

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Australian Electoral Commission

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Topic: Robert Dean - Enrolment

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Senator Faulkner asked:

What stage is the AEC's investigation of Robert Dean's enrolment up to? Has the matter been referred to the AFP?

Answer:

The answer provided to me by the Australian Electoral Commission is as follows:

The AEC has been awaiting advice from the Victorian Electoral Commission as to any action they would be taking regarding Dr Dean.

On 7 March 2003, the Victorian Electoral Commissioner issued a Media Statement advising that he had initiated prosecution action against Dr Dean for a breach of s.78 of the *Constitution Act Amendment Act 1958*, relating to knowingly making untrue statements in electoral papers.

The AEC has not referred the matter to the AFP.