

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Australian Electoral Commission

February Additional Estimates Hearings 2003-04 – 17 February 2004

Question: F5

Outcome: Australian Electoral Commission

Topic: Liaison with Indigenous communities

Hansard Page: F&PA 20-21

Senator Jan McLucas asked:

[As at the 2002 ATSIC election], how many community liaison people would be employed in each of the areas with high Indigenous populations?

Answer:

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

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community Electoral Information Officers (CEIOs) are employed by ATSIC regions not Divisions, and the ATSIC regional boundaries do not mirror electoral boundaries. For the 2002 ATSIC elections, the following CEIOs were employed:

Queensland: 15 (located in Brisbane, Cairns, Mt Isa, Rockhampton, Townsville and Roma)

South Australia: 5 (3 of whom are located in the Division of Grey)

Western Australia: 12 (9 of whom covered the communities within the Division of Kalgoorlie)

Northern Territory: 12

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Question: F6

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Hansard Page: F&PA 21

Senator Jan McLucas asked:

What is the travel budget for people employed to liaise with Indigenous communities in the lead-up to elections?

Answer:

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

For the lead-up to the 2002 ATSIC election, the total travel budget (airfares, vehicles, travel and accommodation allowances) by State/Territory for Community Electoral Information Officers in the Divisions of Kennedy, Leichhardt, Maranoa, Grey, Kalgoorlie and Northern Territory was:

Queensland:	\$144,644
South Australia:	\$ 68,853
Western Australia:	\$ 91,180
Northern Territory:	\$122,466

ATSIC reimbursed the AEC for the above expenditure.

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