



Our Ref: 08/251-2

Mr Daryl Melham MP
Chair
Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Mr Melham

**Re Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters (JSCEM) Inquiry
into the 2010 Federal Election – public hearing on 30 March 2011**

At the public hearing held in Adelaide on 30 March 2011, four requests for information were taken on notice by Australian Electoral Commission (AEC) witnesses.

The AEC provides the following responses:

Copy of AEC review of remote area mobile polling (at EM 23)

An executive summary of the outcomes of the review of remote area mobile polling is currently being prepared for my consideration. I am expecting to receive this report by the end of this month. I appreciate your interest in this important service and I will decide on the report's release once I have had an opportunity to consider its findings and recommendations.

Logistics of notifying candidates of returns directly to the AEC of postal vote applications distributed by parties (at EM 25)

This request is being addressed in discussions between the AEC and the Committee's Secretariat assisted by Mr Terry Rushton.

Availability of data on voters in the division of Lingiari that are repeatedly non-participants at elections (at EM 26)

Lingiari	2007	2010
Enrolment at close of rolls	60,404	61,168
Non Voters	11,030 (18.3%)	14,542 (23.8%)
Non-voters who did not vote in either 2007 or 2010 elections		2,605 (17.9% of total non-voters)

Of the 2,605 repeat non-voters in Lingiari, 940 were found to have a valid and sufficient reason for not voting at the 2010 election.

Taking into account high mobility in remote areas, the AEC has identified which non-voters moved from Lingiari to the division of Solomon and vice versa between the 2007 and 2010 federal elections and whether they were non-voters at both elections.

The numbers are as follows:

Repeat non-voters in NT 2007 - 2010

2007 Division	2010 Division	Repeat non-voters
Lingiari	Lingiari	2,605
Solomon	Solomon	294
Lingiari	Solomon	15
Solomon	Lingiari	12
Total		2,926

These data have been incorporated in the AEC's community database to inform follow-up Indigenous Electoral Participation Program (IEPP) activities. Field trips to communities are being conducted to provide targeted information sessions for repeat non-voters. The AEC will monitor the impact of these activities on participation at elections as part of continuous evaluation of the IEPP program.

The AEC is aware that some of these non-voters also failed to vote at the 2008 Northern Territory (NT) Legislative Assembly election. However, we are unable to provide meaningful data on which federal electors also did not vote at the 2008 NT election as we cannot accurately match the 25 electorates at Territory level against the two federal divisions.

Statistics on numbers of interstate voters and where voted (at EM 27)

Enclosed are two tables providing numbers of interstate votes issued by State and Division, for each State; and a list of divisions in order of volume of interstate votes issued.

Yours sincerely

Ed Killesteyn
Electoral Commissioner

23 May 2011

2010 FEDERAL ELECTION - INTERSTATE VOTES ISSUED BY STATE AND DIVISION, FOR EACH STATE

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New South Wales	0	13,999	15,907	3,352	3,125	1,688	734	4,765	43,570
Banks		91	88	18	16	12	5	25	255
Barton		70	91	21	20	4	6	25	237
Bennelong		98	102	37	22	14	3	44	320
Berowra		81	84	23	27	7	5	36	263
Blaxland		109	99	36	28	8	9	38	327
Bradfield		10	9	0	2	0	0	2	23
Calare		220	273	55	72	31	16	100	767
Charlton		54	135	20	17	9	2	22	259
Chifley		30	59	8	17	2	3	8	127
Cook		120	242	49	36	20	23	44	534
Cowper		812	877	78	139	129	25	101	2,161
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Mitchell		87	137	27	22	15	6	23	317
New England		228	576	58	49	55	15	56	1,037
Newcastle		192	312	70	45	34	30	67	750
North Sydney		310	358	105	86	38	22	122	1,041
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Parramatta		144	159	39	36	10	14	53	455
Paterson		302	243	42	53	38	22	66	766
Reid		119	166	40	31	14	5	48	423
Richmond		1,789	2,029	162	352	234	30	120	4,716
Riverina		641	540	81	144	66	39	133	1,644
Robertson		103	219	43	30	23	17	45	480
Shortland		62	171	32	25	5	11	33	339
Sydney		1,323	1,220	528	377	129	49	566	4,192
Throsby		108	202	42	32	15	7	88	494
Warringah		255	299	102	36	42	18	79	831
Watson		24	19	6	6	1	1	8	65
Wentworth		317	306	128	71	17	9	81	929
Werriwa		10	9	2	0	0	0	2	23
Victoria	10,794	0	6,600	3,386	3,398	1,887	672	995	27,732
Aston	56		58	24	20	17	4	6	185
Ballarat	162		139	57	97	32	34	12	533
Batman	280		156	91	93	53	27	40	740
Bendigo	215		151	64	55	60	26	16	587
Bruce	249		152	65	41	35	20	18	580
Calwell	407		338	101	179	160	21	43	1,249
Casey	40		47	25	20	6	10	8	156
Chisholm	185		102	58	63	34	20	21	483
Corangamite	183		147	73	58	38	19	12	530
Corio	176		175	91	52	48	22	20	584
Deakin	101		102	63	28	24	6	6	330
Dunkley	206		196	65	48	35	15	18	583
Flinders	225		194	76	51	27	24	22	619
Gellibrand	125		65	46	60	33	6	14	349
Gippsland	214		181	86	38	39	19	26	603
Goldstein	155		116	54	59	31	14	15	444
Gorton	138		66	26	38	17	1	9	295
Higgins	440		274	165	150	53	9	43	1,134
Holt	125		98	36	30	19	3	13	324

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Hotham	78		44	15	24	16	5	6	188
Indi	628		305	81	126	55	41	46	1,282
Isaacs	80		67	28	19	24	2	8	228
Jagajaga	178		142	41	40	31	11	20	463
Kooyong	152		119	50	61	42	9	26	459
La Trobe	92		72	23	24	21	5	13	250
Lalor	254		259	92	92	63	20	20	800
Mallee	822		203	92	448	83	38	17	1,703
Maribyrnong	329		208	132	132	60	19	31	911
McEwen	171		170	36	51	23	36	12	499
McMillan	194		183	53	54	41	8	7	540
Melbourne	2,033		1,215	978	670	436	102	338	5,772
Melbourne Ports	444		287	195	113	78	12	51	1,180
Menzies	81		57	26	17	17	3	2	203
Murray	1,082		190	83	93	51	18	7	1,524
Scullin	120		101	37	40	28	12	12	350
Wannon	192		128	106	172	40	21	8	667
Wills	182		93	52	42	17	10	9	405
Queensland	25,377	22,086	0	4,013	5,484	3,430	1,199	1,583	63,172
Blair	361	168		62	67	23	32	21	734
Bonner	233	101		31	34	17	9	9	434
Bowman	277	133		55	31	37	7	25	565
Brisbane	1,070	629		198	162	119	57	144	2,379
Capricornia	1,014	1,095		147	280	177	60	63	2,836
Dawson	2,043	1,497		271	427	250	62	73	4,623
Dickson	237	110		46	51	34	22	27	527
Fadden	716	408		78	95	64	18	34	1,413
Fairfax	1,084	1,672		135	298	293	41	90	3,613
Fisher	541	792		65	138	154	21	52	1,763
Flynn	971	684		165	248	131	27	23	2,249
Forde	271	183		33	48	31	14	11	591
Griffith	525	234		69	55	36	10	37	966
Groom	440	142		76	48	27	36	42	811
Herbert	1,231	1,083		264	314	227	127	87	3,333

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Hinkler	1,303	1,603		143	306	278	39	83	3,755
Kennedy	2,000	1,639		502	485	252	123	57	5,058
Leichhardt	1,988	2,649		672	783	272	183	139	6,686
Lilley	549	435		97	117	41	21	63	1,323
Longman	436	371		48	99	67	22	25	1,068
Maranoa	1,332	824		212	354	123	45	33	2,923
McPherson	1,400	1,336		76	178	135	26	81	3,232
Moncrieff	2,463	2,204		192	353	335	48	143	5,738
Moreton	172	79		15	20	19	8	12	325
Oxley	152	98		22	37	14	13	13	349
Petrie	540	280		66	85	36	33	65	1,105
Rankin	416	180		48	59	42	17	22	784
Ryan	653	234		92	80	42	34	42	1,177
Wide Bay	882	1,184		129	221	142	41	63	2,662
Wright	77	39		4	11	12	3	4	150
Western Australia	6,593	7,328	5,572	0	2,754	1,121	826	417	24,611
Brand	288	264	248		104	76	54	26	1,060
Canning	41	38	59		33	25	6	0	202
Cowan	122	115	82		31	24	24	2	400
Curtin	202	201	101		48	13	11	16	592
Durack	2,927	3,422	2,868		1,342	429	320	152	11,460
Forrest	286	297	244		112	73	39	13	1,064
Fremantle	330	333	199		112	66	40	29	1,109
Hasluck	130	161	129		55	30	33	7	545
Moore	158	153	107		47	32	32	16	545
O'Connor	535	592	400		281	155	71	18	2,052
Pearce	20	10	22		20	10	0	0	82
Perth	525	544	350		132	66	35	46	1,698
Stirling	204	228	136		62	31	24	9	694
Swan	726	870	549		347	81	123	66	2,762
Tangney	99	100	78		28	10	14	17	346
South Australia	2,255	3,198	1,747	1,072	0	383	643	208	9,506
Adelaide	433	591	226	121		50	125	46	1,592

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Boothby	137	210	113	44		15	74	16	609
Grey	412	443	387	350		111	104	21	1,828
Hindmarsh	351	497	238	132		34	75	35	1,362
Kingston	103	105	92	38		25	24	12	399
Makin	81	108	54	32		10	31	13	329
Mayo	115	150	121	55		27	42	11	521
Port Adelaide	106	163	93	41		10	26	8	447
Sturt	158	193	115	76		15	56	18	631
Wakefield	149	220	132	75		32	36	17	661
Tasmania	813	1,344	822	385	223	0	55	107	3,749
Bass	248	418	261	118	63		14	23	1,145
Braddon	119	219	144	95	55		14	18	664
Denison	372	569	307	133	82		17	57	1,537
Franklin	63	115	84	34	17		7	8	328
Lyons	11	23	26	5	6		3	1	75
Northern Territory	4,447	4,680	4,462	2,900	2,719	577	0	401	20,186
Lingiari	2,124	2,157	2,350	1,249	1,237	257		176	9,550
Solomon	2,323	2,523	2,112	1,651	1,482	320		225	10,636
Australian Capital Territory	6,886	1,437	1,239	335	352	166	127	0	10,542
Canberra	1,856	364	369	92	87	41	39		2,848
Fraser	5,030	1,073	870	243	265	125	88		7,694
Overseas	26,509	16,555	9,032	4,994	2,963	759	412	3,608	64,832
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Grand Total	83,688	70,636	45,386	20,439	21,023	10,017	4,669	12,085	267,943

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Greenway		86	157	35	32	12	10	31	363
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Gellibrand	125		65	46	60	33	6	14	349
Oxley	152	98		22	37	14	13	13	349
Mackellar		71	168	39	13	21	5	31	348
Tangney	99	100	78		28	10	14	17	346
Shortland		62	171	32	25	5	11	33	339
Deakin	101		102	63	28	24	6	6	330
Makin	81	108	54	32		10	31	13	329
Franklin	63	115	84	34	17		7	8	328
Blaxland		109	99	36	28	8	9	38	327
Moreton	172	79		15	20	19	8	12	325
Holt	125		98	36	30	19	3	13	324
Bennelong		98	102	37	22	14	3	44	320
Mitchell		87	137	27	22	15	6	23	317
McMahon		97	119	28	25	5	8	26	308
Gorton	138		66	26	38	17	1	9	295
Berowra		81	84	23	27	7	5	36	263
Charlton		54	135	20	17	9	2	22	259
Banks		91	88	18	16	12	5	25	255
La Trobe	92		72	23	24	21	5	13	250
Barton		70	91	21	20	4	6	25	237
Isaacs	80		67	28	19	24	2	8	228
Menzies	81		57	26	17	17	3	2	203
Canning	41	38	59		33	25	6	0	202

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	New South Wales	Victoria	Queensland	Western Australia	South Australia	Tasmania	Northern Territory	Australian Capital Territory	Grand Total
Hotham	78		44	15	24	16	5	6	188
Aston	56		58	24	20	17	4	6	185
Casey	40		47	25	20	6	10	8	156
Wright	77	39		4	11	12	3	4	150
Chifley		30	59	8	17	2	3	8	127
Pearce	20	10	22		20	10	0	0	82
Lyons	11	23	26	5	6		3	1	75
Watson		24	19	6	6	1	1	8	65
Antarctic	14	9	5	2	5	6	1	1	43
Bradfield		10	9	0	2	0	0	2	23
Werriwa		10	9	2	0	0	0	2	23
Fowler		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Grand Total	83,688	70,636	45,386	20,439	21,023	10,017	4,669	12,085	267,943