

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
BUDGET ESTIMATES 2014-15

Finance Portfolio

Department/Agency: AEC
Outcome/Program: General
Topic: Multiple voting

Senator: Smith

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Question:

Senator SMITH: So you write to Senator Smith; heaven forbid, he may have multiple voted. He says, 'Yes, I have multiple voted'; please tick one of these boxes.

Ms Neilson: The question on the form is: 'can you please give us some more information that might help to explain—

Senator SMITH: So they then write their explanation or they are guided in their explanation?

Ms Neilson: I will take that on notice. I do not know the exact words of the letter. I do not think there are tick boxes.

Answer:

Samples of the letters sent to electors with multiple marks after the 2013 election are attached.

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Reply By Date: 13 November 2013

Dear

Federal Election 7 September 2013 - Follow-up of apparent Multiple Marks on Electoral Roll

After each election the Australian Electoral Commission checks the marked electoral rolls to determine whether all enrolled electors have voted and to establish if any electors appear to have voted more than once.

As you may be aware, voting is compulsory and voting more than once in an election is not permitted. When the rolls were checked, it was found that your name was marked as having voted more than once. I am writing to seek information that may assist in determining why your name was marked off on more than one roll.

In the section below, would you please advise where you voted. If you voted by post, please indicate this. Also, any information you can provide to help clarify the situation would be appreciated. I have enclosed a reply paid envelope for your convenience and would appreciate your response to this letter by 13 November 2013.

Yours sincerely

Lynette London
Divisional Returning Officer
30 October 2013

(Do Not Detach)

I, _____, the elector referred to above,

advise that I voted at the federal election held on 7 September 2013 at the following polling place or places:

I wish to disclose the following information about this matter:

..... Full Name:

..... Address:

..... Contact Phone No:

.....
Signature of Elector

.....
Date

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Reply By Date: 22 November 2013

Dear

Federal Election 7 September 2013 - Follow-up of apparent Multiple Marks on Electoral Roll

I wrote to you on 30 October 2013, seeking information as to the possible cause for your name being marked as having voted more than once at the recent federal election.

To date I have not received a response to my letter.

As advised in my previous letter, after each election the Australian Electoral Commission checks the marked electoral rolls to determine whether all enrolled electors have voted and to establish if any electors appear to have voted more than once. As you may be aware, voting is compulsory and voting more than once in an election is not permitted.

In the section below, would you please advise where you voted. If you voted by post, please indicate this. Also any information you can provide to help clarify the situation would be appreciated. I have enclosed a reply paid envelope for your convenience and would appreciate your response to this letter by 22 November 2013.

You should note that it may be necessary to take action to commence court proceedings if I do not receive a response to this letter.

Yours sincerely

Lynette London
Divisional Returning Officer
15 November 2013

(Do Not Detach)

I, _____ the elector referred to above,
advise that I voted at the federal election held on 7 September 2013 at the following polling place or places:

I wish to disclose the following information about this matter:

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..... Full Name:

..... Address:

..... Contact Phone No:

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Signature of Elector

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Date