



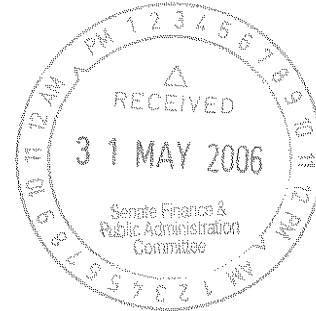
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Dear Mr Sands

Re: AEC Reports on Analysis of Informal Voting

At the Senate Estimates Hearing on Wednesday evening 24 May 2006, Senator Kim Carr inquired about progress on the publication of four Australian Electoral Commission (AEC) reports on analysis of informal voting at the 2001 and 2004 House of Representatives elections, a pilot project in Port Adelaide in 2004 and at the 2005 Werriwa By-election.

At the hearing the Electoral Commissioner tabled a copy of the reports. The research report entitled *Analysis of Informal Voting during the 2004 House of Representatives Election* also has a separate Appendix, which contains the Divisional Summaries. Please find enclosed a copy of this Appendix for the Committee's information.

The four reports are published on the AEC Website www.aec.gov.au, and can be located by selecting <How> <Research> then Research Reports 1, 7, 8, and 9.

Yours sincerely

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