

INFORMATION FOR DONORS – STATE GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS

What do I have to do?

If you make a gift (including donations or services) of \$1,000 or more to a state candidate or a registered political party within a disclosure period, you must disclose to the ECQ.

Gifts are cumulative, meaning it does not matter whether the gift was made in small amounts, or all at once. Once you meet the \$1,000 threshold, you must disclose all previous and future gifts.

Disclosures can be lodged in the ECQ's Electronic Disclosure System, available at www.ecq.qld.gov.au. When disclosing, you will need to tell us:

- The name and address of the recipient;
- The amount or value of the gift/s; and
- The date of the gift/s.

When do I have to disclose?

You must lodge your disclosure with the ECQ within seven business days of reaching the \$1,000 threshold. Any subsequent gifts or loans made to the same entity within the disclosure period must be disclosed within 7 business days, regardless of the amount or value.

What is the disclosure period?

Gifts to candidates

When calculating whether you've donated \$1,000 or more to a candidate, you must take into account all gifts made during the disclosure period for the election. The disclosure period for

an election starts 30 days after polling day for the last general election and ends 30 days after polling day for the current election.

Gifts to political parties

If you donate to a registered political party, the disclosure period is every 6 months. That is, you must take into account all donations made to a particular party between 1 January and 30 June, or 1 July and 31 December, in each year.

Did you receive a gift as well?

You must also make a disclosure within 7 business days if you received a gift of \$1,000 or more that enabled you to:

- Make a gift to a state candidate or registered political party;
- Publish electoral material;
- Publicly express views on an issue in an election; and
- Make a gift to another person on the understanding they will do any of the above.

More information about your disclosure obligations

The rules and requirements relating to disclosure obligations are determined in the *Electoral Act 1992*, which is available at www.legislation.qld.gov.au.

If you need more information relating to your disclosure obligations, please contact ECQ on 1300 881 665 or by emailing fad@ecq.qld.gov.au.