

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**BUDGET ESTIMATES 2017-18**

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**Senator:** Rhiannon  
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**Question:**

1. Is the AEC aware of reports that hackers linked to intelligence services linked with foreign governments broke into voter-registration databases in the US?
2. Does the AEC undertake regular security sweeps to minimise the chance of any interference with Australian electoral roll database?

**Answer:**

1. The Australian Electoral Commission (AEC) is aware of such reports.
2. The AEC is compliant with mandatory security controls as described by the Protective Security Policy Framework.