



DISCLOSURE OF EXPENDITURE BY A POLITICAL PARTY

Electoral Act 1907 section 175SA

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Declaration of Agent

I certify that the information contained in this return and its attachments* is true, ~~complete~~ and accurate in every particular, that no other expenditure of a kind required to be disclosed were received and that the relevant records required to be kept under regulation 5(2) of the Electoral (Political Finance) Regulations 1996 have been kept and will, if asked for, be made available for inspection at

8 Lahms Way, Langford

A place in this State

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Signature of agent

May 12th / 2001

Date

February 10th 2001, State Election

Disclosure period of this return

* Attachments **YES** NO

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SUMMARY OF ALL EXPENDITURE INCURRED DURING THE DISCLOSURE PERIOD

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TOPS (OCEANIA) ®

DISCLOSURE OF EXPENDITURE AND GIFTS FEBRUARY 10TH, 2001 STATE ELECTIONS

BY THE FIVE (5) ELECTION CANDIDATES OF THE "TOPS" GROUP/PARTY - UP TO NOVEMBER 2000 A REGISTERED STATE POLITICAL PARTY

This Declaration covers the State Election specific expenditure - for the period of the February 10th 2001 WA State Election contest - by the TOPS candidates' group campaign; wherein this was a single campaign shared by five (5) candidates.

- This Declaration is common for the five (5) TOPS' candidates.
- Regardless of recent legislative and party registration changes in W.A., at the time of the February 10th 2001 State Election, TOPS was still a registered **Federal** political party.
- TOPS - State, Federal and International - is a single organisation. All five (5) TOPS candidates are members of the (Federal) registered political party.
- Mr Finney last stood as a State election Candidate in 1992 (Fremantle by-election). The jurisdiction of the WAEC does not compass the Federal Act, and is retired where the two conflict.

Within the statutory electoral period - 1996 ~ 2001 - no TOPS candidate was a "*prior electoral candidate*" at State (WA) level and within the Statute of Limitations.

- TOPS has (and will continue) lodged annual Federal/State funding returns to the AEC - for every due period - since registration.

These have been provided to the WAEC, because the funding and expenditure (State/Federal) is the same (no delineation).

- Other than expenditure upwards of \$500, over six months June 2000 ~ December 2000, trying unsuccessfully to gain documentation/detail from the WAEC itself - where the same (\$500) was costed within normal procedural accounting - TOPS received and spent nothing on WA Election specific campaigning, not costed previously in our return for the 1997-1998 financial year (original registration).

- Much of the equipment and documentary preparation - for the February 2001 WA Election - was negated or fruitless, through lack of co-operation by the WAEC and through legislative changes, for example: early campaign documentation prepared up to October 2000, was all abandoned/re-written.
- Specific computer upgrades and scanning/OCR equipment - to transcribe electoral lists for electorate use - was wasted or not used, because the WAEC refused to provide the majority of these, until the evening before the poll (when they were bloody useless).
- Due to the scope and nature of TOPS' work, along with that of the five (5) TOPS' "unregistered" State candidates, it is difficult to specifically delineate or assign a particular expenditure item - solely for State Election purposes.

For example:

- I might see several business people on a trip into the City, plus a WAEC officer or campaign related matter.
- TOPS equipment/infrastructure is not solely dedicated to WAEC matters/campaigning, while remaining the property of TOPS members - who provide its use for the purpose of TOPS' activities.
- Air travel to Perth (Ray Kennedy) included appointments for Station specific, Order of St John specific and family care specific matters.
- The political pages on the Roy Hill Web Site are not the primary or principle purpose of that Site, just as Perth Web's charges and programmes are not State Election exclusive.
- TOPS' candidates took no public donations, and funded the joint campaign - from our own pockets and without thought of recompense/reimbursement... thus our return is an estimation (as accurate as possible), for the purposes of probity and public record.

"Precise" means accounting for each piece of toilet paper, or tea bag, which no party/candidate does - and cannot be reasonably expected, or requested.

Where in doubt, TOPS has costed upward (e.g. phone and fuel, election specific, for Roy Hill), to avoid under declaration.

For public purposes, this (combined) declaration is accurate (minimum), and there was zero/nil external funding/donations.

Expenditure is as detailed below:

CAMPAIGN DIRECTOR - R. FINNEY		
Software	Red Iris 4.7.1 OCR Program (Sept 2000)	450.00
	Windows Project Schedules V1.2 (Jan 20000)	185.00
	"Tester" Data Scan (free)	0
	CD Investigator US\$89.95 @ 48.5/US\$1	185.30
	CD Verifier US\$18.00	37.08
	Adaptec Easy CD - PW – A/C Roy Hill CPIC Graphic - PW – A/C Roy Hill Winfax Pro - PW – A/C Roy Hill	
	Menu Turbo II US\$19.95.	41.10
	Exchange charges	5.00
		904.80
Hardware	(Multi Read)	
	UDF Reading CD Drive * (A/Open 52 x)	125.00
	Old 20 x Diamond put in TOPS office machine – lab.	25.00
PII-266	Repairs & Expansion (power supply, VID Drive & 64MB)	640.00
PI-100	Fax Server + 32MB Ram	350.00
	1 x NEC 2000 NIC Network Card @ 48.75	48.75
	2 x SN 3200 NIC Network Card @ 23.50.	47.00
	2 x Network R25 Coax Leads (1.5m x 10gb) @ 12.50	25.00
		1260.75
ISP Fees	ML AU\$45.00/month	45.00
	c/s * AU\$14.50/month (*Ziffnet stopped in June 2000)	14.50
		49.50
	Telephone (AAPT/Telstra) - January-Feb	350.00
	Mobile Unit \$150 + 100 in pre-paid time	250.00
	Leather case/belt clip	33.00
	Phone cards \$49.95/\$50. each * @ 49.95 1 not used by February 10)	349.65

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	Faxes ex Manning Post Office (12 x \$3.50)	42.00
	Diary and Personal organiser (\$24.50 + \$12.50)	37.00
		1061.65
Non TOPS Transport	Transperth (8 x \$2.00 tickets (4 round trips to Perth) Route 103/104	16.00
	Taxis (16 x \$30.00.) * * Rick's home – Perth – return (Not just electoral)	480.00
		640.00
Postage		32.80
Stationery	5 x A4 Reflex Paper @ \$6.00	30.00
Cartridges	(Lexmark 1000) 2 @ \$74.50(First one didn't work after refilling)	149.00
	Inkjet Cartridge Refill Kits (Dick Smith) 2 @ 9.00 (black)	18.00
Cleaning	Dry Cleaning (suits)	25.00
Chocolates	2 boxes for help provided @\$11.00. (1 - Weld Club staff, finding/returning lost wallet/compendium) (1 - Manning Pharmacy/Post Office staff – help with fax problems to Roy Hill).	22.00
Donations refused	Janet Elder (\$20.00 - due to prior declaration problems, I refused the \$20.00. offered).	0
Ancillary	Small items forgotten (less than \$100.00)	100.00
		1016.80.
	Registration / Nomination State Election	+ \$250.00
		\$4553.50
RAMON KENNEDY		
	\$250 Fuel and Meals	250.00
	4 x 1 way @ \$380.00. Airfare or 2 x 2 way @ \$700.00	1400.00
	Registration / Nomination for State Election	250.00
	Phone (Station / residence and mobile) - estimated	150.00
	Donations	0

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MURRAY KENNEDY		
Murray	\$150.00 Fuel (visits to town/stations) + \$200. (tyre)	350.00
	Phone (Station/Mobile) - estimated	70.00
	Registration / Nomination for State Election	250.00
LINDA BATESON		
	General Telephone/Fax is TOPS main office (see below)	
	Public telephones	9.00
	Registration / Nomination State Election	250.00
ALAN BATESON		
	Mobile Phone	59.40
	Registration / Nomination State Election	250.00
TOPS REGISTERED OFFICE (LANGFORD)		
Ancillary	Parking (17.01.01 and 22.01.01)	15.40
	Microtek Scanner	343.00
	Australia Post (29.01.01 and 5.2.01)	14.00
Stationery	Photocopying (1500 x 10c)	300.00
	A4 Paper (5 reams @ \$6)	30.00
	Files/Pens/Tippex/Paper Clips	35.00
	Toner Cartridges (Lanier)	72.00
Advertising	Community Newspapers	1047.42
	Air Ads	744.00
	Northwest Telegraph	800.00
	Geraldton Newspapers	850.00
	Northwest Telegraph	800.00
	Geraldton Newspaper	605.00
	Telephone (January-February)	121.00.
	ISP (Multiline)	33.00
	Perthweb (consulting, meetings & software/hosting)	2112.00
	Perthweb HTML/programming (Account Roy Hill)	525.00

ADDITIONAL

Over the last three years, TOPS (Oceania) has sponsored several "Tee Shirt" campaigns. These were all Federal and International issues, with the exception of:

- i) Roy Hill/Fortescue River pollution campaign (environmental/industrial)
- ii) "Bondy's Bells" Tee Shirt and banner plane (public/corruption).

These are campaigns to publicise the issues and are not State electorate specific; however, for the record:

- a) A budget of \$5,000 was allocated to heighten public awareness of pollution of the Fortescue and Fly Rivers (i.e. Roy Hill and OK Tedi).

To October 2000, \$3,800 had been spent producing hats and Tee Shirts, for Australia, Europe and New Guinea.

- b) A budget of \$5,000 was allocated to draw public attention to the Bell Tower inappropriate funding priorities.

To December 2000, \$2,500 had been spent on Tee Shirts, a banner plan and associated documents/postage, for WA and Europe.

The budget funding for these public campaigns is provided by RR and MA Kennedy - TOPS members - as a community/social service.

N.B. "Vote Kennedy" on the OK Tedi caps is a Federal (AEC) application (International and Environment.)

All Tee Shirt campaigns (provision/distribution) was suspended from January 2001 to March 25th, 2001, covering the WA Election campaign (primary) period.