



Return of Electorate Candidate Donations, Expenses and Loans for the 2023 General Election

DECLARATION

1. **Candidate name:**

Party name (if applicable):

Electorate contested:

2. TOTAL CANDIDATE DONATIONS

Complete Parts A to E on pages 2 to 7 if you have any donations to declare.

Write 'NIL' if you have **NO** donations, or contributions to a donation, to declare under Parts A, C or D

Part A: Candidate donations of more than \$1,500

Part C: Anonymous candidate donations of more than \$1,500

Part D: Overseas candidate donations of more than \$50

Total (A + C + D)

3. TOTAL CANDIDATE ELECTION EXPENSES

Complete Parts F and G on pages 8 to 11 if you have any expenses to declare.

Write 'NIL' if you have **NO** expenses to declare

Part F: Candidate only election advertising

Part G: Election advertisements shared with the party and/or other candidates

Total (F + G)

4. TOTAL CANDIDATE LOANS

Complete Part H on page 12 if you have any loans to declare.

Write 'NIL' if you have **NO** loans to declare

Part H: Candidate loans

5. I declare that to the best of my knowledge this return, filed pursuant to sections 206K, 209 and 214GA of the Electoral Act 1993, is an accurate record of the candidate donations made to me, or on my behalf, and of election expenses incurred by me, or on my behalf, and loans given to me for my campaign for the 2023 general election and is not false in any material particular.

SIGNATURE

DATE: DD / MM / YYYY

COMPLETING THE RETURN

You can complete the return electronically or by hand. If you complete the form electronically each part will be automatically added up for you, as well as the totals on this page of the return.

For information on types of electronic signatures that the Commission accepts, please see the **How to Complete your Candidate Return Form for the General Election** instruction sheet.

CHECKLIST

- Step 1 completed
- Parts A to E completed or 'NIL' entered at step 2
- Parts F and G completed or 'NIL' entered at step 3
- Part H completed or 'NIL' entered at step 4
- Declaration signed and dated

FILING THE RETURN

Candidate returns must be filed with the Electoral Commission by **5pm, 14 February 2024** (within 70 working days of election day). Candidates who fail to comply with these requirements commit an offence and may be referred to the Police.

The return can be filed:

- by email to legal@elections.govt.nz
- by delivery to Level 4, 34-42 Manners Street, Wellington 6011

Reminder: the returns are open to public inspection and will be published on www.elections.nz.

INFORMATION ON CANDIDATE DONATIONS, ELECTION EXPENSES AND LOANS

WHO MUST FILE A RETURN?

All electorate candidates at the 2023 general election must file a return of candidate donations, election expenses and loans. Even if you have no donations, expenses or loans to declare, you **MUST** still complete the candidate return recording 'NIL' donations, expenses and loans.

KEEPING RECORDS OF DONATIONS, EXPENSES AND LOANS

Candidates must keep good records of all candidate donations, candidate expenses and loans. Candidates must keep invoices and receipts for

ELECTION EXPENSES Complete Parts F and G

Your election expenses during the regulated period (14 July to 13 October 2023) must not exceed \$32,600 (including GST). It is an offence to spend more than this.

Information on Candidate Expenses

Candidate election expenses are the costs of advertising in any medium that:

- may reasonably be regarded as encouraging or persuading voters to vote, or not to vote, for an electorate candidate (whether or not the name of the candidate is stated), and
- are published, or continue to be published, during the regulated period for the general election, and
- are promoted by the candidate or with the candidate's authority.

Election expenses include:

- the costs incurred in the preparation, composition, printing, postage and publication of the advertisement, and
- the reasonable market value of any material used or applied towards the advertisement provided to the candidate for free or below reasonable market value.

A candidate's deposit or the costs of hall hire, refreshments, the conduct of surveys or opinion polls, free labour, the framework that supports hoardings (other than a commercial framework) or replacing materials that have been destroyed through no fault of the candidate are not election expenses.

Further guidance is available in the *Candidate Handbook - General Election 2023*.

Instructions on how to complete Part F

You should record all election expenses incurred in relation to candidate advertisements published, or continued to be published, during the regulated period for the general election promoted by you or with your written authority.

For advertisements published both before and during the regulated period you should apportion the costs so that only a fair proportion of the expenses are attributed to being incurred during the regulated period. Only record the amount attributable to the regulated period in the return.

Disclose the total amount incurred on election advertisements (including GST) published during the regulated period even if payment for the advertising was made outside of the regulated period.

PART F: CANDIDATE ONLY ELECTION ADVERTISING

WRITE 'NIL' IF YOU HAVE NO EXPENSES TO DECLARE HERE:

TOTAL FOR PART F

\$ 11,282.92

Item description

Provide details of the type of advertisement, name of advertiser or supplier, volume, duration and size as appropriate

Value \$0.00
(including GST)

EXAMPLE: Dominion Post: Two full page advertisements: 25 September 2023	\$120.00
EXAMPLE: Facebook promotional posts x 12: 1 September - 6 October 2023	\$50.00
Rent 10 Bank Street. Shona Cumming aagent September 16 - October 15	\$ 1,150.00
Design and Poster Printing Better Creative September 15- October 13	\$ 1,979.42
Newspaper and Social Media Allied Press Spetember 27 - October 10	\$ 6,670.00
Bus Advertising Go Advertising October 7-October 13 (Paid Nov 2 and Nov 16)	\$ 1,483.50

PART H: CANDIDATE LOANS

Instructions for Part H - Candidate loans

A candidate loan is a written or oral agreement under which a lender lends money to a candidate for their campaign.

Money lent by a registered bank at a commercial interest rate is not a candidate loan, nor are credit cards and overdraft facilities with registered banks.

All candidate loans, no matter the size, must be reported in **Part H**.
Loans from the same lender need to be aggregated.

WRITE 'NIL' IF YOU HAVE NO LOANS TO DECLARE HERE:

NIL

TOTAL FOR PART H

\$ 0.00

Lender's name and street address	Loan amount (including GST) \$0.00	Date loan entered into dd/mm/yyyy	Repayment date (if no repayment date, specify "no repayment date" here)

Guarantor's name and street address (if any)	Unpaid balance of loan \$0.00	Interest rate or rates	Details of security given

Any terms (that enable the lender to reduce or extinguish the loan amount and/or interest or grant any concession in respect of repayment)

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