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Ouestion:

1. What is the current total number of electors enrolled in the Federal electorate of Indi?

- 2. In answer to Question on Notice F19 from the Supplementary Estimates hearings in 2015, the AEC indicated that its formal investigation of peoples' enrolment in the Federal electorate of Indi in 2013 covered 5,908 instances of enrolment which were new to Indi. Further, in answer to Question on Notice F85 2 (a) from Supplementary Estimates hearings, the AEC indicated that the enrolment of 8,260 people changed from Indi to another electorate between the time of the 2013 election and 31 October 2015.
 - How many of the people among the group of 5,908 were also among the group of 8,260?
- 3. Specifically for Indi, how do the figures listed in answer to Question on Notice F19 compare to the same roughly two-year period immediately following other Federal elections in respect of that electorate? Are they broadly higher, lower, or about the same? In particular, is it possible to provide the numbers for each of these two categories of voters in Indi for the following periods:
 - a) 22 August 2010 to 30 September 2012;
 - b) 25 November 2007 to 31 December 2009;
 - c) 10 October 2004 to 30 November 2006; and
 - d) 11 November 2001 to 31 December 2003?
- 4. Using the same two categories specified in Question on Notice F19 for enrolments which were new to Indi in 2013, what was the number of enrolments which were new to Indi (and remained on the roll for the relevant Federal election) for each of the following periods:
 - a) 1 January 2010 to the date at which enrolments closed for the 2010 Federal election;
 - b) 1 January 2007 to the date at which enrolments closed for the 2007 Federal election;
 - c) 1 January 2004 to the date at which enrolments closed for the 2004 Federal election; and
 - d) 1 January 2001 to the date at which enrolments closed for the 2001 Federal election.
- 5. Using each of the same time periods and the same two categories specified in the answer to Question on Notice F19 for enrolments which were new to Indi in 2013, what was the number of enrolments which were new (and remained on the roll for the Federal election) to each Federal electorate in Victoria during 2001, 2004, 2007, 2010 and 2013 respectively?

- 6. In answer to Question on Notice F85 2 (a) from Supplementary Estimates hearings for 2015, the AEC indicated that, between the time of the 2013 election and 31 October 2015, 3,740 people had manually changed their enrolment from Indi to another electorate, and the AEC had separately taken action to re-enrol another 4,520 people from Indi to another electorate. Can the AEC provide figures (during the same time period) for each of these two categories in relation to changes of enrolment for each Federal electorate in Victoria?
- 7. The answer to Question on Notice F85 2 (b) indicates that a specific sub-category of 11 people had changed their enrolment from Indi to another electorate after the 2013 election. What was the date in each of these 11 cases on which they submitted their application to the AEC to leave the Indi roll and be enrolled in a new electorate?

Answer:

- 1. As at 31 January 2016, 101,904 electors aged 18 or over were enrolled for the federal electorate of Indi.
- 2. 882.
- 3. They are broadly the same. For the period 13 August 2013 to 31 October 2015 there were 4,135 new and 6,986 changed enrolments in the federal electorate of Indi.
 - a) 22 August 2010 to 30 September 2012: 3,912 new and 5,262 changed enrolments
 - b) 25 November 2007 to 31 December 2009: 3,686 new and 4,380 changed enrolments
 - c) 10 October 2004 to 30 November 2006: 5,522 new and 5,265 changed enrolments
 - d) 11 November 2001 to 31 December 2003: 5,018 new and 6,447 changed enrolments.

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- a) 1 January 2010 to the date at which enrolments closed for the 2010 federal election: 2,384 new and 3,019 changed enrolments.
- b) 1 January 2007 to the date at which enrolments closed for the 2007 federal election: 3,061 new and 3,038 changed enrolments.
- c) 1 January 2004 to the date at which enrolments closed for the 2004 federal election: 3,350 new and 3,441 changed enrolments.
- d) 1 January 2001 to the date at which enrolments closed for the 2001 federal election: 2,679 new and 3,696 changed enrolments.
- 5. See Attachment A.
- 6. Enrolments occurring resulting in a change of electoral division in Victoria for the period 13 August 2013 to 31 October 2015 (split according to whether they were elector initiated or due to the AEC's direct enrolment and update process):

	AEC action	Manual enrolment
ASTON	3,321	3,512
BALLARAT	3,511	3,339
BATMAN	6,009	5,840
BENDIGO	2,980	3,473
BRUCE	3,774	3,285
CALWELL	3,904	2,819
CASEY	3,370	3,969
CHISHOLM	4,668	4,705
CORANGAMITE	4,386	4,690
CORIO	3,911	3,910
DEAKIN	4,222	4,839

	AEC action	Manual enrolment
DUNKLEY	5,005	4,659
FLINDERS	5,478	5,686
GELLIBRAND	5,465	4,931
GIPPSLAND	2,275	2,938
GOLDSTEIN	4,175	4,918
GORTON	5,346	4,151
HIGGINS	6,564	7,026
HOLT	6,016	4,693
HOTHAM	4,023	3,883
INDI	4,520	3,740
ISAACS	5,521	4,908
JAGAJAGA	3,667	4,322
KOOYONG	4,531	5,343
LA TROBE	5,095	4,710
LALOR	4,959	4,964
MALLEE	1,854	2,606
MARIBYRNONG	4,817	4,495
MCEWEN	6,898	6,275
MCMILLAN	4,878	4,702
MELBOURNE	9,418	10,306
MELBOURNE PORTS	7,728	7,884
MENZIES	2,948	3,466
MURRAY	2,444	3,070
SCULLIN	4,256	3,842
WANNON	2,209	2,600
WILLS	6,874	6,417

- 7. Providing the specific date of the enrolment of these electors would in some cases allow that person to be uniquely identified. Instead, year and month of enrolment are provided for the 11 electors of the 26 referred to in QoN F85 2 (b):
- January 2014
- March 2014
- September 2014
- November 2014 (2)
- February 2015
- March 2015
- April 2015
- May 2015
- June 2015 (2)

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5. The number of enrolments which were new (and remained on the roll for the federal election) to each federal electorate in Victoria during 2001, 2004, 2007, 2010 and 2013 respectively.

Division	01/01/2001- 15/10/2001		01/01/2004- 07/09/2004		01/01/2007- 23/10/2007		01/01/2010- 26/07/2010		01/01/2013- 12/08/2013	
	New	Change								
ASTON	2,978	4,790	3,554	3,290	3,685	3,588	2,586	3,021	2,881	4,004
BALLARAT	2,761	3,478	3,375	2,964	3,038	2,944	2,788	3,312	2,905	4,303
BATMAN	2,859	5,717	3,486	4,896	4,186	5,419	3,072	5,113	3,365	7,559
BENDIGO	2,827	3,673	3,580	3,012	3,249	3,105	2,910	3,164	3,006	4,192
BRUCE	3,546	4,379	3,985	2,946	4,740	3,296	2,712	2,505	3,226	3,699
CALWELL	3,117	4,063	3,989	2,962	4,261	2,702	2,844	2,093	3,911	3,308
CASEY	2,767	4,060	3,321	3,026	3,068	3,229	2,340	2,962	2,817	4,290
CHISHOLM	2,668	6,031	3,296	4,577	3,627	4,600	2,924	3,882	3,195	5,989
CORANGAMITE	2,347	4,206	3,223	3,813	2,917	3,886	2,581	3,953	2,819	5,397
CORIO	2,623	3,873	3,276	3,029	3,162	3,272	2,625	3,295	2,862	4,498
DEAKIN	2,707	5,870	3,123	4,480	3,053	4,574	2,424	4,031	2,798	5,594
DUNKLEY	2,955	4,826	3,708	3,652	3,471	3,987	2,702	3,816	3,281	5,343
FLINDERS	2,195	5,625	3,283	4,289	3,485	4,707	2,718	4,462	3,012	5,905
GELLIBRAND	3,126	5,085	3,280	3,851	4,140	4,512	2,922	4,032	3,178	6,133
GIPPSLAND	2,551	3,024	3,252	2,591	3,314	2,505	2,239	2,471	2,514	2,933
GOLDSTEIN	2,586	5,237	3,678	4,220	3,577	4,364	3,101	3,838	3,282	4,960
GORTON	2,171	3,560	3,253	3,809	3,976	3,893	2,984	4,222	3,660	4,915
HIGGINS	2,774	7,969	4,225	6,213	4,147	6,194	3,016	5,548	3,418	8,454
HOLT	2,942	4,654	3,871	3,835	4,697	4,003	3,337	4,012	4,126	5,602
HOTHAM	3,161	4,671	3,452	3,557	3,840	3,656	2,503	3,061	3,109	4,480
INDI	2,679	3,696	3,350	3,441	3,061	3,038	2,384	3,019	2,590	4,231

Division	01/01/2001- 15/10/2001		01/01/2004- 07/09/2004		01/01/2007- 23/10/2007		01/01/2010- 26/07/2010		01/01/2013- 12/08/2013	
	New	Change								
ISAACS	2,601	4,842	4,670	5,395	3,714	4,807	2,644	4,150	3,308	6,099
JAGAJAGA	2,753	4,688	3,612	3,652	3,269	3,984	2,730	3,604	2,814	4,570
KOOYONG	2,907	6,347	4,094	5,303	3,687	4,932	3,316	4,548	3,294	6,163
LA TROBE	2,299	5,086	3,509	4,498	3,660	4,707	3,155	4,141	3,475	5,065
LALOR	2,218	3,318	3,250	3,792	3,964	3,925	3,785	4,766	4,546	5,794
MALLEE	2,540	2,818	3,192	2,717	3,041	2,336	2,233	2,130	2,346	2,923
MARIBYRNONG	2,996	4,948	3,646	3,478	3,916	3,916	2,574	3,618	3,342	5,282
MCEWEN	2,079	4,067	3,223	4,340	3,138	4,656	3,059	5,607	3,906	7,414
MCMILLAN	2,184	3,101	2,865	3,179	3,066	3,590	2,683	4,350	3,080	5,597
MELBOURNE	3,055	9,109	4,421	8,127	5,631	9,143	3,867	9,094	4,529	13,182
MELBOURNE PORTS	2,539	8,337	4,180	7,313	5,000	7,770	3,200	6,976	3,644	10,243
MENZIES	2,857	4,179	3,453	3,113	3,388	3,408	2,522	2,933	2,672	3,581
MURRAY	2,604	3,067	3,355	2,880	3,147	2,606	2,558	2,510	2,693	3,219
SCULLIN	2,881	3,623	3,518	2,846	3,817	3,338	2,707	3,004	3,308	4,196
WANNON	2,428	2,694	3,230	2,545	2,889	2,304	2,279	2,252	2,322	2,647
WILLS	2,789	5,862	3,553	4,998	4,155	5,417	3,033	5,412	3,508	8,121

Please note: figures based upon current electoral boundaries.