LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Election Funding, Expenditure and Disclosures Amendment Bill 2011

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Proposed amendments

No. 1 Page 4, Schedule 1. Insert after line 7:

[3] Section 97

Insert after section 96N:

97 Disclosure of political advertisements

- (1) A news media organisation which, during the capped expenditure period for a State election, broadcasts or publishes an advertisement relating to the election at the request of a party, group, candidate or third-party campaigner must prepare a report containing the following particulars:
 - (a) the party, group, candidate or third-party campaigner at whose request the advertisement was broadcast or published,
 - (b) the date on which, and times between which (if applicable), the advertisement was broadcast or published,
 - (c) the amount charged by the news media organisation to the party, group, candidate or third-party campaigner for the broadcast or publication of the advertisement.

Maximum penalty: 500 penalty units.

- (2) The report must be in the form approved by the Authority and must be provided to the Authority within 8 weeks after the polling day for the election.
- (3) Subsection (1) applies to a news media organisation even if at the time the organisation broadcast or published the advertisement the organisation was outside New South Wales.
- (4) In this section, *news media organisation* means a commercial enterprise that engages in the business of broadcasting or publishing news or a public broadcasting service that engages in the dissemination of news through a public news medium.

No. 2 Page 4, Schedule 1. Insert after line 7:

[3] Section 110C

Insert after section 110B:

110C Publication of information about enforcement activities

The Authority is to publish on a website maintained by the Authority details of any investigations and prosecutions carried out by the Authority in relation to contraventions of this Act, including details of the results of the investigations or prosecutions.

No. 3 Long title. Omit "and prohibitions on political donations". Insert instead ", prohibitions on political donations, political advertising and enforcement".