

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Finance and Administration Portfolio

Department of Finance and Administration

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Question: F24

Outcome: Australian Electoral Commission

Topic: Enrolment of released prisoners

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Senator John Faulkner asked:

Are any steps taken to provide advice in relation to enrolment to prisoners released following prison terms of greater than 5 years? If so, what steps and by whom?

Answer:

The answer provided to me by the Australian Electoral Commission is as follows; There are no specific strategies in place. It is the obligation of every person who is eligible to be enrolled to maintain his or her electoral enrolment. Persons released from prison after serving a sentence of 5 years or longer will, in due course, receive a review letter as part of the Australian Electoral Commission's continuous roll update strategy.