

Party Expenses Return for the 2020 General Election

DECLARATION

1. Party name:

AOTEAROA LEGALISE CANNABIS PARTY

Party secretary name:

Irinka Britnell

2. ELECTION EXPENSES LIMIT FOR THE PARTY

Did you contest the party vote?
Answer YES or NO

YES

'YES' =
\$1,199,000

\$ 1,199,000.00

Number of electorate candidates
for the party

9

Number
\$28,200

\$ 253,800.00

Expenditure limit (incl GST)

Total

\$ 1,452,800.00

3. TOTAL PARTY ELECTION EXPENSES

Part A: Party advertisements promoted solely by the party

\$ 5,981.58

Part B: Party advertisements shared with candidates
or other parties

\$ 0.00

Part C: Authorised party advertisements promoted by
third parties

\$ 0.00

Total (A + B + C)

\$ 5,981.58

4. PARTY BROADCASTING ALLOCATION

TOTAL ALLOCATION TO THE PARTY:

\$64,609.00

WRITE 'NIL' if the party did not receive a broadcasting
allocation under the Broadcasting Act

5. TOTAL PARTY ALLOCATION EXPENSES

Part D: Party only allocation expenses

\$ 64,552.49

Part E: Party and candidate shared allocation expenses

\$ 0.00

Part F: Candidate only allocation expenses

\$ 0.00

Total (D + E + F)

\$ 64,552.49

6. I declare that to the best of my knowledge this return, filed pursuant to sections 206I and 206IA of the Electoral Act 1993, is an accurate record of the party's election expenses and the party's allocation expenses for the 2020 general election, and any allocation received has only been used for purposes permitted under section 80A of the Broadcasting Act 1989.

SIGNATURE

Irinka Britnell

DATE: DD / MM / YYYY

17/03/2021

COMPLETING THE RETURN

You can complete the return electronically or by hand. If you complete the form electronically each part will be automatically added up for you, as well as the totals on this page of the return.

For information on types of electronic signatures that the Commission accepts, please see the **How to Complete Your Party Return Form** instruction sheet.

CHECKLIST

Steps 1, 2 and 4 completed on this page



Parts A to C (step 3) completed



Parts D to F (step 5) completed if party received a broadcasting allocation



Party secretary signed and dated the return



All relevant supporting documentation supplied to auditor



Auditor stamped or intialled a copy of the return to keep for own records



Auditor's report enclosed



Representation letter enclosed, if used



FILING THE RETURN

The return must be received by the Electoral Commission by **5pm, 17 March 2021** (within 90 working days of election day). A party secretary who fails to comply with these requirements commits an offence and may be referred to the Police.

The return can be filed:

- by post to PO Box 3220, Wellington 6140
- delivered to Level 4, 34-42 Manners Street, Wellington
- by email to: enquiries@elections.govt.nz

Reminder: the returns are open to public inspection and will be published on www.elections.nz.

Further information on party expenses is available in the **Party Secretary Handbook – General Election and Referendums 2020**.

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PRINT

PART A: PARTY ADVERTISEMENTS SOLELY PROMOTING THE PARTY

In this part you should record all election expenses incurred in relation to party advertisements published, or that continued to be published, during the regulated period for the general election (**18 August to 16 October 2020**) solely promoting the party.

For advertisements published both before and during the regulated period you should apportion the costs so that only a fair proportion of the expenses are attributed to being incurred during the regulated period. Only record the amount attributable to the regulated period in the return.

Disclose the total amount incurred on election advertisements published during the regulated period even if payment for the advertising was made outside of the regulated period.

Election and referendum expenses can't be apportioned. If you published advertising during the regulated period that promoted the party and one or

more referendum options, the full cost counts as a party election expense and a referendum expense. You only need to complete a referendum return if your party spends over \$100,000 on referendum advertising in respect of either referendum during the regulated period.

Election expenses include:

- the costs incurred in the preparation, design, composition, printing, postage and publication of the advertisement, and
- the reasonable market value of any material used or applied towards the advertisement provided to the party for free or below reasonable market value.

Further guidance is available in the **Party Secretary Handbook – General Election and Referendums 2020**.

WRITE 'NIL' IF YOU HAVE NO EXPENSES TO DECLARE HERE:

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TOTAL FOR PART A

\$ 5,981.58

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| Item identifier | Item description | Item value |
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| <p>1</p> | <p>Provide details of the type of advertisement, name of advertiser or supplier, volume, duration and size as appropriate</p> | |

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**Value \$0.00
(inc GST)**

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**Value \$0.00
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In this part you should record all election expenses incurred in relation to election advertisements published, or that continued to be published, during the regulated period for the general election (**18 August to 16 October 2020**) promoting the party and one or more candidates or parties.

Election and referendum expenses can't be apportioned. If you published advertising during the regulated period that promoted the party, one or more candidates and one or more referendum options, the total cost of the advertisement must also be counted separately as a referendum expense. You only need to complete a referendum return if your party spends over \$100,000 on referendum advertising in respect of either referendum during the regulated period.

Disclose the total amount incurred on election advertisements published during the regulated period even if payment for the advertising was made outside of the regulated period.

- the costs incurred in the preparation, design, composition, printing, postage and publication of the advertisement, and
- the reasonable market value of any material used or applied towards the advertisement provided to the party for free or below reasonable market value.

WRITE 'NIL' IF YOU HAVE NO EXPENSES TO DECLARE HERE:

TOTAL FOR PART B

PART B

On this part you should record all election expenses incurred in relation to party advertisements promoted by a third party promoter with your written authorisation and published, or that continued to be published, during the regulated period for the general election (**18 August to 16 October 2020**). Expenses cannot be apportioned with third party promoters. If you authorised someone else to publish advertising encouraging people to vote for the party, the cost of the advertising will be a party election expense and the same costs will also be an election expense of the third party. Record the name of the third party promoter in the item description.

Election and referendum expenses can't be apportioned. If a third party published advertising during the regulated period that promoted the party and one or more referendum options, the total cost of the advertisement must be counted separately as both a referendum expense and an election expense by both the party and the third party.

For advertisements published both before and during the regulated period you should apportion the costs so that only a fair proportion of the expenses are

attributed to being incurred during the regulated period. Only record the amount attributable to the regulated period in the return.

Disclose the total amount incurred on election advertisements published during the regulated period even if payment for the advertising was made outside of the regulated period.

Election expenses include:

- the costs incurred in the preparation, design, composition, printing, postage and publication of the advertisement, and
- the reasonable market value of any material used or applied towards the advertisement provided to the party for free or below reasonable market value.

Further guidance is available in the **Party Secretary Handbook – General Election and Referendums 2020**.

WRITE 'NIL' IF YOU HAVE NO EXPENSES TO DECLARE HERE:

NIL

TOTAL FOR PART C

\$ 0.00

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PART D: PARTY ONLY BROADCASTING ALLOCATION EXPENSES

You must complete Parts D to F if the party received an allocation of money for broadcasting pursuant to Part 6 of the Broadcasting Act 1989 to produce or place advertising on television, radio or the internet for the 2020 general election and referendums.

Advertising paid for using the broadcasting allocation is excluded from the definition of party election expense. However, it is not excluded from the definition of referendum expense. If you use the allocation to produce and publish advertising during the regulated period that promoted one or more referendum options, the

cost of the advertisement must also be counted separately as a referendum expense. You only need to complete a referendum return if your party spends over \$100,000 on referendum advertising in respect of either referendum during the regulated period.

In Part D you should record details of all expenses incurred using the broadcasting allocation promoting the party or attacking another party or candidate or encouraging people to vote or not to vote in a particular way in a referendum.

WRITE 'NIL' IF YOU HAVE NO EXPENSES TO DECLARE HERE:

TOTAL FOR PART D

\$ 64,552.49

| Supplier's name and street address <small>This should be the production company, media buyer or broadcaster on the invoice provided to the Electoral Commission for payment of the account</small> | Invoice date or dates | Description of allocation expenses <small>List the total production costs, television placement, radio placement and internet placement costs for each supplier separately</small> | Value \$0.00 (inc GST) |
|---|---|---|------------------------|
| EXAMPLE: Make Believe Television 84 Shortland Street Auckland 6000 | 1st and 10th of October 2020 | Production costs | \$10,000 |
| | | 13 September – 12 October 2020 Television placement costs on Channel A and Channel B | \$62,450 |
| | | 1 October – 16 October 2020 Radio placement costs on Radio X and Y | \$11,450 |
| | | 20 – 30 September 2020 Social Media promotional posts | \$300 |
| ADSTREAM Newmarket POBox 9473 Auckland 1149 | 30th September 2020 | Production costs key no's x 20 for ads placement | \$ 1,817.00 |
| | | Production costs key no's x 15 for ads placement | \$ 2,087.25 |
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| Television New Zealand Ltd 100 Victoria St West Auckland 1010 | 31st October 2020 | 10th October 2020 - 16th October 2020 Television Placement costs TVNZ On Demand | \$ 2,300.05 |
| | | 4th October - 15th October Television Placement costs TVNZ Channel 1 and 2 | \$ 8,676.75 |
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| Ray Tech 1/33 Tory Street Lower Hutt | 15th November 2020 | Production costs - Artwork social media ads | \$ 850.00 |
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| Media Works TV Limited 3 Flower Street Mt Eden Auckland | 3rd October 2020 31st October 2020 31st October 2020 3rd and 31st October 2020 | 1st October 2020 - 3rd October 2020 Television Placement Costs TV3 | \$ 3,213.10 |
| | | 4th October 2020 - 11th October 2020 Television Placement Costs TV3 | \$ 16,133.35 |
| | | 1st October 2020 - 15th October 2020 Radio OPlacement Costs Media Works Radio | \$ 9,998.38 |
| | | 3/10/2020 \$652.05 plus 31/10/2020 \$221.95 | \$ 874.00 |

| Supplier's name and street address This should be the production company, media buyer or broadcaster on the invoice provided to the Electoral Commission for payment of the account | Invoice date or dates | Description of allocation expenses List the total production costs, television placement, radio placement and internet placement costs for each supplier separately | Value \$0.00 (inc GST) |
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| Maori Television Services 433 East Tamaki Road PO Box 64 341 East Tamaki Road East Tamaki Auckland | 30th November 2020 | 1st October 2020 - 16th October 2020 Television Placement Costs Maori TV | \$ 7,000.00 |
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| INTERMART 23 Hanmer Street Christchurch 8001 | 7th November 2020 | Production of 7 x Television Ads for TV and Facebook Social advertising | \$ 4,200.00 |
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| CAB Commercial Approvals POBox 105389 Auckland City Auckland 1143 | 30th November 2020 | Production costs Advertising Approval x 7 ads. | \$ 1,046.50 |
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| Ashleigh Barnes- Collier 17 Volga Street Island Bay Wellington 6023 | 14th October 2020 | Production costs - voice for radio ads | \$ 100.00 |
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| Arik Reiss - Film Maker Section 18 Media Services arik2012@gmail.com Auckland | 3rd October 2020 | Production costs - social media and radio ads | \$ 2,300.00 |
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| Facebook Ireland Ltd 4 Grand Canal Square Grand Canal Harbour Dublin 2 Ireland | 5th November 2020 | 7th October 2020 - 16th October 2020 Placement Social Media Advertising Facebook | \$ 3,956.11 |
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In Part E record allocation expenses used to produce or place advertising on television, radio or the internet featuring the party and one or more candidates.

- **Supplier's name and address:** This should be the media buyer or broadcaster on the invoice provided to the Electoral Commission for payment of the account
- **Invoice date or dates**

- **Description of allocation of expenses:** List the total production costs, television placement, radio placement and internet placement costs for each supplier separately and the names of the candidates
- **Value \$0.00 inc GST**
- **% apportioned to the party**
- **% apportioned to the candidate**

NIL

\$ 0.00

PART E

| Supplier's name and street address | Invoice date or dates | Description of allocation of expenses | Value \$0.00 (inc GST) | % apportioned to party | % apportioned to candidate |
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In Part F record the party's broadcasting allocation used to produce or place a candidate election advertisement on television, radio or the internet.

PROVIDE the following information below:

- **Supplier's name and address:** This should be the media buyer or broadcaster on the invoice provided to the Electoral Commission for payment of the account
- **Invoice date or dates**

- **Description of allocation of expenses:** List the total production costs, television placement, radio placement and internet placement costs for each supplier separately
- **Candidate name**
- **Value \$0.00 inc GST**

WRITE 'NIL' IF YOU HAVE NO EXPENSES TO DECLARE HERE:

NIL

TOTAL FOR PART F

\$ 0.00

PART F

| Supplier's name and street address | Invoice date or dates | Description of allocation of expenses | Candidate name | Value \$0.00 (inc GST) |
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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Secretary of the Aotearoa Legalise Cannabis Party

Report on the Party Election Expenses Return

We have audited the Party Election Expenses Return ('the Return') for the 2020 general election prepared by the Aotearoa Legalise Cannabis Party for the period 18 August 2020 to 16 October 2020. The Return is prepared in accordance with Section 206L of the Electoral Act 1993. The Return provides information about party election expenses incurred by the Aotearoa Legalise Cannabis Party.

This report is made solely for the Party Secretary. Our audit has been undertaken so that we might state to the Party Secretary those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Party Secretary, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Party Secretary's Responsibilities

The Party Secretary is responsible for the preparation of the Return which correctly presents the Aotearoa Legalise Cannabis Party's election expenses incurred for the period 18 August 2020 to 16 October 2020.

Auditor's Responsibility

It is our responsibility to express an independent opinion on the Return in terms of the requirements of Section 206L of the Electoral Act 1993. We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (New Zealand). Those standards require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the Return is free from material misstatement.

Other than in our capacity as auditor we have no relationship with, or interests in, the Aotearoa Legalise Cannabis Party.

Basis of Disclaimer of Opinion

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the position disclosed in the Return to report expenditure does not exceed the maximum amount prescribed by section 206C of the Electoral Act 1993. The procedures selected depend on auditor's judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the Return, whether due to fraud or error. In making those assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the Party's preparation and fair presentation of the Return in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Party's internal control.

While we have examined the banking records of the Party which reconcile with the return we are unable to form an opinion on the Return for the following reasons:

- The risk surrounding the completeness of the election expenses specifically as stated below:
 - It is possible that the Party may have received public funds for election expenses and our audit is limited in respect of our access to information regarding such expenses; and
 - Controls over the recording of election expenses that may have been provided at no cost are limited as there are no practical audit procedures to determine the effect of this limited control.

Disclaimer of Opinion

Because of the potential effect of the limitation in evidence available to us, we are unable to form an opinion as to whether the position disclosed in the Return do not exceed the maximum amount prescribed by section 206C of the Electoral Act 1993.

In forming our opinion we were reliant on information provided to us by the Party Secretary.



Bevan Smith
Smith and Jack Ltd
17 March 2021
Christchurch





AOTEAROA LEGALISE CANNABIS PARTY

P.O.Box 13486

Armagh

Christchurch 8141

17TH March 2021

Smith and Jack
34 Birmingham Drive
Middleton
Christchurch 8024

Dear Bevan Smith,

Letter of Representation for Party Return of Expenses for the 2020 General Election

This representation letter is furnished in connection with the return of party election expenses and broadcasting allocation expenses for the 2020 general election (the return) by AOTEAROA LEGALISE CANNABIS PARTY (the Party) made in accordance with sections 206I and 206IA of the Electoral Act 1993 (the Act) which has been subject to an assurance engagement and reported on by you in accordance with sections 206L and 206LA of the Act.

I understand that your assurance engagement was conducted in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Act and the applicable Auditing and Assurance Standards issued by the New Zealand Auditing and Assurance Standards Board.

I confirm and take responsibility for the following representations after taking all reasonable steps to assure myself of them:

- 1 The return has been prepared in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Act.
- 2 I am responsible for establishing and maintaining a system of internal control designed to provide reasonable assurance as to the integrity and reliability of the return. I have done this, and all explanations or demonstrations of this to you have been complete and accurate.
- 3 All records, documents and accounts (records) have been kept by the Party (including subsidiary entities) and made available to you, and these materials will be retained in accordance with the requirements of the Act.

- 4 I have disclosed to you:
- 4.1 any material transactions not disclosed in the records;
 - 4.2 the existence of all relevant agreements or activities relating to the Party's members of the previous Parliament, electorate candidates, subsidiary or closely connected political entities, third party promoters (whether registered or not), and other political parties (whether registered or not) or their electorate candidates;
 - 4.3 any alleged, suspected or proven illegal activity under the Act or other legislation potentially relevant to the return or instances of non-compliance with applicable requirements;
 - 4.4 any outstanding disputed claims, matters with authorities, or planned or continuing litigation; and
 - 4.5 the fact of, and results from, any assessment made by me that considered whether the records of the Party may be materially misstated or incomplete for any reason; any design deficiencies in the compliance system and instances where that system has not operated as described.
- 5 I have sought, received, and hold in the Party's records confirmation from, or on behalf of, any Party members of the previous Parliament that all party advertisements published, or election expenses incurred by those members of Parliament have been disclosed to me, with adequate supporting records, for inclusion in this return.
- 6 The return contains the total returnable expenses of the Party for the 2020 general election whether paid or incurred before, during, or after the regulated period. 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 an advertisement contained a promoter statement.
- 7 Parts A to C of the return's contents have been determined by considering, in the following sequence, these questions and the relevant provisions of the Act:
- 7.1 Was the advertising undertaken by the party secretary, or with their authority? [definition of **election expenses**, section 206(1)] (If no, advertising is not an election expense).
 - 7.2 If yes - did the advertising constitute **publishing**? [definition of **publish**, section 3D; definition of **election expenses**, section 206(1)] (If no, advertising is not an election expense).
 - 7.3 If yes - was that the publishing of a **party advertisement**? That is, did the advertisement encourage or persuade, or appear to encourage or persuade, voters to vote for the party, or against another party, or both? [definition of **party advertisement**, section 3(1); definition of **election**

expenses, section 206(1)] (If no, advertising is not a party election expense).

7.4 If yes - was the advertising undertaken (or deemed to be undertaken) during the regulated period (from 18 August to 16 October 2020)? [definition of **regulated period**, section 3B; definition of **election expenses**, section 206(1)] (If no, advertising is not an election expense).

7.5 If yes:

7.5.1 What expense was incurred in undertaking the advertising? [definition of **advertising expenses**, section 3E; definition of **election expenses**, section 206(1)]

7.5.2 What cost was involved in respect of the preparation, design, composition, printing, distribution, postage and publishing of the party advertisement? [section 3E(1)(a)(i)]

7.5.3 What was the reasonable market of any **material** used for or applied toward the party advertisement, including material provided free of charge, or below reasonable market value? [section 3E(1)(a)(ii)]

7.5.4 Was the advertisement a **joint party advertisement** [section 206CB], or a **joint party and candidate advertisement** [section 206CC]? (If yes, the costs can be apportioned based on coverage).

7.5.5 Was the advertisement published before the regulated period and continued to be published during the regulated period [section 206CA]? (If yes, the costs can be apportioned with the costs attributed to the regulated period counted).

7.6 Do any of the costs identified above fall within any of the election expense exceptions? [section 3E(1)(b)]

7.6.1 The conduct of any survey or public opinion poll (other than push-polling).

7.6.2 Framework, other than a commercial framework, supporting a hoarding displaying the party advertisement.

7.6.3 The labour of any person provided free of charge by that person.

7.6.4 Replacement of election materials damaged in circumstances out of the party's control.

7.6.5 Expenses, including running costs, of a vehicle used to display a party advertisement (provided payment was not made or promised) for the display of the advertisement on the vehicle.

C if the production costs are for election advertisements that were published in the regulated period (see 7.4 above)).

- 8.2 Was the allocation spent on any **advertising that promoted the party and a candidate** [section 70(2) of the Broadcasting Act and section 205EA and 206CC of the Electoral Act]? (If yes, the Party must report the total amounts spent on joint party and candidate advertising in Part E of the return and the percentage coverage provided to the Party and candidate. The candidate will need to report the value apportioned to the candidate as candidate election expenses and a donation from the Party in the candidate's return of expenses and donations).
- 8.3 Was the allocation spent on **advertising that solely promoted a candidate** [section 70(3) of the Broadcasting Act]? (If yes, the Party must report the amounts spent on candidate only advertising in Part F of the return and the candidate will need to include the costs as candidate election expenses and a donation from the party in the candidate's return of expenses and donations).
- 8.4 Has the Party reported details of all accounts sent by the Party to the Electoral Commission under section 80B(1) of the Broadcasting Act in respect of expenditure of the party's allocation? [section 206IA of the Electoral Act]. The Commission pays suppliers' invoices that have been certified by an authorised party official as payable from the party's broadcasting allocation. With the exception of internet advertising placement costs paid directly by the party (for example, Facebook promoted posts), payments are made to suppliers and no money is paid directly to parties in accordance with the requirements of section 80B of the Broadcasting Act.
- 9 Any and all misstatements you have identified during the course of your assurance engagement have been adjusted in the final return.
- 10 I have completed my own procedures, distinct from your assurance engagement processes, to evaluate the accuracy and completeness of the return.
- 11 The return is free of any material misstatements or omissions.

These representations are made in terms mutually agreed between us, and to supplement information obtained by you from the records of the Party and to confirm information given to you orally.

Yours sincerely



Irinka Britnell
Party Secretary

- 7.6.6 Allocations from the Electoral Commission of money for election broadcasting [definition of **election expenses**, section 206(1)(c)].

If yes, that specific cost is not an election expense.

- 7.7 Where an apportionment of election expenses is given in the return:

- 7.7.1 the basis of apportionment is appropriate, and has been properly applied and recorded; and
- 7.7.2 the information contained in the Party's return is known to be consistent with that of the Party's electorate candidates, or the undertakings of other entities involved in the apportionment included in the records.

- 8 Where the Party received a broadcasting allocation for the 2020 general election Parts D to F have been determined by considering these questions and the relevant provisions of the Electoral Act 1993 (the Electoral Act) and Part 6 of the Broadcasting Act 1989 (the Broadcasting Act):

- 8.1 Was the allocation used by the Party to produce, broadcast or publish election programmes on television, radio or election advertisements on the internet for the 2020 general election? [definition of **election programme, broadcasting costs, production costs** and **publishing costs**, section 69(1) Broadcasting Act; definition of **election advertisement**, section 3A Electoral Act] (If no, advertising is not an allocation expense).

- 8.1.1 If the allocation was used for **broadcasting costs** - was the placement on television or radio during the **election period** (from 13 September to 16 October 2020)? [definition of **election period**, section 69(1) Broadcasting Act] (the allocation cannot be used for broadcasting costs on radio or television outside of the election period).

- 8.1.2 If the allocation was used for **publishing costs** - was the placement on the internet during the **election period**? (the allocation can only fund publishing costs during the election period. Parties can spend their own funds on internet placement costs before and during the election period and those costs must be declared as election expenses in Parts A-C if the election advertising was published in the regulated period (see 7.4 above)).

- 8.1.3 If the allocation was used for **production costs** what cost was involved in respect of the preparation, design, composition and creation of the programme or advertisement? [section 69(1) Broadcasting Act]. Parties can spend their own funds on production costs before and during the election period and those costs must be declared as election expenses in Parts A to