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Senator: Watt

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Question:

Senator WATT: When did that compliance review of One Nation's finances start?

Mr Rogers: I do not have that date in front of me. Mr Pirani may.

Mr Pirani: No, I do not have that particular date.

Senator WATT: Can you take that on notice, please? The compliance review is still underway?

Mr Rogers: In the interests of accuracy, I am going to take that on notice as well—to check whether that has been superseded by the actions I have mentioned this evening.

Senator WATT: I understand. You will take on notice whether that review is still underway. Unless you can give me the answer now, could you please also take on notice when you expect that review to be completed?

Mr Rogers: We will.

Answer:

Pauline Hanson's One Nation party was selected for a routine compliance review as part of the Australian Electoral Commission's (AEC) 2017 compliance program. The review commenced via an authorised officer of the AEC issuing a notice under s 316(2A) of the *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918*, on 18 January 2017. The review is ongoing. In line with standard practice, the AEC does not comment on the status of compliance reviews that are currently underway.