

Notice of Political Donation Caps and Electoral Expenditure Caps

State government elections and by-elections

26 NOVEMBER 2024

The political donation caps and electoral expenditure caps for state elections are adjusted for inflation after each general election. Election day for the 2024 state general election was Saturday, 26 October 2024.

In accordance with sections 253 and 281F of the *Electoral Act 1992* (EA), this notice advises that the political donation caps and electoral expenditure caps as of 26 November 2024 are:

| Election participant | Political donation cap | Electoral expenditure cap | | |
|----------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| | | General election | | By-election |
| | | Generally | For an electoral district | |
| Registered political party | \$4,800 | \$115,156.91 ^b | \$115,156.91 | - |
| Endorsed candidate | \$7,200 ^a | - | \$72,598.92 | \$108,898.38 ^c |
| Independent candidate | \$7,200 | - | \$108,898.38 | \$108,898.38 |
| Registered third party | - | \$1,251,705.56 | \$108,898.38 | \$108,898.38 |
| Unregistered third party | - | \$6,000 | - | \$6,000 |

^a This amount is shared by all candidates endorsed by the same registered political party for the election.

^b This amount is multiplied by the number of electoral districts for which the registered political party has endorsed a candidate for the election.

^c This amount is shared with the registered political party that endorsed the candidate.

The political donation and electoral expenditure caps are adjusted in accordance with the formulas under sections 253 and 281F of the EA respectively.

Political donation caps apply to political donations given to a registered political party or state candidate by a single donor during a donation cap period. The current donation cap period begins on 26 November 2024. For a registered political party, the donation cap period ends on 27 November 2028. For a candidate in an election, the donation cap period ends 30 days after election day. A new donation cap period then starts immediately and ends 30 days after the next election in which the person is a candidate.

Expenditure caps apply to electoral expenditure incurred by an election participant during the capped expenditure period for an election. The capped expenditure period for the 2028 state general election begins on 27 March 2028 and ends at 6pm on election day. The capped expenditure period for a by-election begins on the day the writ for the election is issued and ends at 6pm on election day.

Any political donations received, or any electoral expenditure incurred, by an associated entity of a registered political party or state candidate will count towards the cap of that party or candidate.

For further information about political donation and electoral expenditure caps, refer to the fact sheets available on the ECQ's website: www.ecq.qld.gov.au/factsheets.

This notice is issued under sections 253 and 281F of the *Electoral Act 1992*, on 26 November 2024.

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