The greatest task of democracy, its ritual and feast - is choice
HG Wells
Report to Parliament on the 2006 Victorian State election

The Hon. Robert Smith, MLC
President of the Legislative Council

The Hon. Jenny Lindell, MP
Speaker of the Legislative Assembly

I am pleased to submit to you, for presentation to Parliament, my report on the administration of the Victorian State election held on 25 November 2006.

The Report is in two parts – this narrative report, and Part 2, Results and Statistics, which includes detailed results for each electorate.

The report is presented as required by section 8(2)(b) of the Electoral Act 2002.

Steve Tully
Electoral Commissioner
16 July 2007
The 2006 Victorian State election at a glance

Graphical summary:

Cost of State elections

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Informal voting at Victorian State elections

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<td>3.4%</td>
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<td>1999</td>
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Number of candidates contesting Victorian State elections

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<td>444</td>
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<td>1996</td>
<td>411</td>
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<tr>
<td>1999</td>
<td>604</td>
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<td>2002</td>
<td>471</td>
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<td>2006</td>
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Voter participation at Victorian State elections

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<th>Year</th>
<th>% voter participation</th>
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<tr>
<td>1992</td>
<td>96.1%</td>
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<td>1996</td>
<td>94.1%</td>
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<td>1999</td>
<td>93.1%</td>
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<td>2002</td>
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<td>92.7%</td>
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Enrolment at close of roll for Victorian State elections

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<th>Year</th>
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<td>1992</td>
<td>2.835,478</td>
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<td>1996</td>
<td>3.000,003</td>
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<td>1999</td>
<td>3.310,318</td>
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<td>2002</td>
<td>3.222,506</td>
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<td>2006</td>
<td>3.383,445</td>
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Ordinary, absent, postal and early votes at Victorian State elections

Voter participation at Australian parliamentary elections

Informal voting at Australian parliamentary elections
## 2006 Victorian State election indicators

### Executive summary

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<tr>
<td>Total enrolment</td>
<td>3,353,845</td>
<td>100%</td>
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<td>3,228,466</td>
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<td>Voter turnout (participation rate)</td>
<td>92.70%</td>
<td>100%</td>
<td>24 hours</td>
<td>93.20%</td>
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<td>Postal votes</td>
<td>226,170</td>
<td>100%</td>
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<td>201,243</td>
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<td>Early votes</td>
<td>255,161</td>
<td>100%</td>
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<td>163,712</td>
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<td>Absentee votes</td>
<td>199,517</td>
<td>100%</td>
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<td>230,576</td>
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<tr>
<td>Overseas and interstate votes</td>
<td>10,805</td>
<td>100%</td>
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<td>8,205</td>
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<td>Total candidates</td>
<td>707</td>
<td>100%</td>
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<td>477</td>
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<td>Total below the line votes % (average across all regions)</td>
<td>5%</td>
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<td>Level of informality – Lower House</td>
<td>4.56%</td>
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<td>3.42%</td>
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<td>Level of informality – Upper House</td>
<td>4.28%</td>
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<td>3.67%</td>
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<td>Ordinary votes</td>
<td>2,440,009</td>
<td>100%</td>
<td></td>
<td>2,307,845</td>
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<tr>
<td>Antarctic votes</td>
<td>13</td>
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### Nominations

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<td>Upper House</td>
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<td>97</td>
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<td>Lower House</td>
<td>459</td>
<td>372</td>
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<td>Party candidates</td>
<td>644</td>
<td>412</td>
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<td>Independent candidates</td>
<td>63</td>
<td>65</td>
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<td>Contentious nominations</td>
<td>0</td>
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### Group voting tickets/How-to-vote cards

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<tr>
<td>Group voting tickets registered and on website by 9.00am next day</td>
<td>75</td>
<td>100%</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>N/A</td>
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<tr>
<td>Registered HTVCs</td>
<td>672</td>
<td>100%</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>522</td>
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<td>HTVCs taken to VCAT</td>
<td>0</td>
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### Ballot papers

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<tr>
<td>Ballot papers printed for election</td>
<td>12,281,000</td>
<td>100%</td>
<td>w/ 4.5 hours of close of nominations</td>
<td>25,320,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Ballot papers delivered to election offices</td>
<td>12,281,000</td>
<td>100%</td>
<td>2 days early</td>
<td>25,320,000</td>
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<tr>
<td>Ballot packs distributed to GPVs</td>
<td>41,722</td>
<td>100%</td>
<td></td>
<td>31,243</td>
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<tr>
<td>Ballot packs distributed to postal voters</td>
<td>184,448</td>
<td>100%</td>
<td>24hr turnaround</td>
<td>170,000</td>
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### Voting services

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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Voting centres booked by mid-Oct 2006</td>
<td>1,652</td>
<td>100%</td>
<td>1,655</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Voting centres assessed for disability access, OH&amp;S prior to 30 June</td>
<td>1,652</td>
<td>100%</td>
<td>1,655</td>
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<tr>
<td>Extra early voting centres identified and leased by mid-Sept 2006</td>
<td>34</td>
<td>100%</td>
<td>26</td>
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<tr>
<td>Election offices leased by mid-Sept 2006</td>
<td>43</td>
<td>100%</td>
<td>53</td>
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<tr>
<td>Mobile voting facilities provided</td>
<td>892</td>
<td>100%</td>
<td>878</td>
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<tr>
<td>Overseas voting centres established</td>
<td>28</td>
<td>100%</td>
<td>35</td>
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<tr>
<td>Interstate voting centres established</td>
<td>11</td>
<td>100%</td>
<td>12</td>
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<td>Antarctic voting centres established</td>
<td>1</td>
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### Election Services

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<tr>
<td>% of votes counted at voting centres by 10.00pm on election night</td>
<td>90%</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>District recounts</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>24 hours</td>
<td>2</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Region recounts</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>24 hours</td>
<td>2 (Province)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>District declarations</td>
<td>88</td>
<td>8-Dec-06</td>
<td>88</td>
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<tr>
<td>Region declarations</td>
<td>8</td>
<td>14-Dec-06</td>
<td>22+2 (Province)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Extra voting services provided upon request</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>1 working day</td>
<td>N/A</td>
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<tr>
<td>Furniture and resources dispatched to election offices by deadline</td>
<td>79,491</td>
<td>100%</td>
<td>73,507</td>
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<tr>
<td>Bulletins sent to Election Managers</td>
<td>60</td>
<td>N/A</td>
<td>63</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Bulletins sent to registered political parties</td>
<td>29</td>
<td>N/A</td>
<td>5</td>
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<td>Bulletins sent to Upper House candidates</td>
<td>11</td>
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<tr>
<td>Election manuals printed</td>
<td>60,600</td>
<td>100%</td>
<td>75,500</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Items dispatched from mailhouse</td>
<td>3,591,687</td>
<td>100%</td>
<td>3,341,432</td>
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<tr>
<td>Incorrectly addressed items received by voters</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>N/A</td>
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<tr>
<td>Scannable rolls produced and delivered to warehouse</td>
<td>7,689</td>
<td>100%</td>
<td>6,491</td>
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<tr>
<td>PDAs provided to 123 voting centres for roll look-up</td>
<td>474</td>
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### Enrolment

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<tr>
<td>New enrolments (2 Oct-1 Dec 2006)</td>
<td>62,165</td>
<td>48,710</td>
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<td>Updated enrolments (2 Oct - 1 Dec 2006)</td>
<td>117,917</td>
<td>138,529</td>
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<tr>
<td>Returned to sender – roll clean-up</td>
<td>34,000</td>
<td>34,316</td>
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<tr>
<td>Nomination enrolments checked</td>
<td>707</td>
<td>477</td>
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<tr>
<td>Enrolments received by virtual fax/website</td>
<td>28,166</td>
<td>5,690</td>
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<tr>
<td>Enrolment forms sourced from supermarkets</td>
<td>5,158</td>
<td>3,556</td>
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<td>Enrolment forms dispatched from TES</td>
<td>2,949</td>
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<tr>
<td>Enrolment forms sourced from Australia Post</td>
<td>2,511</td>
<td>2,924</td>
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<td>Special late electors</td>
<td>61</td>
<td>259</td>
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<tr>
<td>New General Postal Voter applications processed</td>
<td>3,796</td>
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<td>Declaration votes (total)</td>
<td>74,403</td>
<td>91,963</td>
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<tr>
<td>- Absent not on roll</td>
<td>32,179</td>
<td>60,102</td>
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<tr>
<td>- Unenrolled</td>
<td>39,667</td>
<td>29,976</td>
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<td>- Early not on roll</td>
<td>1,493</td>
<td>1,883</td>
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<td>Deceased electors removed from roll</td>
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<td>52,702</td>
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### Personnel

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<td>Election officials employed by deadline</td>
<td>14,811</td>
<td>100%</td>
<td>13,630</td>
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<td>Training DVDs provided to election officials</td>
<td>14,500</td>
<td>100%</td>
<td>0</td>
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<td>Training hours for Senior Election Officials</td>
<td>6,600 hours</td>
<td>100%</td>
<td>9,984 hours</td>
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<tr>
<td>HelpDesk staff supporting election officials</td>
<td>12</td>
<td>12</td>
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<tr>
<td>Election Managers appointed</td>
<td>43</td>
<td>53</td>
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<tr>
<td>Assistant Election Managers appointed</td>
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### Mapping

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<td>No. of organisations provided with electoral boundaries data</td>
<td>18</td>
<td>100%</td>
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### 2006 Victorian State election indicators

#### Disability access indicators

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<tr>
<td>Organisations invited to provide comment on development of action plan</td>
<td>84</td>
<td>-</td>
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<tr>
<td>Organisations invited to attend access group</td>
<td>14</td>
<td>-</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Access group planning meetings</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>-</td>
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<tr>
<td>Formal complaints in relation to access</td>
<td>3</td>
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**Maximum no. of fully wheelchair accessible venues able to be booked (of total)** 178 (10%) 770 (47%)**

**Audio files mailed to vision-impaired voters** 6,800 N/A

**A far more stringent access audit tool was used in 2006.**

#### Telephone enquiry service

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<tr>
<td>Calls to service</td>
<td>227,246</td>
<td>129,774</td>
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<td>Calls answered by auto-attendant</td>
<td>73,379</td>
<td>24,833</td>
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<tr>
<td>Calls answered by operators</td>
<td>128,090</td>
<td>99,743</td>
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<tr>
<td>Calls escalated to Enrolment Branch</td>
<td>1,485</td>
<td>N/A</td>
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<td>Calls to interpreter</td>
<td>2,045</td>
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<tr>
<td>Fulfilment from call centre</td>
<td>13,018</td>
<td>N/A</td>
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<tr>
<td>Hours service operational</td>
<td>515.5 Hours</td>
<td>N/A</td>
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<tr>
<td>Average % of calls answered within 30 seconds</td>
<td>65%</td>
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<td>Formal complaints with regard to service</td>
<td>2</td>
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<td>Service hours system offline</td>
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#### Complaints

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<td>Services to voters (early voting centres locations, voting centre queues, no party info on website, voter details not on roll, lack of disability access)</td>
<td>59</td>
<td>24 hours*</td>
<td>23</td>
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<tr>
<td>About the media</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>24 hours*</td>
<td>1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>About candidates/parties</td>
<td>103</td>
<td>24 hours*</td>
<td>49</td>
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<tr>
<td>About the VEC (compulsory voting, not employed as election official, conduct of election official, employment conditions, ballot paper presentation)</td>
<td>62</td>
<td>24 hours*</td>
<td>37</td>
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<tr>
<td>Total</td>
<td>225#</td>
<td>100%</td>
<td>110</td>
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* mid September 2006 - 1 December 2006

# complaints received from mid-September 2006 to 20 February 2007

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<td>Print advertisements published</td>
<td>253</td>
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<tr>
<td>Radio advertisements aired</td>
<td>4,222</td>
<td>100%</td>
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</tr>
<tr>
<td>Television spots aired</td>
<td>982</td>
<td>100%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Outdoor - metrolites and superlite billboards</td>
<td>69</td>
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<td>Total</td>
<td>5,526</td>
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### Media

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<td>Total media releases issued</td>
<td>54</td>
<td>100%</td>
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<td>Regional/rural media release receipts</td>
<td>4,133</td>
<td>100%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Statewide media release receipts</td>
<td>387</td>
<td>100%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Metro media release receipts</td>
<td>1,977</td>
<td>100%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Journalist queries responded to</td>
<td>421</td>
<td>75% w/i 1hr</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Journalist surveys distributed</td>
<td>33</td>
<td></td>
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<td>Journalist surveys completed and returned</td>
<td>7 (21%)</td>
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### Emails

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<td>Emails received on <a href="mailto:info@vec.vic.gov.au">info@vec.vic.gov.au</a> (responses in working days)</td>
<td>1,714</td>
<td>Same day 80%</td>
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### Website

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<td>Total hits over election period 2 Oct - 25 Nov 2006</td>
<td>27,992,472</td>
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<td>Files downloaded over election period</td>
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<td>Translated material available in language other than English</td>
<td>19</td>
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<td>Audio files available for vision-impaired</td>
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<td>Election-related updates (excluding election night)</td>
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<td>Voting centre look-up hits over election period</td>
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<td>Combined voting centre look-up hits on Friday 24 &amp; Saturday 25 November</td>
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<td>Voting centre look-up availability</td>
<td>620 hours</td>
<td>4 hours offline</td>
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<td>Interactive animations available</td>
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<td>Election night results services - 3 minute updates</td>
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<td>Virtual tally room total hits 24-30 Nov 2006</td>
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### Electronic voting

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<tr>
<td>Software developed</td>
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<tr>
<td>E-Centres able to take votes at commencement of voting (of 6)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Availability of practice session for e-voters prior to casting formal vote</td>
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<tr>
<td>Votes taken on kiosks</td>
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<td>Votes printed and counted</td>
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<tr>
<td>Votes lost or corrupted</td>
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<tr>
<td>No. of candidates on system (recorded and QA’d)</td>
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### Election publications

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<thead>
<tr>
<th>Number</th>
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<tr>
<td>Election manuals published by issue of writ</td>
<td>33,500</td>
<td>100%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Candidate and scrutineer handbooks published by July 2006</td>
<td>27,000</td>
<td>100%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Education supplement in Age newspaper - “All You Need to Know About Voting &amp; Elections”</td>
<td>2</td>
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<td>Easy English Guides to Voting in Victoria</td>
<td>2,095</td>
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* Included election manuals, candidate and scrutineer handbooks
# 2006 Victorian State election indicators

### Education

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<tr>
<td>Z-cards mailed to Year 12 students</td>
<td>46,000</td>
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<td>Z-card enrolment forms returned completed</td>
<td>2021</td>
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<tr>
<td>Schools receiving Regi and Desi’s Virtual Voting Adventure</td>
<td>2,500</td>
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<td>Council libraries receiving Regi and Desi’s Virtual Voting Adventure</td>
<td>115</td>
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<td>Make Your Vote Count design competition entries</td>
<td>250</td>
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<td>Make Your Vote Count winning posters distributed to campuses</td>
<td>3,000</td>
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<tr>
<td>Homeless voters casting vote at mobile voting booth at St Mary’s House of Welcome</td>
<td>68</td>
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<td>Indigenous workers employed to work at voting centres</td>
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<td>Indigenous organisations to which posters were mailed</td>
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### Research Evaluation

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<tr>
<td>early voters</td>
<td>98%</td>
<td>97%</td>
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<tr>
<td>postal voters</td>
<td>83%</td>
<td>92%</td>
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<td>absent voters</td>
<td>90%</td>
<td>93%</td>
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<td>CALD voters</td>
<td>89%</td>
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<td>election day voters</td>
<td>86%</td>
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<td>political parties</td>
<td>highly satisfied</td>
<td>satisfied</td>
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<tr>
<td>candidates</td>
<td>89%</td>
<td>93%</td>
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<tr>
<td>election officials</td>
<td>87%</td>
<td>NA</td>
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<td>overall satisfaction</td>
<td>88%</td>
<td>93%</td>
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### Budget

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<td>State election budget</td>
<td>$29.42M</td>
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<td>Estimated cost of State election</td>
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### Electoral Entitlements

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<tr>
<td>Eligible formal first preference votes</td>
<td>5,622,395</td>
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<td>Entitlement per formal first-preference vote</td>
<td>$7.399M</td>
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### Payroll

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<td>Election staff paid</td>
<td>17,335</td>
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<tr>
<td>Officials returned pays reprocessed (banking details provided incorrect)</td>
<td>462 (3.1%)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Value of election payroll (incl. payroll tax &amp; superannuation)</td>
<td>$13.04M</td>
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<td>Information technology</td>
<td>Number</td>
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<td>-----------------------------------------------------------</td>
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<tr>
<td>Servers deployed</td>
<td>60</td>
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<td>PCs deployed</td>
<td>450</td>
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<td>EVC terminals deployed</td>
<td>100</td>
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<td>PDAs deployed</td>
<td>500</td>
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<td>Network connections into VEC</td>
<td>85</td>
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<td>HelpDesk calls</td>
<td>&gt;1000</td>
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<td>ER\EMS bugs logged &amp; resolved during trials &amp; election</td>
<td>80</td>
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<tr>
<td>ER\EMS test cases executed</td>
<td>355</td>
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<td>ER\EMS functional areas changed for election</td>
<td>14</td>
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<td>Lines of code in ER\EMS</td>
<td>approx 6M</td>
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<td>SQL server databases deployed and managed</td>
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<td>Network users</td>
<td>350</td>
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<td>PVA applications scanned</td>
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<td>Scannable roll pages scanned</td>
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