DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND TRADE

As you know, the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) assists the Australian Electoral Commission (AEC) in the collection of votes from Australian electors overseas. Our overseas missions act as an extended operational arm of the AEC and work directly to their instructions.

104 Australian Embassies, High Commissions, Consulate Generals and Consulates participated in the 2010 Federal Election in 79 countries around the world. These missions provided pre-poll and postal voting services for Australians overseas at the time of the Election between 6-21 August and recorded a total of 70 410 votes.

For your reference, I attach a break-down of overseas votes by location for the 2010 Federal Election compared to overseas voting figures for Federal Elections in 2007, 2004 and 2001.

Overseas Voting Comparison Figures 2001, 2004, 2007, 2010

Posts	Country	2001 Total	2004 Total	2007 Total	2010 Total
Abu Dhabi	United Arab Emirates	147	237	557	411
Abuja	Nigeria	0	7	12	13
Accra	Ghana	0	54	41	65
Amman	Jordon	65	128	135	108
Ankara	Turkey	59	98	100	88
Apia	Samoa	134	160	190	199
Athens	Greece	451	730	311	499
Atlanta*	USA	58	112	83	143
Auckland*	New Zealand	946	1,137	1,225	1,031
Baghdad	Iraq	0	0	187	61
Bali	Indonesia	265	138	368	733
Bandar Seri Begawan	Brunei Darussalam	131	107	78	84
Bangkok	Thailand	1099	1,233	1,231	1,330
Beijing	China	818	883	1,477	1,366
Beirut	Lebanon	375	503	100	383
Belgrade	Serbia	97	272	148	381
Berlin	Germany	650	623	579	1,037
Brasilia	Brazil	15	22	68	26
Brussels	Belgium	161	199	201	272
Budapest	Hungary	163	207	162	437
Buenos Aires	Argentina	76	114	344	157
Cairo	Egypt	128	236	213	136
Canakkale	Turkey	0	0	4	17
Chennai*	India	0	0	183	140
Chicago	USA	290	298	278	310
Colombo	Sir Lanka	282	397	430	613
Copenhagen	Denmark	185	251	279	322
Dhaka	Bangladesh	96	96	207	265

City	Country	1972	387	536	560
Dili	East Timor	1972	387	536	560
Dubai*	United Arab Emirates	408	649	1,019	650
Dublin	Ireland	1292	811	893	996
Frankfurt*	Germany	280	193	242	241
Fukuoka*	Japan	114	75	81	53
Geneva	Switzerland	656	440	473	502
Guangzhou	China	724	865	1,311	1,154
Hanoi	Vietnam	325	348	414	323
Harare	Zimbabwe	116	23	37	100
Ho Chi Minh City	Vietnam	815	985	1,181	1,357
Hong Kong	Hong Kong	10139	7,631	10,391	7,766
Honiara	Solomn Islands	97	398	466	667
Honolulu	USA	92	134	94	1,172
Islamabad	Pakistan	43	58	138	107
Istanbul*	Turkey	60	84	119	176
Jakarta	Indonesia	1006	410	768	734
Kabul	Afghanistan	0	0	78	76
Kathmandu	Nepal	180	119	189	106
Kuala Lumpur	Malaysia	808	755	921	1,004
Kuwait City	Kuwait	0	0	205	51
Lima*	Peru	31	84	141	125
Lisbon	Portugal	70	171	121	246
London	United Kingdom	22432	18,678	16,330	15,677
Los Angeles	USA	811	531	602	624
Madrid	Spain	235	320	316	285
Malta	Malta	186	302	154	819
Manila	The Philippines	668	540	859	852
Mexico City	Mexico	131	92	123	138
Milan*	Italy	174	204	203	177
Moscow	Russia	97	120	108	153
Mumbai*	India	82	117	201	231

City	Country				
Nagoya	Japan	92	137	129	0
Nairobi	Kenya	60	84	112	128
Nauru	Nauru	0	55	54	17
New Delhi	India	267	277	516	345
New York	USA	1577	1801	1533	2135
Nicosia	Cyprus	96	261	151	146
Noumea	New Caledonia	77	71	81	74
Nuku'alofa	Tonga	76	62	96	114
Osaka*	Japan	400	364	327	196
Ottawa	Canada	344	322	281	314
Paris	France	813	1381	1261	1447
Phnom Penh	Cambodia	396	509	786	787
Pohnpei	Federated States of Micronesia	27	30	15	18
Port Louis	Mauritius	118	145	144	142
Port Morseby	Papua New Guinea	1013	668	756	904
Port of Spain	Trinidad and Tobago	0	24	26	23
Port Vila	Vanuatu	134	194	207	268
Pretoria	South Africa	280	214	296	201
Rangoon	Myanmar	61	87	108	94
Riyadh	Saudi Arabia	325	91	82	120
Rome	Italy	418	563	440	633
San Francisco*	USA	915	553	520	605
Santiago	Chile	217	334	386	221
Sao Paulo*	Brazil	13	39	30	69
Sapporo*	Japan	46	32	55	33
Seoul	Republic of Korea	435	395	356	272
Shanghai	China	902	1232	1794	1675
Singapore	Singapore	2861	2295	2904	3279
Stockholm	Sweden	497	308	298	526
Suva	Fiji	451	566	419	378
Taipei	Taiwan	1038	867	1234	1022

Tarawa	Kiribati	40	41	35	32
Tehran	Iran	41	63	91	98
Tel Aviv	Israel	116	159	223	288
The Hague	The Netherlands	712	542	464	536
Tokyo	Japan	1045	1252	1210	763
Toronto*	Canada	334	600	518	708
Tripoli*	Libya	0	0	0	14
Vancouver*	Canada	788	818	780	1179
Vienna	Austria	313	388	290	565
Vientiane	Lao	150	152	333	217
Warsaw	Poland	158	220	176	313
Washington	USA	1128	1152	982	793
Wellington	New Zealand	778	792	667	647
Zagreb	Croatia	109	242	185	322
Totals:		70396	64148	69256	70410