

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

Finance Portfolio  
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**Department/Agency:** Australian Electoral Commission  
**Outcome/Program:** General  
**Topic:** Process to remove a person in aged care from the electoral roll

**Senator:** Polley

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**Question:**

**Senator POLLEY:** If you could inform the committee of the process to remove a name from the electoral roll in relation to people who are perhaps in aged-care facilities. What is the process by which somebody can be removed? Do you keep statistics of how many people are dropping off the rolls state by state?

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**Mr Gately:** In term of your question about statistics around the numbers: I do not have the breakdown at that level but I am happy to take it on notice.

**Senator POLLEY:** It would be great if you could take that on notice.

**Answer:**

For the period 1 July 2011 to 30 June 2015, the statistics of electors that have been removed from the federal roll on the grounds of 'unsound mind' (that is they do not understand the nature and significance of enrolment and voting) over the last four financial years are:

	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>
<b>NSW</b>	943	2,142	3,224	2,781	<b>9,090</b>
<b>VIC</b>	1,082	1,424	4,810	3,104	<b>10,420</b>
<b>QLD</b>	2,225	1,031	2,208	2,071	<b>7,535</b>
<b>WA</b>	643	1,359	2,183	1,333	<b>5,518</b>
<b>SA</b>	398	480	2,983	506	<b>4,367</b>
<b>TAS</b>	122	164	448	113	<b>847</b>
<b>ACT</b>	15	114	85	23	<b>237</b>
<b>NT</b>	29	34	25	6	<b>94</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	5,457	6,748	15,966	9,937	<b>38,108</b>

The figures for financial year 2013-14 are significantly higher compared with the other years. Consistent with previous federal election years, the AEC sees an increase in the number of electors that are removed from the federal roll on the basis of unsound mind.