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Public Funding Claims Information Sheet

The Commission does not automatically pay eligible candidates, political parties or Legislative Council groups funding for their electoral expenditure. Claims for public funding need to be lodged with the Commission by Monday, 31 July 2017 for consideration.

The amount that is paid is the lesser amount of either what was spent on electoral expenditure or what is calculated to be the election funding reimbursement amount (the number of first preference votes multiplied by \$1.86993). Claims can only be submitted for reimbursement of expenses that can be categorised as electoral expenditure as defined by the *Electoral Act 1907*.

It is not uncommon for the processing of claims to be delayed because items of expenditure do not fall within the definition of electoral expenditure. If there is any doubt concerning the type of expenditure to be claimed, please contact the Electoral Liaison Officer.

Electoral Expenditure

Electoral expenditure is incurred by advertising during the election period, or by producing advertisements for the purposes of advertising during the election period.

Expenditure that falls into one of the following categories can be claimed for reimbursement:

- broadcasting an election-related advertisement, for example, a television or radio advertisement
- publishing an advertisement in a journal (including newspapers or magazines)
- displaying an election-related advertisement at a place of entertainment, for example, the cinema
- 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)
- 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)
- producing and distributing electoral matter addressed to particular persons or organisations, for example, mail-outs or letterbox drops to households
- 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
- carrying out an opinion poll or other research during the election period which is related to the election.

Independent candidates

If the candidate has received more than 4% of the first preference vote, then the candidate can submit a claim to be reimbursed, with either documentation that supports the claim or a statement from an auditor. The [claim](#) is submitted either by the candidate, or the agent of the candidate where one was appointed.



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Political parties and candidates nominated by a political party

If the candidates, or a candidate, nominated by a political party receive more than 4% of the total first preferences given at the election, then the party can submit a claim to be reimbursed, with either documentation that supports the claim or a statement from an auditor. The [claim](#) is to be submitted by the party agent.

Legislative Council groups

If the candidates in the group receive more than 4% of the first preference votes, then the group can submit a claim for reimbursement, with either documentation that supports the claim or a statement from an auditor. The [claim](#) is to be submitted by the agent for the group, or the candidate that appears first on the ballot paper.

Other resources

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

Claim 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.