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Senator: Rhiannon

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Question:

Senator RHIANNON: Thank you, Chair. Mr Rogers, could you take on notice to provide information on the number of investigations into claims of breaches of the Commonwealth Electoral Act that the AEC has investigated in the last financial year?

Mr Rogers: Certainly. Are you referring to all areas of the AEC's operations?

Senator RHIANNON: Yes. I do not know what categories you divide it up into, but it would be useful if you could present that.

Mr Rogers: Certainly.

Mr Pirani: Are you including things like breach of electoral advertising laws in relation to failing to have authorisations or can we limit this to funding and disclosure?

Senator RHIANNON: It was about funding.

Answer:

No formal investigations into claims of breaches of the *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918*, in relation to electoral funding, were conducted by the Commission during the period 1 July 2014 to 30 June 2015.