

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: F38

Outcome: 2

Topic: Authorisation of 'no Greens' sticker in 2004 Federal Election

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Senator Brown asked:

1. Has the electoral office been able to discover who distributed that particular vehicular sticker during the election period and why it was not authorised?
2. Why there has been no success in tracking down the lack of authorisation?

Answer:

1. No.
2. The availability of resources restricts the Australian Electoral Commission to act on complaints and information in relation to the authorisation of electoral material. This is especially the case in relation to anonymous material. In this case the sticker should have been authorised, however the information that was provided was insufficient to determine who was responsible for the publication, printing or distribution of the sticker.