

Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration

ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Finance and Administration Portfolio

Australian Electoral Commission

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Topic: Provision of advice and assistance in the conduct of overseas elections

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Senator Robert Ray asked:

How much has it cost to provide electoral advice and assistance in the conduct of the various overseas elections in which the Australian Electoral Commission has been involved?

Answer:

The various overseas elections in which the Australian Electoral Commission has provided electoral advice and assistance have been funded by AusAID. The following table contains details of the costs.

Project/Program	Non-AEC funded costs
International Mission for Iraqi Elections	\$76,339 (January 2005 – June 2006)
Solomon Islands Civic Education Project (Completed 30 January 2006)	\$2.275 million (January 2005 – January 2006)
Solomon Islands Electoral Assistance Project (Completed 28 April 2006)	\$1.783 million (October 2004 – April 2006)
Fiji	\$176,740 (October 2005 – October 2006)
Papua New Guinea	\$433,150 (September 2005 – November 2006)
East Timor	\$15,000 (June 2005 – October 2006)