



NEW SOUTH WALES NURSES' ASSOCIATION

In association with the Australian Nursing Federation

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Mr Jonathan Elliott
Inquiry Manager
Committee on Electoral Matters
Parliament of New South Wales
Macquarie Street
SYDNEY NSW 2000

Dear Mr Elliott

Administration of the 2011 NSW election; and Review of the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act 1912 and the Election Funding, Expenditure and Disclosures Act 1981

Further to your correspondence dated 26 July 2012, I advise as follows:

1. The Association expended \$1,434,100 on the Nurse-to-Patient Ratio campaign in the six months prior to the 2011 Election.
2. The Association's yearly expenditures on NursePower-related campaigns since the establishment of NursePower are:
 - 2006 - \$180,500
 - 2007 - \$3,922,300
 - 2008 - \$1,334,800
 - 2009 - \$3,108,200
 - 2010 - \$3,473,500
 - 2011 - \$1,353,700

Please note that the above amounts are exclusive of GST, rounded to the nearest \$100 and do not include expenditure on items such as employee related costs, miscellaneous advertising costs and travel and accommodation costs.

3. The Association is vehemently opposed to the idea that the legislation should only address essential electoral principles leaving the more detailed matters to the Commission and, as necessary, subordinate legislation. In circumstances where substantial financial penalties and/or imprisonment apply, we say that

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the legislation should set out in clear, unambiguous detail exactly what is, and what is not, required. The determination of what any "principle" may mean and how it is to be interpreted should be a matter for the Parliament to determine and enact clearly through legislation.

Please contact Tony O'Grady, Manager Projects and Compliance, in relation to this matter.

Yours sincerely


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