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Senator: Smith

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Question:

Senator SMITH: That is right. At this subsequent Senate estimates, we have seen the magnitude of the problem again. Finally, going back to an earlier question, I asked about the number of matters that have been referred to the Federal Police in 2010—or referred to the Director of Public Prosecutions.

Mr Pirani: They were referred to the AFP.

Senator SMITH: That number was nil.

Mr Pirani: No. Nineteen were referred to the AFP and, of those 19, nil were referred to the DPP.

Senator SMITH: That was the 2010 election. For a comparative understanding, what does that look like for—

Mr Pirani: I would have to take it on notice, but it is actually in the submission from the DPP to the Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters in their inquiry into the 2010 election. It was the second last submission and the details are contained in that submission.

Answer:

Investigations into multiple marks recorded at the 2013 election are still underway. To date the AFP is working with the AEC to review approximately 7,500 referrals and identify those cases that will be referred. The AFP will decide which of these will be progressed in accordance with its policies and procedures.