

# STATEMENT

## By Chairperson, NSW Electoral Commission

1 July 2016

### Political parties and elected members eligible for public funding

On 22 June 2016 the NSW Electoral Commission authorised the payment of public monies from the Administration Fund to the following parties and elected members for the period commencing 1 July 2016:

Recipient	Fund	Amount
Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)	Administration Fund (Advance)	\$456,171.88
Animal Justice Party	Administration Fund (Advance)	\$57,159.38
Christian Democratic Party (Fred Nile Group)	Administration Fund (Advance)	\$102,528.13
The Greens	Administration Fund (Advance)	\$250,775.00
Alexander Greenwich	Administration Fund (Advance)	\$34,037.99
National Party of Australia - NSW	Administration Fund (Advance)	\$615,825.00
Gregory Piper	Administration Fund (Advance)	\$47,643.75
Shooters, Fishers and Farmers Party	Administration Fund (Advance)	\$73,234.38

The amounts above are *advance payments* from the Administration Fund. Under the *Election Funding, Expenditure and Disclosures Act 1981* ("the Act") an advance payment is available at the beginning of each quarter for eligible parties and independent elected members.

A party or elected member is eligible for payment when all the relevant criteria prescribed in the Act have been met, including that the recipient does not have any outstanding declarations of political donations and electoral expenditure.

Advance payments are claimed by parties and elected members up to four times a year and are payable at the beginning of each quarter (1 January, 1 April, 1 July and 1 October). A recipient must account for the expenditure of this public money by submitting a declaration disclosing what the funds were spent on. The declaration is lodged with the NSW Electoral Commission after the quarter has ended.

If any advance payment exceeds the amount spent by the recipient during the calendar year, the excess amount must be repaid or deducted from a future payment.

More information about public funding claims is available at:  
[http://www.elections.nsw.gov.au/fd/public\\_funding](http://www.elections.nsw.gov.au/fd/public_funding)

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### **About the NSW Electoral Commission (the Commission)**

In December 2014, the 3 member NSW Electoral Commission was constituted. It is separate to the staff agency led by the Electoral Commissioner. The Commission is an independent, statutory authority. It approves public funding to political parties and others and enforces provisions of three NSW Acts. These provisions govern electoral funding, expenditure and disclosures, the conduct of State elections and the lobbying of government officials. The Commission's Chairperson is the Hon Keith Mason AC QC, a former President of the NSW Court of Appeal (1997-2008). Information about the Commission's work is at:

[http://www.elections.nsw.gov.au/about\\_us/work\\_of\\_the\\_commission](http://www.elections.nsw.gov.au/about_us/work_of_the_commission)