

**Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration**

ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

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**Senator Ronaldson asked:**

What program of consultation do you have with the organisations of the political parties for the next twelve months?

**Answer:**

The AEC has a regular program of meetings with the national arms of the major parties. The next meeting is scheduled for April 2010. Meetings are also held in the states and the Northern Territory with the state and NT branches.

Once an election is announced, additional meetings will be arranged to brief the candidates and party workers on election processes, including information on their rights and responsibilities.