

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**Finance and Administration Portfolio**

**Australian Electoral Commission**

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**Question: F3**

**Outcome: Australian Electoral Commission**

**Topic: Mobile Polling**

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**Senator Jan McLucas asked:**

Could I have a list of the prisons where mobile polling occurred please, for the last election?

**Answer:**

The answer provided to me by the Australian Electoral Commission is as follows;

For the 2001 federal election, mobile polling occurred at the following prisons:

**Australian Capital Territory**

Fraser            Belconnen Remand Centre

**New South Wales**

Calare            Bathurst Correctional Centre  
Hunter            Cessnock Correctional Centre  
Parramatta       Parramatta Correctional Complex  
Reid                Metropolitan Remand Centre  
Reid                Mulawa Correctional Centre  
Reid                Silverwater Prison

**Victoria**

Melbourne       Melbourne Assessment Prison  
Bendigo            HM Prison Tarrengower

**Western Australia**

Brand             Casuarina Maximum Security Prison  
Canning           Hakea Prison Complex  
Canning           Karnet Prison Farm  
Kalgoorlie        Broome Regional Prison  
Kalgoorlie        Eastern Goldfields Regional Prison  
Kalgoorlie        Roebourne Regional Prison  
O'Connor         Albany Regional Prison  
O'Connor         Greenough Regional Prison  
O'Connor         Pardelup Work Farm  
Pearce             Bandyup Women's Prison  
Swan               Nyandi Prison for Women

**Northern Territory**

Lingiari        Alice Springs Correctional Centre  
Solomon        Darwin Correctional Centre

No mobile polling was provided to prisons in Queensland, South Australia or Tasmania.

Mobile polling teams often do not attend prisons at the express wish of prison management. For example, at the 2001 federal election, after discussion between respective prison managers and Divisional Returning Officers, it was agreed not to visit Goulburn Correctional Centre (NSW, Hume), Long Bay Correctional Complex (NSW, Kingsford Smith), Bunbury Regional Prison (WA, Forrest), Arcacia Prison (WA, Pearce) and Woorooloo Prison Farm (WA, Pearce) because of security issues.

Eligible electors in prisons not serviced by mobile polling teams are provided with electoral services by postal voting. Postal vote applications and information posters are provided to all prisons, including those scheduled to be visited by a mobile team. Some inmates are registered as general postal voters (this means that they do not have to complete a fresh postal vote application for each federal election and their postal voting material is sent to them as soon as nominations close and ballot papers are produced).

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