



Candidate Return 2008 Gippsland by-election

The due date for lodging this return is Monday, 13 October 2008

Completing the Return:

- A return must be completed for each candidate in the election. It is to be completed by the person appointed with the AEC as the candidate's agent, or by the candidate if no agent is appointed.
- If no donations were received and no electoral expenditure incurred complete page 1 only. If donations were received or electoral expenditure incurred both pages 2 & 3 must be completed.
- Further information to assist its completion is available in the *Funding and Disclosure Handbook for Candidates* at www.aec.gov.au.

This return will be available for public inspection on Monday 15 December 2008 at www.aec.gov.au

The information on this return is collected under the *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918*.

Candidate Details

Name of candidate	Darren Chester
Electorate contested	Gippsland
Party name (write 'N/A' if not endorsed by a registered political party)	National Party of Australia - Victoria

Agent Details

Name of agent (insert candidate's name if no agent was appointed)	Darren Chester	
Telephone number	03 51 446744	Fax number (03) 51 553719
Email address	darrenchester.mp@aph.gov.au	

Did the candidate receive any donations during the disclosure period or incur any electoral expenditure?

 Yes

You must complete both pages 2 & 3

 No

Sign and date below. You do not need to complete pages 2 & 3

I certify that the information contained in this return and its attachments is true and complete.

I understand that giving false or misleading information is a serious offence.

Signature of agent (or candidate if no agent appointed)

Date

18/9/08

Enquiries and returns should be addressed to:

Funding and Disclosure
Australian Electoral Commission
PO Box 6172
Kingston ACT 2604

Phone: 02 6271 4552
Fax: 02 6271 4555
Email: fad@aec.gov.au

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Part 1 - Donations received

Candidates must report the total of all donations received from the start of the disclosure period (as determined below) until 30 days after polling day, that is until 28 July 2008.

Disclosure Period

If you have stood at a Senate election within the past seven years or a House of Representatives election within the past four years (including by-elections) your disclosure period commences 31 days after polling day for the last election you contested.

If you have not contested an election within these periods, but were appointed to a casual senate vacancy, your disclosure period commences from the date you were appointed. Otherwise, your disclosure period commences on declaration of your candidacy, for example to the media. For candidates endorsed by a party this is likely to be the day you were pre-selected. The latest possible date would be the date you nominated if you had made no announcement

1. Total of gifts or donations received

\$

This is the *total value* of all donations received during the disclosure period. A gift or donation may be cash, or it may be the value of free goods and services, or discounts given to you other than those in the normal course of business.

2. Total number of donors

This is the *total number* of donors who made the donations referred to in question 2 above.

3. Details of donations requiring disclosure

Details of donations received which total more than \$10,500.

Where a number of donations received from a single source totals more than the \$10,500 disclosure threshold, the date and value of each must be provided.

The name and address details should be sufficient to enable the donor to be contacted by the AEC (e.g. about the lodgement of a donor return)

- If a gift was from an unincorporated association (other than a registered industrial organisation), the name of the association and the names and addresses of the committee members are required;
- If a gift was from a trust, the name of the trust and the names and addresses of the trustees are required.

Name	Address	Date	Amount

If insufficient space, please attach additional sheets.

Part 2 - Electoral expenditure

Electoral expenditure on goods or services used in the election period (between the issue of the writ and the close of polling) must be disclosed. For this election the period is from Monday 19 May 2008 to Saturday 28 June 2008.

Completing this page:

- Other campaign expenditure (e.g. travel, administrative or hire of premises costs) is not reported;
- Expenditure incurred during the election period must be reported regardless of when payment was actually made (e.g. the cost of production before the issue of the writ of advertisements run during the election period must be included);
- Expenditure incurred by the campaign committee of an endorsed candidate, or expenditure incurred by an endorsed candidate with the authority of the party is not disclosed in this return. It should be reported to the party for inclusion in its annual disclosure return;
- Electoral expenditure by a member of a Senate group is not disclosed in this return. It is disclosed in the return of the Senate group, or of the endorsing party.

The specified categories of electoral expenditure incurred by or on behalf of a candidate that must be reported are:

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| 1. Broadcasting electoral advertisements (including production costs) | \$ <input type="text"/> |
| 2. Publishing electoral advertisements (including production costs) | \$ <input type="text"/> |
| 3. Displaying electoral advertisements at a place of entertainment such as a cinema (including production costs) | \$ <input type="text"/> |
| 4. Production of campaign material requiring authorisation ⁱ (e.g. how to vote cards, posters and pamphlets) | \$ <input type="text"/> |
| 5. Direct mailing (including printing and postage) | \$ <input type="text"/> |
| 6. Opinion polling and other electoral research | \$ <input type="text"/> |

ⁱ Campaign material requiring authorisation is electoral advertising required by section 328 of the Act to include the name and address of the person who authorised the advertisement and, except in the case of newspapers, the name and place of business of the printer at the end. Section 328A imposes a similar requirement on electoral advertisements on the internet.