

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES 2015-16

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Topic: Referral of individuals to the Australian Federal Police following incorrect or unlawful enrolment

Senator: Smith

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Question:

In relation to the possibility of a voter deliberately or knowingly enrolling in an electorate in which they are not entitled to enrol: what are the minimum criteria, or what is the minimum prima facie evidence, required for the AEC to refer an individual for investigation by the Australian Federal Police (AFP)?

Answer:

The AEC will consider referring a matter where there is evidence that suggests a person has knowingly enrolled when not entitled to be enrolled, or has enrolled in a division for which they are not entitled and where the evidence in combination suggests a degree of intent.