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The funding and disclosure provisions of the Act have been in operation since the 1984 election. The provisions of the Act have two main components:

- public funding of election campaigns, and
- disclosure of certain financial details by candidates, registered political parties and other persons (third parties) and groups (returns are submitted to the AEC)



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### Election Funding

A candidate or Senate group is eligible for election funding if they obtain at least four per cent of the formal first preference vote in the division or the State or Territory they contested. The amount to be paid is calculated by multiplying the number of votes obtained by the current election funding rate. The funding rate for the 2001 federal election was 179.026 cents per House of Representatives and Senate vote. This rate is indexed every six months to increases in the Consumer Price Index.

### Payment procedures

Election funding is paid in two stages. First, the AEC calculates the amount of election funding due based on the number of votes counted as at the 20th day after polling day and pays at least 95% of that amount. Secondly, once vote counting is finalised, the AEC pays the remainder of the amount of election funding due. The total election funding paid at the 2001 federal election was \$38,559,409.33.

For candidates and Senate groups endorsed by registered political parties, payments are made directly to their parties. Unendorsed candidates and Senate groups receive their payments direct, unless they have appointed an agent who is to receive the payment.

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Total election funding payments for the 2001 federal election are listed below:

Payee	Amount	Payee	Amount
Australian Labor Party (ALP)	14,917,024.57	DALGLEISH David Bruce - Wide Bay QLD	5,714.51
Liberal Party of Australia (LP)	14,492,349.83	DOUGLASS Ross Thomas - Mallee VIC	6,631.12
National Party of Australia (NP)	2,845,193.98	HAIGH Bruce Douglas - Gwydir NSW	8,301.44
Australian Democrats (DEM)	2,411,689.69	HOURIGAN Rosalind - Fisher QLD	10,745.14
Australian Greens (AG)	1,370,734.04	KATTER B Robert Karl - Kennedy QLD	63,652.69
Pauline Hanson's One Nation (HAN)	1,709,752.00	KESSELS Colin James - Dickson QLD	9,314.72
No Goods and Services Tax Party	5,488.94	MacDONALD Peter Alexander - Warringah NSW	38,472.69
Northern Territory Country Liberal Party	138,997.58	MCINTOSH Nelson Douglas - Indi VIC	9,459.73
Christian Democratic Party NSW (Fred Nile Group)	7,647.99	MELVILLE Peter Lloyd - Hinkler QLD	12,794.99
The Greens WA - Inc	223,129.05	MOTT William Trevor - Cunningham NSW	7,581.75
liberals for forests	14,332.82	PAULGER S Shane Peter - Fairfax QLD	13,460.96
Progressive Labour Party	7,327.53	STEGLEY Kristin - Goldstein VIC	8,605.78
Unity - Say No To Hanson	17,689.55	THEOPHANOUS Andrew Charles - Calwell VIC	15,023.86
ANDREN Peter James - Calare NSW	73,017.54	TREASURE Douglas Harry - Gippsland VIC	7,606.81
AUSTIN Pauline Maisie - Solomon NT	4,257.24	WICKS Graeme Francis - Wide Bay QLD	6,051.08
BOWN Conway - Herbert QLD	11,588.35	WINDSOR C Antony Harold - New England NSW	64,435.04
COCHRAN Peter Lachlan - Eden-Monaro NSW	11,522.11		
COOPER Thomas James - Page NSW	9,814.21	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>38,559,409.33</b>

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### Receipt of Returns

Following an election key participants in the electoral process are required to lodge with the AEC various returns disclosing certain election campaign transactions.

A summary table of the returns is presented below:

Participant	Type of return	Time frame	Due date
Candidates	donations received and electoral expenditure	within 15 weeks after polling day	25 February 2002
Senate groups	donations received and electoral expenditure	within 15 weeks after polling day	25 February 2002
Third parties	details of electoral expenditure, donations received, and donations made to candidates and others	within 15 weeks after polling day	25 February 2002
Broadcasters	electoral advertisements broadcast	within 8 weeks after polling day	7 January 2002
Publishers	electoral advertisements published	within 8 weeks after polling day	7 January 2002

All these returns are available for public inspection 24 weeks after polling day, that is from Monday, 29 April 2002.

The AEC is required under subsection 17(2) of the Act to prepare a separate report for the Minister on the operations of the funding and disclosure provisions in relation to the 2001 federal election. This report will be tabled in parliament.

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### Registered Political Parties

Political parties may register with the AEC for federal elections. Parties which register then must fulfil legislative requirements under the funding and disclosure provisions of the Act and are able to have party names appear on the ballot paper next to their candidates.

Some parties, such as the Australian Democrats, do not separately register their State and Territory branches, but such branches are nevertheless recognised as independent registered parties for funding and disclosure purposes.

For federal elections the register closes the day before the writ is issued. For the 2001 federal election the register closed on 7 October 2001. Following is a list of parties registered for the 2001 election:

### List of Parties Registered for the 2001 Election

Advance Australia Party	Australian Labor Party (Western Australian Branch)
Australia First Party	*Australian Reform Party <i>Dereg 18.01.02</i>
Australian Democrats	Australians Against Further Immigration
Australian Greens	Australian Shooters Party
Australian Labor Party (ACT Branch)	Australian Women's Party
Australian Labor Party (ALP)	Christian Democratic Party (Fred Nile Group)
Australian Labor Party (N.S.W. Branch)	Citizens Electoral Council of Australia
Australian Labor Party (Northern Territory Branch)	City Country Alliance
Australian Labor Party (South Australian Branch)	Country Labor Party
Australian Labor Party (State of Queensland)	Curtin Labor Alliance
Australian Labor Party (Tasmanian Branch)	Democratic Labor Party (DLP) of Australia
Australian Labor Party (Victorian Branch)	Helen Caldicott's - Our Common Future Party

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Help End Marijuana Prohibition	Nuclear Disarmament Party of Australia
Hope Party Australia	Outdoor Recreation Party
liberals for forests	Pauline Hanson's One Nation
Liberal Party of Australia	Peter Breen - Reform the Legal System
Liberal Party (W.A. division) Inc.	Phil Cleary – Independent Australia
Liberal Party of Australia (S.A. division)	Progressive Labour Party
Liberal Party of Australia (Victorian division)	Queensland Greens
Liberal Party of Australia (ACT division)	Republican Party of Australia
Liberal Party of Australia - Queensland division	Save the ADI Site Party
Liberal Party of Australia - Tasmanian division	* Socialist Equality Party <i>Dereg 25.02.02</i>
Liberal Party of Australia - NSW division	Tasmania First Party
Lower Excise Fuel and Beer Party	Tasmanian Independent Senator Brian
National Party of Australia	Harradine Group
National Party of Australia (Queensland)	* Taxi Operators Political Service (Oceania) <i>Dereg 21.12.01</i>
National Party of Australia (SA) Inc	The Fishing Party
National Party of Australia (WA) Inc	The Greens NSW
National Party of Australia - N.S.W.	The Greens (WA) Inc
National Party of Australia - Victoria	The Australian Greens - Victoria
No Goods and Services Tax Party	Unity – Say No To Hanson
Non-Custodial Parents Party	Young National Party of Australia
Northern Territory Country Liberal Party	