



PARLIAMENT OF NEW SOUTH WALES

Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters

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MEDIA RELEASE

Committee to look at administration funding for minor parties

Is the amount of funding minor political parties can claim for their administrative and operating activities appropriate?

The Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters is considering this issue as part of an inquiry looking at the annual amount given to minor parties in NSW from the administration fund.

The administration fund was set up to support eligible political parties and independent members of parliament with their administrative and operating expenses. Some examples of these expenses are the costs of managing party or member activities; equipment and training to ensure compliance with electoral laws; and audits of financial accounts.

'The administration fund supports the professional administration of political parties and helps parties comply with regulatory obligations,' said Committee Chair, the Hon Peter Primrose MLC. 'We're asking for stakeholder input on whether the amount that minor parties can claim from the fund is appropriate, noting that administration and compliance costs are increasing.'

Parties with elected endorsed members can receive payments to cover actual administrative expenditure. Parties with more elected members can claim more, with different amounts available for having 1, 2, 3 or more than 3 members, up to a maximum of 22 members.

The Committee is a cross-party committee made up of members of the Legislative Assembly and Legislative Council.

More information can be found on the [inquiry webpage](#).

Submissions close on 20 October 2025.

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