

Compliance Review Report

Family First - QLD

November 2013



AEC

Australian Electoral Commission

Review details

Location of review: Australian Electoral Commission
West Block, Queen Victoria Terrace
PARKES ACT 2600

AEC review officers: Mary-Ann Waters
Alan Page

Party staff involved: Sally-Anne Vincent

Background

Registered Political Parties and Associated Entities are required under the provisions of the *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918* (the Act) to lodge annual disclosure returns. The Australian Electoral Commission (AEC) has powers under the Act to review records and gather relevant information to assess whether disclosure obligations have been met.

The purpose of the review was to assess whether the disclosure return for the 2011-12 financial year lodged on behalf of the Family First - QLD (the Party) complies with disclosure obligations as set out in the Act.

Compliance and cooperation.

State Office

During the review, AEC staff examined the manual financial records of the National Office for the 2011-12 financial year. The Party fully complied with the s316(2A) notice in delivering all the requested records to the AEC by the due date.

Unregistered State committee/Party Units

The Party advised that it operates three party units within the State and all financial transactions are controlled centrally. As a result of this advice, an evaluation of the bank accounts of all the entities was carried out during this review.

Conclusion

Nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the Party has not complied, in all material respects, with its disclosure obligations under the Act.

Enquiries and Assistance

Should the party require any assistance regarding its disclosure obligations under the Act, please contact the AEC's Funding and Disclosure Section either on telephone number (02) 6271 4552 or by email at fad@aec.gov.au.