

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Australian Electoral Commission

Budget Estimates Hearing – May 2007

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Topic: Enrolment card mail-outs

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Written Question on Notice

Senator Fierravanti-Wells asked:

Please provide full details of all enrolment card mail-outs since the 2004 election, including electorates covered.

Answer:

The AEC does not undertake mail outs that are targeted to a specific division. The mail outs are conducted on a state and territory basis each month, unless there are specific events (such as state or local government elections) that require a postponement in a particular state or territory. The mail outs are undertaken by matching external data (such as licence information provided by the state and territory motor registries) with internal AEC roll data. Over any one year, all divisions could expect to be covered.

The mail outs undertaken in each calendar year since the 2004 federal election are as follows:

2005

- 11 standard monthly mail outs
- 1 declaration vote scrutiny follow-up
- 2 mail outs to institutions, caravan parks and other multi-resident addresses
- 1 ad hoc mail out requested by Western Australia for local government elections

2006

- 11 standard monthly mail outs
- 1 mail out to institutions, caravan parks and other multi-resident addresses
- 1 ad hoc mail out requested by South Australia for pilot field work follow-up

2007 (to 31 May)

- 4 standard monthly mail outs