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ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Senator: Smith

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Question:

Senator SMITH: Can you tell us in which states or territories those multiple marks occurred?
Of the two that had 11 marks—

Mr Rogers: I am going to have to take that on notice to be accurate. I will be able to provide that detail, but I do not have it here at the moment.

Senator SMITH: Can you give us a state and territory breakdown in terms of the 4,627 people?

Mr Rogers: I will be able to provide that. I will take that on notice and provide that to you.

Answer:

States in which electors had 11 marks against their name

The states in which two electors had 11 marks against their name on certified lists at the 2016 federal election were Queensland and New South Wales.

State/territory breakdown of multiple mark letters issued

Following the close of rolls at the 2016 federal election, the Australian Electoral Commission (AEC) sent letters to 4,627 electors whose records showed they were marked off the roll more than once at the 2013 federal election - and were subsequently referred to the Australian Federal Police. This excluded electors who were 70 years or over (as at 1 July 2016), silent electors, registered eligible overseas electors (and kin), registered itinerant electors, registered Antarctic electors, and electors with an overseas postal address.

The breakdown by state/territory is as follows:

State/territory	NSW	Qld	Vic	WA	SA	Tas	NT	ACT	Total
Number of electors	2,365	811	525	452	250	122	60	42	4,627