

Statutory declaration by Party Secretary and Financial Agent accompanying Party Election Expense Return under the provisions of section 106 (2) (a) of the Electoral Finance Act 2007

Please insert...
full name of person who is
Party secretary and financial
agent

I, *Thomas William Dowie*

Registered name of party

Party secretary and Financial Agent of
the Alliance Party

solemnly and sincerely declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief the attached election expense return correctly sets out all the information required to be provided and that a fair assessment has been made of the commercial value of any materials and advertising spaces used in party advertisements.

Applicant to sign before
authorised person

J. Goldsborough

locality

Declared at *Christchurch*

nth, month, year

this *9th* day of *April*, 2009 before

Authorised person to
complete

J. Goldsborough

J. Goldsborough
DEPUTY REGISTRAR
DISTRICT COURT
CHRISTCHURCH

Justice of the Peace, Solicitor, or other person
authorised to take a statutory declaration

Party Election Expense Form 2008 Election

Party name

Alliance Party

Did you contest the party vote? Write yes or no
Number of electorate candidates

Yes	
No	15

Expenditure limit (incl GST)

\$	
1,000,000	
300,000	
1,300,000	

Summary

Total expenditure returned for each (incl GST)

\$	
8,638.42	
0.00	
11,070.54	
0.00	
0.00	
19,708.96	

Party ads not shared with anyone and conducted entirely within the regulated period

Apportionment of party ads published both within and outside the regulated period

Apportionment of party ads shared with candidates

Apportionment of party ads shared with other parties

Party ads shared with third parties

Total

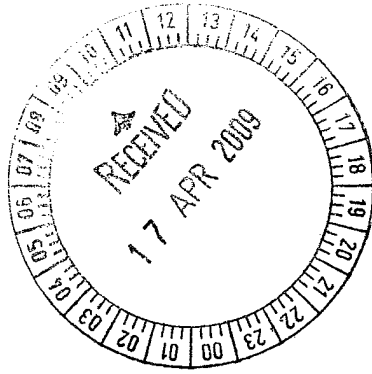
Please indicate, write 'Yes' or 'No' in each box

Everything has been included
 All expenses greater than \$100 vouched by bill
 All relevant papers provided to auditor

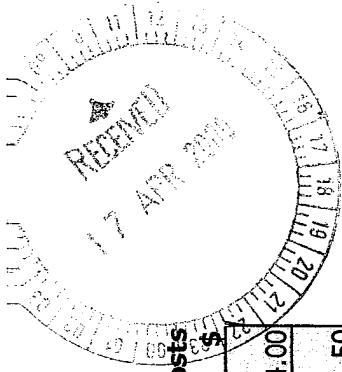
Yes	
No	
Yes	

Please email a copy of this workbook file to catt@elections.govt.nz

Include a printed copy with the statutory declarations and auditor's report posted to Dr Helena Catt, Electoral Commission, PO Box 3050, Wellington 6140, or delivered to L5, Featherston House, Cnr Waring Taylor and Featherston Sts, Wellington.



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\$8,638.42

Total cost

**Itemised
Item description (including volume/duration/quality/size as
appropriate)**

	All costs GST incl	production costs	publishing costs	total costs
	\$	\$	\$	\$
24.2.08 printing party logo Hughes Lithographics		0	54	\$54.00
21.4.08 mail out to members		0	542	\$541.50
28.5.08 laminating pouches		100	0	\$99.95
9.6.08 register domain name		45	0	\$44.96
10.6.08 print leaflets 12600 copies Southern Colour Print		0	1,603	\$1,603.13
24.7.08 trimming leaflets Speedprint		10	0	\$10.00
24.7.08 purchase access to media people media database		675	0	\$675.00
21.7.08 NZ Post mail out to members		271	0	\$270.75
20.8.08 Purchase stamps		58	0	\$57.50
26.8.09 Folding letters Speedprint		38	0	\$38.00
4.9.08 Print manifesto 2000 copies Southern Colour Print		0	2,000	\$1,999.86
22.9.08 mail manifestos to members NZ Post		543	0	\$542.90

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29.11.09 letter to members Speed Print	0	104	\$104.12
9.12.08 postage for letter to members Nz Post	389	0	\$389.25
recording of radio opening address Radio One Studios (1 hr rec time)	100	0	\$100.00
online ad in Lucire 2 months	0	500	\$500.00
bumper stickers 100 stickers	0	304	\$303.75
delivery of 30,000 leaflets	1,025	0	\$1,025.00
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Total returned expense for party

\$11,070.54

Item description (including volume/duration/quality/size as appropriate)	total production costs		total publishing costs		total costs		% of party coverage (enter number only)	returned expense for party
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	%		
conflute signs Auck cand paid cost of having their name printed on gene	4315.52	0	0	\$4,315.52	95.48	\$4,120.46		
elections leaflets	0	7942.95		\$7,942.95	87.5	\$6,950.08		
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Free

ads shared with candidates

\$0.00

Total returned expense for party

Item description (including volume/duration/quality/size as appropriate)	total production costs		total publishing costs	total costs	% of party coverage (enter number only)	returned expense for party
	All costs GST incl	\$				
		0		\$0.00		\$0.00
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ads shared by parties

**Alliance Party
 Party ads shared with a third party or parties
 - 2008 party election expenses component**

Total returned expense for party

\$0.00

Item description (including volume/duration/quality/size as appropriate)	All costs GST incl	total production costs \$	total publishing costs \$	total costs \$
		0	0	\$0.00
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 ads shared with 3rd parties

AUDIT REPORT

To The Electoral Commission

We have audited the attached Party Election Expenses Return (The Return) for the 2008 General Election. The Return is made in accordance with Section 106 of the Electoral Finance Act 2007. The Return sets out the election expenses of the Alliance Party of New Zealand for the 2008 General Election.

Financial Agent's Responsibilities

The Financial Agent is responsible for the preparation of a Party Election Expenses Return which fairly reflects the election expenses incurred by the Alliance Party for the 2008 General Election.

Auditor's Responsibilities

It is our responsibility to express an independent opinion on The Return presented by the Financial Agent.

Basis of Opinion

An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in The Return.

We conducted our audit in accordance with New Zealand auditing standards. We planned and performed our audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations which we considered necessary in order to provide us with sufficient evidence to obtain reasonable assurance that The Return is free from material misstatements, whether caused by fraud or error. In forming our opinion we have also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in The Return.

Other than in our capacity as auditors we have no relationship with, or interest in, the Alliance Party.

Qualified Opinion.

Section 98 of the Electoral Finance Act 2007 states that where a party is listed in that part of the ballot paper that relates to the party vote, the party's election expense in any regulated period must not exceed the amount of \$1,000,000 plus the amount of \$20,000 for each electoral district contested by a candidate for the party. Based on the Alliance Party's fifteen candidates the maximum expenditure allowable for the Alliance Party was \$1,300,000 for the 2008 General Election.

In our opinion the position shown in The Return in respect of the requirement that the Alliance Party's total election expenses did not exceed the maximum amount prescribed by Section 98 is correct.

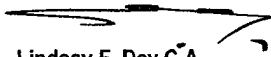
The Return discloses total expenditure of \$19,708-96. There are no practical audit procedures to determine that the inclusion and capture of all advertisements and the full commercial value of materials or advertising space apportioned from individual candidates or provided free of charge has been recorded. There is currently significant uncertainty surrounding what constitutes an electoral advertisement. As such we are unable to conclude that all associated expenses have been captured in The Return.

In this respect alone we have been unable to form an opinion as to whether the position recorded is correct.

In our opinion:

- We received from the Financial Agent all the information that we required to carry out our duties;
- Proper records of The Party's election expenses were in our opinion, kept by the Financial Agent; and
- Access was at all reasonable times available to all records, documents, and accounts that relate to The Party's election expenses and held by the Financial Agent.

Our audit report was completed on 2nd April 2009 and our audit opinion is expressed as at that date.


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Alliance

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Dear Lyndsay

Letter of Representation for Party Election Expenses Return for the 2008 General Election

This representation letter is furnished in connection with the return of party election expenses for the 2008 general election (return) by The Alliance (Party) made in accordance with section 106 of the Electoral Finance Act 2007 (Act) which has been audited by you in accordance with section 107 of the Act.

I understand that your audit was conducted in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Act and the Auditing Standards issued by the New Zealand Institute of Chartered Accountants.

I confirm and take responsibility for the following representations after taking all reasonable steps to assure myself of them:

- 1 The return has been prepared in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Act.
- 2 I am responsible for establishing and maintaining a system of internal control designed to provide reasonable assurance as to the integrity and reliability of the return, I have done this, and all explanations or demonstrations of this to you have been complete and accurate.
- 3 All records, documents and accounts (records) have been kept by the Party (including subsidiary entities) and made available to you, and these materials will be retained in accordance with the requirements

of the Act.

- 4 I have disclosed to you:
 - 4.1 any material transactions not disclosed in the records;
 - 4.2 the existence of all relevant agreements or activities relating to the Party's members of the previous Parliament, electorate candidates, subsidiary or closely connected political entities, third parties (whether listed or not), and other political parties (whether registered or not) or their electorate candidates;
 - 4.3 any alleged, suspected or proven illegal activity under the Act or other legislation potentially relevant to the return;
 - 4.4 any outstanding disputed claims, matters with authorities, or planned or continuing litigation; and
 - 4.5 the fact of, and results from, any assessment made by me that considered whether the records of the Party may be materially misstated or incomplete for any reason.
- 5 The return contains the total returnable election expenses of the party for the 2008 general election whether paid or incurred before, during, or after the regulated period. The return includes all expenses, including apportioned expenses, and irrespective of the source of funds or entity paying for the activities concerned, and irrespective of whether or not a party advertisement contained a promoter statement.
- 6 The return's contents have been determined by considering, in the following sequence, these questions and the relevant provisions of the Act:
 - 6.1 Was the activity undertaken by the party secretary or the party financial agent or with their authority? [Section 93, definition of **party activity**, paragraph (a)] (If no, activity is not an election expense.)
 - 6.2 If yes ... did the activity constitute **publishing**? [section 4, definition of **publish**; section 93, definition of **party activity**, paragraph (b)] (If no, activity is not an election expense.)
 - 6.3 If yes ... was that the publishing of a **party advertisement**? That is, did the activity encourage or persuade, or appear to encourage or persuade, voters to vote for the party, or against another party, or both? [section 4, definition of **party advertisement**; section 93, definition of **party activity**,

undertakings of other entities involved in the apportionment included in the records.

- 9 Any and all misstatements you have identified during the course of your audit have been adjusted in the final return.
- 10 I have completed our own procedures, distinct from your audit processes, to evaluate the accuracy and completeness of the return.
- 11 The return is free of any material misstatements or omissions.

These representations are made in terms mutually agreed between us, and to supplement information obtained by you from the records of the Party and to confirm information given to you orally.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tom Dowie', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Tom Dowie
Party Secretary
and Financial Agent