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RE: Media enquiry relating to AEC requirements of party membership [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Hi Joey

The *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918* does not require a registered political party to charge its members a membership fee. This decision is left to the discretion of the party.

Further information about party membership including the AEC's membership testing process, is available in the AEC's party registration guide available at https://www.aec.gov.au/Parties_and_Representatives/Party_Registration/guide/index.htm.

Regards

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I'm writing an article about a registered political party's leader and registered officer informing prospective members that members will "sponsor", that is pay, the membership fees of applicant members who cannot afford the fees set by the party.

I have the following questions:

1. Is there are a prohibition under Commonwealth electoral law of paying other people's membership fees?
2. In response to questions, the party's leader said that a declaration that members are required to make as part of the party's recruitment process which requires that only applicants be allowed to pay the fee was "just an AEC requirement which we have to cover", is there such a requirement?

3. Are membership fees to political parties considered to be reportable receipts?

Thanks in advance,

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