

On the record statement from QBE Insurance Group Limited:

QBE is committed to making a positive contribution to public debate on issues affecting the highly regulated insurance sector in Australia.

Our Australian division (ANZO) engages with state and federal governments and other stakeholders (including industry and international bodies) in a responsible, open and transparent manner. Our engagement is focused on contributing to the development of public policy with the aim of achieving balanced policy and regulatory outcomes for all stakeholders – our shareholders, customers, the community and governments.

QBE is politically neutral and any political donations made by QBE in Australia are made in accordance with our ANZO board approved policy. Our policy has been developed to ensure transparency and provide guidance to QBE employees around the circumstances under which QBE ANZO may make political donations. As a general rule, employees may not make political donations on behalf of QBE with just three senior employees authorised to make political donations.

For the purposes of our policy, a political donation includes gifts, an amount paid as a contribution, entry fee or other payment to participate in a political fund raising function and includes annual and other subscriptions to political fund raising entities. The policy also captures indirect contributions, such as payment for services for the benefit of a political party.

To ensure transparency, QBE ANZO's approach is to make complete disclosure of all political donations even where these donations are below the relevant state and federal thresholds for disclosure. Disclosure is made on a financial year basis and the annual disclosure return is provided to the ANZO board for information and oversight.

ANZO's total political donations totalled less than \$20,000 in the 2015 financial year.