

Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration

ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Finance and Administration Portfolio

Australian Electoral Commission

Additional Estimates Hearing – 13 February 2007

Question: F24

Outcome 1.1 Electoral Roll, Output 1.1.2 Roll Review

Topic: Attendance at Australia Day citizenship ceremonies

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Senator Faulkner asked:

Mr Pickering—There were 338, and we did not attend 119. We attended 219, at which there were 10,779 participants for the ceremony. We took 8,845 cards on the day.

Senator FAULKNER—That sounds to me like a good return for this sort of thing. Does it compare well with other years? Are you able to say that?

Mr Campbell—Yes, it is very comparable with other years. In some states it was the same as last year, and in a couple it was better than last year.

Senator FAULKNER—Have you got some comparable figures I might be able to ask for on notice?

Answer:

Updated information regarding Australian Electoral Commission (AEC) attendance at Australia Day citizenship ceremonies and the collection rate of enrolment applications is shown in the following table. The table shows information for the 2007 ceremonies and, where available, comparative information for 2006. Comparative figures for earlier years are not available.

	Total Australia Day citizenship ceremonies	Attended by AEC	Number of participants at ceremonies attended by AEC	Number of enrolment applications collected at attended ceremonies	Not attended by AEC	Number of participants at ceremonies not attended by AEC
2007	360	219	10,779	8,845	141	525
2006	N/A	191	11,576	9,589	N/A	N/A