

DECLARATION

Candidate name:

Party name (if applicable):

Electorate contested:

TOTAL CANDIDATE DONATIONS
 Complete Parts A to E if you have any donations to declare.
 Write 'NIL' if you have NO donations, or contributions to a donation, of more than \$1,500 (including GST) to declare

Part A: Candidate donations of more than \$1,500	NIL
Part C: Anonymous candidate donations of more than \$1,500	\$0.00
Part D: Overseas candidate donations of more than \$1,500	\$0.00
Total (A + C + D)	\$0.00

TOTAL CANDIDATE ELECTION EXPENSES
 Complete Parts F to G if you have any donations to declare.
 Write 'NIL' if you have NO expenses to declare

Part F: Candidate only election advertising	NIL
Part G: Election advertisements shared with the party and/or other candidates	\$0.00
Total (F + G)	\$0.00

I declare that to the best of my knowledge this return, filed pursuant to sections 205K and 209 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, for the 2017 general election and is not false in any material particular.

Signature

DATE: DD / MM / YYYY

INFORMATION ON CANDIDATE DONATIONS AND ELECTION EXPENSES
WHO MUST FILE A RETURN?
 All electorate candidates at the 2017 general election must file a return of candidate donations and election expenses. Even if you have no donations or expenses to declare, you **MUST** still complete the candidate return recording 'NIL' donations or expenses.

KEEPING RECORDS OF DONATIONS AND EXPENSES
 Candidates must keep good records of all candidate donations and candidate expenses. Candidates must keep invoices and receipts for all election expenses of \$50 or more for three years after returns are filed.
 Further information on candidate donations and expenses is available in the *Candidate Handbook – General Election 2017*.

COMPLETING THE RETURN

You should complete this return accurately and honestly. You should not include any information that is not true or correct. If you are unsure, you should seek advice from the Electoral Commission.

If you have any questions, you should contact the Electoral Commission on 0800 363 629 or visit our website at www.election.govt.nz.

If you are a candidate for an electorate seat, you should also complete a return of donations and expenses for that seat. This return should be filed with your return for the electorate you are contesting.

If you are a candidate for a party list seat, you should also complete a return of donations and expenses for that seat. This return should be filed with your return for the party list seat you are contesting.

The Electoral Commission will accept your return if it is filed by the deadline.

CHECKLIST

- Return completed
- Part A to E completed (NIL if appropriate)
- Part F and G completed (NIL if appropriate)
- Declaration signed and filed

FILING THE RETURN

Candidate returns must be filed with the Electoral Commission by 23:59 on Friday 20 October 2017. If you are a candidate for an electorate seat, you must also file a return for that seat. If you are a candidate for a party list seat, you must also file a return for that seat.

For more information, visit www.election.govt.nz or contact the Electoral Commission on 0800 363 629.

Returned returns will be available on the Electoral Commission website.

DONATIONS Complete Parts A to E

Information on Candidate Donations

Candidates are required to include in the candidate return every candidate donation or contribution to a candidate donation of more than \$1,500 (including GST), including a series of donations or contributions made by one person that adds up to more than \$1,500.

Candidate donations

A candidate donation includes any money, goods or services that are donated to a candidate, or a person on the candidate's behalf, for use in the candidate's campaign for election. The following are candidate donations:

- free goods or services that have a reasonable market value greater than \$300;
- discounted goods or services where the reasonable market value of the goods or services is greater than \$300;
 - the difference between the contract or agreed price and the reasonable market value of those goods and services is a donation;
- the purchase of goods or services from the candidate at a value that exceeds their reasonable market value;
 - the difference between the price paid and reasonable market value is a donation.
- extending credit to a candidate on favourable terms,
 - the value of the favourable terms is a donation.

Volunteer labour or free goods or services given to a candidate that have a reasonable market value of \$300 or less are not a candidate donation. Nor is money provided by the candidate for his or her own campaign.

Instructions for Part A

For donations of more than \$1,500 (other than anonymous donations or overseas donations) you need to record the name and street address of the donor, the date the donation was received and the amount received from the donor.

Where you have received a number of donations from the same donor you should include each date on which a donation was received from the donor and the aggregated total from the donor. Aggregated donations are not contributions and do not have to be recorded in Part B.

You also need to confirm whether any person (other than the donor) has contributed more than \$1,500 to the donation. Contributions of more than \$1,500 must be disclosed in Part B (or Part E for overseas contributors). Contributions of \$1,500 or less do not have to be included in the return.

Examples:

John Smith owns a publishing company. On 2 June 2017 he gives you goods for your campaign valued at \$1,000. On 14 July he also gives you a monetary donation of \$4,000. The money was given to you as the result of a fundraiser which John Smith organised and includes a contribution from Jane Jones of \$2,000.

PART A: CANDIDATE DONATIONS OF MORE THAN \$1,500

OTHER THAN ANONYMOUS OR OVERSEAS DONATIONS

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

TOTAL FOR PART A

\$ 0.00

Donor's name and street address	Date donation or aggregated donations received dd/mm/yyyy	Does the donation contain contributions from another person of more than \$1,500? Enter YES or NO If YES complete Part B	Amount of donation or total aggregated donations (including GST) \$0.00
EXAMPLE: John Smith, Smiths Publishing 35 Main Street, Suburb Wellington	2/06/2017, 14/07/2017	Yes	\$5,000.00

PART D: OVERSEAS CANDIDATE DONATIONS OF MORE THAN \$1,500

Instructions for Part D – Donations from overseas persons

An overseas person is:

- an individual who resides outside New Zealand and is not a New Zealand citizen or registered elector; or
- a body corporate incorporated outside New Zealand; or
- an unincorporated body that has its head office or principal place of business outside New Zealand.

If you receive a candidate donation from an overseas person exceeding \$1,500, you may retain \$1,500 of that donation. The balance of the donation must, within 20 working days of receipt, either be returned to the overseas person

who made the donation, or if this is not possible, be paid to the Electoral Commission.

In the candidate return, you must disclose:

- the name and address of the overseas person; and
- the date that the donation was received or, in the case of multiple donations, the date each donation was received; and
- the amount of the donation or, in the case of aggregated donations, the total amount of the donations; and
- the amount returned to the overseas person or paid to the Electoral Commission, and the date that such payment was made.

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

TOTAL FOR PART D

\$ 0.00

Overseas donor's name and street address	Date donation received or (dates received if aggregated donations) dd/mm/yyyy	Amount of donation or total aggregated donations (including GST) \$0.00	Amount returned to the overseas donor or paid to the Electoral Commission and date of that return or payment (including GST) \$0.00 dd/mm/yyyy

ELECTION EXPENSES Complete Parts F and G

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 (23 June to 22 September 2017), 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.

Your election expenses during the regulated period must not exceed \$26,200 (including GST). It is an offence to spend more than this.

Further guidance is available in the *Candidate Handbook - General Election 2017*.

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 (23 June to 22 September) 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.

The description of the item should be sufficient to identify where and when it was published. Where another person has initiated the advertising you should also include the name of the promoter in the item description.

PART F: CANDIDATE ONLY ELECTION ADVERTISING

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

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TOTAL FOR PART F

\$ 0.00

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 June 2017

\$120.00

EXAMPLE:

Facebook promotional posts x 12:
1 July – 10 September 2017

\$50.00

