

REGISTERED POLITICAL PARTIES SUBMIT RETURN FOR 2006 FISCAL PERIOD

REGINA, Tuesday, May 1, 2007 – The Chief Electoral Officer, Jean Ouellet, announced today that all eight political parties registered in Saskatchewan submitted their annual return of the party's receipts and expenses for the fiscal year 2006.

The legal deadline for registered parties to file their return was midnight, April 30, 2007. The filing deadline is determined by *The Election Act, 1996*, and under current legislative provision an extension of the filing deadline is not possible.

The Registered Political Party's Fiscal Period Return includes information on the contributions to, and expenditures of, registered political parties from January 1, 2006 to December 31, 2006, with the exception of Saskatchewan's two newly registered political parties whose financial information covers the period from the date of the party's registration to December 31, 2006. Donors who contribute more than \$250 during the period are identified by name and class of donor.

Elections Saskatchewan is committed to the people of Saskatchewan's right to know and to the transparency of electoral information. Anyone wishing to consult a copy of the reports as filed by the registered political parties may do so on the Elections Saskatchewan Web site at www.elections.sk.ca/whatsnew.php.

The returns will be reviewed and amendments made to the original documents will be reflected on the Web site.

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