



Public hearing in Adelaide for 2010 federal election inquiry

The Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters will hold a public hearing in Adelaide on Wednesday, 30 March 2011 as part of its inquiry into the conduct of the 2010 federal election.

The Committee will hear from representatives of the Electoral Commission of South Australia, Australia Electoral Commission state and territory representatives, and South Australia based community organisations.

At the 2010 federal election, 5.55 per cent of votes cast for the House of Representatives election were informal, an increase of 1.6 percentage points over the 2007 figure.

“That means 729 304 people who turned up to vote have not had their vote counted,” said Committee Chair, Daryl Melham MP.

“When it is a case of voters not understanding how to make their count, this is an issue we need to address. One of the issues we will examine at the hearing is the South Australian approach to reducing informality.”

Hearing details

Date: **Wednesday, 30 March 2011**

Time: **9.30 am to 1.45 pm**

Venue: **Terrace Room, 2nd Floor, Parliament House, Adelaide**

Program: <http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/em/elect10/hearings.htm>.

Members of the public are welcome to attend.

For more information and to follow the progress of the inquiry visit the Committee's webpage at <http://www.aph.gov.au/em>.

For media comment: Please contact the Committee Chair, Daryl Melham MP on (02) 6277 2054 (Parliament House office).

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