

**Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration**

**ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE**

**Finance and Administration Portfolio**

**Australian Electoral Commission**

Additional Estimates Hearing – February 2007

**Question: F71**

**Outcome: 1**

**Topic: AFP referrals**

**Written Question on Notice**

**Senator Evans asked:**

1. Can you please advise what matters have been referred to the AFP for investigation in the last twelve months?
2. Have those matters been concluded?
3. If so, what were the results?

**Answer:**

1. Since February 2006, the Australian Electoral Commission has referred four matters to the Australian Federal Police (AFP). They related to a possible internal fraud matter and possible contraventions of the enrolment, funding and disclosure, and bribery provisions of the *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918*.
2. Yes.
3. The AFP has advised that it would not investigate the matters further for reasons including a lack of evidence available that identifies a substantive Commonwealth offence, the likelihood of obtaining evidence that would lead to a successful prosecution, and competing operational priorities.