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Subject: Response to your email [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

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Hi Hedley,

Firstly here's the table I said I would provide showing roll growth in Vic rural seats from 30 June 2013 to close of rolls at the 2013 Federal election. This provides a more accurate picture:

	As at Close of Rolls 12 August 2013	As at 30 June 2013	difference	percentage
MCEWEN	111,813	108679	3,134	2.88%
MCMILLAN	105,586	103547	2,039	1.97%
FLINDERS	105,242	103618	1,624	1.57%
Indi	98,465	96990	1,475	1.52%
CASEY	97,553	96352	1,201	1.25%
Gippsland	99,513	98521	992	1.01%
Murray	100,127	99380	747	0.75%
MALLEE	97,387	96687	700	0.72%
WANNON	95,977	95507	470	0.49%

In terms of an AEC on record response in addition to our media statement yesterday, this follows below:

Acting Electoral Commissioner, Tom Rogers said to a Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Committee (31 July):

"I have also made the decision to establish an electoral integrity unit, which will be focused on ensuring the integrity of all of our electoral processes not just those implemented during the election period itself. As you know, we have introduced some significant new processes with enrolment over the past two years.....I am keen to proactively consider the integrity of our enrolment processes and to provide ourselves with additional assurances that they are robust and dependable, and in line with our drive on integrity. This will be the electoral integrity unit's first task."

Mr Rogers has said publicly that this is part of a process of stress testing every aspect of the AEC's operations.

Hedley, going to your question seeking information about the AEC's activities re further work in Indi, the Acting Electoral Commissioner has said that due to the fact that the AEC has referred 27 matters to the AFP, we cannot comment on the record about anything which may compromise the ongoing work of the AEC, nor the AFP given the referral that has occurred.

You will have to draw your own conclusions from this but the AEC cannot comment for the reason given above.

Mr Rogers also reiterated that he is happy to meet you next Wednesday while he is Brisbane on a strictly off the record basis. If you would like to avail of this opportunity with him could you please indicate by first thing Tuesday if you would like this meeting to go ahead.

Regards
Phil

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