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ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Senator: Dastyari

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Question:

Senator DASTYARI: You were saying there is also the party funding component. Is there any other component—you can take this on notice—that comes to mind? I am not talking about staff travel or other things that have nothing to do with your finance. But is there anything that comes to mind for the Electoral Commission, apart from the party funding and the election funding?

Mr Rogers: They are the major components, but I will take that on notice to make sure I do not mislead you.

Senator DASTYARI: Please provide an amalgamated figure for the AEC on the parts of an election that relate to you. I understand that there are all these other things that are in different departments that may be somehow linked to an election but which have nothing to do with the AEC. I just want the overall cost for the AEC. There has obviously been a fair bit of discussion—and I am sure you have seen some of the commentary—around Senate voting reform. You are nodding, Mr Rogers, so you are aware of the commentary?

Mr Rogers: I am aware of the commentary in the media—without going into the specifics of that.

Answer:

The AEC is currently funded \$118 million in 2016-17 for the operational cost of running an election along with \$76 million for the cost of election public funding, for a total of \$194 million.