

Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration

ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Finance and Deregulation Portfolio

Department of Finance and Deregulation

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Outcome All Program All

Topic: Program Expenditure

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Senator Bernardi asked:

Are there any programs within your portfolio that are likely to exceed their current budget? If yes, please provide details (for example a demand driven program that has had higher than anticipated take up).

Answer:

The Australian Electoral Commission expects to incur an operating deficit in 2009-10. The deficit of \$19.2 million is the result of election year funding being insufficient to cover the election and the operating baseline of the AEC.