

Electoral Commission SA

Political Party Return

1 July 2015 – 31 December 2015

Completing this Return

- This return must be completed the party agent.
- Part 1 of this return must be completed.
- If you have received any amount of more than \$5057, then Part 2 of this return must be completed.
- If you have any outstanding debts of more than \$5057, then Part 3 of this return must be completed.
- This return will be available for public inspection 3 business days after 31 January 2016.

Name of Party

Liberal Democratic Party

Name of Agent

Michael Noack

Agent's Declaration

- I certify that the information contained in this return is complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.
- I understand that providing false or misleading information is an offence (Section 130ZZE(3)).

OR

- I certify that the information contained in this return is incomplete by reason of my inability to obtain certain particulars.
- I have attached a 'Notice of Inability to Complete a Return'.
- I understand that providing false or misleading information is an offence (Section 130ZZE(3)).

Agent's Signature

Michael Noack

Date

20/01/2016

Enquiries and Lodgements to:

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Electoral Commission South Australia
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Date Received

PART 1

Section 1A: Total Receipts

The total amount received by, or on behalf of, the party since the last political party return was furnished or, if no previous political party return has been furnished, since Part 13A of the *Electoral Act 1985* first applied to the party.

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Did you receive any amounts of more than \$5057?	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	Complete Part 2	No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Section 1B: Total Debts as at 31 December 2015

The total outstanding amount, as at the end of the period to which this return relates, of all debts incurred by, or on behalf of, the party.

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Do you owe any debts of more than \$5057?	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	Complete Part 3	No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Application for Waiver of Audit Certificate

- This form is to be used by a person who is required to furnish a return under Part 13A of the *Electoral Act 1985* (e.g. an agent, financial controller of an associated entity etc.).
- All returns are required to be accompanied by an Audit Certificate pursuant to section 130ZV(1) of the *Electoral Act 1985*.
- However, a person may apply to the Electoral Commissioner to waive compliance with the requirement to provide an Audit Certificate in the following situations:
 - for nil returns; or
 - if the cost of compliance with the requirement would be unreasonable.
- A 'nil return' is a return where you have no reportable details to include.
- This form is to be lodged together with the relevant return, in lieu of an Audit Certificate.

Lodging Entity

Lodgement Type

Lodgement Period

I declare that:

- I am required to furnish the abovementioned return to Electoral Commissioner; and
- I am applying for a waiver of the requirement to provide an Audit Certificate with the return for the following reason:

the return is a nil return.

OR

the costs of compliance with the requirement would be unreasonable (please provide details):
The cost of an auditor would almost certainly exceed our entire donations. It would be 'unreasonable' to spend all donations on paying to audit those very donations.

I acknowledge that knowingly providing false or misleading information in a material particular is an offence (section 130ZZE(3)).

Signature **Date**

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To: **David Gully**
Acting Electoral Commissioner

From: **Peter Butterfield**
Manager, Funding & Disclosure

Re: **Application for waiver of Audit Certificate - Liberal Democrat Party**

BACKGROUND

Registered political parties are required to lodge returns every 6 months. To be a complete return it must be accompanied by an Audit Certificate.

Section 130ZV(4) provides that the Electoral Commissioner may waiver compliance with the requirement to provide an audit certificate if

- (a) in the case of a return, it is a nil return
- (b) in any case if the Electoral Commissioner considers the cost of compliance with the requirement would be unreasonable.

DISCUSSION

The agent for the Liberal Democratic party has lodged an Application for Waiver of Audit Certificate on the grounds that the cost of compliance would be unreasonable because the total revenue for the party for the period is \$50 and the cost of the auditor would exceed that amount.

Based on our knowledge of the costs of a register company auditor would be about \$1500 - \$2000 which would be unreasonable given the financial resources of the party.

RECOMMENDATION

That you approve the application by the Liberal Democratic Party for a waiver of the obligation to lodge an audit certificate on the grounds that the cost of compliance would be unreasonable.

Approved / ~~Not Approved~~



Peter Butterfield
Manager, Funding & Disclosure
5 February 2016



David Gully
Acting Electoral Commissioner

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