

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES 2013-2014**

**Finance Portfolio**

**Department/Agency: Australian Electoral Commission**

**Outcome/Program: General**

**Topic: Status of Inquiry – Media release**

**Senator: Faulkner**

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**Question:**

“Can you [the AEC] provide a copy of...” the AEC media release dated 8 November 2013 concerning a media briefing to be conducted by Mr Mick Keelty in Perth on Monday 11 November?

**Answer:**

Yes. A copy of the media release is attached.

8 November 2013

## Media advice

Mr Mick Keelty AO will be in Perth next week to examine the facts and circumstances regarding the missing Senate ballot papers that could not be checked or verified as part of the WA Senate election recount.

The specific terms of reference for Mr Keelty's inquiry are to:

1. Make findings on what factors may have contributed to the misplacing of the ballot papers.
2. Recommend what changes could be made in the future to reduce the risk of similar incidents occurring in future elections.
3. Recommend any other actions that might be regarded as necessary or prudent.

Mr Keelty will be available for interview / media comment on Monday 11 November.

Details are provided below:

**Location:** AEC WA State Office, Level 13, 200 St Georges Terrace, Perth

**Time:** 12:00pm -12:30pm (WST)

**Editorial note:** Mr Keelty has indicated he will not be providing further interviews while the inquiry is in progress unless otherwise advised.

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