

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Finance and Administration Portfolio

Australian Electoral Commission

Additional Budget Estimates Hearings – 14 February 2006

Question: F37

Outcome: Australian Electoral Commission (AEC)

Topic: Deregistration of Political Parties

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Senator Faulkner asked:

What is the total number that have been deregistered since the 2004 election?

The obvious question is: which ones are they? But you do not have that. Don't guess. If you do not have it, take it on notice.

Answer:

There are nine political parties that have been deregistered since the 2004 federal election. The party names, dates and reasons for deregistration are:

Party sought voluntary deregistration:

Pauline Hanson's One Nation	8 February 2005
Australian Progressive Alliance	22 August 2005
Tasmanian Independent Senator Brian Harradine Group	22 August 2005
Save the ADI site Party	26 August 2005

Deregistered by the AEC because party had failed to endorse a candidate in the preceding four years:

Curtin Labor Alliance	5 December 2005
Advance Australia Party	5 December 2005

Deregistered by the AEC because party had failed to comply with a section 318A (review of registration) notice:

The Aged and Disability Pensioners Party	18 January 2006
Lower Excise Fuel and Beer Party	19 December 2005
Outdoor Recreation Party	18 January 2006