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FOREWORD

This guide is intended to provide you with information about the postal election voting process and the electoral requirements you must satisfy as a scrutineer representing a candidate standing for election to Council of a local government in Western Australia.

As a prospective scrutineer, you are encouraged to read the following:

- *Frequently asked questions about your local government elections* – Chapter 8 (published by the Department of Local Government) 2009;
- *Local Government Act 1995*; and
- *Local Government (Elections) Regulations 1997*.

If you have questions about your role as a scrutineer, you should contact the Returning Officer for your local government in the first instance. Contact details are available from the Western Australian Electoral Commissions web site at www.waec.wa.gov.au or by phoning 13 63 06.

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ELECTORAL COMMISSIONER

August 2009

1. INTRODUCTION

This guide is written for scrutineers participating in a postal election.

Your role as a scrutineer is to represent the interests of the candidate who has appointed you for that task. It is therefore, important that you understand what happens during a postal election and what responsibilities you have in that process.

2. POSTAL VOTING TIMETABLE

An election is conducted over a period of 80 days. The key functions in the election process are:

- close of rolls;
- opening of nominations;
- close of nominations;
- dispatch of postal voting election packages; and
- polling day and declaration of the poll.

3. APPOINTMENT FORM

Form LG 18 *Appointment of Scrutineer* is included in the *Candidate's Pack* CD issued by the Returning Officer to prospective candidates.

The form of appointment is also available in the *Local Government (Elections) Regulations 1997* and from the Western Australian Electoral Commission's web site at www.waec.wa.gov.au. *Reg. Form 18*

4. APPOINTMENT OF SCRUTINEERS

4.1 Role of Scrutineers

Candidates may appoint one or more scrutineers to represent them in observing procedures associated with the conduct of the election. *Reg. 69*

Candidates must complete form LG 18 *Appointment of Scrutineer* to enable a scrutineer to be appointed. These forms are included in the *Candidate's Pack CD*. *Reg. Form 18*

A person must be at least 18 years of age to act as a scrutineer. The onus is on the candidate to ensure that the proposed scrutineer is eligible to be appointed. *Reg. 69(2)*

Candidates can appoint any number of scrutineers, but not more than one scrutineer for each candidate per counting table (scrutiny) or for any other process (e.g. scanning or processing of electoral packages). *Reg. 72(a)*

A person must not act as a scrutineer until he or she has signed a declaration in the prescribed form before either a Justice of the Peace, a person who has authority under the *Oaths, Affidavits and Statutory Declarations Act 2005* to take statutory declarations or the Returning Officer. *Reg. 69(4)*

Subject to the Returning Officer's direction, candidates and scrutineers may be present when the votes are counted but **candidates cannot scrutinise the count.** *LGA s.4.72(3)*

4.2 Requirements for Scrutineers

A copy of the signed form LG 18 *Appointment of Scrutineer* must be presented to the Returning Officer prior to commencing duties and is to be carried by the scrutineer at all times. *Reg. 69*
Reg. Form 18

The scrutineer must wear an identifying badge, which the Returning Officer will provide.

Scrutineers should arrive at the count before 5.30 pm in order to be admitted for the start of the count at 6.00 pm. If a scrutineer arrives later than this he or she runs the risk of not being admitted until it is convenient for the Returning Officer as there are many tasks to be undertaken at this time.

4.3 Rights of Scrutineers

The rights of a scrutineer in relation to an election are as follows:

*Reg. 71
LGA s.4.71(1)(j)*

- to enter and be in any polling place specified in his or her notice of appointment at any time before the close of the poll. In a postal election a polling place is a place appointed for the delivery of votes;
- to observe, while in the polling place, the conduct of the election and ascertain whether the Act and Regulations are being complied with;
- to leave the polling place at any time;
- to be present at the preparation of postal voting papers for counting, but only at a sufficient distance from the preparation process that the markings on the ballot papers cannot be ascertained by the scrutineers; and
- to be present after the close of the poll when ballot boxes are opened and during the counting of the votes so as to observe all proceedings at the count.

Reg. 52A

4.4 Restrictions on Scrutineers

A scrutineer:

- is to comply with the restrictions imposed by section 4.89 of the *Local Government Act 1995* as to conduct in or near polling places;

*LGA s.4.71(1)(j)
Reg. 72*

- is to comply with reasonable requests made by an electoral officer;
- is to comply with directions given by the Returning Officer.
- is not to record the name of a person who attends a polling place to vote;
- is not to record any information given by a person to an electoral officer in order to receive a ballot paper; and
- is not to be in any polling place specified in his or her notice of appointment if another scrutineer appointed by the same candidate is also there, except where one of them is there solely to cast or deliver his or her vote;
- is not to take any part in the conduct of the election;

6. DELIVERY OF VOTING PAPERS

It is unlawful for a candidate or a person a candidate authorises to act on his or her behalf, such as a scrutineer, to communicate with, assist or interfere with an elector while the elector is marking a ballot paper, or to take custody of an envelope in which there is a postal vote.

Reg. 49
LGA s.4.92(c)

If an elector gives any other person custody of a postage pre-paid envelope addressed to the Returning Officer for the purpose of delivering it to the Returning Officer, that person is to post or deliver it to the Returning Officer forthwith. The Act provides a severe penalty for an offence.

Reg. 50

LGA s.4.92(c)

7. OPERATIONS AT POLLING PLACES

The Returning Officer will appoint places for the delivery of postal votes and issuing of provisional votes and replacement packages. This place is usually the offices of the local government.

LGA s.4.23(a)
Reg. 31(1)(i)

The counting of votes will be held at the place or places specified in the election notice for the district. This may be the office of the local government or a central counting place.

LGA s.4.72

Returning Officers have the power to take any reasonable steps to ensure that voting is conducted in a peaceful and orderly manner. They may remove or exclude from the polling place any person who is disrupting or may disrupt the poll. They may call on a member of the Police Service for assistance if this is required.

LGA s.4.23

When a scrutineer arrives at a polling place, the Returning Officer or nominated electoral officer, will request that he or she produces the duplicate notice of appointment for inspection.

LGA s.4.71(1)(j)
Reg. 70

If, on any day on which polling for an election takes place, a person: *LGA s.4.89*

- canvasses for votes;
- solicits the vote of an elector;
- induces an elector not to vote for a particular candidate; or
- induces an elector not to vote at the election,

in a polling place or within 6 metres from the entrance to a polling place, that person commits an offence. The Act provides a severe penalty for an offence.

8. CHECKING OF POSTAL VOTING PAPERS

Completed voting papers are returned to the Returning Officer at the Western Australian Electoral Commission in Perth. Checking of these commences approximately three weeks before the count and continues each day that packages are received. Most of the checking of packages received on election day takes place at the local government office. *Reg. 51*

The Western Australian Electoral Commission will notify candidates when and where the checking is to take place.

8.1 Check of Elector Certificates

Elector certificates are checked in accordance with regulations. If, during this process, a certificate is found to be unsigned or otherwise deficient, the vote will be rejected before the count. *Reg. 52*

8.2 Record of Voters

Each ballot paper envelope has a barcode on it, which identifies the elector. This is scanned and the elector is recorded as having voted.

8.3 Removal of Elector Certificates

Elector certificates are detached from the ballot paper envelopes and stored separately. This removes identification from the ballot paper envelopes, thereby preserving the secrecy of the votes. *Reg. 52(1)(d)*

8.4 Removal of Ballot Papers from Ballot Paper Envelopes

The Returning Officer may open the ballot paper envelope, remove ballot papers from the envelope, unfold the ballot paper(s) and, without examining them personally or allowing the examination of the ballot paper(s) by any scrutineer present, place the ballot paper(s) into a sealed ballot box, which must remain sealed until 6.00 pm on election day. These steps are usually undertaken by staff on the Returning Officer's behalf. *Reg. 52(1)(a)*

A scrutineer at a checking centre:

- may observe the processes as directed by the Returning Officer;
- may not interrupt the sorters and checkers at the scanning centre;
- must direct all enquiries to the Returning Officer; and
- must wear identification at all time and comply with any requests made by the Returning Officer.

Reg. 70
Reg. 71 (d)

Candidates will be advised by the Western Australian Electoral Commission of the date and time of processing for each district.

9. COUNT OF VOTES

As soon as is practicable after voting has finished, the Returning Officer will arrange for the votes to be counted and determine the result of the election. *LGA s.4.72*

Counting will typically commence soon after 6.00 pm on election day. As outlined in section 4.2, Scrutineers should arrive at the count before 5.30 pm in order to be admitted for the start of the count at 6.00 pm.

In the event of a common candidate for a mayoral and ward election, the result of the election for mayor is to be determined before counting the ward election.

9.1 First-Past-the-Post Counting System

The number of votes given for each candidate is ascertained using the first-past-the-post counting system.

*LGA s.4.74
Schedule 4.1*

The candidate who receives the greater or greatest number of votes is elected.

9.2 Election for Two or More Offices of Councillor

If the election is to fill two or more offices of councillor, the candidates elected are:

- the candidate who receives the greatest number of votes;
- the candidate who receives the next highest number of votes; and
so on up to the number of offices to be filled.

If two or more candidates receive the same number of votes, the Returning Officer must draw lots in the presence of any scrutineers who may be present to determine which candidate is elected.

9.3 Computer-Assisted Counting

The Electoral Commissioner may decide to use a computer-assisted counting system for a local government election if there are several vacancies, more than four candidates and a sufficiently large number of electors vote. Under these circumstances a computer-assisted count will be quicker than the manual method.

Ballot papers are first scrutinised and counted into batches for data entry.

After all batches have been entered, the Returning Officer will generate an automated count of all the ballot papers.

Data entry operators are not to be questioned by scrutineers. Scrutineers must address questions to the Returning Officer or the table supervisor.

10. DECLARATION OF RESULT

The outcome of a count is not final until the Returning Officer formally declares the result. If the initial count indicates that two candidates are close, the Returning Officer may decide to conduct a fresh count before he or she declares the result.

LGA s.4.77

11. DISPUTED RETURNS

The validity of any election may be disputed by an invalidity complaint made in writing within 28 days after notice is given of the result of the election. The invalidity complaint is to be made to a Court of Disputed Returns constituted by a Magistrate.

LGA s.4.76.

*LGA s.4.81(1)(2)
Reg. 84, 85, 86, 87*

12. ELECTORAL OFFENCES

All scrutineers should read Division 11 of Part 4 of the *Local Government Act 1995* relating to offences.

LGA Division 11

APPENDIX

Formality Guide

1. FORMALITY OF BALLOT PAPERS

A ballot paper can be admitted if, in the Returning Officer's opinion, it clearly indicates an elector's wishes. *LGA s4.75(1)*

The Returning Officer may review a decision in the course of a recount of votes and, in determining the formality of any ballot paper, is to take into account any instructions given by the Electoral Commissioner. The Returning Officer's decision is final. *LGA s4.75(2)*
LGA s4.76

Please refer to the Returning Officer if clarification on any aspect of the formality of ballot papers is required.

2. GIVING EFFECT TO THE ELECTOR'S WISHES

The key words in the legislation refer to accepting a ballot paper that '*clearly indicates the elector's wishes*'. *LGA s4.75, s4.76*

3. MARKING THE BALLOT PAPER

In an election where one office is to be filled, the elector is required to mark the ballot paper to indicate the candidate named on the ballot paper that the elector wishes to be elected. *LGA s4.69*

If two or more offices are to be filled, the elector votes by marking the ballot paper to indicate the candidates whom the elector wishes to be elected, but is not to mark votes for more than the number of offices to be filled.

The Regulations state that the elector is to use a tick to indicate their choice of candidates. Some variations are acceptable. *Reg 34, 35*

4. INITIALS AND OTHER MARKINGS

In State parliamentary elections, ballot papers bearing the signature or initials of the voter are informal, because the relevant laws expressly state this. However, while electors in local government elections are entitled to secrecy when casting a vote under the Act and Regulations, a ballot paper is not rendered informal simply because the voter reveals his or her identity by his or her own choice. This typically may occur where an elector initials a correction.

5. RETURNING OFFICER'S DECISION IS FINAL

The final decision on whether a ballot paper is to be accepted rests with the Returning Officer. *LGA s4.76*

The Returning Officer will refer to the Electoral Commissioner's guidelines as well as the Act and Regulations, but the resolution of validity will always be circumstance specific.

The physical appearance of markings on the ballot paper may well influence the Returning Officer's decision on the formality of the ballot paper.

6. EXAMPLES OF FORMAL AND INFORMAL BALLOT PAPERS

Examples of three categories of formality are given in the following pages to be used as guidelines:

- formal with all valid choices (1 to 23);
- formal with only one valid choice (24 to 29); and
- informal with no valid choices (30 to 32).

Ballot Paper

**ELECTION OF TWO COUNCILLORS
CITY OF MARYVILLE
WEST WARD**

Election Date: Saturday 17 October 2009

How to vote

Place a tick in the box next to each of the candidates you want to elect.

You may choose up to 2 candidates. If you choose more than 2, your vote will be invalid.

Do not make any other marks on the ballot paper.

CANDIDATES

<input type="checkbox"/>	CANDIDATE, A
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	CANDIDATE, B
<input type="checkbox"/>	CANDIDATE, C
<input type="checkbox"/>	CANDIDATE, D
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	CANDIDATE, E
<input type="checkbox"/>	CANDIDATE, F

1. Formal The marks are taken to indicate two choices.

Ballot Paper

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WEST WARD**

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How to vote

Place a tick in the box next to each of the candidates you want to elect.

You may choose up to 2 candidates. If you choose more than 2, your vote will be invalid.

Do not make any other marks on the ballot paper.

CANDIDATES

I	CANDIDATE, A
II	CANDIDATE, B
VI	CANDIDATE, C
VI	CANDIDATE, D
III	CANDIDATE, E
IV	CANDIDATE, F

2. Formal The first two preferences are clear. Other preferences are numbered but cannot be counted.

Ballot Paper

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How to vote

Place a tick in the box next to each of the candidates you want to elect.

You may choose up to 2 candidates. If you choose more than 2, your vote will be invalid.

Do not make any other marks on the ballot paper.

CANDIDATES

1	CANDIDATE, A
2	CANDIDATE, B
3	CANDIDATE, C
4	CANDIDATE, D
5	CANDIDATE, E
6	CANDIDATE, F

3. Formal The first two preferences are clear.

Ballot Paper

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How to vote

Place a tick in the box next to each of the candidates you want to elect.

You may choose up to 2 candidates. If you choose more than 2, your vote will be invalid.

Do not make any other marks on the ballot paper.

CANDIDATES

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	CANDIDATE, A
<input type="checkbox"/>	CANDIDATE, B
<input type="checkbox"/>	CANDIDATE, C
<input type="checkbox"/>	CANDIDATE, D
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	CANDIDATE, E
<input type="checkbox"/>	CANDIDATE, F

4. Formal The arrows indicate two identifiable choices.

Ballot Paper

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You may choose up to 2 candidates. If you choose more than 2, your vote will be invalid.

Do not make any other marks on the ballot paper.

CANDIDATES

CANDIDATE, A

CANDIDATE, B

CANDIDATE, C

CANDIDATE, D

CANDIDATE, E

CANDIDATE, F

5. Formal Two marks are made for the two candidates. The others are blank, indicating no choices.

Ballot Paper

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Election Date: Saturday 17 October 2009

How to vote

Place a tick in the box next to each of the candidates you want to elect.

You may choose up to 2 candidates. If you choose more than 2, your vote will be invalid.

Do not make any other marks on the ballot paper.

CANDIDATES

CANDIDATE, A

CANDIDATE, B

CANDIDATE, C

CANDIDATE, D

CANDIDATE, E

CANDIDATE, F

6. Formal Two candidates are ticked. Initials do not invalidate a ballot paper.

Ballot Paper

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How to vote

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You may choose up to 2 candidates. If you choose more than 2, your vote will be invalid.

Do not make any other marks on the ballot paper.

CANDIDATES

CANDIDATE, A

CANDIDATE, B

CANDIDATE, C

CANDIDATE, D

CANDIDATE, E

CANDIDATE, F

Don't like Mr G.

7. Formal Two candidates are indicated. The writing does not invalidate the vote.

Ballot Paper

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How to vote

Place a tick in the box next to each of the candidates you want to elect.

You may choose up to 2 candidates. If you choose more than 2, your vote will be invalid.

Do not make any other marks on the ballot paper.

CANDIDATES

CANDIDATE, A

CANDIDATE, B

CANDIDATE, C

CANDIDATE, D

CANDIDATE, E

CANDIDATE, F

8. Formal Two clear ticks. While large, the ticks can be seen to be in two boxes.

Ballot Paper

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How to vote

Place a tick in the box next to each of the candidates you want to elect.

You may choose up to 2 candidates. If you choose more than 2, your vote will be invalid.

Do not make any other marks on the ballot paper.

CANDIDATES

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	CANDIDATE, A
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	CANDIDATE, B
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	CANDIDATE, C
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	CANDIDATE, D
<input type="checkbox"/>	CANDIDATE, E
<input type="checkbox"/>	CANDIDATE, F

J. Smith

9. Formal *The corrections are sufficiently clear to enable acceptance of the two ticks. The signature does not invalidate the ballot paper.*

Ballot Paper

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How to vote

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Do not make any other marks on the ballot paper.

CANDIDATES

<input type="checkbox"/>	CANDIDATE, A
<input type="checkbox"/>	CANDIDATE, B
<input type="checkbox"/>	CANDIDATE, C
<input type="checkbox"/>	CANDIDATE, D
<input type="checkbox"/>	CANDIDATE, E
<input type="checkbox"/>	CANDIDATE, F

10. Formal *In a first-past-the-post contest, two identical numbers can be interpreted as two ticks.*

Ballot Paper

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Do not make any other marks on the ballot paper.

CANDIDATES

<input type="checkbox"/>	CANDIDATE, A
<input type="checkbox"/>	CANDIDATE, B
<input type="checkbox"/>	CANDIDATE, C
<input type="checkbox"/>	CANDIDATE, D
<input type="checkbox"/>	CANDIDATE, E
<input type="checkbox"/>	CANDIDATE, F

11. Formal *Two clear marks indicate a choice.*

Ballot Paper

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Do not make any other marks on the ballot paper.

CANDIDATES

<input type="checkbox"/>	CANDIDATE, A
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	CANDIDATE, B
<input type="checkbox"/>	CANDIDATE, C
<input type="checkbox"/>	CANDIDATE, D
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	CANDIDATE, E
<input type="checkbox"/>	CANDIDATE, F

All polling officials are lovely people.

12. Formal *The ticks indicate a choice. The words on the paper are to be disregarded.*

Ballot Paper

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How to vote

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You may choose up to 2 candidates. If you choose more than 2, your vote will be invalid.

Do not make any other marks on the ballot paper.

CANDIDATES

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	CANDIDATE, A
<input type="checkbox"/>	CANDIDATE, B
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	CANDIDATE, C
<input type="checkbox"/>	CANDIDATE, D
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	CANDIDATE, E
<input type="checkbox"/>	CANDIDATE, F

13. Formal Two ticks indicate two choices. The cross is disregarded.

Ballot Paper

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How to vote

Place a tick in the box next to each of the candidates you want to elect.

You may choose up to 2 candidates. If you choose more than 2, your vote will be invalid.

Do not make any other marks on the ballot paper.

CANDIDATES

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	CANDIDATE, A
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	CANDIDATE, B
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	CANDIDATE, C
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	CANDIDATE, D
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	CANDIDATE, E
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	CANDIDATE, F

14. Formal Two ticks indicate two choices. The crosses are disregarded.

Ballot Paper

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Place a tick in the box next to each of the candidates you want to elect.

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Do not make any other marks on the ballot paper.

CANDIDATES

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	CANDIDATE, A
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	CANDIDATE, B
<input type="checkbox"/>	CANDIDATE, C
<input type="checkbox"/>	CANDIDATE, D
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	CANDIDATE, E
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	CANDIDATE, F

15. Formal The ticks represent two formal votes and the crosses can be disregarded.

Ballot Paper

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Do not make any other marks on the ballot paper.

CANDIDATES

<input type="checkbox"/>	CANDIDATE, A
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	CANDIDATE, B
<input type="checkbox"/>	CANDIDATE, C
<input type="checkbox"/>	CANDIDATE, D
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	CANDIDATE, E
<input type="checkbox"/>	CANDIDATE, F

16. Formal The ticks are close enough to the candidate boxes for the RO to make a decision that these are formal votes for candidates B and E.

Ballot Paper

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Do not make any other marks on the ballot paper.

CANDIDATES

CANDIDATE, A

~~CANDIDATE, B~~

~~CANDIDATE, C~~

~~CANDIDATE, D~~

CANDIDATE, E

~~CANDIDATE, F~~

17. Formal The names crossed out indicate that these candidates are not to be selected.

Ballot Paper

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You may choose up to 2 candidates. If you choose more than 2, your vote will be invalid.

Do not make any other marks on the ballot paper.

CANDIDATES

CANDIDATE, A

CANDIDATE, B

CANDIDATE, C

CANDIDATE, D

CANDIDATE, E

CANDIDATE, F

18. Formal The two candidates circled indicate a choice.

Ballot Paper

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You may choose up to 2 candidates. If you choose more than 2, your vote will be invalid.

Do not make any other marks on the ballot paper.

CANDIDATES

2 CANDIDATE, A

1 CANDIDATE, B

3 CANDIDATE, C

4 CANDIDATE, D

CANDIDATE, E

CANDIDATE, F

19. Formal Numbers 1 and 2 can be considered formal votes.

Ballot Paper

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Do not make any other marks on the ballot paper.

CANDIDATES

x CANDIDATE, A

CANDIDATE, B

CANDIDATE, C

CANDIDATE, D

x CANDIDATE, E

CANDIDATE, F

20. Formal No other markings enable two crosses to be accepted as a clear expression of choice.

Ballot Paper

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<input type="checkbox"/>	CANDIDATE, D	✓
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21. Formal The ticks are sufficiently close to the names to indicate a choice for candidates A and D.

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22. Formal Two candidates are definitely indicated.

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23. Formal The 1's indicate choice and the bullets indicate no vote.

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24. One formal The cross is a clear indication of preference.

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25. One formal *The tick indicates a clear preference. It is not clear whether the 1 or the 2 is the second choice, so the other marks are not counted.*

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26. One formal *The tick indicates a clear preference. It is not clear whether the cross is an indication of preference or rejection.*

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27. One formal *The 'yes' indicates a clear preference, and the deletions indicate rejection. It is not clear whether the unmarked candidate is a choice.*

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28. One formal *One candidate is clearly preferred. There is no other choice indicated.*

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29. *One formal* *The tick indicates a preference for candidate B. The other marks cannot be interpreted as an indication of preference.*

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30. *Informal* *There is no tick and no clear indication whether the cross is a rejection or a preference. The voter's intention is not clear.*

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31. *Informal* *It is not clear whether the crosses are indications of preference or rejection, nor whether the numerals or the crosses are more significant.*

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32. *Informal* *Two preferences cannot be discerned.*