

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Finance and Administration Portfolio

Australian Electoral Commission

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Question: F7

Outcome: Australian Electoral Commission

Topic: Visits to schools and communities in electorates with high Indigenous populations

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Senator Jan McLucas asked:

- (a) How many school and community visits have been undertaken in each of the electorates with high Indigenous populations?
- (b) What funds are allocated to each of these electorates for this purpose over and above what is being provided in a standard form?

Answer:

The answer provided to me by the Australian Electoral Commission is as follows;

- (a) For the 2003/04 year to date, visits to schools and communities are as follows:

Division of Leichhardt – 6

Division of Kennedy – 12

Division of Maranoa – 2

Division of Grey – 15

Division of Kalgoorlie – 7 field trips (covering 60 communities)

Division of Northern Territory – 13

Weather conditions have restricted travel in western Queensland, which has experienced extensive flooding this year. By arrangement with many schools and communities, materials are distributed by mail in these circumstances.

- (b) For the 2003/04 financial year, the budgets allocated by state/territory for the Schools and Community Visits Program are:

Queensland: \$51,000

South Australia: \$5,500

Western Australia: \$22,500

Northern Territory: \$14,700

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