

Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration

ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Finance and Administration Portfolio

Australian Electoral Commission

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Topic: Special Matter – Wielangta fighting fund

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Senator Faulkner asked:

Senator Faulkner—And was Senator Abetz the Special Minister of State when he referred that?

Mr Bodel—No, he was not.

Senator Faulkner—Can you give me the date of referral of that matter? You can take it on notice.

Mr Bodel—Yes. I can get back to you with that

Answer:

The Wielangta fighting fund was referred to the Australian Electoral Commission by Senator the Hon Eric Abetz on 18 July 2006.

At the time of referral, the Senator was Minister for Fisheries, Forestry and Conservation.