653.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	17,391.00
Perth Market Authority	7,505.00	18,700.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	26,205.00
Perth Theatre Trust	10,465.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,283.00	15,748.00
Pilbara Development Commission	47,980.97	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,353.27	52,334.24
Pilbara TAFE	108,205.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	213,394.00
Planning and Infrastructure, Department of	563,115.00	1,918,273.00	0.00	580,119.00	328,010.00	3,389,517.00

Agency	Advertising Agencies	Market Research Organisations	Polling Organisations	Direct Mail Organisations	Media Advertising organisations	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Planning Commission, Western Australian	31,809.23	0.00	0.00	0.00	285,064.52	316,873.75
Police Service, Western Australian	551,092.00	61,259.00	0.00	0.00	2,469,869.00	3,082,220.00
Potato Marketing Corporation of Western Australia	4,699.00	34,397.00	3,389.00	0.00	0.00	42,483.00
Premier and Cabinet, Department of the	5,254,396.28	100,995.84	1,037,716.57	0.00	3,793,351.62	10,186,460.31
Professional Combat Sports Commission	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Public Advocate, Office of the	14,077.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	14,077.00
Public Education Endowment Trust	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Public Sector Standards Commissioner, Office of the	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Public Transport Authority	750,188.00	281,721.00	0.00	0.00	2,569,469.00	3,601,378.00
Public Trustee	0.00	26,450.00	0.00	0.00	21,749.00	48,199.00
Quadriplegic Centre Board of Management	21,642.83	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	21,642.83
Queen Elizabeth II Centre Trust	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Racing and Wagering Western Australia	444,233.00	39,421.00	0.00	0.00	463,408.00	2,627,706.00
Racing Penalties Appeal Tribunal of Western Australia	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Racing, Gaming and Liquor, Department of	180,035.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	182,038.00
Radiological Council of Western Australia	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Real Estate and Business Agents Supervisory Board	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Rottnest Island Authority	70,898.00	25,542.00	0.00	0.00	54,452.00	150,892.00
Rural Business Development Corporation	44,927.54	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	44,927.54
Saleries and Allowances Tribunal	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,307.27	3,307.27
Screen West (Inc.)	4,548.64	2,365.43	0.00	0.00	1,017.80	7,931.87
Settlement Agents Supervisory Board	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Agency	Advertising Agencies	Market Research Organisations	Polling Organisations	Direct Mail Organisations	Media Advertising organisations	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Small Business Development Corporation	919,276.92	25,604.52	0.00	11,896.85	0.00	956,778.29
South West Development Commission	0.00	8,987.00	0.00	0.00	67,543.00	75,161.00
South West Regional College of TAFE	27,129.42	0.00	0.00	0.00	74,949.43	102,078.85
Sport and Recreation, Department of	23,936.00	54,675.00	0.00	0.00	2,163.00	80,774.00
State Government Insurance Commission	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
State Supply Commission	0.00	11,858.00	0.00	0.00	1,051.97	12,909.97
Subiaco Redevelopment Authority	0.00	62,000.00	0.00	0.00	162,000.00	242,000.00
Swan Bells Foundation	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	28,935.51	28,935.51
Swan River Trust	6,411.01	14,383.00	0.00	1,453.07	0.00	36,436.30
Swan TAFE	377,583.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	377,583.00
The University of Western Australia	1,389,776.00	160,755.00	0.00	33,203.00	2,225,177.00	3,808,911.00
Tourism Western Australia	1,118,317.00	632,970.00	0.00	0.00	4,427,121.00	6,178,408.00
Treasury and Finance, Department of	204,679.00	114,170.00	0.00	0.00	161,509.00	480,358.00
Treasury Corporation, Western Australian	39,797.00	11,396.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	51,193.00
Trustee of the Public Education Endowment	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Verve Energy	0.00	35,812.00	0.00	0.00	22,000.00	57,812.00
Veterinary Surgeons Board	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Water Corporation	2,818,524.00	721,356.00	0.00	0.00	3,385,733.00	6,925,613.00
Water, Department of	208,430.05	0.00	0.00	0.00	160,589.78	369,019.83
West Coast TAFE	111,860.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	138,283.00
Western Australian Coastal Shipping Commission	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Western Australian Country Health Service	1,598,779.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	59,179.00	1,657,958.00

Agency	Advertising Agencies	Market Research Organisations	Polling Organisations	Direct Mail Organisations	Media Advertising organisations	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Western Australian Electoral Commission	284,956.00	0.00	0.00	364,562.00	380,420.00	1,029,938.00
Western Australian Gas Disputes Arbitrator	0.00	946.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	946.00
Western Australian Greyhound Racing Association	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	104,136.49	104,136.49
Western Australian Industrial Relations Commission, Department of the Registrar	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,005.16
Western Australian Local Government Grants Commission	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Western Australian Meat Industry Authority	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Western Australian Planning Commission	94,806.17	0.00	0.00	0.00	190,258.35	285,064.52
Western Australian Sports Centre Trust	14,141.00	9,050.00	0.00	0.00	32,168.85	55,359.85
Western Power	860,663.89	572,159.50	0.00	580,236.60	1,122,012.50	3,135,072.58
Wheatbelt Development Commission	0.00	3,544.00	0.00	0.00	4,516.00	8,060.00
WorkCover Western Australia	0.00	0.00	0.00	29,485.00	18,009.00	47,494.00
Zoological Parks Authority	10,303.00	70,264.00	0.00	28,023.00	307,822.00	416,412.00
Total	40,214,332.63	7,673,444.90	1,248,789.07	2,219,279.42	53,285,486.23	106,653,254.29

Note: Only public agencies that submitted an annual report to parliament are reported.

Appendix 10: Electoral funding entitlements received by political party agents' at the 2008 Murdoch by–election

Candidate**	Party Affiliation**	Percentage of Primary Votes (%)	Entitlement (\$)	Amount Paid (\$)
CHEW, Ka-ren	Christian Democratic Party WA	7.68	2,412.72	1,332.70
GILMOUR, Neil*	ONE NATION	3.16	0.00	0.00
HARPER, Hsien	Greens (WA)	26.34	8,276.05	6,581.19
PORTER, Christian	Liberal	62.82	19,736.48	19,736.48

^{*} As this candidate did not receive 4% or more of the primary vote there was no provision for a claim to be made for the reimbursement of election expenses.

^{**} Refers to the name that appeared on the ballot paper.

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