



Civics and Electoral Education report to be released this Monday

The Federal Parliament's Electoral Matters Committee will release its report on civics and electoral education this Monday, 18 June 2007. The report will be released at approximately 12:40pm.

The report, which contains 17 recommendations, highlights significant opportunities to better engage key sections of the population in electoral matters and to improve the quality of civics education.

The report follows successive surveys of young people which have shown that Australians between the ages of 15 and 35 typically have limited knowledge of Australia's political history and political system, and have little interest in Australian political affairs.

The Committee's report also examines the quality of education provided to Indigenous and migrant Australians.

After its release an electronic copy of the report will be available online at:

<http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/em/education/report.htm>.

Hard copies of the report will be available from the committee secretariat. To obtain a hard copy please email jscem@aph.gov.au or phone (02) 6277 2374.

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