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1 Introduction

2 Managing the roll

Recommendation 1

That the Australian Electoral Commission investigate and report on the financial cost, legal requirements, privacy implications and priorities for upgrading RMANS data-processing and expanding Continuous Roll Updating data-matching. (para 2.56)

Recommendation 2

That when following up return to sender mail the Australian Electoral Commission use all practical means in contacting electors to confirm their enrolment details. (para 2.74)

Recommendation 3

That the Australian Electoral Commission investigate and report on the possible conduct in accordance with section 85 of the *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918* of a revision of the Electoral Roll of a Division such as the Federal Division of Herbert. (para 2.100)

Recommendation 4

That the States and Territories support the *Electoral and Referendum Amendment Regulations 2000* and the Commonwealth proceed to implement the amended regulations in time for the next federal election.

Should any State or Territory prefer to retain their enrolment criteria as it stood prior to the October 1999 Commonwealth amendments and (re)establish separate State or Territory Electoral Rolls, the Commonwealth

should proceed with the implementation of the *Electoral and Referendum Amendment Regulations 2000*. (para 2.117)

Recommendation 5

That the gender and date-of-birth of electors be included on the Certified Lists of Voters for elections. (para 2.121)

Recommendation 6

That section 155 of the *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918* be amended to provide that for new enrolments, the rolls for an election close on the day the writ is issued, and for existing electors updating address details, the rolls for an election close at 6.00pm on the third day after the issue of the writ. (para 2.133)

Recommendation 7

That the Australian Electoral Commission complete its review of sections 89 to 92 of the *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918* in sufficient time for the committee to consider this matter during the next federal election inquiry. (para 2.144)

3 Enrolment fraud management

Recommendation 8

That the Australian Electoral Commission develop a more comprehensive approach to enrolment fraud as part of any new fraud control plan. (para 3.8)

Recommendation 9

That, as part of an overall fraud control plan, all Australian Electoral Commission staff involved in the prevention and detection of enrolment fraud be trained in appropriate prevention and detection strategies. (para 3.13)

Recommendation 10

That all Australian Electoral Commission staff who have access to the Commonwealth Electoral Roll as part of their work be required to obtain a 'Position of Trust' security clearance. (para 3.25)

Recommendation 11

That, as a matter of immediate priority, the Australian Electoral Commission, the Australian Federal Police, and the Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions develop a service agreement to cover the referral of electoral fraud offences for legal advice, investigation and prosecutions. (para 3.42)

Recommendation 12

That the benchmark penalty for the enrolment fraud offences remaining in the *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918* be increased to 12 months imprisonment or a fine of 60 penalty units. (para 3.66)

Recommendation 13

That the Australian National Audit Office conduct a data-matching exercise with a sample of the Commonwealth Electoral Roll as part of its current performance audit of the Australian Electoral Commission's management of the roll. (para 3.76)

Recommendation 14

That the Australian National Audit Office conduct an annual data-matching exercise on a sample of the Commonwealth Electoral Roll as a regular check on the accuracy of the roll. (para 3.79)

Recommendation 15

That, during each federal election inquiry, the Australian Electoral Commission report all cases of enrolment fraud detected during the previous parliament. (para 3.81)

Recommendation 16

That the Australian Electoral Commission report its progress in implementing the recommendations contained in this report to the committee at the next federal election inquiry. (para 3.82)

4 Regulating political parties

Recommendation 17

That the Australian Electoral Commission allow political parties to use its services to conduct internal party ballots. Such services should be provided on a cost recovery basis. (para 4.51)

Recommendation 18

That the *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918* be amended to ensure that the principle of one vote, one value for internal party ballots be a prerequisite for the registration of political parties. (para 4.66)