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

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Outcome/Program: General

Topic: Numbers of tertiary students referred to the AFP

Senator: Smith

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Question:

Senator SMITH: ... So my question is: of the 28 that were referred to investigation, how many would have been tertiary students in full-time study living away from a family home who had maintained their enrolment at their family home address, never having changed it? **Mr Rogers:** ... I do not have that data in front of me, but I think it is data we can probably get for the 28 that were referred.

Answer:

Of the 28 enrolments referred, eight had enrolment histories with enrolment in Indi for a period of time prior to the 2013 election. The remaining 20 enrolled into Indi in the lead up to the 2013 federal election.

In conducting its analysis, the AEC relied on publicly available information and the enrolment information contained within AEC systems. Note that the AEC only collects information regarding occupation for New South Wales, Queensland, Western Australia and the Northern Territory Joint Roll Partners to meet their state/territory electoral legislative requirements. On this basis the AEC is unable to advise which electors fit the circumstances articulated in the question.