

**Paul Pirani**

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Hi Paul

☐ Please find attached the PSE response to Minister Cormans QoNs regarding Section 22 provisional (16 and 17 yrs olds).

Can you review and let us know if you are happy with these responses ASAP?

Regards  
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Minister Corman - Questions on Notice (via email) 14 August 2017

Section 22 of the FOI Act



Provisional enrolment

Will 16 and 17 year olds participate in the ABS statistical collection?

- Speculation that 16 and 17 year olds will be able to participate in the marriage equality statistical survey are not correct.
- While the Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918 (the Electoral Act) allows 16 and 17 year olds to provisionally enrol, sections 93(3) of the Electoral Act does not allow them to be added to the Commonwealth electoral roll until they turn 18 years old.
- The AEC will continue to meet its lawful obligations to add 16 and 17 year olds to the Roll that is maintained under section 111 of the Electoral Act.
- The AEC will also continue its practice of only providing a version of the Roll under sections 90A (public inspection) and 90B (to politicians, political parties and others) which is the version of the Roll referred to in section 83 of the Electoral Act which does not include persons who are not "electors" (e.g. excludes 16 and 17 year olds).
- Any other approach would raise serious issues about the contact details for persons under the age of 18 years being made publicly available.