



Election Disclosure Information Sheet

Disclosure period for gifts

Candidates that have contested a State election within the past five years are required to disclose any gifts they received in the period from Tuesday, 9 April 2013 until Monday, 10 April 2017.

Candidates for which the 11 March 2017 election was their first election, or contested a State election not held within the past five years, are required to disclose any gifts they received in the period one year prior to the day of their nomination for the 2017 State election until Monday, 10 April 2017.

Disclosure period for electoral expenditure

Includes any electoral expense incurred for or during the election period, 1 February until 11 March 2017.

Nil returns

Even if the candidate, party or Legislative Council group has nothing to disclose, that is, they received no gifts and incurred no electoral expenditure, a nil return is still required by legislation to be submitted to the Commission by 26 June 2017.

Independents and candidates who have nominated their own agent

The candidate, or their agent if one was appointed, is responsible for submitting an FD6 [“Disclosure of Gifts and Expenditure by a Candidate”](#) to the Commission by 26 June 2017.

Political parties

The party agent is responsible for submitting an FD9 [“Disclosure of Expenditure by a Political Party”](#) to the Commission by 26 June 2017. Gifts received by a political party for their election campaign are disclosed in their 2016–2017 [Annual Return](#), due by 30 November 2017.

In addition, the party agent is also responsible for submitting FD6 [“Disclosure of Gifts and Expenditure by a Candidate”](#) for each candidate that was nominated by the party and has not nominated their own agent. If the party candidates have not received any gifts directly and they did not incur any of their own electoral expense, then the party agent can submit a return to the Commission to that effect, that is, a letter listing those party candidates who would otherwise submit a nil return. The Candidate returns are required to be submitted by 26 June 2017.



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Legislative Council groups

Candidates, or their appointed agent, that belong to a Legislative Council group are required to submit a completed FD6 “[Disclosure of Gifts and Expenditure by a Candidate](#)” for any gifts that the individual candidate received directly, or any electoral expenditure incurred by the candidate. The return is due by 26 June 2017.

If the Legislative Council group received gifts, or incurred electoral expense, as a group, then the agent of the group is required to complete and return an FD7 “[Disclosure of Gifts and Expenditure by a Group in the Legislative Council](#)” by 26 June 2017. If the group has no gifts or electoral expenditure to disclose, the agent is still required to lodge a nil return with the Commission.

‘Other’ persons

Other persons are persons who are not a political party, associated entity, candidate or group, for example, lobby groups, unions and associations.

Other persons may have disclosure requirements to the Commission if they have incurred expenditure:

- for, or in connection with, promoting or opposing, directly or indirectly, a political party or a member of parliament, or the election of a candidate or candidates in an election.
- the purpose of influencing, directly or indirectly, voting.
- expressing views on election issues publicly.
- gifts to candidates, groups or political parties.
- gifts to a person on the understanding that that person or another person will apply, either directly or indirectly, the whole or part of the gift as mentioned above.

Other persons are required to lodge a completed FD8 “[Disclosure of gifts and expenditure by other persons](#)” to the Commission by 26 June 2017. If a group is unsure if they qualify as an ‘other person’, or if they have disclosure requirements, it is advised that they contact the Electoral Liaison Officer on (08) 9214 0400 or email fad@waec.wa.gov.au.

Other resources

[Funding and Disclosure in Western Australia Guidelines](#)

Election return forms can be downloaded from the Commission’s website, <https://www.elections.wa.gov.au/candidates-and-parties/forms-and-guides>

Queries can be sent to the Electoral Liaison Officer at fad@waec.wa.gov.au or by calling the Commission on (08) 9214 0400.