

Statutory declaration by Party Secretary and **Financial Agent accompanying Party Election Expense Return under the provisions of section** 106 (2) (a) of the Electoral Finance Act 2007

RICHARD BERESFORD NIGHTINGALE

Registered name of party

Party secretary and Financial Agent of

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solemnly and sincerely declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief the attached election expense return correctly sets out all the information required to be provided and that a fair assessment has been made of the commercial value of any materials and advertising spaces used in party advertisements.

Applicant to sign before authorised person

locality

nth, month, year

Declared at

Auckland

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Authorised person to complete

> Justice of the Peace, Solicitor, or other person authorised to take a statutory declaration

M.A. HORSLEY MIDWITE - AUCKLAND JUSTICE OF THE PEACE **FOR NEW ZEALAND** 





To the National Management Board of The Republic of New Zealand Party.

I have audited the attached Return of Party Election expenses for the 2008 General Election. The Return is prepared in compliance with sections 106 & 107 of the Electoral Act 2007, and provides information about Party expenses paid by The Republic of New Zealand (the Party).

## Party Secretary and Financial Agent's Responsibilities

The Party Secretary and Financial Agent is responsible for ensuring that the Electoral Commission receives a return of the Party's election expenses for the 2008 General Election.

# Auditors Responsibilities

It is my responsibility to express an independent opinion on the Returns in terms of the requirements of section 107 of the Electoral Finance Act 2007.

#### **Basis of Opinion**

An audit includes examining on a test basis, evidence relevant to the position disclosed in the Return as regards whether or not:

- the Party has incurred expenses for the 2008 general election and the return includes all expenses, including apportioned expenses, and irrespective of the source of funds or entity paying for the activities concerned, and irrespective of whether or not a party advertisement contained a promoter statement.
- the Party return contents has been determined in consideration of s93 and s94 of the Electoral Act 2007.

I have conducted my audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards in New Zealand. I planned and performed my audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations which I considered necessary in order to provide me with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the position relating to the "Party Election Expenses for the 2008 election."

Other than in my capacity as auditor I have no relationship with or interest in The Republic of New Zealand Party.

## **Opinion**

In my opinion and in accordance with the requirements of the Electoral Finance 2007,

- The return does fairly reflect the expenses paid by the party;
- I have received from the party or its treasurer all the information I require to carry out my duties;



- Proper records of the Party's Election expenses for the 2008 have been kept by by the Party Secretary and Financial Agent.

The attached "Party Election expense form for the 2008 Election" gives a true and fair view of the expenses paid by "The Party" for the 2008 Election.

My audit was completed on  $23^{\rm rd}$  April 2009 and my unqualified opinion is expressed as at that date.

23/04/09

Bari J. Nicholas CA

Auditor

Address - Mairangi Bay

Auckland

The Republic of New Zealand Party, Republican House, P.O. Box 44.178, Pt. Chevalier, <u>AUCKLAND</u>.

Email: republicofnz @yahoo.co.nz. Website: <a href="https://www.republicans.org.nz">www.republicans.org.nz</a>.

Bari Nicholas, Auditor, 2 Galaxy Drive, Mairangi Bay, NORTH SHORE, AUCKLAND.

Dear Bari,

# LETTER of REPRESENTATION for PARTY RETURN of EXPENSES for 2008 GENERAL ELECTION.

I, Richard Beresford Nightingale, Secretary & Treasurer confirm that the Party election expenses for the 2008 General Election are in accordance with the Electoral Finance Act 2007.

The Party Executive appointed candidates to be their own financial agents. These candidates have provided the electoral Commission with their individual returns which fall within the allowable limit.

Section 6 of the Electoral Commission's guide for returns applies to the Party responsibility for publishing and advertising. The Party website was maintained and costs apportioned to candidates for promotional purposes. Party expenses and donations fall within the allowable limit. Costs for travel and accommodation are expense exceptions.

Our apologies for the delay in furnishing the Party Return. I and the Party Executive found the process ambiguous and confusing. We trust that this now completes our return.

Yours sincerely,

Richard Beresford Nightingale (Dr.),

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Party Secretary and Treasurer.

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Do not touch boxes that are pale orange - they contain formulae to calculate the required amount Party ads not shared with anyone and conducted entirely within the regulated period Apportionment of party ads published both within and outside the regulated period Party Election Expense Form 2008 Election Did you contest the party vote? Write yes or no Apportionment of party ads shared with other parties Please indicate, write 'Yes' or 'No' in each box Everything has been included All expenses greater than \$100 vouched by bill All relevant papers provided to auditor Total expenditure returned for each (incl GST) Apportionment of party ads shared with candidates Expenditure limit (incl GST) Number of electorate candidates Party ads shared with third parties Party name Summary Total

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Please email a copy of this workbook file to catt@elections.govt.nz

Include a printed copy with the statutary declarations and auditor's report posted to Dr Helena Catt, Electoral Commission, PO Box 3050, Wellington 6140, or delivered to LS, Featherston House, Cnr Waring Taylor and Featherston Sts, Wellington.

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- 2008 party election expenses component

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