

# Senate Group Return

For 2022 Federal election held on 21 May 2022

**Subsections 304(3) and 309(3) of the *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918 (Electoral Act)* require Senate group agents to furnish a return within 15 weeks after the polling day in the election.**

**The due date for lodging this return is Monday 5 September 2022.**

**Completing the Return:**

- This return is for the agents of a Senate group who had their names grouped in the ballot papers in the 2022 Federal election.
- This return is to be completed by the person notified to the AEC as the Senate group agent or by the person whose name appeared first on the ballot paper if no agent of a Senate group was appointed.
- A Senate group that receives no gifts or incurs no electoral expenditure in relation to the election is required under Part XX of the Electoral Act to lodge a nil return.
- This return is to be completed with reference to the [Financial Disclosure Guide for Candidates and Senate Groups](#).
- Amounts should be reported on a GST inclusive basis.
- Under subsection 320(1) of the Electoral Act this return will be available for public inspection at [www.aec.gov.au](http://www.aec.gov.au) from Monday 7 November 2022.
- Any supporting documentation included with this return may be treated as part of a public disclosure and displayed on the AEC website.
- The information on this return is collected under sections 304, 307, 309 and 313 of the Electoral Act.

**NOTE: Senate groups endorsed by a single registered political party do not need to complete this return.**

**Senate Group Members**

Party name/s (if none leave blank)		
State or Territory contested		
Names of group members	1	7
	2	8
	3	9
	4	10
	5	11
	6	12

**Agent Details**

Name			
Postal address			
	Suburb/town	State	Postcode
Telephone number	( )	Fax number ( )	
Email address			

**Enquiries and returns should be addressed to:**

Funding and Disclosure  
 Australian Electoral Commission  
 Locked Bag 4007  
 Canberra ACT 2601

Phone: 02 6271 4552  
 Email: [fad@aec.gov.au](mailto:fad@aec.gov.au)

**Office use only**

Date received

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**Certification**

*I certify that the information contained in this return and its attachments is true and complete to the best of my knowledge, information and belief. I have made due and reasonable inquiries of the Senate group candidates on whose behalf I am completing this form.*

*I understand that submitting an incomplete, false or misleading return is an offence under Division 137.1 of the Criminal Code Act 1995.*

**Signature**



Date

**Part 1—Donations Received (subsection 304(3) of the Electoral Act)**

For the purpose of reporting donations, under subsection 304(11) of the Electoral Act, a Senate group is taken to begin to be a Senate group in an election from the day that is:

- 6 months before the day the members of the Senate group make a request to the AEC for their names to be grouped in the ballot papers;

and is taken to cease being a Senate group at the end of 30 days after polling day (20 June 2022).

**Part 1a: Total of donations received**

\$

This is the total value of **all donations received**, both **above and below** the disclosure threshold by the Senate group during the period the group was taken to be a Senate group in an election.

**NOTE:** Each Senate group member must report any individual donations received for their own benefit (as distinct to the benefit of the Senate group) in a Candidate Return.

**Part 1b: Total number of donors**

This is the **total number of donors** who made the donations included in 'Total of donations received' at Part 1a.

**Part 1c: Details of donations received**

This is the details of donations of **more than \$14,500** received while the group was a Senate group. This includes the sum of all donations received from a single source that total to more than the disclosure threshold.

Under section 304 of the Electoral Act, for each donation received that was more than the disclosure threshold, the following details must be disclosed:

- full name and address\* of the person or organisation from whom the donation was received; and
- date each donation was received; and
- value or amount of each donation.

Received from	Date of donation**	Value of donation (GST inclusive)
Name		\$
Postal address		
Suburb/town	State	Postcode
Name		\$
Postal address		
Suburb/town	State	Postcode
Name		\$
Postal address		
Suburb/town	State	Postcode

*If insufficient space, please attach additional sheets*

**Total** \$

**\* Name and address details**

- If the donation was from an unincorporated association (other than a registered industrial organisation), the name of the association along with the name and address of each member of the executive committee are required.
- If the donation was from a trust or foundation, the name or description of the trust or foundation along with the names and addresses of the trustees are required.

\*\* In this form donation is a **gift** within the meaning in subsection 287(1) of the Electoral Act.

**Part 2—Electoral Expenditure (subsection 309(3) of the Electoral Act)**

For the purpose of reporting electoral expenditure, under subsection 309(7) of the Electoral Act, a Senate group is taken to begin to be a Senate group in an election from the day that is:

- 6 months before the day the members of the Senate group make a request to the AEC for their names to be grouped in the ballot papers;

and is taken to cease being a Senate group at the end of 30 days after polling day (20 June 2022).

Electoral expenditure is defined in section 287AB of the Electoral Act to be expenditure incurred for the dominant purpose of creating or communicating electoral matter. Further information on electoral expenditure can be found on the [AEC website](#).

**NOTE:** All electoral expenditure by the Senate group and its members must be disclosed in this return.

**Electoral expenditure incurred while the Senate group is taken to be a Senate group**

\$
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**Part 3—Discretionary Benefits (subsection 309(4) of the Electoral Act)**

Any members of a Senate group that received any discretionary benefits from the Commonwealth, a State or a Territory during the period of 12 months before polling day must report the details. Discretionary benefits include grants, contracts, payments and other benefits requiring the exercise of discretion by the Commonwealth or a State or Territory, and do not include statutory entitlements.

Received from	Date of discretionary benefit	Value of discretionary benefit
Name		\$
Name		\$
Name		\$
Name		\$
Name		\$
<b>Total</b>		\$

*If insufficient space, please attach additional sheets.*