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People Strategies and Policy



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Mr Kai Swodba
Inquiry Secretary
Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Mr Swodba

**DEFENCE SUBMISSION TO THE JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON
ELECTORAL MATTERS (JSC EM) INTO THE 2007 FEDERAL ELECTION**

1. Thank you for your invitation to make a submission regarding the trial of remote electronic voting for ADF personnel deployed overseas for the 2007 Federal Election as part of the inquiry by JSC EM into the 2007 Federal Election.
2. Defence in conjunction with the Australian Electoral Commission (AEC), being the lead agency for the trial, conducted the first ever trial of remote electronic voting for ADF overseas deployed personnel for the 2007 Federal Election.
3. The trial was evaluated, and a report jointly prepared by the AEC and Defence. The report comprehensively details the conduct and outcomes of the remote electronic voting trial, and is currently listed as Exhibit 169.2 to Submission 169: Remote Electronic Voting at the 2007 Federal Election for Overseas Australian Defence Force Personnel.
4. A copy of the joint report is attached, and comprises Defence's input to JSC EM on the 2007 Federal Election.

Yours sincerely

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Attachment:

A. Report into Remote Electronic Voting at the 2007 Federal Election for Overseas Australian Defence Force Personnel