

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**Finance and Administration Portfolio**

**Australian Electoral Commission**

**Budget Estimates Hearing – May 2007**

**Question: F61**

**Outcome 1, Output 1.1.2**

**Topic: Abandoned houses checks**

**Hansard page: N/A**

**Written Question on Notice**

**Senator Fierravanti-Wells asked:**

Please provide full details of all abandoned houses checks since the 2004 election, including electorates covered.

**Answer:**

The AEC does not undertake specific checks of abandoned houses. Where information comes to the AEC indicating an address is not enrollable, then the AEC's address database is updated to flag that address. Information may come to the AEC about this and other address issues, from local government, replies to mail review letters, Australia Post, and AEC officers undertaking fieldwork. However, vacant addresses held on the AEC's roll management system (RMANS) are included in the standard monthly mail outs. The addresses not already held on RMANS are picked up in the external data provided by other agencies, for example Australia Post, and Centrelink.