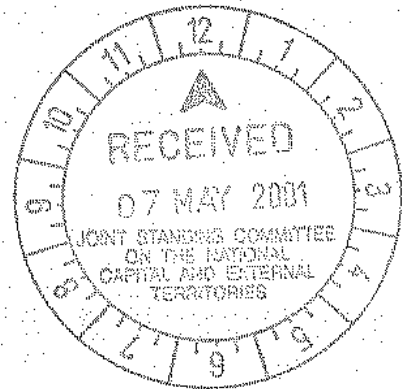


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Dear Mr Selth

Thank you for your letter of 2 April 2001 in which you asked if I wish to make any editing corrections to the transcript of the Committee's Public Hearing held on Thursday 22 March 2001.

I do not wish to make any editing corrections. I was asked two questions by Senator West, and I advised at the time that I would like to answer those questions on notice.

I am now pleased to provide the following information, on the basis that to the best of my knowledge and belief the information is correct.

Answer to question at page 70 of transcript

1. On 27 April 2001 there were 487 current Temporary Entry Permit holders, and approximately 35% of that number were New Zealand citizens

Answer to question at page 74 of transcript

2. The qualifications for enrolment on the electoral roll are set out in section 6 of the Legislative Assembly Act 1979.

Various amendments were made to Section 6 by Act 4 of 1983, Act 3 of 1984, Act 3 of 1985, Act 31 of 1986 and Act 13 of 1991.

All of those amendments resulted from specific legislation passed by the Legislative Assembly of Norfolk Island. Although it is possible for the Legislative Assembly to pass an Bill at one sitting, it is unusual for it to do so. The normal course is for a Bill to be tabled at one meeting, and allowed to lie on the table for public comment until the next meeting (approximately one month later). I have not reviewed the Hansard of the relevant Legislative Assembly meetings, but it is often the case that legislation which brings about substantial change is allowed to lie on the table for two or three months, so that the community has adequate time to consider it and comment on it.

I hope that the information which I have provided will be of assistance to the Committee.

My understanding of the number of Temporary Entry Permit holders can be verified by the Immigration Officer. The Immigration Officer may also be able to verify the percentage of Temporary Entry Permit holders who are New Zealand citizens. The number of persons ordinarily resident on Norfolk Island who are New Zealand citizens may be able to be verified by the Immigration Officer, and otherwise might be found in the Norfolk Island Census reports.

Yours sincerely

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