

Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration
ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE
Finance and Deregulation Portfolio
Australian Electoral Commission
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Question: F74

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Topic: Overseas posts offering voting services

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Senator Forshaw asked:

Who determines which posts will make voting available? We are talking firstly about people who want to vote in person, but of course also about those who want to apply for or lodge postal votes.

Answer:

The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) determines which posts will provide voting services, taking into account their operational requirements.

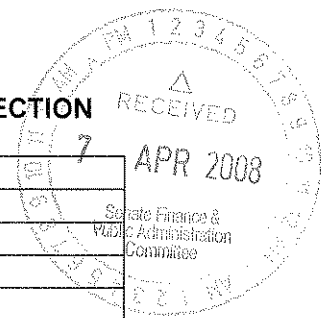
At the 2007 Federal Election, voting was available in 104 overseas locations.

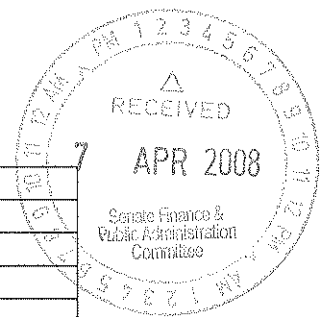
All 86 DFAT posts that provide the full range of consular services, as well as 18 Austrade consulates, provided voting services for the 2007 Federal Election.

A list of the number of votes issued at each overseas voting location is attached.

LIST OF OVERSEAS POSTS AND VOTES ISSUED – 2007 FEDERAL ELECTION

LOCATION	COUNTRY	VOTES
Abu Dhabi	United Arab Emirates	599
Abuja	Nigeria	15
Accra	Ghana	42
Amman	Jordan	135
Ankara	Turkey	55
Apia	Samoa	189
Athens	Greece	327
Atlanta	United States of America	106
Auckland	New Zealand	1,222
Baghdad	Iraq	187
Bali	Indonesia	187
Bandar Seri Begawan	Brunei	78
Bangkok	Thailand	1215
Beijing	China	1504
Beirut	Lebanon	100
Belgrade	Serbia and Montenegro	155
Berlin	Germany	578
Brasilia	Brazil	76
Brussels	Belgium	203
Budapest	Hungary	158
Buenos Aires	Argentina	345
Cairo	Egypt	216
Canakkale	Turkey	7
Chennai	India	171
Chicago	United States of America	298
Colombo	Sri Lanka	412
Copenhagen	Denmark	272
Dhaka	Bangladesh	205
Dili	East Timor	532
Dubai	United Arab Emirates	996
Dublin	Ireland	941
Frankfurt	Germany	192
Fukuoka City	Japan	87
Geneva	Switzerland	471
Guangzhou	China	1313
Hanoi	Vietnam	417
Harare	Zimbabwe	38
Ho Chi Minh City	Vietnam	1177
Hong Kong	China	10456
Honiara	Solomon Islands	463
Honolulu	United States of America	101
Islamabad	Pakistan	136
Istanbul	Turkey	118
Jakarta	Indonesia	766
Kabul	Afghanistan	74
Kathmandu	Nepal	187
Kuala Lumpur	Malaysia	938
Kuwait	Kuwait	142
Lima	Peru	146
Lisbon	Portugal	125
London	United Kingdom	16226





Los Angeles	United States of America	632
Madrid	Spain	347
Malta	Malta	157
Manila	Philippines	881
Mexico City	Mexico	96
Milan	Italy	205
Moscow	Russia	98
Mumbai	India	187
Nagoya	Japan	132
Nairobi	Kenya	120
Nauru	Nauru	54
New Delhi	India	501
New York	United States of America	1836
Nicosia	Cyprus	146
Noumea	New Caledonia	80
Nuku'alofa	Tonga	96
Osaka	Japan	323
Ottawa	Canada	313
Paris	France	1245
Phnom Penh	Cambodia	781
Pohnpei	Micronesia	13
Port Louis	Mauritius	143
Port Moresby	Papua New Guinea	776
Port of Spain	Trinidad and Tobago	29
Port Vila	Vanuatu	201
Pretoria	South Africa	347
Rangoon	Burma	109
Riyadh	Saudi Arabia	108
Rome	Italy	445
San Francisco	United States of America	496
Santiago	Chile	401
Sao Paulo	Brazil	29
Sapporo	Japan	51
Seoul	Korea	377
Shanghai	China	1816
Singapore	Singapore	2827
Stockholm	Sweden	298
Suva	Fiji	428
Taipei	Taiwan	1207
Tarawa	Kiribati	35
Tehran	Iran	89
Tel Aviv	Israel	225
The Hague	Netherlands	502
Tokyo	Japan	1218
Toronto	Canada	521
Tripoli	Libya	33
Vancouver	Canada	687
Vienna	Austria	301
Vientiane	Laos	340
Warsaw	Poland	199
Washington	United States of America	1341
Wellington	New Zealand	779
Zagreb	Croatia	206
TOTAL		70,092