

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
ADDITIONAL BUDGET ESTIMATES 2011-2012

Finance and Deregulation Portfolio

Department/Agency: Australian Electoral Commission

Outcome/Program: Outcome 1

Topic: Prosecutions for Multiple Voting (since 2004)

Senator: Abetz

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Question:

Have there been any attempted [multiple voting] prosecutions since 2004?

Answer:

Following the 2007 election, the AEC referred 10 cases of multiple markings to the AFP for review. 19 cases were referred following the 2010 election.

Evidence provided by the Office of the Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions (CDPP) to the Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters' enquiry into the conduct of the 2010 federal election contained the following statement:

“The CDPP’s database indicates that the CDPP was not referred briefs of evidence in any matters alleging multiple voting or impersonation offences in relation to the 2007 election. Nor, at the time of writing, has the CDPP been referred any briefs of evidence in relation to multiple voting or impersonation offences in relation to the 2010 election.”