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Electoral Census Office Press Release

The ECO has processed 41 claims filed by interested parties regarding voter figures published by municipalities

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During June 2006 and April 2007, the registration control alert system of the Electoral Census Office (ECO) has detected **significant variations in the number of of voters in 235 municipalities and 51 minor local entities.**

According to the usual procedure, the ECO has requested the councils of these municipalities and local entities to provide justification for these registrations.

A total of 68 municipalities have failed to respond to information requirements, a fact which has been reported to the Central Electoral Board.

Also, **inspections** have been or are being carried out in 10 municipalities, with the purpose of verifying the veracity of the registrations reported by the councils.

The ECO has also investigated claims filed by individuals and political groups in 11 municipalities.

As a result of all these actions, which have been periodically reported on to the Central Electoral Board, the ECO has filed claims before the Attorney's General Office on 9 councils where irregularity evidences has been found regarding the management of their number of voters.

The procedure for claims against registrations suspected of being irregular and their impact on the Electoral Census can be consulted in the Electoral Census Office's <u>press release</u>, dated 12 February 2007, published on the National Statistic Institute's Webpage (<u>www.ine.es</u>).

The monthly publication on voter figures for all municipalities and minor local entities in Spain is also available in the Webpage.

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