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Multiple voter and non-voter notices

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Purpose

To provide you with an update on the status of multiple mark **18** investigations,
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Background

In April 2016 Elections Branch put up a brief for your approval that outlined the **18** multiple-voter processes that would apply in relation to votes cast at the 2016 federal election. You approved the recommendations contained in the brief on 29 April. Since the election the timeline for this process has been finalised and activity commenced.

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Multiple-voter activity

Responses to the first letter issued to apparent multiple voters (MV2) were due to divisional offices on 12 September 2016. 18 343 letters were issued to apparent multiple voters on 29 August, with breakdown by state/territory as follows:

State/Territory:	2016
ACT	264
NT	178
NSW	6 760
QLD	2 792
SA	1 414
TAS	359
VIC	4 800
WA	1 776
TOTAL	18 343

The timeline for subsequent multiple voter activity is as follows:

Activity	Date
Despatch of MV3 letters	Tuesday 13 September 2016
Due date for MV3 responses	Wednesday 21 September 2016
Despatch of MV2A and MV2B letters	Monday 17 October 2016
Due date for MV2 and MV2B responses	Monday 24 October 2016

As the AEC does not have authority to prosecute multiple voting offences, the Deputy Electoral Commissioner wrote to the Assistant Commissioner of the Australian Federal Police (AFP) on 10 August 2016 regarding the process for apparent multi-voter referrals from the 2016 federal election. This letter noted the tight timeframe available to complete the necessary caseload investigation by the end of 2016.

The AEC (Elections Branch and Roll Management Branch) will continue to maintain close contact with the AFP to facilitate the rigorous investigation of alleged cases of multiple voting and ensure evidence collection based on high quality data is made available to the AFP.

The AEC has developed comprehensive administrative mechanisms for identifying multiple votes and undertakes an initial checking process to identify cases that can be explained by administrative or polling official error.

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Recommendations

That you note the status of multi-voter [redacted] notices [redacted]

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Anna Robinson
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Elections Branch

15 September 2016

Noted Approved Not approved To discuss

Tom Rogers, Electoral Commissioner

Signature

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Date

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REDACTION CODES

- 1 Personal Information (name) redacted.
- 2 Personal Information (date of birth) redacted.
- 3 Personal Information (photograph) redacted
- 4 Personal Information (facsimile of signature) redacted.
- 5 Personal Information (facsimile of manuscript initialling) redacted.
- 6 Personal Information (Individual's address) redacted.
- 7 Personal Information (individual's telephone number) redacted.
- 8 Personal Information (individual's opinion) redacted.
- 9 Personal Information (opinion about individual) redacted.
- 10 Personal Information (employment history) redacted.
- 11 Personal Information (qualifications) redacted.
- 12 Personal Information (health) redacted.
- 13 Personal Information (identifying individual) redacted.
- 14 Business information (Bank Account details) redacted.
- 15 Business information (Billing Account details) redacted.
- 16 Legal Professional Communication redacted.
- 17 Deliberative material redacted.
- 18 Irrelevant material redacted.
- 19 Electoral Roll material redacted.
- 20 Tests, examinations or audits material redacted.
- 21 Management or assessment of personnel material redacted.
- 22 Proper and efficient conduct of the operations of AEC material redacted.