

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

Finance and Deregulation Portfolio

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Topic: Multiple voters - breakdown

Senator: Abetz

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Question:

[For the 639 voters either deceased or considered to require no further follow-up]

- (a) is the number 21 further up part of the 639?
- (b) apart from deceased can you just give us a bit of a flavour as to the other reasons or rationale for no follow up?

Answer:

(a) No.

- (b) Sampling of responses categorised as requiring no further follow up from the 2010 election include cases where no response has been received from the elector and:
- there is a match to a response from an apparent non-voter who did vote at one of the polling places where the multiple mark occurred. In some cases, particularly in country divisions, the distances between the two polling places would prevent an elector from attending both places throughout polling hours;
 - a search of enrolment history records has revealed that the elector shares a common name with a previously enrolled elector who had been removed from the electoral roll by objection action. In those cases a provisional vote should have been issued to the unenrolled person;
 - there is no previous history of multiple marks.