

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Finance and Administration Portfolio

Australian Electoral Commission

Budget Estimates Hearing – May 2007

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Topic: Awareness of complaints to NSW Electoral Commission

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Written Question on Notice

Senator Fierravanti-Wells asked:

Is the AEC aware of any complaints that have been made to the NSW Electoral Commission regarding voting processes and if so, what action does the AEC intend to take to avoid such irregular voting processes occurring at the next federal election?

Answer:

The AEC is aware of complaints made to the NSW Electoral Commission regarding queues, electors not being correctly enrolled, and some electors not being asked the statutory questions by polling staff employed by the NSW Electoral Commission.

The NSW Electoral Commission has also advised that there were some complaints that electors in remote parts of the State did not receive their postal voting material as a result of the once a week mail service by Australia Post.

The AEC has noted these issues.