

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Department of Finance and Administration

Budget Estimates Hearings 2004-05 – 26 May 2004

Question: F26

Outcome: Australian Electoral Commission

Topic: Location of polling booths

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Senator George Brandis asked:

(a) Are there any plans for any polling booths at the next federal election to be located outside the electorates which they are set up to serve?

(b) If so, at which locations, for which electorates, and for what reasons?

Answer:

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

It is Australian Electoral Commission (AEC) policy to create dual and multiple polling places where they are warranted and circumstances permit.

Dual and multiple polling places are created for the convenience of electors and candidates. An ordinary vote is much easier for an elector than completing a declaration envelope for an absent vote. Ordinary votes are counted on polling night, whereas an absent vote will not be counted until after preliminary scrutiny has been completed in the week after polling day.

A dual polling place is shared between two (or in a limited number of instances, three) adjoining divisions. It is physically located in one division but issues ordinary votes to electors enrolled in the adjoining division. For a dual polling place to be created, the original polling place physically located in one division must have been issuing over 240 absent votes for electors enrolled in the adjoining division. The premises must also lend itself to the creation of completely separate areas for polling, allowing no scope for overlap or the inadvertent placing of ballot papers in the wrong ballot box.

A multiple polling place issues ordinary votes to electors enrolled in a number of divisions that are not necessarily adjoining. These may be all the divisions in the State, or all the divisions in the metropolitan area of a State. Multiple polling places are located in capital city town halls or tourist areas such as Rottnest Island in Western Australia.

Complete details of dual and multiple polling places, showing the premises, the polling place names and the number of divisions sharing the premises, are set out in the attached reports from the AEC's election management system. A summary of this information is as follows:

- NSW 176 polling places at 62 locations (includes 50 polling places at Sydney Town Hall)
- VIC 96 polling places at 30 locations (includes 37 polling places at Melbourne Town Hall)
- QLD 185 polling places at 76 locations (includes 28 polling places at Brisbane City Hall)
- WA 67 polling places at 20 locations (includes 15 polling places at Perth Council House and 15 polling places at Rottneat Primary School)
- SA 24 polling places at 10 locations (includes 8 polling places at Millers Arcade, Adelaide)
- TAS 2 polling places at 1 location

There are no dual or multiple polling places in either the Australian Capital Territory or the Northern Territory.

There are also currently six instances of a polling place for a division being located in premises in another division, without the polling place being either a dual or multiple polling place.

The names, divisions and locations for these polling places, and the reasons for their location outside their division, are as follows:

Brighton Avenue Polling Place, NSW

This polling place serves the Division of Watson and is located in the Division of Lowe, in the grounds of the Croydon Park Public School. The Croydon Park Polling Place in the Division of Lowe is located in the same school ground, but in quite separate premises.

The polling place was recently moved from a former venue in the Division of Watson, when those premises became unavailable. The premises outside the divisional boundary were chosen because it was the only suitable premises in the area.

Action has commenced to rename the Brighton Avenue Polling Place as Croydon Park Central Polling Place.

Cardinia Polling Place, VIC

This polling place serves the Division of Flinders and is located in the Division of La Trobe, in Cardinia Primary School. The polling place is on Ballartoo Rd, which forms the boundary between the Divisions of Flinders and La Trobe.

The polling place was in Flinders prior to the recent redistribution. There is no other suitable polling place accommodation on the Flinders side of the divisional boundary.

Melrose Park Polling Place, NSW

This polling place serves the Division of Bennelong and is located in the Division of Parramatta at the Melrose Park Public School, Wharf Road, Melrose Park.

It is located outside the division because there are no suitable premises in the Division of Bennelong to serve the electors that live on the other side of Wharf Road.

North Beach Polling Place, WA

This polling place serves the Division of Stirling and is located in the Division of Moore at North Beach Primary School, Groat St, North Beach.

North Beach Primary School is situated at the junction of Groat St and North Beach Rd, these being the boundaries between the Divisions of Moore and Stirling. The school is within the Star Swamp Reserve, which has no habitations.

The polling place was in Stirling prior to the recent redistribution. There is no other suitable polling place accommodation on the Stirling side of the divisional boundary.

Pendle Hill South Polling Place, NSW

This polling place serves the Division of Prospect and is located in the Division of Parramatta at Pendle Girls Guides Hall, Ettalong Rd, Greystanes.

The polling place was located in the Division of Prospect prior to the last redistribution. Other suitable premises in Greystanes are already used as polling places and it was logical to retain this polling place as a polling place for the Division of Prospect, given that it mainly serves Prospect voters.

Punchbowl (Banks) Polling Place, NSW

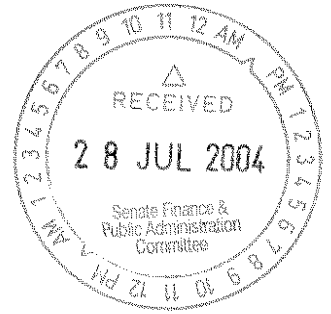
This polling place serves the Division of Banks and is located in the Division of Blaxland. It is located in the Division of Blaxland because there are no other suitable premises in the vicinity that are located in the Division of Banks.

The two polling places are located in different premises that are some distance apart in the Punchbowl Public School grounds. Action has commenced to rename the Punchbowl (Banks) polling place as Punchbowl South, and the Punchbowl (Blaxland) polling place as Punchbowl.

Please note that all polling places, including dual and multiple polling places, will not be finalised until after the election is announced and the availability of premises for polling day can be confirmed.

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Hi Matt,

Please find below the attachments for question F26. My apologies for not including these on Monday.

Regards,

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Dual Polling Places - State (PPDU)

Queensland

Premises	Polling Place Name	No. of Divisions Sharing
Albert Waterways Community Centre	Mermaid Waters (McPherson)	2
	* Mermaid Waters (Moncrieff)	
Ashmore State School	Ashmore (Fadden)	2
	* Ashmore (Moncrieff)	
Aspley State High School	* Aspley (Lilley)	2
	Aspley (Petrie)	
Baptist Church & Education Centre	Southport West (Fadden)	2
	* Southport West (Moncrieff)	
Belmont State School	* Belmont School (Bonner)	2
	Belmont School (Griffith)	
Brisbane City Hall	Brisbane City (Blair)	28
	Brisbane City (Bonner)	
	Brisbane City (Bowman)	
	* Brisbane City (Erisbane)	
	Brisbane City (Capricornia)	
	Brisbane City (Dawson)	
	Brisbane City (Dickson)	
	Brisbane City (Fadden)	
	Brisbane City (Fairfax)	
	Brisbane City (Fisher)	
	Brisbane City (Forde)	
	Brisbane City (Griffith)	
	Brisbane City (Groom)	
	Brisbane City (Herbert)	
	Brisbane City (Hinkler)	
	Brisbane City (Kennedy)	
	Brisbane City (Leichhardt)	
	Brisbane City (Lilley)	
	Brisbane City (Longman)	
	Brisbane City (Maranoa)	
	Brisbane City (McPherson)	
	Brisbane City (Moncrieff)	
Brisbane City (Moreton)		
Brisbane City (Oxley)		
Brisbane City (Petrie)		
Brisbane City (Rankin)		
Brisbane City (Ryan)		
Brisbane City (Wide Bay)		

Dual Polling Places - State (PPDU)

Queensland

Premises	Polling Place Name	No. of Divisions Sharing
Burleigh Heads State School	* Burleigh Heads (McPherson) Burleigh Heads (Moncrieff)	2
Calamvale Community College	* Calamvale (Moreton) Calamvale (Oxley) Calamvale (Rankin)	3
Caningeraba State School	* Burleigh Waters (McPherson) Burleigh Waters (Moncrieff)	2
Cannon Hill State School	Cannon Hill (Bonner) * Cannon Hill (Griffith)	2
Carindale Police Citizens Youth Club	* Carindale (Bonner) Carindale (Griffith)	2
Catholic Church Hall	* Eastern Heights (Blair) Eastern Heights (Oxley)	2
Cavendish Road High School	Cavendish Road (Bonner) * Cavendish Road (Griffith)	2
Chisholm Catholic College	* Cornubia (Bowman) Cornubia (Forde)	2
Coomera State School	* Coomera (Fadden) Coomera (Forde)	2
Craigslea State School	Chermside West (Lilley) * Chermside West (Petrie)	2
Darra/Jindalee Catholic Pre-School	Jindalee South (Oxley) * Jindalee South (Ryan)	2
Deception Bay High School	Deception Bay South (Longman) * Deception Bay South (Petrie)	2
Eight Mile Plains State School	Eight Mile Plains (Bonner) Eight Mile Plains (Moreton) * Eight Mile Plains (Rankin)	3
Everton Park High School	* Stafford West (Brisbane) Stafford West (Petrie)	2

Dual Polling Places - State (PPDU)

Queensland

Premises	Polling Place Name	No. of Divisions Sharing
Ferny Grove State Pre School	* Ferny Grove (Brisbane) Ferny Grove (Dickson)	2
Gordonvale State School	* Gordonvale (Kennedy) Gordonvale (Leichhardt)	2
Grovely State Pre-school	* Grovely (Brisbane) Grovely (Dickson)	2
Ipswich Central State School	* Central School (Blair) Central School (Oxley)	2
Jamboree Heights State School	Jamboree Heights (Oxley) * Jamboree Heights (Ryan)	2
Jindalee State School	Jindalee (Oxley) * Jindalee (Ryan)	2
Kuluin State School	* Kuluin (Fairfax) Kuluin (Fisher)	2
Kuraby State School	Kuraby (Moreton) * Kuraby (Rankin)	2
Loganholme State School	* Loganholme (Forde) Loganholme (Rankin)	2
Macgregor High School	Macgregor (Bonner) * Macgregor (Moreton)	2
Maroochy Neighbourhood Centre	Cotton Tree (Fairfax) * Cotton Tree (Fisher)	2
Maroochydore High School	* Maroochydore (Fairfax) Maroochydore (Fisher)	2
Marsden State High School	* Marsden (Forde) Marsden (Rankin)	2
Marshall Road State School	* Marshall Road (Bonner) Marshall Road (Griffith) Marshall Road (Moreton)	3

Dual Polling Places - State (PPDU)

Queensland

Premises	Polling Place Name	No. of Divisions Sharing
Merrimac State High School	Merrimac High (McPherson) * Merrimac High (Moncrieff)	2
Merrimac State School	* Merrimac (McPherson) Merrimac (Moncrieff)	2
Miami State School	Miami West (McPherson) * Miami West (Moncrieff)	2
Millwell Road Community Centre	* Maroochydore East (Fairfax) Maroochydore East (Fisher)	2
Milton State School	* Milton (Brisbane) Milton (Ryan)	2
Mt Gravatt East State School	* Mount Gravatt East (Bonner) Mount Gravatt East (Griffith)	2
Mudgeeraba Special School	* Mudgeeraba (McPherson) Mudgeeraba (Moncrieff)	2
Mudgeeraba State School	* Tallai (McPherson) Tallai (Moncrieff)	2
Murarrie Progress Assn Community Hall	* Murarrie (Bonner) Murarrie (Griffith)	2
Nerang Council Chambers	* Nerang (Fadden) Nerang (Moncrieff)	2
Nerang State High School	Nerang West (Fadden) Nerang West (Forde) * Nerang West (Moncrieff)	3
Ormeau State School	* Canowindra (Fadden) Canowindra (Forde)	2
Oxenford State School	* Oxenford (Fadden) Oxenford (Forde)	2
Palmwoods Memorial Hall	* Palmwoods (Fairfax) Palmwoods (Fisher)	2

Dual Polling Places - State (PPDU)

Queensland

Premises	Polling Place Name	No. of Divisions Sharing
Queen of Apostles School	* Stafford Central (Brisbane) Stafford Central (Petrie)	2
R.S.L. Hall	* Burleigh North (McPherson) Burleigh North (Moncrieff)	2
Rainworth State School	Rainworth (Brisbane) * Rainworth (Ryan)	2
Robina Common Community Centre	* Robina North (McPherson) Robina North (Moncrieff)	2
Robina Community Centre	* Robina Town (McPherson) Robina Town (Moncrieff)	2
Rochedale State School	* Rochedale (Bonner) Rochedale (Rankin)	2
Salvation Army Hall	Carina Heights (Bonner) * Carina Heights (Griffith)	2
Shailer Park State High School	Shailer Park (Bowman) Shailer Park (Forde) * Shailer Park (Rankin)	3
Somerset Hills State School	Somerset Hills (Lilley) * Somerset Hills (Petrie)	2
Southport Community Centre	Southport (Fadden) * Southport (Moncrieff)	2
St Joseph's Catholic Church	Corinda (Moreton) * Corinda (Oxley)	2
Stafford Heights State School	Stafford Heights (Brisbane) * Stafford Heights (Petrie)	2
Stafford State School	Stafford (Brisbane) * Stafford (Lilley)	2
Taigum State School	* Taigum (Lilley) Taigum (Petrie)	2

Dual Polling Places - State (PPDU)

Queensland

Premises	Polling Place Name	No. of Divisions Sharing
Upper Mt Gravatt State School	* Upper Mt Gravatt (Bonner) Upper Mt Gravatt (Moreton)	2
Warrigal Road State School	Warrigal Road (Bonner) * Warrigal Road (Moreton) Warrigal Road (Rankin)	3
Weir State School	* The Weir (Herbert) The Weir (Kennedy)	2
Wellers Hill State School	Wellers Hill (Griffith) * Wellers Hill (Morston)	2
Wesleyan Methodist Church Hall	Everton Hills (Brisbane) * Everton Hills (Dickson)	2
Yeronga State School	Yeronga (Griffith) * Yeronga (Moreton)	2

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Dual Polling Places - State (PPDU)

South Australia

Premises	Polling Place Name	No. of Divisions Sharing
Coromandel Valley Primary School	* Coromandel Valley (Boothby) Coromandel Valley (Mayo)	2
Enfield High School	* Enfield North (Adelaide) Enfield North (Makin)	2
Flagstaff Hill Primary School	* Flagstaff Hill (Boothby) Flagstaff Hill (Mayo)	2
Happy Valley Primary School	* Happy Valley (Kingston) Happy Valley (Mayo)	2
Marden Uniting Church Hall	* Marden West (Sturt)	1
Millers Arcade	* Adelaide (Adelaide) Adelaide (Boothby) Adelaide (Hindmarsh) Adelaide (Kingston) Adelaide (Makin) Adelaide (Mayo) Adelaide (Port Adelaide) Adelaide (Sturt)	8
Southern Hills Baptist Church Hall	Aberfoyle Park North (Boothby) * Aberfoyle Park North (Mayo)	2
St Barnabas Church	* Croydon (Port Adelaide)	1
St George's College	* Mile End (Adelaide) Mile End (Hindmarsh)	2
TAFE INSTITUTE Croydon Campus	* Croydon Park West (Adelaide) Croydon Park West (Port Adelaide)	2

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Dual Polling Places - State (PPDU)

Tasmania

Premises	Polling Place Name	No. of Divisions Sharing
Legana Memorial Hall	* Legana (Bass)	
	Legana (Lyons)	2

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*      Number of Dual Polling Places: 2
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Dual Polling Places - State (PPDU)

Victoria

Premises	Polling Place Name	No. of Divisions Sharing
Albion Primary School	Albion (Gorton) * Albion (Maribyrnong)	2
Alphington Primary School	Alphington (Batman) * Alphington (Melbourne)	2
Baxter Primary School	Baxter (Dunkley) * Baxter (Flinders)	2
Bentons Junior College	* Mornington East (Dunkley) Mornington East (Flinders)	2
Burwood East Primary School	Tally Ho (Chisholm) * Tally Ho (Deakin)	2
Cheltenham East Primary School	* Cheltenham East (Hotham) Cheltenham East (Isaacs)	2
Cheltenham Primary School	* Cheltenham (Goldstein) Cheltenham (Isaacs)	2
Clyde Primary School	Clyde (Flinders) * Clyde (La Trobe)	2
Drysdale Community Activity Centre	Drysdale (Corangamite) * Drysdale (Corio)	2
Fairfield Primary School	* Fairfield (Batman) Fairfield (Melbourne)	2
Glen Waverley Secondary College	The Glen (Bruce) * The Glen (Chisholm)	2
Kalinda Primary School	Kalinda (Casey) * Kalinda (Menzies)	2
Kallista Primary School	Kallista (Casey) * Kallista (La Trobe)	2
Maribyrnong Community Centre	Maribyrnong (Gellibrand) * Maribyrnong (Maribyrnong)	2

Dual Polling Places - State (PPDU)

Victoria

Premises	Polling Place Name	No. of Divisions Sharing
Melbourne Town Hall (cont)	Melbourne (Casey)	
	Melbourne (Chisholm)	
	Melbourne (Corangamite)	
	Melbourne (Corio)	
	Melbourne (Deakin)	
	Melbourne (Dunkley)	
	Melbourne (Flinders)	
	Melbourne (Gellibrand)	
	Melbourne (Gippsland)	
	Melbourne (Goldstein)	
	Melbourne (Gorton)	
	Melbourne (Higgins)	
	Melbourne (Holt)	
	Melbourne (Hotham)	
	Melbourne (Indi)	
	Melbourne (Isaacs)	
	Melbourne (Jagajaga)	
	Melbourne (Kooyong)	
	Melbourne (La Trobe)	
	Melbourne (Lalor)	
	Melbourne (Mallee)	
	Melbourne (Maribyrnong)	
	Melbourne (McEwen)	
	Melbourne (McMillan)	
	Melbourne (Melbourne Ports)	
	* Melbourne (Melbourne)	
Melbourne (Menzies)		
Melbourne (Murray)		
Melbourne (Scullin)		
Melbourne (Wannon)		
Melbourne (Wills)	37	
Mentone Girls Secondary College	Beaumaris East (Goldstein)	
	* Beaumaris East (Isaacs)	2
Mt Dandenong Primary School	Mount Dandenong (Casey)	
	* Mount Dandenong (La Trobe)	2
Newlands Primary School	* Newlands (Batman)	
	Newlands (Wills)	2
Newlands Senior Citizens Centre	Murray (Batman)	
	* Murray (Wills)	2
Norwood Secondary College	* Norwood (Deakin)	
	Norwood (Menzies)	2
Oakleigh Primary School	* Oakleigh (Chisholm)	
	Oakleigh (Higgins)	

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Dual Polling Places - State (PPDU)

Victoria

Premises	Polling Place Name	No. of Divisions Sharing
Oakleigh Primary School (cont)	Oakleigh (Hotham)	3
Osborne Primary School	Mt Martha North (Dunkley) * Mt Martha North (Flinders)	2
Pakenham Upper Public Hall	* Pakenham Upper (La Trobe) Pakenham Upper (McMillan)	2
Pinewood Community Hall	Pinewood (Bruce) * Pinewood (Chisholm)	2
Research Primary School	Research (JagaJaga) * Research (McEwen)	2
Ringwood North Primary School	Ringwood North (Deakin) * Ringwood North (Menzies)	2
Skye Primary School	Skye (Dunkley) * Skye (Isaacs)	2
St Albans Heights Primary School	St Albans (Gorton) * St Albans (Maribyrnong)	2
St John's Church Hall	Bentleigh Central (Goldstein) * Bentleigh Central (Hotham)	2
Wayburne Pre-School Centre	Wayburne (Bruce) * Wayburne (Chisholm)	2

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*           Number of Dual Polling Places:  96   *
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Dual Polling Places - State (FFDU)

Western Australia

Premises	Polling Place Name	No. of Division Sharing
Council House	Perth (Brand)	15
	Perth (Canning)	
	Perth (Cowan)	
	Perth (Curtin)	
	Perth (Forrest)	
	Perth (Fremantle)	
	Perth (Hasluck)	
	Perth (Kalgoorlie)	
	Perth (Moore)	
	Perth (O'Connor)	
	Perth (Pearce)	
	* Perth (Perth)	
	Perth (Stirling)	
Perth (Swan)		
Perth (Tangney)		
Davallia Primary School	* Duncraig East (Moore)	2
	Duncraig East (Stirling)	
Doubleview Primary School	Doubleview (Curtin)	2
	* Doubleview (Stirling)	
Forest Crescent Primary School	* Thornlie South (Canning)	2
	Thornlie South (Hasluck)	
Gosnells Senior High School	Gosnells South (Canning)	2
	* Gosnells South (Hasluck)	
Greek Orthodox Church	* West Perth (Curtin)	2
	West Perth (Perth)	
Helena Valley Recreation Hall	* Helena Valley (Hasluck)	2
	Helena Valley (Pearce)	
Huntingdale Primary School	Huntingdale (Canning)	2
	* Huntingdale (Hasluck)	
Kardinya Primary School	Kardinya (Fremantle)	2
	* Kardinya (Tangney)	
Melville Recreation Centre	Melville (Fremantle)	2
	* Melville (Tangney)	

Dual Polling Places - State (PPDU)

Western Australia

Premises	Polling Place Name	No. of Divisions Sharing
North Beach Autumn Centre	North Beach Central (Moore)	2
	* North Beach Central (Stirling)	
North Morley Primary School	* Noranda West (Cowan)	3
	Noranda West (Perth)	
	Noranda West (Stirling)	
Rottneest Primary School	Rottneest (Brand)	15
	Rottneest (Canning)	
	Rottneest (Cowan)	
	Rottneest (Curtin)	
	Rottneest (Forrest)	
	* Rottneest (Fremantle)	
	Rottneest (Hasluck)	
	Rottneest (Kalgoorlie)	
	Rottneest (Moore)	
	Rottneest (O'Connor)	
	Rottneest (Pearce)	
	Rottneest (Perth)	
	Rottneest (Stirling)	
Rottneest (Swan)		
Rottneest (Tangney)		
Swan View High School	Swan View (Hasluck)	2
	* Swan View (Pearce)	
Thornlie Senior High School	Thornlie (Canning)	2
	* Thornlie (Hasluck)	
Tuart Hill Primary School	Tuart Hill (Curtin)	2
	* Tuart Hill (Stirling)	
Walliston Primary School	* Walliston (Hasluck)	2
	Walliston (Pearce)	
Yale Primary School	Thornlie West (Canning)	2
	* Thornlie West (Hasluck)	

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*           Number of Locations:    20   *
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*           Number of Dual Polling Places:  67   *
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