

Party Donations Return for 2008

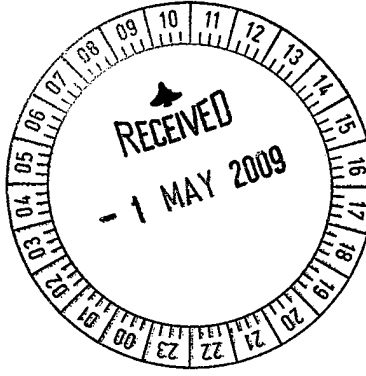
Party name	Libertarianz
Financial agent name	Robert Palmer
Party secretary name if different	

Checklist:

Sections A to E completed, if no return in a section then write 'nil' in first row	Y
Statutory declaration from financial agent – section 51(7)(a)	Y
Statutory declaration from party secretary – section 51(7)(a)	Y
Financial agent has initialled every page	Y
All relevant supporting documentation supplied to auditor	Y
Auditor has stamped or initialled every page	Y
Auditor's report enclosed – section 51(7)(b) and 52	Y
Representation letter enclosed, if used	Y

Send to Electoral commission, PO Box 3050, Wellington. To arrive by 30 April 2009

If it is not a nil return please supply an electronic copy to info@elections.govt.nz



**Section A – Every donation from the same donor during the year, over \$10,000.
Sections 51(1)(a) and 51(2)**

This includes aggregations from the same donor.

This section does not include anonymous, protected disclosure and overseas donations which are reported in sections C, D and E.

	Donor's name	Donor's address	Date of donation (or dates if an aggregation)	Does the donation contain contributions?	Amount of donation or aggregation
1	nil				
2					
3					
4					
5					
6					
7					
8					
9					

(add more rows as needed)

Fin Agent Initial	
Auditor Stamp/Initial	<i>MS</i>



**Section B – Every contributor who has contributed over \$10,000 during the year.
Sections 51(1)(b) and 51(3)**

This includes aggregations of contributions from the same person.

Contributors are defined in section 21 and the need to identify contributors is in section 24

Contributor's name	Contributor's address	Total amount of contribution (i.e. the aggregation if more than one)	For each contribution		
			Donation in Section A table that the contribution was part of	Date of donation	Amount of the contribution
nil					

(add more rows as needed)

Fin Agent Initial	
Auditor Stamp/Initial	MP



**Section C – Every anonymous donation received that was for a sum greater than \$1,000 (that is those that are relinquished to the Electoral Commission to be paid into a Crown Bank Account)
Sections 51(1)(c) and 51(4)**

Anonymous is defined in section 21

Note if the donation is over \$1,000 then keep \$1,000 and pay the rest to the Electoral Commission within 20 working days

Date donation received	Amount of donation	Amount paid to Electoral Commission	Date payment made to Electoral Commission	(for office use) Date payment received
nil				

(add more rows as needed)

Fin Agent Initial	MA
Auditor Stamp/Initial	



Section D -- Every donation or contribution from an overseas person that was greater than \$1,000 (that is those that are relinquished to the overseas person or if the person cannot be identified to the Electoral Commission to be paid into a Crown Bank Account) Sections 51(1)(d) and 51(5)

Note if the donation is over \$1,000 then keep \$1,000 and either return the rest to the person who made the donation or pay it to the Electoral Commission within 20 working days

Overseas person is defined in section 32

Date donation or contribution received	Amount of donation or contribution	Was the excess returned to the donor or sent to the Electoral Commission?	Amount relinquished	Date payment returned or made to Electoral Commission	(for office use) Date payment received
nil					

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Fin Agent Initial	MP
Auditor Stamp/Initial	



Section E – All payments from the Electoral Commission of donations protected from disclosure Sections 51(1)(e) and 51(6)

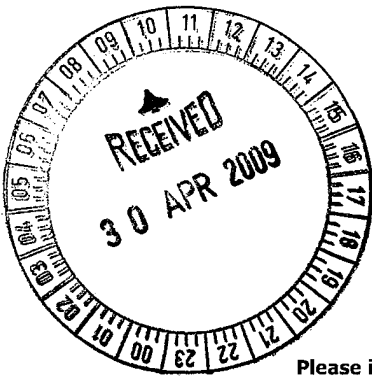
Donations protected from disclosure are described in section 41

Date payment received	Amount of payment	Amount of interest included in the payment	(for office use) Date payment sent
nil			

(add more rows as needed)

Fin Agent Initial	PAP
Auditor Stamp/Initial	





**Statutory declaration by the party secretary
accompanying Party Donation Return under the
provisions of section 51 of the Electoral Finance
Act 2007**

Please insert...

full name of person who is
the party secretary

I, ROBERT PALMER.

name of party

who is the party secretary of
LIBERTARIANZ.

solemnly and sincerely declare that to the best of my knowledge
and belief the attached donation return correctly sets out all the
details required by subsections (2) to (6) and a fair assessment has
been made of the reasonable market value of donations, if any, of
the kind described in paragraph (a)(i) or (ii) of the definition of
party donation in section 21(2) of the Electoral Finance Act 2007

Party secretary to sign
before authorised person

locality

Declared at AUCKLAND

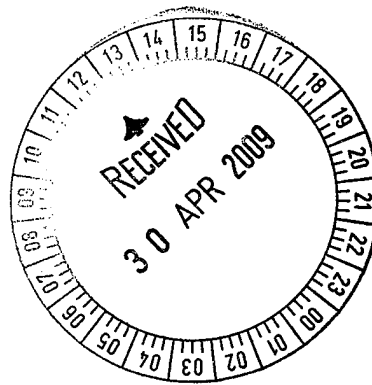
nth, month, year

this 28th day of April, 2009 before

Authorised person to
complete

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

Libertarianz Party
P O Box 11705 Manners St
Wellington



30 April 2009

Grant Thornton
Chartered Accountants
PO Box 10712
Wellington

Dear Grant Thornton

**Letter of Representation for Party Donations Return
for the 2008 calendar year**

This representation letter is furnished in connection with the return of party donations for the 2008 calendar year (the return) by Libertarianz Party (the Party) made in accordance with section 51 of the Electoral Finance Act 2007 (the Act) which has been audited by you in accordance with section 52 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 any alleged, suspected or proven illegal activity under the Act or other legislation potentially relevant to the return;
 - 4.3 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 donations received by the Party in the 2008 calendar year. The return includes:
- 5.1 donations in the form of money, goods or services paid for by others, discounts given on goods or services provided to the party, premiums paid in respect of good or services provided by the party, and credit provided to the party at terms more favourable than the prevailing commercial terms, including the value of GST on any of those items;
 - 5.2 donations of more than \$10,000 in aggregate from an individual donor, whether by direct donation or as a contributor to a donation, and anonymous and overseas donations and contributions of more than \$1,000;
 - 5.3 payments received from the Electoral Commission of donations protected from disclosure.
- 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 What benefits to the party were "donations"?
 - 6.1.1 What gifts of money did the party receive?

Any money donated to the party, regardless of method of payment, is a donation [section 21 definition of **party donation**]. This includes donations protected from disclosure [see below].
 - 6.1.2 What gifts of goods or services did the party receive?

Any goods or services donated to the party are donations, including the value of GST [section 21 definition of **party donation**, and section 22]
 - 6.1.3 What was the difference between the contract price and the reasonable market value (including GST) of any goods or services provided to the party at a discount?

Where the reasonable market value is more than \$1,000, the difference in value (discount) is a donation [section 21 definition of **party donation** at paragraph (a)(i), and section 22]

- 6.1.4 What was the difference between the contract price and the reasonable market value (including GST) of any goods or services provided by the party at a premium?

The difference in value (premium) is a donation [section 21 definition of **party donation** at paragraph (a)(ii), and section 22]

- 6.1.5 What was the value to the party of the terms and conditions of any credit provided to the party on more favourable terms and conditions than prevailed at the time?

The value to the party of the more favourable terms and conditions is a donation [section 21 definition of **party donation** at paragraph (a)(iii)]

- 6.2 What donations were made to the "party"?

- 6.2.1 Was the donation provided to the party or to any person or organisation on behalf of the party?

The "party" is the registered political party [section 4 definition of **party** and paragraph 6.4 below].

Apart from candidate donations [paragraph 6.3 below], all donations received throughout the party administration whether at the national or local level (or other subsidiary entities) must be returned as being received by the party.

The only segment of political parties recognised distinctly in electoral law is "candidates" (and Members of Parliament, for some election expense purposes only).

- 6.3 Do any of the donations identified above, or components of those donations, fall within the party donation exclusions? [section 21 definition of **party donation** at paragraph (b)]

- the labour of any person provided free of charge by that person

- any candidate donation that is included in a candidate donation return
- Do not include these items in the calculation of party donations.

6.4 Apart from donations protected from disclosure, which persons made "donations" to the party and which persons made "contributions to a donation"? [section 51(1) and paragraph 6.5 below]

6.4.1 Did person A make the donation directly to the party (or any person or organisation involved in the administration of the affairs of the party)?

If yes:

- Person A is a "donor" and made a "donation" [section 21 definition of **donor** and definition of **party donation**].

Include this donation in the calculation of donations from person A.

If no:

6.4.2 Did person A give the donation to another person or organisation (person B) to forward on (transmit) to the party?

If yes:

- Person A is a "donor" and made a "donation" [section 21 definition **donor** and definition of **transmitter**, and section 23].

Include this donation in the calculation of donations from person A.

- Person B is a "transmitter" and is not a donor [section 21 definition **donor** and definition of **transmitter**, and section 23].

Do not include this transmission in the calculation of donations or contributions from person B.

If no:

6.4.3 Did person A give the donation to another person or organisation (person C) with the knowledge or

expectation that it would be wholly or partly applied to funding a donation?

If yes:

- Person A is a "contributor" and made a "contribution to a donation" [section 21 definition of **contribution** and definition of **contributor**].

Include this contribution in the calculation of contributions to donations from person A.

- Person C is a "donor" and made a "donation" [section 21 definition of **donor** and definition of **donation funded from contributions**].

Include the donation that person A contributed to (that is, the entire donation that was given to the party by person C) in the calculation of donations from person C.

NOTE: whether an intermediary is a **transmitter** of a donation on behalf of a donor, or is a **donor** making a donation funded from contributions, will be a question of fact taking into account all of the provisions pertaining to **transmitters** and **contributions**.

6.5 Which donations must be included in the return? [section 51]

6.5.1 Which donors donated more than \$10,000 in aggregate during the calendar year? [section 51(1)(a)]

This includes any donations made through a transmitter [paragraph 6.4.2 above]

6.5.2 Which contributors to a donation contributed more than \$10,000 in aggregate during the calendar year? [section 51(1)(b)]

6.5.3 Which anonymous donations or anonymous contributions to a donation exceeded \$1,000 and who was the excess returned or paid to? [section 21 definition of **anonymous**, section 30 and section 51(1)(c)]

6.5.4 Which donations or contributions to a donation made by overseas persons exceeded \$1,000 and who was the excess returned or paid to? [section 32(1)]

definition of **overseas person** and the remainder of section 32, and section 51(1)(d)]

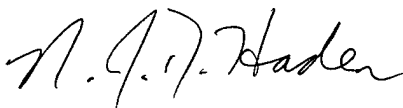
6.5.5 How much did the party receive from the Electoral Commission in payments of donations protected from disclosure and how much interest was included in those payments? [section 41(1) and section 51(1)(e)]

➤ Include in the return all donations and contributions falling into these categories.

- 7 Where an assessment has been made of the reasonable market value of a donation, the basis of the assessment is fair and appropriate, and has been properly applied and recorded.
- 8 Any and all misstatements you have identified during the course of your audit have been adjusted in the final return.
- 9 I have completed our own procedures, distinct from your audit processes, to evaluate the accuracy and completeness of the return.
- 10 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,



Nik Haden

Treasurer



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Audit Report

To the Libertarianz Party.

We have audited the attached Return of Party Donations (the Return) for the period 1 January 2008 to 31 December 2008. The Return is prepared in compliance with section 51 of the Electoral Finance Act 2007. The Return provides information about party donations made to the Libertarianz Party.

Party Secretary's and Financial Agent Responsibilities

The Party Secretary and Financial Agent is responsible for ensuring that the Electoral Commission receives a return of the Party's donations received for the period 1 January 2008 to 31 December 2008. This is done on behalf of the Libertarianz Party.

Auditors' Responsibilities

It is our responsibility to express an independent opinion on the Return in terms of the requirements of section 52 of the Electoral Finance Act 2007.

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 donations received have been disclosed appropriately on 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 total donations received by the Party are fairly reflected in the Return prescribed by section 51 and are 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 Party Secretary and Financial Agent disclosing the donations received.

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

Qualified Opinion

In forming our opinion on the Return for Party Donations we considered the following;

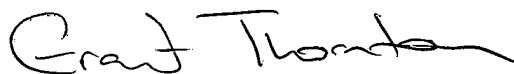
- Donation income belongs to an organisation once it is received, but there are generally no practical procedures available to give auditors assurance that all income of this nature, whether in the form of cash or as donated services, received by an organisation is actually recorded by that entity. Accordingly, auditors of organisations receiving significant amounts of donations usually qualify their audit opinions to reflect the practical limitations of an audit in this area.
- In common with other organisations receiving similar income, control over donations income received by the Libertarianz Party prior to it being recorded is limited, and as commented in the preceding paragraph, there are no practical audit procedures to determine the effect of this limited control. Due to the nature of the issue, we do not believe there is further information that can be provided to us by the Libertarianz Party which would allow us to determine the effect of this limited control.

In our opinion, except for the effects for the limited control over party donations as mentioned above,

- the return does fairly reflect the party donations received by the Party Secretary and Financial Agent;
- we have received from the Party Secretary and Financial Agent all the information required to carry out our duties
- proper records of party donations have been kept by the Party Secretary and Financial Agent

for the period 1 January 2008 to 31 December 2008.

Our audit was completed on 30 April 2009 and our qualified opinion is expressed as at that date.



Grant Thornton
Wellington
01 May 2009