

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

Finance Portfolio  
9 February 2016

**Department/Agency:** Australian Electoral Commission

**Outcome/Program:** General

**Topic:** Removal from the electoral roll due to being of 'unsound mind'

**Senator:** Rice

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**Question:**

**Senator RICE:** I want to talk about the issue of people being removed from the electoral roll because they are of unsound mind.

**Mr Rogers:** I will call Mr Gately, who is my roll expert and is very well versed in this particular area.

**Senator RICE:** You might need to put this on notice, but can you tell us how many people have been removed from electoral rolls for reasons of unsound mind since the federal election in 2013?

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**Senator RICE:** Okay. Is there any disaggregated data for those removed from the roll for reasons of unsound mind—age, location, gender et cetera?

**Mr Gately:** I have disaggregated data here down to the state level. I do not have that split at the moment. It is certainly feasible to do.

**Senator RICE:** Could you take that on notice or table that data?

**Mr Gately:** Certainly.

**Answer:**

A breakdown of electors removed from the roll due to unsound mind is provided in [Attachment A](#).

**2015-16 Additional Estimates - Question on Notice F11 - Attachment A**

**Electors removed from the roll due to unsound mind by state/territory**

<b>Financial year</b>	<b>NSW</b>	<b>VIC</b>	<b>QLD</b>	<b>WA</b>	<b>SA</b>	<b>TAS</b>	<b>ACT</b>	<b>NT</b>	<b>Total</b>
2015–16 (to 31 January 2016)	919	624	464	423	153	74	13	16	<b>2,686</b>
2014–15	2,781	3,104	2,071	1,333	506	113	23	6	<b>9,937</b>
2013–14	3,224	4,810	2,208	2,183	2,983	448	85	25	<b>15,966</b>

**Electors removed from the roll due to unsound mind by age and gender for Financial Year 2015–16 to 31 January 2016**

<b>Age group</b>	<b>NSW (F)</b>	<b>NSW (M)</b>	<b>VIC (F)</b>	<b>VIC (M)</b>	<b>QLD (F)</b>	<b>QLD (M)</b>	<b>WA (F)</b>	<b>WA (M)</b>	<b>SA (F)</b>	<b>SA (M)</b>	<b>TAS (F)</b>	<b>TAS (M)</b>	<b>ACT (F)</b>	<b>ACT (M)</b>	<b>NT (F)</b>	<b>NT (M)</b>	<b>Total by Age</b>
16-19	8	8	9	11	4	8	1	1	2	2	1	3		1			<b>59</b>
20-24	4	7	3	11	2	7	2	3	1			1					<b>41</b>
25-29	7	6	6	6	2	2	1				1	2					<b>33</b>
30-34	2	5	2	7	2	1		1	1		1						<b>22</b>
35-39	2	5	2	3		5		1									<b>18</b>
40-44	2	8	2	5	1	5				1	1	1					<b>26</b>
45-49	5	8	4	10	1	5		3		2		2					<b>40</b>
50-54	7	2	4	5		5		2								1	<b>26</b>
55-59	9	11	7	11	2	9	1	3	1	1	1	1					<b>57</b>
60-64	12	14	6	7	12	6		3		1		1			1	1	<b>64</b>
65-69	19	21	20	11	10	16	4	8	1	2	3	1					<b>116</b>
70-74	41	39	16	17	12	19	15	18	5	3	2	4		2	2		<b>195</b>
75-79	90	92	42	21	19	18	29	30	5	8	6		2			2	<b>364</b>
80-84	95	46	68	32	42	44	47	47	20	14	5	7	1		2		<b>470</b>
85+	239	105	196	80	150	55	152	51	68	15	21	9	6	1	5	2	<b>1,155</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>542</b>	<b>377</b>	<b>387</b>	<b>237</b>	<b>259</b>	<b>205</b>	<b>252</b>	<b>171</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2,686</b>

**Electors removed from the roll due to unsound mind by age and gender for Financial Year 2014–15**

<b>Age group</b>	<b>NSW (F)</b>	<b>NSW (M)</b>	<b>VIC (F)</b>	<b>VIC (M)</b>	<b>QLD (F)</b>	<b>QLD (M)</b>	<b>WA (F)</b>	<b>WA (M)</b>	<b>SA (F)</b>	<b>SA (M)</b>	<b>TAS (F)</b>	<b>TAS (M)</b>	<b>ACT (F)</b>	<b>ACT (M)</b>	<b>NT (F)</b>	<b>NT (M)</b>	<b>Total by Age</b>
16-19	12	10	7	11	4	3	2	4	2	1				1		1	<b>58</b>
20-24	2	5	5	14	10	5	3	6		1		1					<b>52</b>
25-29	1	6	3	8	4	5	3	3	1	1			1				<b>36</b>
30-34	4	3	7	16	2	2	3	3	1	5							<b>46</b>
35-39	1	3	5	6	1	7	3	3		3		1					<b>33</b>
40-44	5	7	6	9	3	3	1	7	2	3		1	1				<b>48</b>
45-49	6	3	8	7	2	6	3	1	2	4							<b>42</b>
50-54	5	11	6	7	4	5		5	2	3	1						<b>49</b>
55-59	7	11	14	19	12	12	4	7	3	5		2	1				<b>97</b>
60-64	16	23	19	27	16	17	6	11		4	1	4		1			<b>145</b>
65-69	35	40	38	46	33	41	14	27	7	15	2	3					<b>301</b>
70-74	83	68	85	93	69	59	31	36	17	5	7	3	1	1	1	1	<b>560</b>
75-79	159	127	201	162	138	122	93	65	26	27	10	7	1		1		<b>1,139</b>
80-84	325	222	387	251	230	176	178	94	58	29	10	10	3	1		1	<b>1,975</b>
85+	1,138	443	1,166	471	779	301	512	205	204	75	31	19	6	5	1		<b>5,356</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,799</b>	<b>982</b>	<b>1,957</b>	<b>1,147</b>	<b>1,307</b>	<b>764</b>	<b>856</b>	<b>477</b>	<b>325</b>	<b>181</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>9,937</b>

**Electors removed from the roll due to unsound mind by age and gender for Financial Year 2013–14**

<b>Age group</b>	<b>NSW (F)</b>	<b>NSW (M)</b>	<b>VIC (F)</b>	<b>VIC (M)</b>	<b>QLD (F)</b>	<b>QLD (M)</b>	<b>WA (F)</b>	<b>WA (M)</b>	<b>SA (F)</b>	<b>SA (M)</b>	<b>TAS (F)</b>	<b>TAS (M)</b>	<b>ACT (F)</b>	<b>ACT (M)</b>	<b>NT (F)</b>	<b>NT (M)</b>	<b>Total by Age</b>
16-19	6	5	12	11	2	6	2	5	2	1	1	1		1			<b>55</b>
20-24	4	10	9	8	10	8	5	7	2	3	1	3		2			<b>72</b>
25-29	5	5	6	8	2	4	3	10	4	3		1					<b>51</b>
30-34	4	4	7	15	1	2	3	5	5	7	1	1					<b>55</b>
35-39	7	4	4	9	1	4	1	2	1	5	2						<b>40</b>
40-44	6	9	7	16	3	6	5	3	3	3					1		<b>62</b>
45-49	4	4	10	22	7	8	4	3	3	9	1	2		1			<b>78</b>
50-54	12	13	18	24	7	6	9	8	6	7		1			2		<b>113</b>
55-59	12	21	14	32	8	13	10	17	12	9	4	4		1			<b>157</b>
60-64	15	23	36	45	12	21	8	13	15	16	9	5					<b>218</b>
65-69	40	49	68	70	41	45	21	42	28	27	10	6	4		1		<b>452</b>
70-74	95	98	123	134	75	72	60	69	70	73	13	17	1		1	3	<b>904</b>
75-79	213	159	303	207	153	117	136	131	168	131	23	23	5	8	2	6	<b>1,785</b>
80-84	404	236	644	375	279	188	296	166	370	226	55	36	14	7		2	<b>3,298</b>
85+	1,313	444	1,881	692	793	314	823	316	1,294	480	166	62	31	10	3	4	<b>8,626</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,140</b>	<b>1,084</b>	<b>3,142</b>	<b>1,668</b>	<b>1,394</b>	<b>814</b>	<b>1,386</b>	<b>797</b>	<b>1,983</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>286</b>	<b>162</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>15,966</b>