

Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration

ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

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Senator Fierravanti-Wells asked:

Perhaps you might like to take this on notice. The concerns, as we heard the evidence, were in terms of the operations and processing of things like new electors and new voters and where people lived and potential bogus voters in those seats. I would like to know the number—and to have a breakdown of the number—of new voters into the four electorates and in particular Bennelong, and in effect the paperwork and statistics regarding the paperwork processed by that office in the lead up to the election.

Mr Campbell—I will do that. But I will also add that they are processing after polling day. After polling day is very important as well, of course.

Mr Campbell—I will cover the whole period from just before the election was called by the then Prime Minister until the return of the writs on 21 December.

Answer:

The table below sets out the number of people who were added to the rolls for the Divisions of Bennelong, Berowra, Bradfield and North Sydney in the period from the announcement of, to the close of rolls for, the 2007 federal election (14-23 October 2007 inclusive) and after the close of rolls to the return of the writ (24 October – 21 December 2007 inclusive).

Additions	14 Oct 2007 to 23 Oct 2007	24 Oct 2007 to 21 Dec 2007	Total
Bennelong	977	659	1,636
Berowra	693	525	1,218
Bradfield	825	599	1,424
North Sydney	1,382	858	2,240
Total	3,877	2,641	6,518

Note: Additions include new enrolments, re-enrolments, and people transferring into the division from another division.