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Subject: For review: Requested Media Q and A for SMs re Herbert [DLM=For-Official-Use-Only]

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Pablo et al

Regarding your request to provide a draft Q and A for SMs should they receive any direct inquiries if AFP investigations of apparent multiple marks are occurring in their own divisions. I have liaised with Kellie on the following:

As a first line of approach, suggest SMs refer the media inquiry to Director, Media and External Communication.

The points below would only be used if there is already evidence of media coverage of AEC on-record comment, about the investigation in the Division of Herbert.

Question:

We have read/heard AEC confirmation that AFP investigations of apparent multiple voting is underway in the QLD Division of Herbert. Is the AEC doing this everywhere else as well?

Answer:

- The AEC compares certified (voter) lists within each electoral division as a normal, but important, election integrity process, after every federal election.
- The AEC undertakes this comparison for every seat, but prioritises close seats.
- It is not appropriate to comment further at this point of time.
- (Refer inquiry to Director, Media and External Communication if further questions follow)

Cheers

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