



Province of Alberta

**The Twenty-fifth Annual Report
of the
Chief Electoral Officer**

The Election Finances and Contributions Disclosure Act
for the Calendar Year 2001



Alberta Legislative Assembly
Office of the Chief Electoral Officer

October 28, 2002

The Honourable Ken Kowalski
Speaker of the Legislative Assembly
325 Legislature Building
Edmonton, Alberta
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Dear Mr. Speaker:

It is an honour to submit to the Legislative Assembly through you, Mr. Speaker, the Twenty-fifth Annual Report of the Chief Electoral Officer concerning the administration of the Election Finances and Contributions Disclosure Act for the calendar year 2001.

This Report is submitted pursuant to Section 4(2) of the Election Finances and Contributions Disclosure Act, Revised Statutes of Alberta 2000, Chapter E-2.

Should you require clarification or additional information, I would be pleased to respond.

Sincerely,

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O. Brian Fjeldheim
Chief Electoral Officer

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Message from the Chief Electoral Officer

In fulfilling my responsibilities for the Office of the Chief Electoral Officer, I have relied on a small but dedicated group of employees. Their contributions over the past year have been essential to our success.

Our Office strives to provide a standard of excellence for all Albertans through the impartial and effective administration of the electoral process. This results in public assurance that the provisions of the Election Finances and Contributions Disclosure Act are administered in a fair manner.

During and following the last provincial general election, interest and activity relative to the Election Finances and Contributions Disclosure Act increased. More individuals have become involved in the electoral process either as candidates or in some other capacity. I am continually impressed with the commitment and dedication that these individuals display. Anyone who has been involved in the electoral process knows that committed and dedicated volunteers are the very backbone of our electoral system.

As in past years, my Office continues to receive strong support and cooperation from candidates, constituency associations and political parties. This makes our job much easier and certainly adds a tremendous amount to our job satisfaction. It has always been my opinion that the services and information that this Office provides to either the volunteers or paid staff of any political entity mutually benefits both organizations.

Should any Albertan require additional information on the Election Finances and Contributions Disclosure Act, I would encourage them to contact this Office by telephone at (780) 427-7191, outside of Edmonton dial the prefix 310-0000 then our number (780) 427-7191, by e-mail at elections.alberta@gov.ab.ca or visit our Office.

O. Brian Fjeldheim
Chief Electoral Officer

Section One

The Calendar Year 2001

Overview

The following are some of the major activities and events that occurred during the calendar year 2001:

- Annual financial statements were received and examined from eleven registered parties;
- Annual financial statements were received and examined from two hundred and sixty-two constituency associations;
- Two hundred and sixty-five registered constituency associations were included in the Register as of December 31, 2001;
- A Provincial General Election was held on March 12, 2001;
 - ✓ Seven of the eleven registered political parties ran candidates in the 2001 General Election. Audited Campaign Period Financial Statements were received and examined from all eleven registered political parties; and
 - ✓ Of the three hundred and eighteen candidates, Candidate's Campaign Financial Statements were filed by three hundred and two candidates within the time limit. Subsequently, ten additional financial statements were filed, including three candidates who successfully filed for relief to the Court of Queen's Bench. The three hundred and twelve financial statements have been examined and placed in the Public Files maintained by this Office.

Registration Data

Political Parties

As at December 31, 2001, there were eleven political parties included in the Register of Political Parties, pursuant to Section 7(2) of the Election Finances and Contributions Disclosure Act.

Name (Abbreviation)	Date Registered	Leader	Chief Financial Officer
Alberta First Party (AFP)	November 2, 1999	John Reil	Carol Harvey
Alberta Greens (AG)	April 6, 1990	David Parker	Madeleine Oldershaw
Alberta Liberal Party (LIB)	February 3, 1978	Ken Nicol	Hector Therrien
Alberta New Democratic Party (NDP)	January 3, 1978	Raj Pannu	Alex Grimaldi
Alberta Party Political Association (APPA)	October 30, 1990	George Flake	Bill Forbes
Alberta Social Credit Party (SC)	January 6, 1978	Lavern Ahlstrom	Carl Schwartz
Communist Party - Alberta (CP-A)	January 31, 1979	Naomi Rankin	Blyth Nuttal
Natural Law Party of Alberta (NLP)	May 27, 1993	Maury Shapka	Ric Johnson
Progressive Conservative Association of Alberta (PC)	January 3, 1978	Ralph Klein	Ron Renaud
Reform Party of Alberta (REF)	August 24, 1989	David Salmon	Troy Tait
The Equity Party (TEP)	March 2, 1995	Brent Johner	Bruce Hinkley

Reserved Political Party Names

This Office maintains a file of seven reserved political party names as of December 31, 2001 under the Election Finances and Contributions Disclosure Act. The current status of activity by these groups is unknown; however, they have been advised that one of the primary requirements for registration is the completion of a petition under Section 6(2)(d) of the Election Finances and Contributions Disclosure Act. The petition must contain a minimum of 5,769 signatures of eligible electors, which represents 0.3% of the number of electors eligible to vote at the 2001 General Election.

Constituency Associations - Registration

During the 2001 calendar year, one application for registration was received and approved for the Whitecourt-Ste. Anne constituency association of the Alberta Social Credit Party.

Constituency Associations - Deregistration

As a result of filing their 2000 Annual Financial Statements after the April 2, 2001 deadline, the following constituency associations were deregistered:

Alberta First Party

Innisfail-Sylvan Lake Lethbridge-East Lethbridge-West

Red Deer-North Rocky Mountain House

Alberta Liberal Party

Calgary-McCall Grande Prairie-Wapiti

Alberta Party Political Association

Calgary-Egmont

Alberta Social Credit Party

Drumheller-Chinook

Constituency Associations - Reregistration

There were seven requests for reregistration from deregistered constituency associations as of December 31, 2001:

Alberta Liberal Party

Calgary-McCall

Alberta Social Credit Party

Calgary-Buffalo Barrhead-Westlock Drumheller-Chinook

Grande Prairie-Wapiti Rocky Mountain House Strathmore-Brooks

Summary of Constituency Association Registrations at December 31, 2001

At December 31, 2001, the number of registered constituency associations of the registered parties was as follows:

	AFP	LIB	NDP	PC	SC	TEP	TOTAL
Total Registered Constituency Associations	6	82	83	83	6	5	265

The Alberta Greens, Alberta Party Political Association, Communist Party - Alberta, Natural Law Party of Alberta and the Reform Party of Alberta had no registered constituency associations at December 31, 2001.

A chart showing the status of registered constituency associations of each registered political party, by electoral division as of December 31, 2001, is presented on pages 15 and 16.

Candidates Who Filed Late

Individuals Prohibited From Being Nominated

There are a number of individuals who were candidates at either a General Election or By-election who filed the required Candidate's Campaign Period Financial Statement after the due date and who did not apply for relief to the Court of Queen's Bench. The Chief Electoral Officer presented reports on the matter to the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, pursuant to Section 44(1) of the Election Finances and Contributions Disclosure Act. The individuals named are prohibited from being nominated as candidates in an election for varying specified periods. The information of these circumstances is available in the Public Files at the Office of the Chief Electoral Officer.

Financial Statements

All political parties and constituency associations registered prior to September 1, 2001 were required to file annual financial statements for 2001 with this Office, on or before April 2, 2002, in accordance with Section 42(1) of the Election Finances and Contributions Disclosure Act.

Political Parties - 2001 Annual Financial Statements

Eleven political parties were registered with the Office of the Chief Electoral Officer as of December 31, 2001. All eleven parties were required to submit an audited 2001 Annual Financial Statement. The 2001 Political Party Annual Financial Statements were received by April 2, 2002, from the eleven registered parties that follow:

- Alberta First
- Alberta Greens
- Alberta Liberal Party
- Alberta New Democratic Party
- Alberta Party Political Association
- Alberta Social Credit Party
- Communist Party - Alberta
- Natural Law Party of Alberta
- Progressive Conservative Association of Alberta
- Reform Party of Alberta
- The Equity Party

This Report does not include comparisons of the financial support given to each political entity over the twenty-five years in which Political Party Annual Financial Statements have been required; this information is available in the Public Files at the Office of the Chief Electoral Officer. A summary of the 2001 data appears on page 17. A simplified presentation of the number, category and contributions received in the 2001 calendar year follows:

Alberta First Party

	Total Contributions	Average Contribution
Amounts to \$375.00:		
13 contributions from individuals	\$ 1,290	\$ 99.23
Amounts of \$375.01 and greater:		
9 contributions from individuals	<u>\$ 13,500</u>	<u>\$ 1,500.00</u>
Total	<u>\$ 14,790</u>	

Alberta Greens

	Total Contributions	Average Contribution
Amounts to \$375.00:		
63 contributions from individuals	\$ 8,425	\$ 133.73
1 contribution from a corporation	\$ 150	\$ 150.00
Amounts of \$375.01 and greater:		
3 contributions from individuals	\$ 3,137	\$ 1,045.67
1 contribution from a corporation	<u>\$ 550</u>	<u>\$ 550.00</u>
Total	<u>\$ 12,262</u>	

Alberta Liberal Party

	Total Contributions	Average Contribution
Amounts to \$375.00:		
1,487 contributions from individuals	\$ 116,482	\$ 78.33
119 contributions from corporations	\$ 13,382	\$ 112.45
3 contributions from trade unions	\$ 675	\$ 225.00
Amounts of \$375.01 and greater:		
180 contributions from individuals	\$ 77,809	\$ 432.27
82 contributions from corporations	\$ 92,101	\$ 1,123.18
5 contributions from trade unions	<u>\$ 2,850</u>	<u>\$ 570.00</u>
Total	<u>\$ 303,299</u>	

Alberta New Democratic Party

	Total Contributions	Average Contribution
Amounts to \$375.00:		
2,073 contributions from individuals	\$ 236,812	\$ 114.24
19 contributions from corporations	\$ 2,971	\$ 156.37
2 contributions from trade unions	\$ 300	\$ 150.00
Amounts of \$375.01 and greater:		
121 contributions from individuals	\$ 101,234	\$ 836.65
9 contributions from corporations	\$ 5,241	\$ 582.33
2 contributions from trade unions	<u>\$ 5,500</u>	<u>\$ 2,750.00</u>
Total	<u>\$ 352,058</u>	

Alberta Party Political Association

	Total Contributions	Average Contribution
Amounts to \$375.00:		
22 contributions from individuals	\$ 1,290	\$ 58.64
Amounts of \$375.01 and greater:		
1 contribution from an individual	<u>\$ 1,112</u>	<u>\$ 1,112.00</u>
Total	<u>\$ 2,402</u>	

Alberta Social Credit Party

	Total Contributions	Average Contribution
Amounts to \$375.00:		
11 contributions from individuals	\$ 1,790	\$ 162.73
Amounts of \$375.01 and greater:		
22 contributions from individuals	\$ 28,101	\$ 1,277.32
3 contributions from corporations	<u>\$ 4,050</u>	<u>\$ 1,350.00</u>
Total	<u>\$ 33,941</u>	

Communist Party - Alberta

	Total Contributions	Average Contribution
Amounts to \$375.00:		
3 contributions from individuals	\$ 630	\$ 210.00
Total	<u>\$ 630</u>	

Natural Law Party of Alberta

	Total Contributions	Average Contribution
Amounts to \$375.00:		
9 contributions from individuals	\$ 1,390	\$ 154.44
1 contribution from a corporation	\$ 60	\$ 60.00
Amounts of \$375.01 and greater:		
10 contributions from individuals	\$ 8,360	\$ 836.00
Total	<u>\$ 9,810</u>	

Progressive Conservative Association of Alberta

	Total Contributions	Average Contribution
Amounts to \$375.00:		
2,087 contributions from individuals	\$ 298,283	\$ 142.92
397 contributions from corporations	\$ 96,229	\$ 242.39
Amounts of \$375.01 and greater:		
434 contributions from individuals	\$ 364,691	\$ 840.30
550 contributions from corporations	\$ 956,562	\$ 1,739.20
Total	<u>\$1,715,765</u>	

Reform Party of Alberta

The party's statement reported no contributions were received during the period ending December 31, 2001.

The Equity Party

The party's statement reported no contributions were received during the period ending December 31, 2001.

Average Contributions to Parties

	Total Contributions	Average Contribution
Amounts to \$375.00:		
5,768 contributions from individuals	\$ 666,828	\$ 115.61
537 contributions from corporations	\$ 112,792	\$ 210.04
5 contributions from trade unions	\$ 975	\$ 195.00
Amounts of \$375.01 and greater:		
780 contributions from individuals	\$ 597,509	\$ 766.04
645 contributions from corporations	\$ 1,061,355	\$ 1,645.51
7 contributions from trade unions	\$ 8,350	\$ 1,192.86

Constituency Associations - 2001 Annual Financial Statements

All two hundred and sixty-five constituency associations registered on December 31, 2001 were required to file annual financial statements on or prior to April 2, 2002, for the period January 1, 2001 to December 31, 2001.

Financial statements were received from two hundred and sixty-one constituency associations by the due date. Four constituency associations of the Alberta First Party failed to file the required financial statements by the due date.

The Alberta Liberals Constituency Association of Grande Prairie-Wapiti filed their annual financial statement for the years 2000 and 2001 in March of 2002. Along with the financial statements, they requested to be reregistered. All five of The Equity Party constituency associations filed their annual financial statements on or before the due date and were subsequently deregistered in good standing as requested by the party.

Administrative and financial procedures differ significantly between parties, and each party is required to advise this Office of its routine relating to certain procedures. The following information reflects these procedures as it affects the constituency associations' authority to accept contributions and to issue official receipts for the period January 1, 2001 to December 31, 2001.

Alberta First Party

None of the six registered constituency associations were authorized to accept contributions.

Alberta Greens

The Alberta Greens had no constituency associations registered in the 2001 calendar year.

Alberta Liberal Party

None of the eighty-two registered constituency associations were authorized to accept contributions.

Alberta New Democratic Party

None of the eighty-three registered constituency associations were authorized to accept contributions.

Alberta Party Political Association

The Alberta Party Political Association had no constituency associations registered in the 2001 calendar year.

Alberta Social Credit Party

All six of the registered constituency associations were authorized to accept contributions in the period January 1, 2001 to December 31, 2001; three reported the receipt of contributions.

	Total Contributions	Average Contribution
Amounts to \$375.00:		
2 contributions from individuals	\$ 500	\$ 250.00
Amounts of \$375.01 and greater:		
2 contributions from individuals	<u>\$ 1,500</u>	<u>\$ 750.00</u>
Total	<u><u>\$ 2,000</u></u>	

Communist Party - Alberta

The Communist Party had no constituency associations registered in the 2001 calendar year.

Natural Law Party of Alberta

The Natural Law Party had no constituency associations registered in the 2001 calendar year.

Progressive Conservative Association of Alberta

All of the eighty-three registered constituency associations were authorized to accept contributions; seventy reported the receipt of contributions:

	Total Contributions	Average Contribution
Amounts to \$375.00:		
2,516 contributions from individuals	\$ 198,942	\$ 79.07
818 contributions from corporations	\$ 108,567	\$ 132.72
Amounts of \$375.01 and greater:		
188 contributions from individuals	\$ 91,611	\$ 487.29
227 contributions from corporations	<u>\$ 106,914</u>	<u>\$ 470.99</u>
Total	<u><u>\$ 506,034</u></u>	

Reform Party of Alberta

The Reform Party had no constituency associations registered in the 2001 calendar year.

The Equity Party

None of the five registered constituency associations were authorized to accept contributions.

Average Contributions to Constituency Associations

	Total Contributions	Average Contribution
Amounts to \$375.00:		
2,518 contributions from individuals	\$ 199,442	\$ 79.21
818 contributions from corporations	\$ 108,567	\$ 132.72
Amounts of \$375.01 and greater:		
190 contributions from individuals	\$ 93,111	\$ 490.06
227 contributions from corporations	\$ 106,914	\$ 470.99

Political Parties, Constituency Associations - 2001 Contribution Totals

Total contributions received by registered parties and constituency associations during 2001 were:

	Party	Constituency Association	Total
Alberta First Party	\$ 14,790	\$ Nil	\$ 14,790
Alberta Greens	12,262	Nil	12,262
Alberta Liberal Party	303,299	Nil	303,299
Alberta New Democratic Party	352,058	Nil	352,058
Alberta Party Political Association	2,402	Nil	2,402
Alberta Social Credit Party	33,941	2,000	35,941
Communist Party - Alberta	630	Nil	630
Natural Law Party of Alberta	9,810	Nil	9,810
Progressive Conservative Association of Alberta	1,715,765	506,034	2,221,799
Reform Party of Alberta	Nil	Nil	Nil
The Equity Party	<u>Nil</u>	<u>Nil</u>	<u>Nil</u>
Total	<u>\$ 2,444,957</u>	<u>\$ 508,034</u>	<u>\$ 2,952,991</u>

Senatorial Selection Act

Financial Statements

The Election Finances and Contributions Disclosure Act permits registered political parties to maintain continuous annual financial activities between Senatorial Selection Campaigns. Registered parties may accept annual contributions, within prescribed limits, and expend funds for Senatorial Selection purposes. Annual financial statements are required to ensure complete public disclosure of all such transactions.

Only the three registered parties that endorsed a candidate at the 1989 Senatorial Selection Election are required to file an Audited Senatorial Selection Annual Financial Statement. Financial statements were received by April 2, 2002 from the three registered parties that follow:

Alberta Liberal Party
Progressive Conservative Association of Alberta
Reform Party of Alberta

Political Parties – 2001 Senatorial Selection Annual Financial Statements

The Reform Party was the only party to report financial transactions during the 2001 calendar year. Activity details follow:

Reform Party of Alberta

	Total Contributions	Average Contribution
Amounts to \$375.00:		
110 contributions from individuals	\$ 8,840	\$ 80.36
Total	<u>\$ 8,840</u>	

A summary of the 2001 data appears on page 18.

**Status of Constituency Associations
of Registered Political Parties
at December 31, 2001**

("R" = registered, "-" = not registered, "X" = deregistered)

Constituency Association	AFP	APPA	LIB	NDP	PC	SC	TEP
01 Athabasca-Wabasca	-	-	R	R	R	-	-
02 Lesser Slave Lake	-	-	R	R	R	-	-
03 Calgary-Bow	-	-	R	R	R	-	-
04 Calgary-Buffer	-	-	R	R	R	R	-
05 Calgary-Cross	-	-	R	R	R	-	-
06 Calgary-Currie	-	-	R	R	R	-	-
07 Calgary-East	-	-	R	R	R	-	-
08 Calgary-Egmont	-	X	R	R	R	-	-
09 Calgary-Elbow	-	-	R	R	R	-	-
10 Calgary-Fish Creek	-	-	R	R	R	-	-
11 Calgary-Foothills	-	-	R	R	R	-	-
12 Calgary-Fort	-	-	R	R	R	-	-
13 Calgary-Glenmore	-	-	R	R	R	-	R
14 Calgary-Lougheed	-	-	R	R	R	-	-
15 Calgary-McCall	-	-	R	R	R	-	-
16 Calgary-Montrose	-	-	R	R	R	-	-
17 Calgary-Mountain View	-	-	R	R	R	-	R
18 Calgary-North Hill	-	-	R	R	R	-	-
19 Calgary-North West	-	-	R	R	R	-	-
20 Calgary-Nose Creek	-	-	R	R	R	-	-
21 Calgary-Shaw	-	-	R	R	R	-	-
22 Calgary-Varsity	-	-	R	R	R	-	-
23 Calgary-West	-	-	R	R	R	-	-
24 Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview	-	-	R	R	R	-	R
25 Edmonton-Calder	-	-	R	R	R	X	-
26 Edmonton-Castle Downs	-	-	R	R	R	-	-
27 Edmonton-Centre	-	-	R	R	R	-	R
28 Edmonton-Ellerslie	-	-	R	R	R	-	-
29 Edmonton-Glengarry	-	-	R	R	R	-	-
30 Edmonton-Glenora	-	-	R	R	R	-	-
31 Edmonton-Gold Bar	-	-	R	R	R	-	-
32 Edmonton-Highlands	-	-	R	R	R	-	-
33 Edmonton-Manning	-	-	R	R	R	-	-
34 Edmonton-McClung	-	-	R	R	R	-	-
35 Edmonton-Meadowlark	R	-	R	R	R	-	-
36 Edmonton-Mill Creek	R	-	R	R	R	-	-
37 Edmonton-Mill Woods	R	-	R	R	R	-	-
38 Edmonton-Norwood	-	-	R	R	R	-	-
39 Edmonton-Riverview	-	-	R	R	R	-	-
40 Edmonton-Rutherford	-	-	R	R	R	-	-
41 Edmonton-Strathcona	-	-	R	R	R	X	-
42 Edmonton-Whitemud	-	-	R	R	R	-	R
43 Airdrie-Rocky View	-	-	R	R	R	-	-
44 Banff-Cochrane	-	-	R	R	R	-	-
45 Barrhead-Westlock	-	-	R	R	R	R	-
46 Bonnyville-Cold Lake	-	-	R	R	R	-	-

**Section One
Appendix A**

Constituency Association	AFP	APPA	LIB	NDP	PC	SC	TEP
47 Cardston-Taber-Warner	R	-	R	R	R	-	-
48 Clover Bar-Fort Saskatchewan	-	-	R	R	R	-	-
49 Cypress-Medicine Hat	-	-	R	R	R	-	-
50 Drayton Valley-Calmar	-	-	R	R	R	-	-
51 Drumheller-Chinook	-	-	R	R	R	X	-
52 Dunvegan	-	-	R	R	R	-	-
53 Fort McMurray	-	-	R	R	R	-	-
54 Grande Prairie-Smoky	-	-	R	R	R	-	-
55 Grande Prairie-Wapiti	-	-	X	R	R	R	-
56 Highwood	-	-	R	R	R	-	-
57 Innisfail-Sylvan Lake	X	-	R	R	R	-	-
58 Lac La Biche-St. Paul	-	-	R	R	R	-	-
59 Lacombe-Stettler	-	-	R	R	R	-	-
60 Leduc	-	-	R	R	R	-	-
61 Lethbridge-East	X	-	R	R	R	X	-
62 Lethbridge-West	X	-	R	R	R	-	-
63 Little Bow	-	-	R	R	R	-	-
64 Livingstone-Macleod	-	-	R	R	R	-	-
65 Medicine Hat	-	-	R	R	R	-	-
66 Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills	-	-	R	R	R	-	-
67 Peace River	-	-	R	R	R	-	-
68 Ponoka-Rimbey	-	-	R	R	R	-	-
69 Red Deer-North	X	-	R	R	R	-	-
70 Red Deer-South	R	-	R	R	R	-	-
71 Redwater	R	-	R	R	R	-	-
72 Rocky Mountain House	X	-	R	R	R	R	-
73 St. Albert	-	-	R	R	R	-	-
74 Sherwood Park	-	-	R	R	R	-	-
75 Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert	-	-	R	R	R	-	-
76 Stony Plain	-	-	R	R	R	-	-
77 Strathmore-Brooks	-	-	R	R	R	R	-
78 Vegreville-Viking	-	-	R	R	R	-	-
79 Vermilion-Lloydminster	-	-	R	R	R	-	-
80 Wainwright	-	-	R	R	R	-	-
81 West Yellowhead	-	-	R	R	R	-	-
82 Wetaskiwin-Camrose	-	-	R	R	R	-	-
83 Whitecourt-Ste. Anne	-	-	R	R	R	R	-

**Summary of 2001 Annual Financial Statements
Registered Political Parties**

Registered Political Parties	Amounts to \$375.00	Amounts of \$375.01 and greater	Other Revenue	Total Annual Revenue	Funds Transferred	Annual Expenses	Total Annual Expenses	Surplus (Deficit)
AFP	1,290	13,500	3,540	18,330	NIL	19,296	19,296	(966)
AG	8,575	3,687	791	13,053	NIL	24,979	24,979	(11,926)
LIB	130,539	172,760	43,208	346,507	203,595	413,603	617,198	(270,691)
NDP	240,083	111,975	156,947	509,005	72,119	481,114	553,233	(44,228)
APPA	1,290	1,112	806	3,208	NIL	2,944	2,944	264
SC	1,790	32,151	2,157	36,098	NIL	32,553	32,553	3,545
CPA	630	NIL	190	820	22	248	270	550
NLP	1,450	8,360	797	10,607	NIL	9,493	9,493	1,114
PC	394,512	1,321,253	453,005	2,168,770	1,207,122	1,960,404	3,167,526	(998,756)
REF	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
TEP	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	89.12	89.12	(89.12)

Note: The information presented above represents financial data at December 31, 2001 in capsule form. For information on prior years, reference should be made to the Public Files maintained in this Office (see page 20).

**Summary of 2001 Senatorial Selection Annual Financial Statements
Registered Political Parties**

Registered Political Parties	Amounts to \$375.00	Amounts of \$375.01 and greater	Other Revenue	Total Annual Revenue	Funds Transferred	Annual Expenses	Total Annual Expenses	Surplus (Deficit)
LIB	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
PC	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
REF	8,840	NIL	5,721	14,561	NIL	9,371	9,371	5,190

Note: The information presented above represents financial data at December 31, 2001 in capsule form. For information on prior years, reference should be made to the Public Files maintained in this Office (see page 20).

Section Two

General Information

Income Tax Credit Allowance - 2000

The Office of Budget and Management, Tax Policy of Alberta Finance provided information obtained from Canada Customs and Revenue Agency concerning the 2000 income tax credits for political contributions allowed to individual and corporate taxpayers who paid Alberta income tax.

Although the following information is one year after the fact, it may be of general interest:

2000 contributions, by individuals, to parties	\$ 1,583,270
2000 contributions, by corporations, to parties	\$ 1,614,764
2000 contributions, by trade unions, to parties	\$ 3,470
2000 contributions, by individuals, to constituency associations	\$ 511,078
2000 contributions, by corporations, to constituency associations	\$ 330,542
2000 contributions, by trade unions, to constituency associations	Nil

The above contributions were made during the 2000 calendar year.

2000 income tax credit allowed to individuals	\$ 996,560
2000 income tax credit allowed to corporations	\$ 191,545

These factors should be considered when reviewing this information:

- a. taxpayers do not receive income tax credits unless they submit an Official Receipt for the contribution;
- b. if there is no Alberta income tax payable, no income tax credit is allowed; and
- c. the amount of income tax credit allowed is based on a declining percentage calculation of the total contribution; the maximum tax credit of \$750.00 is reached with a contribution of \$1,725.00.

Note: In consideration of the foregoing factors, a direct percentage comparison of the income tax credit allowed to the total amount contributed may not necessarily be valid.

Funds Held in Trust by the Office of the Chief Electoral Officer

As per Section 10(12) of the Election Finances and Contributions Disclosure Act, the Chief Electoral Officer is required to hold funds in trust for any party, constituency association or candidate whose registration has been cancelled or for any other reason. An amount of \$110.14 is being held in trust until June 2003.

Public Files

The Public Files contain information concerning political financing of registered political organizations in Alberta. The Public Files now contain data for twenty-five consecutive calendar years including the seven General Elections held since 1979, the sixteen By-elections held since January 1, 1978 and the Senate Nominee Elections held in 1989 and 1998. Interest in examining these records usually peaks when the candidates, constituency associations and parties file the required campaign period or annual financial statements.

All financial statements are contained in the Public Files maintained by this Office and are available for examination from 8:15 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday. Photocopies of data maintained in the Public Files are available at a rate prescribed under authority of Section 11(2) of the Election Finances and Contributions Disclosure Act. Copies of all reports published by the Chief Electoral Officer are available to the public at no cost.

Events of Interest Since April 2, 2002

The following events have taken place between the end of the filing year, April 2, 2002 and the date this report was published; each of these subjects will be addressed in detail in the Twenty-sixth Annual Report of the Chief Electoral Officer.

- The Wainwright By-election was held on April 8, 2002. Financial Statements were received from all six candidates and political parties.
- Four constituency associations were deregistered for failure to submit the 2001 annual financial statement by April 2, 2002. None have requested reregistration to date.
- One constituency association had applied for registration in February 2002. One constituency association reregistered in March 2002 after being deregistered for failure to file their 2000 annual financial statement.