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April 2010	Bow Valley College	Progressive Conservative Association of Alberta	The College [a prohibited corporation in accordance with section 1(1)(l)(v) of the Act] purchased 2 tickets to a fundraising function* (Premier's Dinner in Calgary) at a cost of \$450 each	\$850	\$212.50 administrative penalty (issued and received)	The Party was advised to consider returning the contribution on a voluntary basis
April 2010	Calgary Laboratory Services	Progressive Conservative Association of Alberta	The corporation [a prohibited corporation in accordance with section 1(1)(l)(i) of the Act] purchased 2 tickets to a fundraising function* (Premier's Dinner in Calgary) at a cost of \$450 each	\$850	\$212.50 administrative penalty (issued and received)	The Party returned the contribution prior to the issuance of the CEO order
May 2010	St. Thomas Aquinas RCS Regional Division #38	Progressive Conservative Association of Alberta Constituency Association (CA) - Leduc-Beaumont-Devon	The School Board [a prohibited corporation in accordance with section 1(1)(l)(iv) of the Act] paid 1 registration fee for a fundraising function* (MLA golf tournament) at a cost of \$150	\$125	\$31.25 administrative penalty (issued and received)	The CA returned the contribution in compliance with the CEO order
June 2010	County of St. Paul	Progressive Conservative Association of Alberta Constituency Association (CA) - Lac La Biche-St. Paul	The County [a prohibited corporation in accordance with section 1(1)(l)(ii) of the Act] supplied goods to a fundraising function* (Constituency Association Premier's Dinner) - (a fair market value of \$200)	\$200	\$50 administrative penalty (issued and received)	The former Lac La Biche-St. Paul CA returned the contribution voluntarily
June 2010	Municipal District of Foothills	Progressive Conservative Association of Alberta Constituency Association (CA) - Highwood	The Municipal District [a prohibited corporation in accordance with section 1(1)(l)(ii) of the Act] paid 4 registration fees for a fundraising function* (MLA golf tournament) at a cost of \$150 each	\$500	\$250 administrative penalty (issued and received)	The CA returned the contribution in compliance with the CEO order
June 2010	Portage College	Progressive Conservative Association of Alberta Constituency Association (CA) - Lac La Biche-St. Paul	The College [a prohibited corporation in accordance with section 1(1)(l)(v) of the Act] supplied goods to a fundraising function* (Constituency Association Premier's Dinner) - (a fair market value of \$200)	\$200	\$50 administrative penalty (issued and received)	The former Lac La Biche-St. Paul CA returned the contribution voluntarily
June 2010	Town of Elk Point	Progressive Conservative Association of Alberta Constituency Association (CA) - Lac La Biche-St. Paul	The Town [a prohibited corporation in accordance with section 1(1)(l)(ii) of the Act] supplied goods to a fundraising function* (Constituency Association Premier's Dinner) - (a fair market value of \$200)	\$200	\$100 administrative penalty (issued and received)	The former Lac La Biche-St. Paul CA returned the contribution voluntarily
June 2010	Town of High River	Progressive Conservative Association of Alberta Constituency Association (CA) - Highwood	The Town [a prohibited corporation in accordance with section 1(1)(l)(ii) of the Act] paid 1 registration fee for a fundraising function* (MLA golf tournament) at a cost of \$150 each	\$125	\$62.50 administrative penalty (issued and received)	The CA returned the contribution in compliance with the CEO order
June 2010	Town of St. Paul	Progressive Conservative Association of Alberta Constituency Association (CA) - Lac La Biche-St. Paul	The Town [a prohibited corporation in accordance with section 1(1)(l)(ii) of the Act] supplied goods to a fundraising function* (Constituency Association Premier's Dinner) - (a fair market value of \$200)	\$200	\$100 administrative penalty (issued and received)	The former Lac La Biche-St. Paul CA returned the contribution voluntarily
June 2010	Town of Whitecourt	Progressive Conservative Association of Alberta Constituency Association (CA) - Barrhead-Morinville-Westlock	The Town [a prohibited corporation in accordance with section 1(1)(l)(ii) of the Act] paid 2 registration fees for a fundraising function* (MLA golf tournament) at a cost of \$135 each	\$220	\$110 administrative penalty (issued and received)	The CA returned the contribution prior to the issuance of the CEO order
June 2010	Town of Whitecourt	Progressive Conservative Association of Alberta Constituency Association (CA) - Whitecourt-Ste. Anne	The Town [a prohibited corporation in accordance with section 1(1)(l)(ii) of the Act] paid 6 registration fees for a fundraising function* (MLA golf tournament) at a cost of \$130 each	\$630	\$315 administrative penalty (issued and received)	The CA returned the contribution voluntarily
June 2010	Westlock County	Progressive Conservative Association of Alberta Constituency Association (CA) - Barrhead-Morinville-Westlock	The County [a prohibited corporation in accordance with section 1(1)(l)(ii) of the Act] paid 2 registration fees for a fundraising function* (MLA golf tournament) at a cost of \$135 each and sponsored a hole at the tournament (a fair market value of \$105)	\$325	\$81.25 administrative penalty (issued and received)	The CA returned the contribution prior to the issuance of the CEO order
June 2010	Woodlands County	Progressive Conservative Association of Alberta Constituency Association (CA) - Barrhead-Morinville-Westlock	The County [a prohibited corporation in accordance with section 1(1)(l)(ii) of the Act] paid 1 registration fee for a fundraising function* (MLA golf tournament) at a cost of \$135	\$110	\$55 administrative penalty (issued and received)	The CA was ordered to return the contribution
June 2010	Woodlands County	Progressive Conservative Association of Alberta Constituency Association (CA) - Whitecourt-Ste. Anne	The County [a prohibited corporation in accordance with section 1(1)(l)(ii) of the Act] paid 7 registration fees for a fundraising function* (MLA golf tournament) at a cost of \$130 each	\$735	\$367.50 administrative penalty (issued and received)	The CA returned the contribution voluntarily
September 2010	Town of High Prairie	Progressive Conservative Association of Alberta Constituency Association (CA) - Lesser Slave Lake	The Town [a prohibited corporation in accordance with section 1(1)(l)(ii) of the Act] paid 4 registration fees for a fundraising function* (golf tournament) at a cost of \$100 each	\$300	\$300 administrative penalty (issued and received)	The CA returned the contribution voluntarily

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September 2010	Town of Sylvan Lake	Progressive Conservative Association of Alberta Constituency Association (CA) - Innisfail-Sylvan Lake	The Town [a prohibited corporation in accordance with section 1(1)(l)(ii) of <i>the Act</i>] waived the rental fee for a fundraising function* (a fair market value of \$640)	\$640	\$160 administrative penalty (issued and received)	The CA returned the contribution in compliance with the CEO order
October 2010	Grande Prairie Regional College	Progressive Conservative Association of Alberta	The College [a prohibited corporation in accordance with section 1(1)(l)(v) of <i>the Act</i>] purchased 6 tickets to a fundraising function* (Northern Alberta Premier's Dinner) at a cost of \$250 each	\$1,350	\$337.50 administrative penalty (issued and received)	The Party returned the contribution in compliance with the CEO order
October 2010	Holy Spirit Roman Catholic School Division #4	Progressive Conservative Association of Alberta	The School Board [a prohibited corporation in accordance with section 1(1)(l)(iv) of <i>the Act</i>] purchased 2 tickets to a fundraising function* (Premier's Dinner in Lethbridge) at a cost of \$250 each	\$450	\$112.50 administrative penalty (issued and received)	The Party returned the contribution in compliance with the CEO order

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January 2011	St. Michael's Health Centre (Covenant Health)	Alberta Liberal Party	Covenant Health [a prohibited corporation in accordance with section 1(1)(l)(vi.1) of the <i>Act</i>] through its association with St. Michael's Health Centre] purchased 3 tickets to a fundraising function* (Leader's Dinner) at a cost of \$100 each	\$225	\$37.50 administrative penalty (issued and received)	The Party returned the contribution prior to the issuance of the CEO order
February 2011	Town of Whitecourt	Progressive Conservative Association of Alberta Constituency Association (CA) - Whitecourt-Ste. Anne	The Town [a prohibited corporation in accordance with section 1(1)(l)(ii) of the <i>Act</i>] purchased 2 tickets to a fundraising function* (Constituency Association Premier's Dinner) at a cost of \$75 each	\$100	\$50 administrative penalty (issued and received)	The CA returned the contribution voluntarily
March 2011	Portage College	Progressive Conservative Association of Alberta Constituency Association (CA) - Athabasca-Redwater	The College [a prohibited corporation in accordance with section 1(1)(l)(v) of the <i>Act</i>] purchased 10 tickets to a fundraising function* (Constituency Association Premier's Dinner) at a cost of \$75 each	\$500	\$125 administrative penalty (issued and received)	The CA returned the contribution voluntarily
April 2011	Bow Valley College	Progressive Conservative Association of Alberta	The College [a prohibited corporation in accordance with section 1(1)(l)(v) of the <i>Act</i>] purchased 2 tickets to a fundraising function* (Premier's Dinner in Calgary) at a cost of \$450 each	\$850	\$212.50 administrative penalty (issued and received)	The Party returned the contribution in compliance with the CEO order
June 2011	Mackenzie County	Progressive Conservative Association of Alberta Constituency Association (CA) - Fort Saskatchewan- Vegreville	The County [a prohibited corporation in accordance with section 1(1)(l)(ii) of the <i>Act</i>] paid 3 registration fees for a fundraising function* (golf tournament) at a cost of \$200 each	\$525	\$262.50 administrative penalty (issued and received)	The CA returned the contribution in compliance with the CEO order
June 2011	Town of Whitecourt	Progressive Conservative Association of Alberta Constituency Association (CA) - Barrhead-Morinville- Westlock	The Town [a prohibited corporation in accordance with section 1(1)(l)(ii) of the <i>Act</i>] purchased 1 ticket to a fundraising function* (MLA golf tournament) at a cost of \$155	\$130	\$65 administrative penalty (issued and received)	The CA returned the contribution prior to the issuance of the CEO order
June 2011	Town of Whitecourt	Progressive Conservative Association of Alberta Constituency Association (CA) - Whitecourt-Ste. Anne	The Town [a prohibited corporation in accordance with section 1(1)(l)(ii) of the <i>Act</i>] paid 8 registration fees for a fundraising function* (MLA golf tournament) at a cost of \$133.12 each	\$865	\$432.50 administrative penalty (issued and received)	The CA returned the contribution voluntarily
June 2011	Woodlands County	Progressive Conservative Association of Alberta Constituency Association (CA) - Whitecourt-Ste. Anne	The County [a prohibited corporation in accordance with section 1(1)(l)(ii) of the <i>Act</i>] paid 1 registration fee for a fundraising function* (MLA golf tournament) at a cost of \$130	\$105	\$52.50 administrative penalty (issued and received)	The CA returned the contribution voluntarily

Note 1:

Disclosure is limited, by law, to violations that occurred on or after December 10, 2009. Results of investigations of alleged violations that occurred prior to that date cannot be disclosed, in accordance with the confidentiality provisions of *the Election Finances and Contributions Disclosure Act (the Act)*.

Note 2:

Section references refer to the *Election Finances and Contributions Disclosure Act (the Act)*.

Note 3:

*Section 23 of *the Act* prescribes that if the individual charge for a ticket to a fundraising function is more than \$50, the expense portion is \$25 and the balance is deemed to be a contribution (*effective to December 31, 2012*).

Direct contributions occur when a prohibited corporation makes a political contribution.

Note 4:

Several criteria were considered in the assessment of penalties, including:

- Materiality/severity
- Number of violations
- Cooperation/self-reporting
- Due diligence/policies established to ensure compliance

Note 5:

Effective April 22, 2010, the Chief Electoral Officer had statutory authority to order a political entity to return prohibited contributions to the contributor, in accordance with section 51.1 of the *Act*. Prior to that, the political entity was advised to consider the voluntary return of a prohibited contribution.

An order is made when it is determined that a prohibited corporation made a contribution in violation of the *Act*. An order does not indicate any finding of statutory violation on the part of the political entity by the Chief Electoral Officer.

This information is updated to reflect contributions that have been returned.