

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Finance and Administration Portfolio

Australian Electoral Commission

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Question: F16

Outcome: Australian Electoral Commission

Topic: Division of Richmond preference flows

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Senator Carr asked:

It states that the majority report asserts that only 151 people were needed to alter their preferences to change the outcome in Richmond. Was it also case that the preference flows identified in this minority report in a number of other electorates demonstrated that that was most unlikely to have occurred? Would you concur with the figures that are produced in that report?

Answer:

The AEC has not undertaken any analysis of divisional preference flows and is therefore unable to make any comment about the validity of the figures contained in the report.