

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Australian Electoral Commission

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Written Question on Notice

Senator Fierravanti-Wells asked:

What measures are in place to deal with verification of identification when electors enrol and change enrolment details? What proof of identify checks are undertaken? Is the AEC aware of usage of false drivers licences and Medicare cards?

Answer:

The procedures for proof of identity verification when processing applications for enrolment, including applications to change an address on the electoral roll are at Attachment A. When an applicant has had his/her enrolment application signed by an authorised witness or two referees, the AEC would not undertake any additional proof of identity verification unless there was reason to doubt the identity of the applicant.

The question of usage of false drivers licences and Medicare cards should be raised with the relevant organisations.