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JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON ELECTORAL MATTERS PUBLIC HEARING: INQUIRY INTO THE 2010 FEDERAL ELECTION Chair: Daryl Melham MP Deputy Chair: Hon Alex Somlyay MP

Electoral Matters Committee to hear from Labor and Australian Electoral Commission

Federal parliament's Electoral Matters Committee will hear from representatives of the Australian Labor Party and the Australian Electoral Commission this week for its inquiry into the conduct of the 2010 federal election.

Wednesday, 25 May 2011

Committee Room 1R2, Parliament House, Canberra

- 9.15 am Australian Labor Party
- 9.45 am Australian Electoral Commission

10.45 am Finish

The Committee has heard from, and received submissions from, a variety of groups in the course of its evidence gathering for this inquiry. Submissions and transcripts are available on the website: <u>http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/em/elect10/index.htm</u>.

The Australian Labor Party has raised a number of issues in its submission, including automatic and digital enrolment, closure of the electoral roll, and pre-poll, postal and provisional voting.

The Australian Electoral Commission has continued the practice of making supplementary submissions to the inquiry, as issues arise or as key data has become available.

"This is a significant hearing" said Committee Chair, Daryl Melham MP "at which we will hear from two key stakeholders in the electoral process".

Members of the public are welcome to attend. These hearings will be webcast live (audio only) at: <u>http://webcast.aph.gov.au/livebroadcasting/</u>

For more information and to follow the progress of the inquiry visit the Committee's webpage: <u>http://www.aph.gov.au/em</u>.

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