

# **Party** **Election Expense Return 2011 General Election**



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**Party  
Name**

LIBERTARIANZ

**Party  
Secretary  
Name**

ROBERT PALMER

## Declaration

I declare that to the best of my knowledge this return, filed pursuant to section 206I of the Electoral Act 1993, is an accurate record of the party election expenses for the 2011 General Election and is not false in any material particular.

Signed:

Date:

19th March 2012

(Party Secretary)

Where you have completed the return electronically you will need to print the return. The return needs to be signed and dated by the party secretary and both the party secretary and the auditor must initial each page of the return. The signed return and the auditor's report must be received by the Electoral Commission before **Friday 16 March 2012**. Returns can be filed:

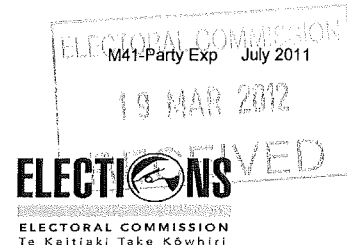
- By post at PO Box 3220 Wellington 6140
- Delivered to Level 9, 17-21 Whitmore Street, Wellington
- By fax to 04 495 0031
- By email to [enquiries@elections.govt.nz](mailto:enquiries@elections.govt.nz)

Please note, where the return is sent by fax or email the original signed return should also be sent or delivered to the Electoral Commission.

### Checklist

Parts A to D completed (if no expenses, then answer Nil on the Summary Sheet)	
Party Secretary has initialled every page	
All relevant supporting documentation supplied to auditor	
Auditor has stamped and initialled every page	
Auditors report enclosed	
Representation letter enclosed, if used	

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**Party Name**

Libertarianz

<b>Did you contest the party vote?</b>	<b>Answer Yes or No</b>	<b>Yes</b>	"Yes" = \$1,065,000	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>Number of electorate candidates for the party</b>		<b>9</b>	Number * \$25,000	<b>\$1,065,000.00</b>
				<b>\$225,000.00</b>
				<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>Expenditure limit (incl GST)</b>				<b>Total \$1,290,000.00</b>

## **Summary**

<b>Total expenditure returned (incl GST)</b>		<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>If you do not have any expenses to declare answer Nil</b> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 150px; height: 20px; display: inline-block;"></div>		
<b>Part A</b>	Party advertisements promoted solely by the party	<b>Total A \$2,759.55</b>
<b>Part B</b>	Apportionment of party advertisements shared with candidates or another party or parties	<b>Total B Nil</b>
<b>Part C</b>	Authorised party advertisements promoted by candidate or third party promoters	<b>Total C Nil</b>
<b>Part D</b>	Joint party and referendum advertisements	<b>Total D Nil</b>
		<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>Total A to D</b>	<b>\$2,759.55</b>

<b>Please indicate in each box</b>	<b>Answer Yes or No</b>
<b>All party election expenses have been included</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>All expenses greater than \$100 vouched by invoice and receipt</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>All relevant papers provided to auditor</b>	<b>Yes</b>

**Notes/Comments:** (Add any notes/comments in this section)

<b>Party Secretary Initial</b>	<i>MAJ</i>	<b>Auditor Stamp/Initial</b>	
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(Note: the only apportionment permitted is for advertisements published both before and within the regulated period)

Party Name

**\$2,759.55**

## Libertarianz

Party Secretary Initial:



Grant Thornton  
Marked  
for  
Identification  
Purposes  
WELLINGTON

(Note: apportionment is permitted between the party and candidate/other party, and for advertisements published both before and within the regulated period)

Nil

## Libertarianz

**\$0.00**

**%**

**\$0.00**

**Total cost  
inc GST**

(including preparation,  
design, composition,  
printing, publishing and  
postage)

	% apportioned as party expense
(Enter number only - e.g. 20 for 20%)	

**Returned  
expense for  
party**  
(e.g. \$30,000 \* 20%  
= \$6,000.  
Enter \$6,000)

Nil

Party Secretary Initial:





**D: Joint party and referendum advertisements**

(Note: the only apportionment permitted is for advertisements published both before and within the regulated period. The total costs of such advertisements are to be double counted - as both a party election expense and a referendum expense. See Part 6 of the Party Secretary Handbook - 2011 General Election and Referendum).



Total D \$0.00

**2011 party election expenses component**

Party Name

Nil

**Total returned expense for D**

Libertarianz

\$0.00

%

\$0.00

**Item description** (incl name of advertiser, supplier, volume, duration, size as appropriate)

**Total cost inc GST**

(including preparation, design, composition, printing, publishing and postage)

**% apportioned for regulated period**

(Enter number only - e.g. 20 for 20%)

**Returned expense for party**

(e.g. \$30,000 \* 20% = \$6,000. Enter \$6,000)

Nil

Party Secretary Initial: .....

Auditor Stamp/Initial .....



Libertarianz  
10 Tui Glen Rd  
Birkenhead  
Auckland

19 March 2012

Grant Thornton  
Level 13  
80 The Terrace  
Wellington

Dear Grant Thornton

**Letter of Representation for Party Election Expenses Return  
for the 2011 General Election**

This representation letter is furnished in connection with the return of party election expenses for the 2011 general election (return) by Libertarianz (Party) made in accordance with section 206I of the Electoral Act 1993 (Act) which has been audited by you in accordance with section 206L 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 party promoters (whether registered 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 2011 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 advertising undertaken by the party secretary, or with their authority? [section 206(1), definition of **election expenses**, paragraph (a)(ii)] (If no, advertising is not an election expense.)
  - 6.2 If yes ... did the advertising constitute **publishing**? [section 3D, definition of **publish**; section 206(1), definition of **election expenses**, paragraph (a)(i)] (If no, advertising is not an election expense.)
  - 6.3 If yes ... was that the publishing of a **party advertisement**? That is, did the advertisement encourage or persuade, or appear to encourage or persuade, voters to vote for the party, or against another party, or both? [section 3(1), definition of **party advertisement**; section 206(1), definition of **election expenses**] (If no, advertising is not an election expense.)
  - 6.4 If yes ... was the advertising undertaken (or deemed to be undertaken) during the regulated period (from 26 August 2011 to 25 November 2011)? [section 3B, definition of **regulated period**; section 206(1), definition of **election expenses**, paragraph (a)(i)] (If no, advertising is not an election expense.)
  - 6.5 If yes:



- 6.5.1 What expense was incurred in undertaking the advertising? [definition of **advertising expenses**, section 3E; definition of **election expenses**, section 206(1)]
- 6.5.2 What cost was involved in respect of the preparation, design, composition, printing, distribution, postage and publishing of the party advertisement? [section 3E(1)(a)(i)]
- 6.5.3 What was the reasonable market of any **material** used for or applied toward the party advertisement, including material provided free of charge, or below reasonable market value? [section 3E(1)(a)(ii)]
- 6.5.4 Was the advertisement a **joint party advertisement** [section 206CB], or a **joint party and candidate advertisement** [section 206CC]? (If yes, the costs can be apportioned based on coverage.)
- 6.5.5 Was the party advertisement a **joint election and referendum advertisement** (section 40 of the Electoral Referendum Act 2010) (If yes, the full cost of the advertisement must be counted as an election expense.)
- 6.6 Do any of the costs identified above fall within any of the expense exceptions? [section 3E(1)(b)]
  - 6.6.1 The conduct of any survey or public opinion poll (other than push-polling)
  - 6.6.2 Framework, other than a commercial framework, supporting a hoarding displaying the party advertisement
  - 6.6.3 The labour of any person provided free of charge by that person
  - 6.6.4 Replacement of election materials damaged in circumstances out of the party's control
  - 6.6.5 Expenses, including running costs, of a vehicle used to display a party advertisement (provided payment was not made or promised) for the display of the advertisement on the vehicle
  - 6.6.6 Allocations from the Electoral Commission of time and money for election broadcasting [definition of **election expenses**, section 206(1)(c)]

If yes, that specific cost is not an election expense.

- 7 I have sought, received, and hold in the Party's records assurances from, or on behalf of, any Party members of the previous Parliament that all party advertisements published, or election expenses incurred by those members of Parliament have been disclosed to me, with adequate supporting records, for inclusion in this return.

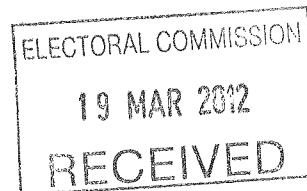
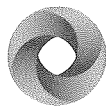
- 8 Where an apportionment of election expenses is given in the return:
- the basis of apportionment is appropriate, and has been properly applied and recorded, and
  - the information contained in the Party's return is known to be consistent with that of the Party's electorate candidates, or the undertakings 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 my 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,

  
[signed]

Robert Palmer  
Party Secretary



# Independent Auditor's Report

## Audit

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## To the Libertarianz Party

We have audited the attached Return of the Party Election Expenses (the Return) for the 2011 General Election regulated period 26 August 2011 to 25 November 2011. The Return is prepared in compliance with section 106 of the Electoral Act 1993, and provides information about party election expenses incurred by the Libertarianz Party.

## Secretary's Responsibilities

The Secretary is responsible for ensuring that the Electoral Commission receives a return of the Party's election expenses incurred by the Party for the period 26 August 2011 to 25 November 2011.

## Auditor's Responsibilities

It is our responsibility to express an independent opinion on the Return in terms of the requirements of section 206L of the Electoral Act 1993.

## Basis of Opinion

An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence relevant to the position disclosed in the Return as regards whether or not total incurred expenditure was less than the permitted maximum expenditure.

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 Party total election expenses not exceed the maximum amount prescribed by section 206C' disclosed by the Return is free from material misstatement whether caused by fraud or error.

In forming our opinion we were reliant on the source documentation provided to us by the Council and candidates disclosing party vote related expenses.

Other than in our capacity as auditors of the Libertarianz Party, we have no other relationship with, or interests in, the Libertarianz Party.

### Opinion

In our opinion the Return submitted by the Secretary on behalf of the Libertarianz Party is correct.

The Return submitted by the Secretary on behalf of the Libertarianz Party shows the position that election expenses incurred in the 2011 General Election as defined in section 206C of the Electoral Act 1993 did not exceed the permitted maximum as defined in section 206D of the same Act.

Our audit was completed on 19 March 2012 and our opinion is expressed as at that date.



**Grant Thornton New Zealand Audit Partnership**  
Wellington, New Zealand  
19 March 2012