

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**Finance and Administration Portfolio**

**Australian Electoral Commission**

**Budget Estimates Hearing – May 2007**

**Questions: F70-71 and F73**

**Outcome 2 Output 2.1.8**

**Topic: Consultations with NSW Electoral Commission and other NSW matters**

**Hansard page: N/A**

**Written Questions on Notice**

**Senator Fierravanti-Wells asked:**

**F70:** What consultations have been undertaken with the NSW Electoral Commission following the 24 March election?

**F71:** Is the AEC aware of any loss of integrity where polling booth officials issued ballot papers without asking the legally required 4 questions. Is the AEC aware of any instances where no questions were asked at all and issuing ballot papers without initialling them?

**F73:** Is the AEC aware of a caller on 2GB reporting having used his card to vote at 15 different polling booths to prove how easy it was to multiple vote?

**Answer:**

These are matters for the NSW Electoral Commission and should properly be addressed to them.