

Political Finance Timetable State General Election 2017

Returns and claims

Event	Due date for return to be lodged
Last day for appointment of candidate agents (s175E(4))	6pm Friday, 10 March 2017
Polling day (s71)	Saturday, 11 March 2017
Last day for lodgement of candidate election returns – gifts and expenditure (15 weeks after polling day s175O)	Monday, 26 June 2017
Last day for lodgement of Legislative Council Group election returns – gifts and expenditure (15 weeks after polling day s175P)	Monday, 26 June 2017
Last day for lodgement of political party election expenditure returns (15 weeks after polling day s175SA)	Monday, 26 June 2017
Last day for lodgement of ‘other persons’ who incur expenditure for political purposes – gifts and expenditure (15 weeks after polling day s175Q)	Monday, 26 June 2017
Election related returns made public (19 weeks after polling day s175ZC(1))	Monday, 24 July 2017
Last day for lodgement of claims for public funding/reimbursement of electoral expenditure (20 weeks after polling day s175LD (6))	Monday, 31 July 2017
Public funding claims made public (4 weeks after lodgement day s175ZC(1))	Monday, 28 August 2017
Last day for lodgement of annual returns for political parties 2016/2017 (s175N(1))	Wednesday, 30 November 2017

Disclosure periods

Who and what	Start disclosure period	Finish disclosure period
Political party expenditure	All relevant expenditure incurred for the election period 1 February to 11 March 2017	
Candidate expenditure	All relevant expenditure incurred during the election period 1 February to 11 March 2017	
Legislative Council Groups	All relevant expenditure incurred during the election period 1 February to 11 March 2017	
‘Other persons’ expenditure	All relevant expenditure incurred for the election period 1 February to 11 March 2017	
Candidate gifts (candidates at previous elections within past 5 years s175O(2)(a))	Tuesday, 9 April 2017 (31 days after most recent previous election contested)	Monday, 10 April 2017 (30 days after polling day)
Candidate gifts (new and other candidates s175O(2)(b))	One year prior to day of nomination of that candidate	Monday, 10 April 2017 (30 days after polling day)
‘Other persons’ gifts (s175Q(4))	Tuesday, 9 April 2017 (at end of 30 days after previous State general election i.e. 31 days)	Monday, 10 April 2017 (30 days after polling day)
Political Party and Associated Entity** annual returns 2016/2017 (s 175N(1))	Friday, 1 July 2016	Tuesday, 30 June 2015

** Associated entities are not required to disclose expenditure incurred in an election, only lodge an annual return as per usual.

All returns lodged are publicly available the day after four weeks from lodgement date (s.175ZC)