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Subject: RE: [External] Referendum mis/disinformation [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Date: Thursday, 17 August 2023 7:23:39 PM
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Evening s47F

Thank you for the confirmation and collaboration on this matter, appreciate your ongoing focus on addressing referendum misinformation.

FYI: the 'two referendum questions on the ballot paper' narrative is also listed on our disinformation register ([Disinformation register - Referendum process - Australian Electoral Commission](#) (aec.gov.au))

I'll be in touch soon to progress some of my actions from meeting yesterday!

Kind regards

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Hi s47F

On the reported content.

I note TikTok received a request from AEC earlier today flagging the video posted by s47F

The reported video and duplicates have been removed from the platform for violating our Community Guidelines. I understand this was confirmed via the TSET channel.

As for the other account flagged in the article s47F we discovered the reported user handle was actually s47F

The video flagged in the article has been removed. Due to the account having multiple violations of our Community Guidelines, the account s47F has been permanently banned.

Kind regards

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Thanks s47F, appreciate it.

Cheers

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Hi s47F

No worries, we are always happy to meet.

I have flagged these accounts internally. We will update.

Cheers

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From: s47F

Date: Thu, Aug 17, 2023, 4:25 PM

Subject: [External] Referendum mis/disinformation [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Afternoon s47F

Thanks again for your time in meeting with us yesterday, we always appreciate the way in which you approach these forums.

We are contacting you in relation to a s47F by s47F, which highlights two Tiktok users s47F who have posted content which includes misinformation on the upcoming Referendum. Claims include:

1. that the upcoming referendum will contain an additional secret question; and
2. that electors answer to the 'additional' first question will apply to the 'second' question (the actual referendum question) regardless of what electors write in the ballot.

The AEC have identified this s47F. However, we note that there is no operational URL for TikTok account s47F who also posted content identified in the article. These claims are misinformation in relation to how to vote in a referendum, and the processes and procedure that govern the implementation of referendums, in clear breach of TikTok's '[Civic and Election Integrity](#)' community guidelines. We also consider that the claims made in the content may be misleading or deceptive in relation to the casting of a vote in a referendum in violation of local Australian Law under s 122 of the *Referendum (Machinery Provisions) Act 1984*. Accordingly, we have referred the s47F to Tiktok via TSET (reference: 7268103445079415558). However, we seek further information in relation to the content by s47F, noting it is not accessible by the AEC and therefore cannot be referred via the established processes.

Noting Tiktok's community guidelines outlined above, can you please advise whether the Tiktok account s47F (and associated referendum misinformation) was suspended or removed by Tiktok after 11am today.

Thank you for your assistance, and please reach out if you wish to discuss further.

Kind Regards

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