



Office of the Ethics Commissioner

Disclosure Statements

2022

Members are required under the Conflicts of Interest Act to file with the Ethics Commissioner a private disclosure statement setting out all income, assets, liabilities and financial interests of the Member, the Member's spouse or adult interdependent partner, minor children and private corporations controlled by any combination of them.

Private Disclosure Statements

Private disclosure statements contain the following information:

- assets, liabilities and financial interests;
- income and information identifying the source of the income;
- fees, gifts, and benefits exceeding \$100 from the same source in any calendar year;
- travel accepted on non-commercial chartered or private aircraft;
- information regarding any legal proceedings being brought against the Member;
- arrears of maintenance payable by the Member.

Private disclosure documents relating to Members of the Legislative Assembly, Premier's and Ministers' Staff and Designated Office Holders are confidential and not subject to the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act pursuant to section 26 of the Conflicts of Interest Act.

Members are entitled to be reimbursed for reasonable costs associated for completing private disclosure statements in an amount approved by the Ethics Commissioner.

Public Disclosure Statements

The Office of the Ethics Commissioner then prepares a public disclosure statement for each Member that summarizes the information contained above, without indicating amounts or values.

The public disclosure statements do not include any of the following types of information:

- assets, liabilities or interests having a value of less than \$10,000;
- a source of income of less than \$5,000 per year;

- information identifying a home or recreational property occupied by the Member, the Member's spouse or adult interdependent partner or one of the Member's family;
- personal property that the Member, the Member's spouse or adult interdependent partner or one of the Member's family uses primarily for transportation, household, educational, recreational, social or aesthetic purposes;
- unpaid taxes, except property taxes under the Municipal Government Act and taxes under the School Act; and
- support obligations.

Public disclosure statements are posted on the website of the Office of the Ethics Commissioner and filed with the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

Direct Associates

Members must provide to the Ethics Commissioner a list of their direct associates. That information is provided to the President of Treasury Board, the Minister of Finance, and a copy is filed with the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly. An annual report is tabled by the President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance in the Legislative Assembly on all payments made to Members' direct associates.

A person is directly associated with a Member if that person is:

- the Member's spouse or adult interdependent partner;
- a corporation having share capital and carrying on a business or activities for profit or gain and the Member is a director or senior officer of the corporation;
- a private corporation carrying on business or activities for profit or gain and the Member owns or is the beneficial owner of shares of the corporation;
- a partnership of which the Member is a partner, or of which one of the partners is a corporation directly associated with the Member; or
- a person or group of persons acting with the express or implied consent of the Member.

Failure to file required documents

It is a breach of the Act for a Member to fail to file within the time limits provided in the Act a private disclosure statement, an amending disclosure statement, a direct associate's return or a notice of change to a direct associate's return. It is also a breach of the Act for a Member to give false or misleading information in a statement or a return.

An administrative penalty of up to \$500 may be issued to those who file late and repeat offenders may be specifically named in the office's Annual Report which is a public document tabled in the Legislative Assembly of Alberta.