

Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration

ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

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Senator Abetz asked:

Senator ABETZ—Have there been any successful prosecutions on multiple voting when there has not been an admission by the voter?

Mr Pirani—I need to take that on notice. Certainly from the 2007 election there have not been any prosecutions thus far. We have only just referred matters to the Australian Federal Police. If we are going back to 2004—

Answer:

As prosecutions of multiple voting offences are undertaken by the Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions (CDPP), records relating to those prosecutions are kept by the CDPP and not the Australian Electoral Commission. According to the CDPP's records, there have not been any defended hearings under sections 339(1A) or 339(1C) of the *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918*. Some matters under section 339(1A) have been dealt with ex parte.