

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: F72

Outcome: Australian Electoral Commission

Topic: AEC awareness of media reports re removals from the roll for NSW election

Hansard page: N/A

Written Question on Notice

Senator Fierravanti-Wells asked:

Is the AEC aware of media reports of the removal of legitimate voters' names from the roll ("600,000" reported in Daily Telegraph) and the reporting of multiple voting?

Answer:

The AEC is aware of the article in the *Daily Telegraph* on 28 March 2007 alleging that, from the newspaper's investigation, 600,000 eligible NSW voters were not on the electoral roll. On all the information available to the AEC, there is no basis for this total and the AEC has not seen any detailed methodology to validate this figure.

The article did not mention multiple voting.