

## Electoral Integrity and Communications Branch: Cyber Security

### Spear Phishing Attempt Against the AEC

#### Overview

- There was a ‘spear phishing’ email campaign against the AEC in November 2023. A **phishing campaign** is typically an email scam designed to steal personal information from victims and **spear phishing** is when the campaign is targeted or more specific to the recipient/s.
- AEC systems were **not** compromised in any way and the incident was managed internally. s47E  
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- We shared this information with the EIAT on the basis that despite being contained, the campaign appeared targeted and somewhat sophisticated.
- It is also a reminder to be vigilant against cyber threats in the lead up to, and throughout, the proposed referendum.

#### Background

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