

**Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration**

**ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE**

**Finance and Deregulation Portfolio**

**Australian Electoral Commission**

**Additional Estimates Hearing – February 2008**



**Question: F78**

**Outcome 2, Output 2.1.1**

**Topic: Apparent multiple voters in the 2007 Federal Election**

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**Senator Fifield asked:**

For that figure of 20,500 [multiple votes for the 2007 election], are you currently in a position to give a breakdown by state? Okay. That would be great. I was going to say that I would be happy just with my state of Victoria, but if you can do it for each state and for each division as well that would be terrific.

**Answer:**

The breakdown of apparent multiple voter letters sent by state and division is provided in the attached table.

Generally, a large number of apparent multiple voters are eliminated as a result of matches with apparent non-voters, that is, where it is clear that the multiple mark corresponds with an apparent non-voter. This is usually due to polling official error in crossing the wrong name off the certified list.

So far, just over 17,000 responses have been received indicating no further action is required on the basis of matches with apparent non-voters or official error, or due to inconclusive evidence.

As processing of replies is still underway, the AEC is not able to provide any more detailed information at this point.

Following the 2004 Federal Election, 64 cases of apparent multiple voting were referred to the AFP. While the AFP referred a number of cases to the Director of Public Prosecutions, no cases of multiple voting were prosecuted.

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2007 Federal Election Multiple Voter Letters sent

STATE	DIVISION-NAME	LETTERS SENT
A	CAMBERRA	132
A	FRASER	114
	<b>Total ACT</b>	<b>246</b>
D	LINGIARI	42
D	SOLOMON	21
	<b>Total NT</b>	<b>63</b>
N	BANKS	218
N	BARTON	198
N	BENNELONG	159
N	BEROWRA	114
N	BLAXLAND	239
N	BRADFIELD	138
N	CALARE	104
N	CHARLTON	112
N	CHIFLEY	179
N	COOK	86
N	COWPER	106
N	CUNNINGHAM	126
N	DOBELL	144
N	EDEN-MONARO	117
N	FARRER	32
N	FOWLER	244
N	GILMORE	71
N	GRAYNDLER	189
N	GREENWAY	188
N	HUGHES	201
N	HUME	89
N	HUNTER	97
N	KINGSFORD SMITH	212
N	LINDSAY	111
N	LOWE	158
N	LYNE	105
N	MACARTHUR	147
N	MACKELLAR	169
N	MACQUARIE	129
N	MITCHELL	111
N	NEWCASTLE	116
N	NEW ENGLAND	128
N	NORTH SYDNEY	124
N	PAGE	124
N	PARKES	113
N	PARRAMATTA	233
N	PATERSON	109
N	PROSPECT	215
N	REID	333
N	RICHMOND	105
N	RIVERINA	114
N	ROBERTSON	101
N	SHORTLAND	117
N	SYDNEY	190
N	THROSBY	134
N	WARRINGAH	140
N	WATSON	323
N	WENTWORTH	193
N	WERRIWA	142
	<b>Total NSW</b>	<b>7347</b>

STATE	DIVISION-NAME	LETTERS SENT
Q	BLAIR	113
Q	BONNER	142
Q	BOWMAN	130
Q	BRISBANE	49
Q	CAPRICORNIA	81
Q	DAWSON	128
Q	DICKSON	114
Q	FADDEN	158
Q	FAIRFAX	152
Q	FISHER	80
Q	FLYNN	79
Q	FORDE	142
Q	GRIFFITH	131
Q	GROOM	82
Q	HERBERT	120
Q	HINKLER	92
Q	KENNEDY	59
Q	LEICHHARDT	219
Q	LILLEY	75
Q	LONGMAN	124
Q	MOPHERSON	103
Q	MARANO	64
Q	MONCRIEFF	118
Q	MORETON	128
Q	OXLEY	124
Q	PETRIE	105
Q	RANKIN	144
Q	RYAN	134
Q	WIDE BAY	145
	<b>Total QLD</b>	<b>3335</b>
S	ADELAIDE	113
S	BARKER	60
S	BOOTHBY	59
S	GREY	141
S	HINDMARSH	88
S	KINGSTON	86
S	MAKIN	120
S	MAYO	98
S	PORT ADELAIDE	150
S	STURT	138
S	WAKEFIELD	115
	<b>Total SA</b>	<b>1179</b>
T	BASS	100
T	BRADDOON	88
T	DENISON	127
T	FRANKLIN	116
T	LYONS	85
	<b>Total TAS</b>	<b>526</b>

STATE	DIVISION-NAME	LETTERS SENT
V	ASTON	119
V	BALLARAT	142
V	BATMAN	125
V	BENDIGO	114
V	BRUCE	178
V	CALWELL	203
V	CASEY	102
V	CHISHOLM	130
V	CORANGAMITE	126
V	CORIO	189
V	DEAKIN	106
V	DUNKLEY	124
V	FLINDERS	184
V	GELIBRAND	160
V	GIPPSLAND	103
V	GOLDSTEIN	253
V	GORTON	387
V	HIGGINS	113
V	HOLT	325
V	HOTHAM	168
V	INDI	89
V	ISAACS	236
V	JAGAJAGA	98
V	KOOYONG	107
V	LALOR	177
V	LA TROBE	120
V	MCEWEN	134
V	MCMILLAN	139
V	MALLEE	94
V	MARIBYRNONG	280
V	MELBOURNE	114
V	MELBOURNE PORTS	148
V	MENZIES	137
V	MURRAY	143
V	SCULLIN	211
V	WANNON	80
V	WILLS	134
	<b>Total VIC</b>	<b>5782</b>
W	BRAND	112
W	CANNING	203
W	COWAN	105
W	CURTIN	86
W	FORREST	173
W	FREMANTLE	129
W	HASLUCK	196
W	KALGOORLIE	128
W	MOORE	110
W	OCONNOR	152
W	PEARCE	138
W	PERTH	199
W	STIRLING	152
W	SWAN	109
W	TANGNEY	2155
	<b>Total WA</b>	<b>2155</b>
	<b>NATIONAL TOTAL</b>	<b>20630</b>

