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Senator: Xenophon

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Question:

Senator XENOPHON: If we go back in time to 1983-84 ... You can take this on notice: what corporate recollection of the AEC is there of the time it took to explain the amount of work done to publicise those changes to the system? That is not a hypothetical, Chair. It is going back to the future.

...

Mr Rogers: ... I will take that on notice and we will find out as much information as we can.

Answer:

There is no corporate recollection of the changes to the Senate voting system in 1983-84. The *Commonwealth Electoral Legislation Amendment Act 1983* was passed by the Parliament in late 1983 and commenced operation on 21 February 1984. The first general election after that date was on 1 December 1984.