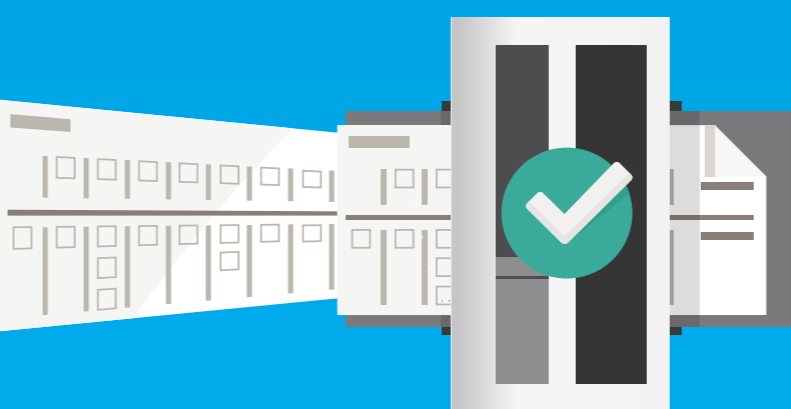


# Counting votes for the Senate



**First preferences**  
on senate ballot papers are counted on the night

**60** senate ballot paper scanning machines



**800** senate scanning operators  
manually verify senate ballot papers



**Secure distribution**  
to eight central count centres

**40,000** transport routes



**AEC declares results**  
once every single senate ballot paper is accounted for and the computerised distribution of preferences has taken place.



**RESULT**

AEC STAFF