



Electoral Commissioner

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Ms Lyn Beverley
Secretary
Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Ms Beverley

Correction: Supplementary Budget Estimates Hearing, 20 October 2015

I am writing to correct my response to a question asked during the Supplementary Budget Estimates Hearing of the Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee, on Tuesday 20 October 2015.

Senator Ludwig asked whether the results of compliance audits conducted by the Australian Electoral Commission (the AEC) are available online and I replied in the affirmative (refer Hansard page 46).

I would like to correct the record and state that results of compliance reviews conducted by the AEC pursuant to section 316(2A) of the *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918* (the Act) are not published. Certain reports on the outcome of compliance reviews were released by the AEC in early 2015 under Freedom of Information arrangements. Results of special investigations conducted pursuant to section 316(3) of the Act are published on the AEC's website.

Yours sincerely

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