

**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON ELECTORAL MATTERS** New Inquiry – AEC analysis of the FWA report on the HSU Issued: 23 May 2012

## Inquiry into the AEC analysis of the FWA report on the HSU

Federal Parliament's Electoral Matters Committee has commenced an inquiry into the Australian Electoral Commission's (AEC) analysis of the Fair Work Australia report into the Health Services Union National Office (FWA report).

In its analysis of the FWA report the AEC examined matters relating to the operation of the *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918*. In advice to the Special Minister of State, the AEC also provided a list of 17 possible measures to address limitations in the Electoral Act which were highlighted by the circumstances covered in the FWA report.

The committee will examine the AEC analysis of the FWA report and possible measures for reforming the Commonwealth Electoral Act. These documents and more information about the inquiry are available on the Committee's website at: <u>http://www.aph.gov.au/em</u>.

Stakeholders, members of the public and interested groups are invited to make **submissions to the inquiry by Thursday, 21 June 2012**.

**For media comment:** Please contact the Committee Chair, Daryl Melham MP on 02 6277 2054 (Parliament House office) or 02 9774 2111 (Electoral office).

For general information: Contact the secretariat on 02 6277 2374 or iscem@aph.gov.au.