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That looks good to me, Phil.

Possible insertion after first sentence '. It should be noted that those apparent multiple marks do not necessarily indicate 'multiple voting' - hence the process of contacting the elector.

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Hi all,

We are receiving a small number of multiple voting inquiries, some asking for electorate breakdowns. I parried this question during a brief 2GB interview. Newslimited online are asking the same.

Below is a proposed model response for clearance this afternoon. Email refers. It's a specific question, so I have not provided our full chapter and verse on multiple voting.

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To: Mr Paul Crossley ABC online

Hi Paul

Letters have been sent to individuals where our comparisons of certified (voter) lists show an apparent multiple mark against that voter. Consistent with AEC testimony provided last evening to Senate estimates I can provide a breakdown by state/territory for you, as shown below.

The AEC is currently part-way through a comprehensive process of seeking written responses to the letters and assessing them. This is also process undertaken with the involvement of the relevant AEC divisional returning officer.

For these reasons it is not appropriate to compile the data you seek midstream through a complex process.

The AEC will however, provide submissions to the federal parliamentary Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters on the 2016 federal election, including regarding multiple voting, in due course. Submissions to the Committee are published on their website.

	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	
Number of apparent multiple marks	7 354	4 739	2 893	1 748	1 171	373	288	

Cheers  
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Hello

I am writing in relation to Tom Rogers' appearance before Senate Estimates yesterday in which he mentioned that 18,343 people had their name checked off at polling booths more than once in the most recent Federal Election.

Could you please provide a breakdown of which booths and electorates these "multiple votes" occurred. For instance, in booth x there were 10 instances of people being checked off twice, 2 instances of being checked off three times etc.

Thanks  
Paul



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