

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**Finance and Administration Portfolio**

**Australian Electoral Commission**

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**Question: F8**

**Outcome: Australian Electoral Commission**

**Topic: Prison inmate development committees in New South Wales**

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**Senator Kerry Nettle asked:**

Has the Australian Electoral Commission had any contact with inmate development committees in New South Wales, or similar committees in other states, in relation to providing information on enrolments or capacity to have polling booths present on polling day?

**Answer:**

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

The Australian Electoral Commission (AEC) has not had any contact with inmate development committees in New South Wales, or similar committees in other states.

In some States and Territories, information sessions are conducted in prisons with the support and agreement of prison management. For example, at the 2001 federal election, information sessions were held at Casuarina Maximum Security Prison (WA, Brand) and Darwin Correctional Centre (NT, Solomon). At the Casuarina Maximum Security Prison information session, twenty-one enrolment forms were collected. At the Darwin Correctional Centre information session, AEC staff outlined to inmates their electoral rights and responsibilities.

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