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To: Cc: 'thomash' Tom Rogers

Subject:

Response [DLM=For-Official-Use-Only]

For Official Use Only Hi Hedley,

Coming back to you as promised. Our work on the information you provided continues with priority. However it won't be complete for Saturday's paper.

I have also spoken with Mr Tom Rogers, Acting Electoral Commissioner and advised him of our conversation where you mentioned that you would be happy to either interview him if possible or receive a statement with a view to assisting your Saturday story on Indi enrolments.

Mr Rogers advises that because our work is continuing that some quotes from him would be the most appropriate approach at the present time. He has authorised me to send you the following quoted paragraphs, and again conveys his thanks for the information you provided that (as I advised earlier) have been matched to our electronic electoral roll.

I have cc'ed Mr Rogers into this email as per normal AEC protocol for attributed quotes.

## Quote follows:

Acting Electoral Commissioner Tom Rogers said in relation to the Indi enrolments:

"I am clearly on the record in federal parliamentary committee hearings as saying I am focused on rebuilding the AEC's reputation for electoral integrity and quality. As part of that continuing commitment I established an Electoral Integrity Unit in July of this year, with its first task to examine roll integrity.

I am taking such matters very seriously. I have asked for the AEC examination of this information to be given the highest priority. Based on your information, earlier this week I tasked the Electoral Integrity Unit, assisted by my Roll Management area, with examining the enrolment details of a number of electors who were enrolled in the division of Indi at the 2013 federal election.

These investigations are continuing at the present time. Once the task is completed - which I expect to be soon - if there is any doubt at all regarding the enrolments I will take further steps, including if necessary, referral to the AFP."

Ends.

Regards Phil

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