

Disclosure of electoral expenditure

Electoral Disclosure and Funding Act 2023

This guideline is issued under section 173(1) of the *Electoral Disclosure and Funding Act 2023*, which allows the Tasmanian Electoral Commission to issue guidelines for any matters dealt with in the Act.

Guideline

Disclosure of electoral expenditure incurred, during an election campaign period for either a House of Assembly or Legislative Council election, is to include disclosure of the following details for each amount of electoral expenditure incurred:

- The dollar value of the expenditure
- The date on which services were provided, or goods were delivered
- The name of the supplier
- The type of electoral matter for which the expenditure was incurred, of the following:
 - Signage (e.g. design, printing, material for erecting signs)
 - Brochures/flyers/letters (e.g. design, printing, envelopes, postage)
 - Advertising (e.g. print media, TV, radio, online, website development, production, SMS/telephone), or
 - Other types of expenditure (e.g. campaign launch and activities, staff, costs to support volunteers).

This applies to all disclosures of electoral expenditure (including election expenditure and disputed and unpaid claims for election expenditure for Legislative Council election campaign returns) made in accordance with the following parts of the *Electoral Disclosure and Funding Act 2023*:

- Part 6 – Electoral Expenditure in Assembly Elections
- Part 7 – Assembly Election Campaign Returns
- Part 8 – Electoral Expenditure in Relation to Council Elections

For registered parties, the following additional information must be included for electoral expenditure incurred substantially for the purposes of the election in a particular House of Assembly division:

- The name of the relevant division for which the expenditure was incurred
- A note of explanation for the apportioning of any expenditure between divisions.

Note: the issuing of this guideline intends to align the required disclosure requirements of both reportable political donations and electoral expenditure, and to support the disclosure by registered parties of division-specific electoral expenditure.

For reference, section 46 of the *Electoral Disclosure and Funding Act 2023* sets out specific details that must be included for each reportable political donation that is required to be disclosed by a registered party, member, candidate, associated entity, third-party campaigner or significant political donor. Section 62 of the *Electoral Disclosure and Funding Act 2023* sets out the requirement for registered parties to disclose details of electoral expenditure incurred substantially for the purposes of the election in particular divisions.