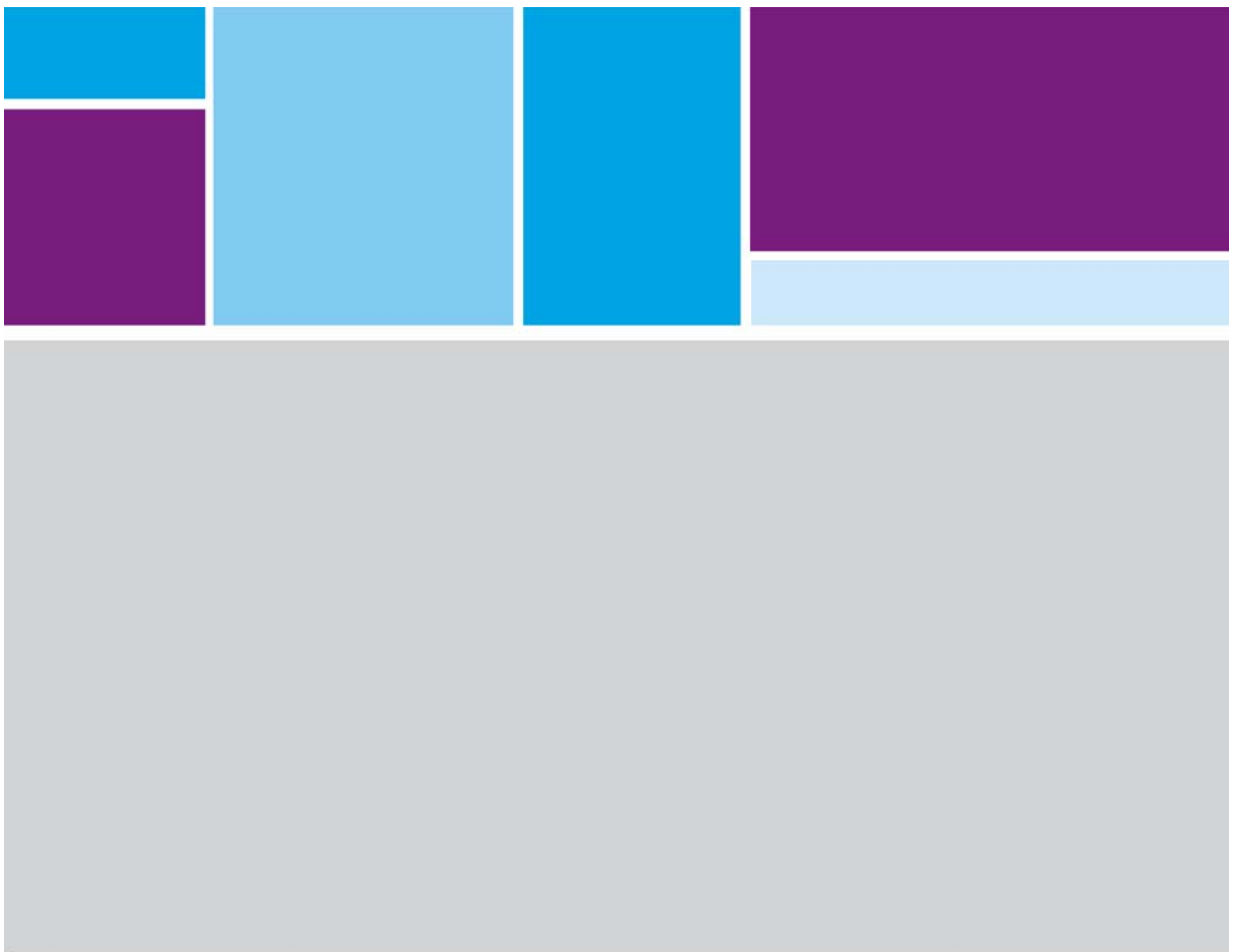


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Executive summary

In every election, it is likely that a small proportion of the votes cast will not meet the specified voting requirements and will therefore be deemed informal. Levels of informal voting can provide an indication of people's engagement with (and understanding of) the electoral process and, together with enrolment participation rates and measures of turnout, are therefore a key indicator of democratic health.

The paper provides a profile of informal voting at the 2010 House of Representatives election and presents results from the Australian Electoral Commission's (AEC) 2010 House of Representatives Informal Ballot Paper Survey. Data on informal voting at previous House of Representatives elections is also included to provide a historical context for the 2010 figures. Results from the Informal Ballot Paper Survey – and, in particular, findings relating to assumed unintentional and intentional informal voting – show that a challenge remains to maximise electors' potential participation in the electoral process.

The national informality rate at the 2010 House of Representatives election was substantially higher than that recorded at the 2007 House of Representatives election and is the highest recorded since the 1984 House of Representatives election. At the state and territory level, the highest informality rates were in New South Wales and the Northern Territory, while the lowest informality rates were in Victoria and Tasmania.

The 10 divisions with the highest rates of informal voting at the 2010 House of Representatives election were Blaxland, Fowler, Watson, Chifley, McMahon, Werriwa, Greenway, Barton, Reid, and Parramatta.

More than half of all informal ballots in 2010 had incomplete numbering or were totally blank. This was also the first federal election since informal ballot paper surveys began where the proportion of blank ballots was higher than the proportion of number '1' only ballots.

While it appears that most informal voting continues to be unintentional, there was a substantial increase in assumed intentional informal voting (in particular, blank ballots) at the 2010 House of Representatives election.

As has been the case in previous studies, English language proficiency and the numbers of candidates on ballot papers continue to be significant factors associated with the level of informal voting (or, in the case of candidate numbers, changes in the level of informal voting).

Analysis of the potential impact of differences between state or territory electoral systems and the federal electoral system on levels of informality provided mixed results. Higher informality rates for ballots with incomplete numbering in New South Wales and Queensland may be influenced in part by the optional preferential voting provisions for the lower house in these states. However, both of the jurisdictions with partial preferential voting had informality rates for incompletely numbered ballots that were below the national average, and two of the four states that allow ticks and crosses as a first preference for lower house elections had informality rates for ticks and crosses below the national average.

There did not appear to be a clear pattern between informality rates within states or territories and the proximity of the most recent state or territory election. Of the two states that held a state election in 2010, one (Tasmania) had the lowest informality rate while the other (South Australia) had the third highest rate.

There are many factors that could influence a voter to intentionally or unintentionally cast an informal vote and it is not possible, in many cases, to accurately quantify or even separately identify the impact these factors might have. Of those factors identified as significant influences on informal voting at previous House of Representatives elections, English language proficiency and the number of candidates appear to be the strongest predictors of informality rates (or changes in informality rates) in 2010. Analysis relating to differences between state and territory electoral systems and the federal system provided mixed results, suggesting that other factors were more significant influences on informality in 2010.

Key findings

- In the 2010 House of Representatives election there was a national informality rate of 5.55 per cent. This was the highest informality rate recorded since 1984, and represents a substantial increase from the 3.95 per cent recorded at the 2007 House of Representatives election.
- The 10 divisions with the highest rates of informal voting were all in Sydney. The top 10 divisions in 2010 were: Blaxland (14.06 per cent); Fowler (12.83 per cent); Watson (12.80 per cent); Chifley (11.16 per cent); McMahon (10.84 per cent); Werriwa (10.35 per cent); Greenway (10.27 per cent); Barton (9.82 per cent); Reid (8.80 per cent); and Parramatta (8.65 per cent).
 - Eight of the top 10 informality divisions in 2010 were also in the top 10 for 2007, while nine were in the top 10 for 2004.

Categories of informal ballots

- More than half of all informal ballots in 2010 had incomplete numbering or were totally blank (27.8 per cent with a number '1' only, 2.6 per cent with other forms of incomplete numbering and 28.9 per cent blank). This was the first House of Representatives election since informal ballot paper surveys began where the proportion of blank ballots was higher than the proportion of number '1' only ballots.

Blank ballots

- While more than a quarter of all informal votes cast in each state and territory in 2010 were blank, blank ballots still comprise less than two (1.60) per cent of all votes cast.
- The highest proportions of blank ballots were cast by voters in Tasmania (34.1 per cent of all informal ballots) and South Australia (32.4 per cent). These states also recorded the highest proportions of blank ballots at the 2007 House of Representatives election (29.3 and 26.9 per cent, respectively).
- Nationally the rate of blank ballots doubled between the 2007 and 2010 House of Representatives elections, from 0.79 per cent of all votes cast in 2007 to 1.60 per cent of all votes cast in 2010.
- The states with the highest rates of blank ballots were New South Wales (1.84 per cent of all votes cast) and South Australia (1.77 per cent), while the lowest rates of blank votes were cast by voters in the Australian Capital Territory (1.39 per cent of all votes cast) and Tasmania (1.38 per cent).

Incomplete ballots

- The proportion of informal ballots with incomplete numbering decreased from 34.6 per cent in 2007 (30.1 per cent with a number '1' only) to 30.4 per cent in 2010 (27.8 per cent with a number '1' only).
- The highest proportions of ballots with incomplete numbering were in New South Wales (35.1 per cent of all informal ballots in 2010) and Queensland (34.7 per cent). While this may, in part, be influenced by the use of optional preferential voting for state elections in New South Wales and Queensland, other factors may also apply.
- The informality rate for ballots with incomplete numbering increased from 1.37 per cent of all votes cast in 2007 to 1.69 per cent of all votes cast in 2010.

Assumed unintentional and intentional informality

- As it is not possible to determine the true intent of voters casting informal ballots, analysis in this report refers to *assumed* unintentional and *assumed* intentional informality.
 - Ballot papers with incomplete numbering, non-sequential numbering, ticks and crosses and those where the voter had been identified are assumed to be *unintentionally* informal (i.e. it is assumed that all voters with ballot papers in these categories intended to cast a formal vote).
 - All other informal ballot papers (including blank ballots and those with scribbles, slogans and other protest vote marks) are assumed to be *intentionally* informal (i.e. it is assumed that these voters intended to cast an informal vote).
- Levels of assumed unintentional informal voting continue to be higher than levels of assumed intentional informal voting. However, the proportion of assumed unintentional informal ballots has decreased from 62.5 per cent of all informal ballots in the 2007 House of Representatives election, to a little over half of all informal ballots (51.4 per cent) in 2010.
- The highest proportions of assumed unintentional informal votes were cast by voters in New South Wales (58.8 per cent of all informal ballots) and the Northern Territory (54.8 per cent). The highest proportions of assumed intentional informal ballots were cast by voters in Tasmania (64.7 per cent of all informal ballots) and Victoria (57.5 per cent).
- The rate of assumed unintentional informal voting increased from 2.47 per cent of all votes cast in the 2007 House of Representatives election to 2.85 per cent of all

votes cast in the 2010 House of Representatives election. However, the 2010 assumed unintentional informality rate is lower than that recorded at either the 2001 (3.18 per cent of all votes cast) or 2004 elections (3.21 per cent).

- At the state and territory level, New South Wales and the Northern Territory recorded the highest assumed unintentional informality rates in 2010 (4.02 per cent and 3.39 per cent of all votes cast, respectively) as well as the highest intentional informality rates (2.81 and 2.80 per cent, respectively).
- The lowest assumed unintentional informality rates were in Tasmania (1.43 per cent of all votes cast) and Victoria (1.91 per cent), while the lowest assumed intentional informality rates were in Western Australia (2.54 per cent of all votes cast), Victoria and the Australian Capital Territory (each 2.58 per cent).

Factors influencing informal voting

- This report analyses the impact of English language proficiency, the number of candidates on the ballot paper, differences between state/territory and federal electoral systems and proximity to other electoral events) on informal voting. However, there are likely to be many other factors that might also influence levels or patterns of informality. The nature of a secret ballot means it is difficult to accurately determine what influences a voter to intentionally or unintentionally cast an informal vote.

English language proficiency

- As was the case in previous elections, analysis of 2010 election results showed a statistically significant link between English language proficiency and informality rates. Divisions where higher proportions of the population have lower levels of English language proficiency are likely to have higher levels of informal voting.
- Five out of the 10 divisions with the highest informality rates at the 2010 House of Representatives election also had the five highest proportions of persons who, at the 2006 Census of Population and Housing, indicated that they did not speak English well, or did not speak English at all.

Number of candidates

- The number of candidates on ballot papers for the 2010 House of Representatives election ranged from three candidates (in the divisions of Canberra, Barton, Bradfield, Mackellar, Werriwa and Braddon) to 11 candidates (in the divisions of Bennelong and Greenway). The 10 divisions with the highest levels of informality in the 2010 House of Representatives election included divisions with the highest (Greenway) and lowest (Barton) numbers of candidates.

- The 2010 election saw increasing informality rates in each state and territory combined with decreases (or, in the case of the Northern Territory, no change) in the average number of candidates.
- Multivariate analysis shows that the proportion of the population with lower levels of English language proficiency is a stronger predictor of informality rates at the 2010 House of Representatives election than candidate numbers. However, changes in candidate numbers between the 2007 and 2010 elections were a stronger predictor of *changes* in informality.

Differences between electoral systems and proximity between electoral events

- Analysis of the impact that differences between electoral systems and the proximity between electoral events might have on informality rates provided mixed results, and suggests that other factors were more significant at the 2010 federal election:
 - Of the two states that use optional preferential voting for state lower house elections (New South Wales and Queensland), both had above average informality rates for ballots with incomplete numbering (i.e. ballots with a number '1' only as well as other incompletely numbered ballots).
 - Of the two jurisdictions that use partial preferential voting for lower house elections (Tasmania and the Australian Capital Territory), both had below average informality rates for ballots with incomplete numbering.
 - Of the four states that provide for ticks or crosses to be accepted as valid first preferences in state lower house elections (New South Wales, Victoria, Queensland and South Australia), New South Wales and South Australia had informality rates for ballots with ticks and crosses that were above the national average, while Queensland and Victoria had informality rates for ballots with ticks and crosses that were below the national average.

Introduction

In every election a percentage of votes cast are likely to be informal. Informal votes are ballot papers that have not been filled out correctly in accordance with the requirements of the *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918* (the Electoral Act) and instructions on the ballot paper, and can therefore not be included in the count of votes leading to the election result. Levels of informal voting can provide an indication of people's engagement with (and understanding of) the electoral process and, together with enrolment participation rates and measures of turnout, are therefore a key indicator of democratic health.

This paper provides a profile of informal voting at the 2010 House of Representatives election and presents results from the AEC's 2010 House of Representatives Informal Ballot Paper Survey. Statistics on informal voting at previous House of Representatives elections are also included to provide a historical context for the 2010 figures.

Analysis in this report includes discussion of proportions of informal votes and informality rates. Proportions of informal votes use the relevant *total number of informal votes* as the denominator, and are shown to one decimal place. Informality rates (proportions of total votes cast) use the relevant *total number of votes cast* as the denominator and are shown to two decimal places.

It should be noted that some figures relating to informal voting at previous elections have been revised to correct errors or inconsistencies in previously published reports. Footnotes have been added to tables to indicate where revisions have been applied. These revisions do not impact on any of the key findings made in previous reports.

In addition, changes to electorate boundaries as a result of redistributions will affect the comparability of data between elections.

Methodology

Two main sources of data were used to analyse informal voting at the 2010 House of Representatives election. These were:

- The AEC's Virtual Tally Room (VTR) for the 2010 federal election. The VTR provides national, state, divisional and polling place results for both the House of Representatives and the Senate.
- The 2010 House of Representatives election Informal Ballot Paper Survey. This survey was completed by AEC staff, generally in AEC Divisional Offices, and provides counts of informal ballot papers in all polling places, for all divisions, according to specified categories. Counts for the following types of informal ballots are available from informal ballot paper surveys conducted for the 2001, 2004,

2007 and 2010 elections, allowing comparisons to be made between federal election years¹:

- Blank ballots
- Number ‘1’ only ballots
- Ticks and crosses
- Non-sequential numbering
- Marks and scribbles²
- Illegible numbering
- Voter identified.

¹ Refer to Tables 1 and 2 for more information on the categories used in 2010,m and how these relate to categories used in 2001, 2004 and 2007.

² Note that this does not mean ballots were informal because they bore writing, scribbles or other protest vote marks, but instead refers to ballot papers that were informal for another reason (usually because they lacked numbers) and had marks or scribbles.

Background

Voting requirements

Details on the history of formal voting requirements in Australia can be found in the AEC Electoral Backgrounder on Informal Voting, released in April 2010 (AEC 2010e). More detailed information regarding the formality principles applied at the 2010 House of Representatives election is available from the Ballot Paper Formality Guidelines for the 2010 federal election (AEC 2010a).

Under section 268 of the Electoral Act, ballot papers cast in House of Representatives elections are informal if:

- they have not been authenticated by the initials of the presiding officer or the issuing officer, or by the presence of the official mark³;
- the ballot paper has no vote indicated on it;
- subject to the exceptions noted below, the ballot paper does not indicate the voter's first preference for one candidate, and an order or preference for all the remaining candidates;
- the ballot paper has any mark of writing on it by which, in the opinion of the Divisional Returning Officer, the voter can be identified; or
- in the case of an absent vote – the ballot paper is not contained in an envelope bearing a declaration made by the elector under subsection 222(1) or (1A) of the Electoral Act.

If one box is left blank (meaning that there is *no marking* in the box at all) and all other boxes have been numbered in a consecutive sequence starting with the number '1', the ballot paper is formal (i.e. it is deemed that the voter's last preference is for the candidate where the square is blank). If two or more boxes on a House of Representatives ballot paper have been left blank, the ballot paper is informal.

If there are only two candidates on the ballot paper and the voter has placed a '1' in the box beside a candidate and either left the second box blank or inserted a number other than '2' in it, the ballot paper is formal (i.e. the voter is deemed to have indicated an order of preference for all candidates).

Ticks or crosses are not acceptable forms of voting for House of Representatives elections, and ballot papers containing ticks and/or crosses are informal.

³ A ballot paper to which this situation applies is formal if the Divisional Returning Officer responsible for considering the question of the formality of the ballot paper is satisfied that it is an authentic ballot paper on which a voter has marked a vote and the officer has endorsed the ballot paper with the words 'I am satisfied that this ballot paper is an authentic ballot paper on which a voter has marked a vote.'

Alterations to numbers will not make a ballot paper informal, provided the voter's intention is clear (for example, a number can be crossed out and another number written beside it). However, if a number is overwritten in a way that makes it impossible to read, the ballot paper is informal.

Key formality requirements in other Australian state and territory lower houses are summarised in Appendix A.

Categories of informal ballot papers

Tables 1 and 2 on the following pages list the categories of informal ballot papers used for the 2010 House of Representatives election Informal Ballot Paper Survey, and indicate how these categories can be compared with categories used in the 2001, 2004 and 2007 surveys.

Explanations and coding notes relating to the 2010 informality categories are provided at Appendix B. While AEC staff were provided with instructions on how to categorise informal ballots, in some cases they may have differed in their interpretation of the categories (largely because some informal ballots exhibit characteristics that could place them in more than one category).

Table 1. Informality categories for 2010 House of Representatives Informal Ballot Paper Survey

Category and subcategory
Category A: Blank ballots
Category B: Incomplete numbering ^(a)
B-1: Number '1' only
<i>J-1: Number '1' only for first candidate on ballot paper</i>
<i>J-2: Number '1' only for second candidate on ballot paper</i>
<i>J-3: Number '1' only for third candidate on ballot paper</i>
<i>J-4: Number '1' only for fourth candidate on ballot paper</i>
<i>J-5: Number '1' only for fifth candidate on ballot paper</i>
<i>J-6: Number '1' only for sixth candidate on ballot paper</i>
<i>J-7: Number '1' only for seventh candidate on ballot paper</i>
<i>J-8: Number '1' only for eighth candidate on ballot paper</i>
<i>J-9: Number '1' only for ninth candidate on ballot paper</i>
<i>J-10: Number '1' only for tenth candidate on ballot paper</i>
<i>J-11: Number '1' only for eleventh candidate on ballot paper</i>
B-2: Number '1, 2' only
B-3: Number '1, 2, 3' only
B-4: Number '1, 2, 3, 4' only
B-5: Number '1, 2, 3, 4, 5' only
B-6: Number '1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6' only
B-7: Number '1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7' only
B-8: Number '1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8' only
B-9: Number '1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9' only
Category C: Ticks and crosses
Category D: Other symbols (e.g. alphabetic characters, zeros etc.)
Category E: Non-sequential numbering
E-1: Unique first preference but repeated numbers within sequence, all squares completed
E-2: Unique first preference but repeated numbers within sequence, not all squares completed
E-3: Repeated number '1's
E-4: Missing numbers within sequence, number '1' missing and no repeated numbers
E-5: Unique first preference but missing numbers within sequence, no repeated numbers
E-6: Other non-sequential numbering
Category F: Scribbles, slogans or other protest vote marks
F-1: Scribbles/slogans
F-2: Candidate names changed
F-3: Other protest vote marks
Category G: Illegible numbers
G-1: Illegible numbers, first preference clear, second preference not clear
G-2: Illegible numbers, first and second preferences clear
G-3: Illegible numbers, first preference not clear
Category H: Voter identified
Category I: Other informal ballot papers

(a) As the maximum number of candidates on a ballot paper for the 2010 House of Representatives election was 11, there are nine subcategories for incompletely numbered informal ballots (B-1 to B-9), and eleven subcategories for ballots with a number '1' only (J-1 to J-11).

Table 2. Comparability of informality categories for 2001, 2004, 2007 and 2010 House of Representatives election Informal Ballot Paper Surveys

Categories/subcategories used in 2010 survey	Comparable category used in previous surveys		
	2001	2004	2007
Blank (A)	Yes ('Blank')	Yes (A)	Yes (A)
Incomplete numbering (B)	Not completely reported	Yes (B)	Yes (B)
Number '1' only (B-1)	Yes ('Number 1 only')	Yes (B-1)	Yes (B-1)
Candidates for number '1' only ballots (J-1 to J-11)	Not reported	Not reported	Not reported
Other incomplete numbering subcategories (B-2 to B-9)	Included in 'Other'	Yes (B-2 to B-12)	Yes (B-2 to B-11)
Ticks and crosses (C)	Yes ('Ticks and crosses')	Yes (C)	Yes (C)
Other symbols (D)	Not reported	Yes (D)	Yes (D)
Non-sequential numbering (E)	Yes (sum of 'Langer Style votes' ^(a) and 'Non-sequential votes')	Yes (E)	Yes (E)
Unique first preference but repeated numbers within sequence, all squares completed) (E-1)	Yes ('Langer Style votes')	Not reported	Not reported
Other subcategories for non-sequential numbering (E-2 to E-6)	Yes ('Non-sequential votes'; no subcategories reported)	Not reported	Not reported
Scribbles, slogans or other protest vote marks (F)	Yes ('Marks' ^(b))	Yes (F)	Yes (F)
Subcategories for scribbles/slogans/other protest vote marks (F-1 to F-3)	Not reported	Not reported	Not reported
Illegible numbers (G)	Yes ('Slogans making numbers illegible' ^(c))	Yes (G)	Yes (G)
Subcategories for illegible numbers (G-1 to G-3)	Not reported	Not reported	Not reported
Voter identified (H)	Yes ('Voter identified')	Yes (H)	Yes (H)
Other	Yes ('Other' ^(d))	Yes (I)	Yes (I)

(a) Langer-style votes refer to ballots with preferences marked in the pattern '1, 2, 3, 3, 3...'. More information on the historical background for Langer-style votes is provided in the AEC Electoral Backgrounder on Informal Voting.

(b) This category referred to ballot papers with no preference, or partial preferences, where there were slogans, written comments or marks on the ballot paper (AEC 2003).

(c) This category referred to all those ballot papers where slogans, writing or comments have been made and the words or marks interfere with the preferences in such a way that the numbering could not be deciphered.

(d) This category contained informal ballot papers that could not be categorised into any of the other categories used for the 2001 survey. Typically, it consisted of ballot papers that had insufficient preferences expressed.

Source: AEC 2003; AEC 2005a, AEC 2009.

Informal voting at House of Representatives elections

The national informality rate at the 2010 House of Representatives election was 5.55 per cent. This is the highest informality rate recorded since 1984⁴, and represents a substantial increase from the 3.95 per cent recorded at the 2007 House of Representatives election.

Table 3 below shows informality rates by state and territory for House of Representatives elections since 1983. Table 4 on the following page shows the numbers of formal and informal ballots (and informality rates) for states and territories since 2001.

Table 3. Informal voting rates ^(a) by state/territory, House of Representatives elections, 1983–2010

	NSW %	Vic. %	Qld %	WA %	SA %	Tas. %	ACT %	NT %	National %
1983 ^(b)	2.16	2.20	1.30	1.98	2.67	2.30	2.21	4.44	2.09
1984	5.73	7.54	4.45	7.05	8.22	5.86	4.71	4.61	6.34
1987	4.57	5.25	3.41	6.56	6.84	4.95	3.48	5.77	4.94
1990	3.12	3.54	2.23	3.70	3.68	3.27	2.95	3.38	3.19
1993	3.10	2.83	2.62	2.52	4.06	2.73	3.35	3.10	2.97
1996	3.62	2.93	2.56	3.16	4.08	2.35	2.82	3.39	3.20
1998	4.01	3.51	3.33	4.18	4.54	3.09	2.87	4.16	3.78
2001	5.42	3.98	4.83	4.92	5.54	3.40	3.52	4.64	4.82
2004	6.12	4.10	5.16	5.32	5.56	3.59	3.44	4.45	5.18
2007	4.95	3.25	3.56	3.85	3.78	2.92	2.31	3.85	3.95
2010	6.83	4.50	5.45	4.82	5.46	4.04	4.66	6.19	5.55

Note: Some figures in this table have been revised to correct errors in previously published reports.

(a) Informal votes as a proportion of all votes cast.

(b) Prior to 1984, counts of informal votes included missing and discarded ballots. Discarded ballot papers are those found inside the polling place but not in a ballot box at the close of polling. Missing ballot papers are those which have been removed from the polling place altogether. Counts of missing ballot papers are calculated by subtracting counts of discarded, formal and informal ballot papers from the total number issued.

Source: AEC 1984a-g; AEC 1986a-g; AEC 1988a-g; AEC 1990a-g; AEC 1999; AEC 2002; AEC 2005b; AEC 2008; AEC 2010b.

⁴ The number of informal votes at the 1984 House of Representatives election was larger than at any previous election. Party scrutineers at counting centres reported that many electors had recorded a single preference and then stopped, rather than recording consecutive preferences for every candidate on the ballot paper. It was assumed that this could have arisen from electors misunderstanding a television advertisement associated with the introduction of above the line voting in the Senate (AEC 1985, p.1).

Table 4. Formal and informal votes by state/territory, House of Representatives elections, 2001–2010

	NSW	Vic.	Qld	WA	SA	Tas.	ACT	NT	National
2001 House of Representatives election									
Formal (no.)	3 788 460	2 955 015	2 106 252	1 084 795	937 707	308 018	202 666	91 161	11 474 074
Informal (no.)	217 169	122 575	106 995	56 133	55 040	10 856	7 386	4 436	580 590
Informal (%) ^(a)	5.42	3.98	4.83	4.92	5.54	3.40	3.52	4.64	4.82
2004 House of Representatives election									
Formal (no.)	3 848 694	3 011 169	2 200 888	1 097 073	941 644	316 123	208 626	90 915	11 715 132
Informal (no.)	250 807	128 712	119 829	61 614	55 458	11 769	7 431	4 231	639 851
Informal (%) ^(a)	6.12	4.10	5.16	5.32	5.56	3.59	3.44	4.45	5.18
2007 House of Representatives election									
Formal (no.)	4 059 486	3 169 028	2 378 853	1 177 537	988 152	325 142	223 581	98 213	12 419 992
Informal (no.)	211 519	106 592	87 708	47 152	38 830	9 796	5 289	3 936	510 822
Informal (%) ^(a)	4.95	3.25	3.56	3.85	3.78	2.92	2.31	3.85	3.95
2010 House of Representatives election									
Formal (no.)	4 009 318	3 180 184	2 384 179	1 204 001	979 949	327 152	223 697	93 883	12 402 363
Informal (no.)	293 763	149 699	137 395	60 967	56 565	13 791	10 926	6 198	729 304
Informal (%) ^(a)	6.83	4.50	5.45	4.82	5.46	4.04	4.66	6.19	5.55

(a) Informal votes as a percentage of all votes cast.

Source: AEC 2002; AEC 2005b; AEC 2008; AEC 2010b.

Informal votes by vote type

The main method by which electors cast their vote is by attending a polling place on election day and casting an ordinary vote. However, the Electoral Act also provides for a number of alternative methods of voting – these methods are collectively called ‘declaration’ voting because the elector must complete a declaration that he or she is entitled to vote.

Ordinary votes

- *Ordinary vote* – A vote cast by a voter on election day at a polling place in the voter’s enrolled division.
- *Pre-poll ordinary vote* – A declaration vote that is cast as an ordinary vote before election day. Following legislative amendments prior to the 2010 federal election, this applied to a vote cast by a voter, prior to election day, in the home division or a pre-poll voting centre belonging to the elector’s home division. The elector is required to sign a certificate before being marked off the certified list and issued ballot papers that, once completed, are placed directly into a ballot box, rather than in a declaration envelope.

Declaration votes

- *Declaration vote* – A vote where the elector has declared their entitlement to vote. Instead of the elector being marked off the certified list, the vote is sealed in an envelope signed by the elector. Absent, some pre-poll, postal and provisional votes are cast as declaration votes.
- *Absent vote* – A declaration vote cast at a polling place located outside the division (but within the state or territory) for which the voter is enrolled on election day.
- *Postal vote* – A declaration vote recorded by a voter eligible to do so, and returned to the AEC through the postal system.
- *Pre-poll vote* – A declaration vote recorded by a voter eligible to do so, at a divisional office or pre-poll voting centre in the lead up to (or, in the case of interstate voters, on) election day. These may also be cast by voters attempting to cast a pre-poll ordinary vote in their home division prior to election day, but whose names cannot be found on the certified list.
- *Provisional vote* – A declaration vote cast by a person at a polling place when:
 - his or her name cannot be found on the certified list;
 - his or her name is marked on the certified list to indicate that he or she has already voted;
 - the relevant polling official has doubts regarding the voter's identity; or
 - the voter is registered as a 'silent elector' whose address does not appear on the certified list (AEC 2011a; AEC 2011b, pp.74-75).

While some informal ballots within declaration envelopes may be excluded at preliminary scrutiny⁵ and therefore not included in counts, informality rates for pre-poll or postal votes have historically been lower than informality rates for ordinary votes. Informality rates by vote type for the 2001, 2004, 2007 and 2010 House of Representatives elections are shown in Table 5 below.

As has been the case for previous years, the highest levels of informality at the 2010 House of Representatives election were for provisional votes (7.36 per cent of all votes cast) and absent votes (6.01 per cent). Levels of informality increased for every vote type between the 2007 and 2010 elections, with the largest increases being for ordinary votes⁶ (up 1.78 percentage points to 5.96 per cent) and absent votes (up 1.61 percentage points to 6.01 per cent).

⁵ Preliminary scrutiny is the process where a voter's declaration envelope is checked for a range of requirements that need to be met to allow the declaration envelope to be opened and the vote within admitted to the count. Requirements vary by vote type, but include that the elector is enrolled and that the declaration vote envelope has been appropriately signed and witnessed.

⁶ Excluding ordinary votes cast at pre-poll voting centres.

Table 5. Informality by vote type (% of all votes cast), House of Representatives elections, 2001–2010

Vote type	House of Representatives election			
	2001 Informal %	2004 Informal %	2007 Informal %	2010 Informal %
Ordinary	5.06	5.51	4.18	5.96
Pre-poll ordinary	..	..	..	4.36
Absent	4.89	5.13	4.39	6.01
Pre-poll	2.81	3.00	2.58	3.56
Postal	1.69	2.10	2.02	2.63
Provisional	6.73	6.82	6.24	7.36
Total	4.82	5.18	3.95	5.55

Note: Figures for 2004 in this table have been revised to correct errors in the AEC Research Report Number 11, *Analysis of Informal Voting, House of Representatives 2007 Election*.

Source: AEC 2002; AEC 2005b; AEC 2008; AEC 2010b.

Informal votes by division

As was the case at the 2007 federal election, the 10 Commonwealth electoral divisions with the highest rates of informal voting at the 2010 House of Representatives election were all in Sydney. Table 6 on the following page compares informality rates for the top and bottom 10 divisions in 2010 with the informality rates for these divisions at the 2001, 2004 and 2007 House of Representatives elections. Figures presented in this table relating to the proportion of the population with lower levels of English language are discussed on page 34.

The top 10 divisions (and their respective informality rates) were:

- Blaxland (14.06 per cent)
- Fowler (12.83 per cent)
- Watson (12.80 per cent)
- Chifley (11.16 per cent)
- McMahon (10.84 per cent)
- Werriwa (10.35 per cent)
- Greenway (10.27 per cent)
- Barton (9.82 per cent)
- Reid (8.80 per cent)
- Parramatta (8.65 per cent).

Eight of these divisions were also among the top 10 informality divisions in 2007, while nine were in the top 10 informality divisions in 2004.

Table 6. Divisions with highest/lowest levels of informal voting in the 2010 House of Representatives election, comparison with previous elections

						2006 Census population who speak English 'not well' or 'not at all' ^(a)	
						%	Rank (1-150)
State	Division	Informal % 2001	Informal % 2004	Informal % 2007	Informal % 2010		
Divisions with highest informality rates in 2010							
NSW	Blaxland * ^ †	9.78	10.70	9.49	14.06	10.7	3
NSW	Fowler * ^ †	12.75	9.11	7.67	12.83	15.9	1
NSW	Watson * ^ †	7.52	9.10	9.05	12.80	11.7	2
NSW	Chifley * ^ †	9.20	10.10	7.99	11.16	3.6	30
NSW	McMahon ^(b) * ^ †	8.99	9.24	7.73	10.84	8.5	5
NSW	Werriwa * ^ †	8.51	7.98	6.53	10.35	4.0	27
NSW	Greenway ^	6.79	11.83	4.63	10.27	3.2	35
NSW	Barton	6.59	6.96	5.56	9.82	7.5	10
NSW	Reid * ^ †	11.08	11.71	7.57	8.80	9.5	4
NSW	Parramatta * ^	6.21	8.53	6.56	8.65	7.1	13
Divisions with lowest informality rates in 2010							
NSW	New England ^ †	1.97	2.77	2.88	3.54	0.2	142
WA	Tangney	4.04	4.44	2.73	3.48	1.9	54
Tas.	Franklin †	3.00	3.40	2.72	3.48	0.2	132
Vic.	Melbourne Ports *	3.26	3.40	2.16	3.25	2.3	45
Vic.	Corangamite ^	3.38	3.04	2.53	3.22	0.3	112
Vic.	Goldstein * †	2.77	3.40	2.42	3.13	1.8	57
WA	Curtin *	3.30	3.52	1.91	2.93	1.1	73
Qld	Ryan * †	2.86	3.80	2.14	2.87	0.8	84
Vic.	Higgins ^ †	2.68	2.76	2.57	2.80	2.5	42
Vic.	Kooyong * ^ †	2.57	2.90	2.10	2.78	2.3	46

* Division was included in this category in 2007.

^ Division was included in this category in 2004.

† Division was included in this category in 2001.

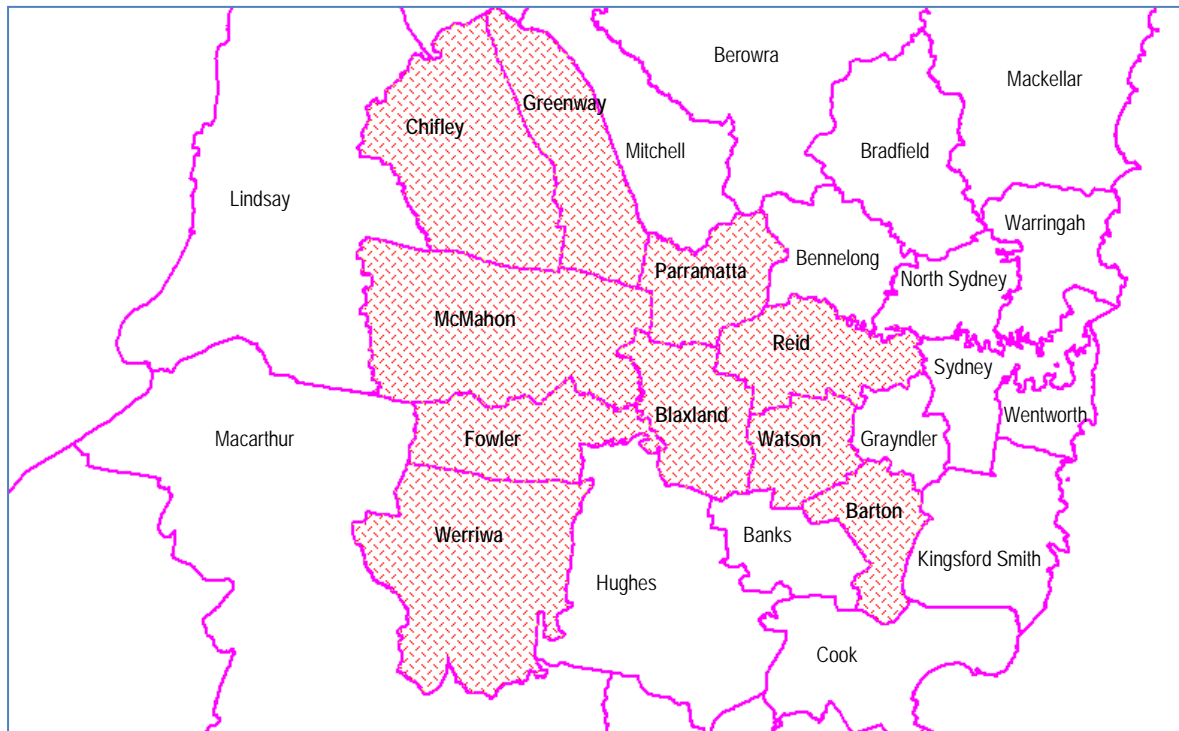
(a) Refer to discussion on page 34. Proportions and rankings have been calculated based on the proportion of persons in the division who, in the 2006 Census of Population and Housing, indicated that they did not speak English well, or did not speak English at all. A rank of 1 represents the division recording the highest proportion of the population with low English proficiency, while a rank of 150 represents the division with the lowest proportion of the population with low English proficiency.

(b) The division of Prospect was re-named 'McMahon' on 22 December 2009. Figures for 2001, 2004 and 2007 refer to Prospect.

Source: AEC 2002; AEC 2005b; AEC 2008; AEC 2010b; Nelson 2010a, Tables 1a and 21a.

A map highlighting the 10 divisions with the highest informality rates in 2010 is provided at Figure 1, while Appendix C lists the 2010 informality rates for all divisions.

Figure 1. Map highlighting the 10 Commonwealth electoral divisions with the highest informality rates, 2010 House of Representatives election

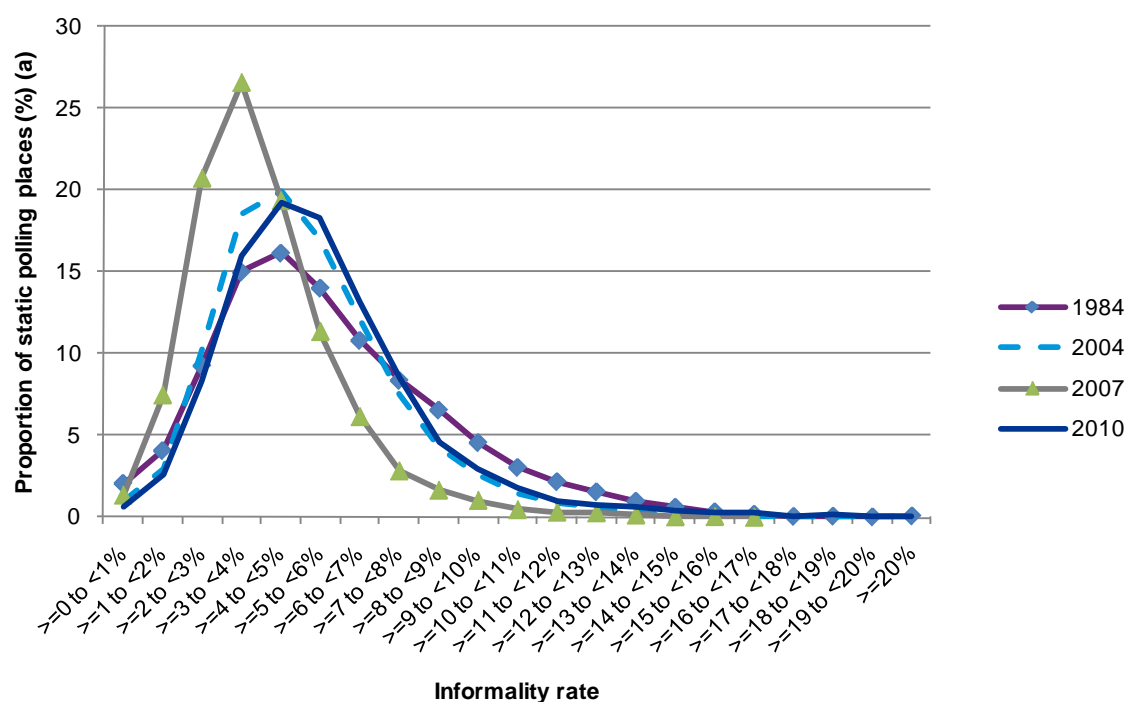


Source: AEC 2010b.

Figure 2 compares proportions of static polling places according to the ranges of their informality rates at the 1984, 2004, 2007 and 2010 House of Representatives elections. It shows that about one in five static polling places in 2010 (19.2 per cent) recorded informality rates between four and five per cent of all votes cast. A similar proportion (18.3 per cent) recorded informality rates between five and six per cent of all votes cast.

While the ranges of informality rates recorded by polling places in the 2010 election were similar to those recorded in the 2004 election, the 2007 election had substantially higher proportions of polling places with informality rates between three and four per cent, while the 1984 election had a noticeably higher proportion of polling places with informality rates over eight per cent of votes cast. Appendix D lists all static polling places at the 2010 House of Representatives election where the informality rate was greater than or equal to 10 per cent, as well as the total number of votes cast at these polling places.

Figure 2. Proportion of static polling places ^(a) by informality rate, 1984, 2004, 2007 and 2010 House of Representatives elections



(a) Excludes static polling places where less than 100 votes in total were cast. In 2010 includes ordinary votes cast at pre-poll voting centres.

Source: AEC 1984a-g; AEC 2005b; AEC 2008; AEC 2010b.

Categories of informal ballots

Table 7 on page 23 shows informal ballots by category, as a proportion of all informal ballots cast within each state and territory, while table 8 on page 24 shows informal ballots by category as a proportion of all votes cast in each state or territory⁷. The following subsections discuss findings from both of these tables.

Appendix E provides, for each state and territory, a table showing counts of informal ballots, proportions and rates by informality category and subcategory. The Divisional Summaries provided in Appendix F show counts and proportions of informal ballots by broad category.

National and state/territory summary

The 2010 House of Representatives election saw a substantial increase in the proportion of blank ballots (from 20.0 per cent of all informal ballots at the 2007 House of Representatives election to 28.9 per cent in 2010), with smaller increases in the proportions of ballots with ticks and crosses (from 9.9 per cent to 11.8 per cent) and scribbles, slogans or other protest vote marks (from 14.2 per cent to 16.9 per cent). The proportion of number '1' only ballots decreased slightly (from 30.1 per cent of all informal ballots in 2007 to 27.8 per cent in 2010), while there was a more substantial decrease in the proportion of ballots with non-sequential numbering (from 17.9 per cent to 9.2 per cent).

While more than a quarter of all informal votes cast in each state and territory were blank, blank ballots still comprise less than two (1.60) per cent of all votes cast. The highest proportions of blank ballots were cast by voters in Tasmania (34.1 per cent of all informal ballots) and South Australia (32.4 per cent). These also recorded the highest proportions of blank ballots for the 2007 House of Representatives election (29.3 and 26.9 per cent, respectively).

Nationally, the rate of blank ballots doubled between the 2007 and 2010 House of Representatives elections, from 0.79 per cent of all votes cast in 2007 to 1.60 per cent of all votes cast in 2010. The states with the highest rates of blank ballots were New South Wales (1.84 per cent of all votes cast) and South Australia (1.77 per cent), while the lowest rates of blank ballots were cast by voters in the Australian Capital Territory (1.39 per cent of all votes cast) and Tasmania (1.38 per cent).

⁷ For each state and territory in Table 7, the sum of the informality categories equals 100 per cent. For each state and territory in Table 8, the sum of informality categories equals the total informality rate (informal votes as a proportion of all votes cast) for that state or territory.

Table 7. Informal votes by category (% of total informal votes), House of Representatives elections, 2001–2010

Category	NSW %	Vic. %	Qld %	WA %	SA %	Tas. %	ACT %	NT %	National %
Blank									
2001	20.4	25.0	15.7	23.4	24.5	27.9	30.8	20.7	21.4
2004	21.2	24.2	15.2	22.9	23.2	28.2	23.6	18.8	21.1
2007	18.2	22.3	15.4	23.5	26.9	29.3	25.8	15.0	20.0
2010	27.0	31.9	26.5	31.7	32.4	34.1	29.9	25.8	28.9
Number '1' only									
2001	32.5	26.1	46.4	29.9	36.6	23.6	28.8	28.0	33.6
2004	35.7	21.8	44.6	25.3	30.9	22.4	35.6	27.7	32.8
2007	36.2	21.6	36.4	18.0	24.3	17.3	25.9	24.7	30.1
2010	31.8	20.7	32.2	22.6	23.2	18.8	27.2	19.7	27.8
Incomplete numbering (other than number '1' only)									
2001 ^(a)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
2004	5.2	3.1	4.6	5.0	3.0	2.8	3.1	3.7	4.4
2007	5.3	2.9	5.3	4.6	3.3	4.5	3.1	3.6	4.5
2010	3.3	1.8	2.4	2.5	2.3	1.2	0.8	4.7	2.6
Ticks and crosses									
2001	12.6	13.0	11.5	9.9	15.2	15.8	9.0	10.6	12.4
2004	10.7	7.4	7.4	9.2	11.7	11.4	8.8	9.0	9.3
2007	11.0	8.1	9.4	8.3	12.8	7.2	10.2	15.2	9.9
2010	13.8	9.1	9.9	11.6	12.8	10.4	14.0	12.8	11.8
Non-sequential numbering									
2001	24.9	17.4	12.5	25.9	14.7	20.1	8.5	29.6	19.9
2004	15.3	20.4	9.8	19.3	14.1	8.2	4.9	19.9	15.4
2007	15.8	21.7	15.2	26.3	15.9	15.0	9.9	24.4	17.9
2010	9.9	10.9	5.2	10.5	11.1	4.8	2.5	17.6	9.2
Scribbles, slogans or other protest vote marks									
2001	5.5	8.2	4.9	7.8	6.6	12.1	4.2	3.0	6.4
2004	9.6	20.1	15.6	15.9	13.7	24.7	20.2	15.6	14.3
2007	10.7	18.9	15.0	15.6	14.3	24.0	22.3	9.6	14.2
2010	12.0	21.7	21.0	17.0	15.5	27.7	22.6	16.7	16.9
Voter identified									
2001	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
2004	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
2007	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.1
2010	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other ^(b)									
2001 ^(a)	4.1	10.3	9.0	2.9	2.4	0.5	18.7	8.1	6.2
2004	2.3	3.0	2.7	2.4	3.3	2.3	3.9	5.4	2.6
2007	2.8	4.3	3.4	3.5	2.5	2.7	2.7	7.3	3.3
2010	2.2	3.9	2.7	4.0	2.6	3.0	3.0	2.7	2.9

Note: Some figures in this table have been revised to correct errors in previously published reports.

(a) For the 2001 House of Representatives election Informal Ballot Paper Survey, ballots with incomplete numbering (other than '1' only) were counted as 'Other' informal ballots.

(b) Includes ballots containing illegible numbering or other symbols.

Source: AEC, Informal Ballot Paper Surveys, 2001, 2004, 2007 and 2010 House of Representatives elections.

Table 8. Informal votes by category (% of all votes cast), House of Representatives elections, 2001–2010

Category	NSW %	Vic. %	Qld %	WA %	SA %	Tas. %	ACT %	NT %	National %
Blank									
2001	1.11	0.99	0.76	1.15	1.36	0.95	1.08	0.96	1.03
2004	1.30	0.99	0.79	1.22	1.29	1.01	0.81	0.83	1.10
2007	0.90	0.73	0.55	0.91	1.02	0.86	0.60	0.58	0.79
2010	1.84	1.43	1.45	1.53	1.77	1.38	1.39	1.60	1.60
Number '1' only									
2001	1.76	1.04	2.24	1.47	2.03	0.80	1.01	1.30	1.62
2004	2.18	0.89	2.30	1.34	1.72	0.80	1.22	1.23	1.70
2007	1.79	0.70	1.29	0.69	0.92	0.51	0.60	0.95	1.19
2010	2.17	0.93	1.75	1.09	1.27	0.76	1.27	1.22	1.54
Incomplete numbering (other than number '1' only)									
2001 ^(a)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
2004	0.32	0.13	0.24	0.26	0.17	0.10	0.11	0.17	0.23
2007	0.26	0.10	0.19	0.18	0.12	0.13	0.07	0.14	0.18
2010	0.22	0.08	0.13	0.12	0.13	0.05	0.04	0.29	0.14
Ticks and crosses									
2001	0.68	0.52	0.55	0.49	0.84	0.54	0.32	0.49	0.60
2004	0.66	0.30	0.38	0.49	0.65	0.41	0.30	0.40	0.48
2007	0.54	0.26	0.33	0.32	0.48	0.21	0.24	0.59	0.39
2010	0.94	0.41	0.54	0.56	0.70	0.42	0.65	0.79	0.65
Non-sequential numbering									
2001	1.35	0.69	0.60	1.28	0.82	0.68	0.30	1.37	0.96
2004	0.94	0.84	0.51	1.03	0.79	0.29	0.17	0.88	0.79
2007	0.78	0.71	0.54	1.01	0.60	0.44	0.23	0.94	0.71
2010	0.68	0.49	0.28	0.51	0.61	0.19	0.12	1.09	0.51
Scribbles, slogans or other protest vote marks									
2001	0.30	0.33	0.24	0.38	0.36	0.41	0.15	0.14	0.31
2004	0.59	0.83	0.81	0.85	0.76	0.89	0.70	0.69	0.74
2007	0.53	0.62	0.53	0.60	0.54	0.70	0.52	0.37	0.56
2010	0.82	0.98	1.14	0.82	0.85	1.12	1.05	1.03	0.94
Voter identified									
2001	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2004	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2007	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00
2010	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other ^(b)									
2001 ^(a)	0.22	0.41	0.44	0.14	0.13	0.02	0.66	0.38	0.30
2004	0.14	0.12	0.14	0.13	0.18	0.08	0.13	0.24	0.14
2007	0.14	0.14	0.12	0.14	0.09	0.08	0.06	0.28	0.13
2010	0.15	0.17	0.15	0.19	0.14	0.12	0.14	0.17	0.16
Total									
2001	5.42	3.98	4.83	4.92	5.54	3.40	3.52	4.64	4.82
2004	6.12	4.10	5.16	5.32	5.56	3.59	3.44	4.45	5.18
2007	4.95	3.25	3.56	3.85	3.78	2.92	2.31	3.85	3.95
2010	6.83	4.50	5.45	4.82	5.46	4.04	4.66	6.19	5.55

(a) For the 2001 House of Representatives election Informal Ballot Paper Survey, ballots with incomplete numbering (other than '1' only) were counted as 'Other' informal ballots.

(b) Includes ballots containing illegible numbering or other symbols.

Source: AEC, Informal Ballot Paper Surveys, 2001, 2004, 2007 and 2010 House of Representatives elections; AEC 2002; AEC 2005b; AEC 2008; AEC 2010b.

The proportion of informal ballots with incomplete numbering decreased from 34.6 per cent in 2007 (30.1 per cent with a number '1' only) to 30.4 per cent in 2010 (27.8 per cent with a number '1' only). The informality rate for ballots with incomplete numbering increased from 1.37 per cent of all votes cast in 2007, to 1.69 per cent of all votes cast in 2010.

The highest proportions of ballots with incomplete numbering were in New South Wales (35.1 per cent of all informal ballots) and Queensland (34.7 per cent). AEC analysis for previous House of Representatives elections has indicated that there may be a relationship between the relatively high proportions of informal ballots with incomplete numbering cast in New South Wales and Queensland for House of Representatives elections and optional preferential voting provisions for Legislative Assembly elections within these states (AEC 2005; AEC 2009). The influence of different state and territory electoral systems on informal voting at federal elections is discussed later in this paper.

Nationally, 11.8 per cent of all informal ballots cast in the 2010 House of Representatives election contained ticks or crosses. The highest proportions of informal ballots with ticks and crosses were cast by voters in the Australian Capital Territory (14.0 per cent of informal ballots) and New South Wales (13.8 per cent), while the lowest proportions were in Victoria (9.1 per cent) and Queensland (9.9 per cent).

The highest informality rates for ballots with ticks or crosses were in New South Wales (0.94 per cent of all votes cast) and the Northern Territory (0.79 per cent of all votes cast), while the lowest rates were in Victoria (0.41 per cent of all votes cast) and Tasmania (0.42 per cent).

The proportion of informal ballots with non-sequential numbering declined in all states and territories between 2007 and 2010. At the national level, non-sequential ballots decreased from 17.9 per cent of informal ballots in 2007 to 9.2 per cent of informal ballots in 2010.

The highest proportions of non-sequential ballots in 2010 were cast by voters in the Northern Territory (17.6 per cent of all informal ballots) and South Australia (11.1 per cent), while the lowest proportions were in the Australian Capital Territory (2.5 per cent of informal ballots) and Tasmania (4.8 per cent of informal ballots).

The proportions of informal ballots with scribbles, slogans or other protest vote marks at the 2004, 2007 and 2010 House of Representatives elections (14.3, 14.2 and 16.9 per cent of informal ballots, respectively) were substantially higher than that recorded at the 2001 election (6.4 per cent of informal ballots). In 2010 voters in Tasmania (27.7 per cent of all informal ballots) and the Australian Capital Territory (22.6 per cent) cast the highest proportions of ballots with scribbles, slogans or other protest vote marks, while voters in New South Wales (12.0 per cent) and South Australia (15.5 per cent) cast the lowest proportions.

Nationally, the informality rate for ballots with scribbles, slogans or other protest marks has increased from 0.56 per cent of all votes cast in 2007 to 0.94 per cent of all votes cast in 2010. At the state and territory level, the highest informality rates for ballots with scribbles, slogans and other protest vote marks were in Queensland (1.14 per cent of all votes cast) and Tasmania (1.12 per cent) while the lowest rates were in New South Wales and Western Australia (each 0.82 per cent of all votes cast in these states).

Assumed unintentional and intentional informality

The way in which an informal ballot paper has been completed does not always clearly convey the intent of the voter in submitting that ballot paper. While some categories of informal ballots (e.g. blank ballots or those with scribbles, slogans or other protest vote marks) may be more clearly associated with the intention to cast an informal vote, other categories (e.g. incomplete numbering, non-sequential numbering or ticks and crosses) may include voters who intended to vote informally as well as voters who intended to vote formally.

As it is not possible to determine the true intent of voters casting informal ballots, the following analysis refers to *assumed* unintentional and *assumed* intentional informality.

- Ballot papers with incomplete numbering, non-sequential numbering, ticks and crosses and those where the voter had been identified are assumed to be *unintentionally* informal. In other words, it is assumed that all voters completing ballot papers in these categories intended to cast a formal vote.
- All other informal ballots (including blank ballots and those with scribbles, slogans or other protest vote marks) are assumed to be *intentionally* informal. In other words, it is assumed that all voters casting ballots papers in these categories intended to vote informally.

As shown in Table 9, the proportion of assumed unintentionally informal ballots has decreased from two thirds (66 per cent) of all informal ballots in 2001 to a little over half (51.4 per cent) of informal ballots in 2010. The highest proportions of assumed unintentionally informal votes were cast by voters in New South Wales (58.8 per cent of all informal ballots) and the Northern Territory (54.8 per cent).

The highest proportions of assumed intentionally informal ballots were cast by voters in Tasmania (64.7 per cent of all informal ballots) and Victoria (57.5 per cent).

As shown in Figure 3 and Table 10 on the following page, the rate of assumed unintentional informal voting increased from 2.47 per cent of all votes cast in the 2007 House of Representatives election to 2.85 per cent of all votes cast in the 2010 House of Representatives election.

The 2010 assumed unintentional informality rate is lower than that recorded at either the

Table 9. Assumed unintentional and intentional informal voting (% of total informal votes) by state and territory, House of Representatives elections, 2001–2010

	NSW %	Vic. %	Qld %	WA %	SA %	Tas. %	ACT %	NT %	National %
Assumed unintentional informal votes ^(a)									
2001 ^(b)	70.0	56.5	70.4	65.9	66.6	59.5	46.3	68.2	66.0
2004	66.9	52.7	66.4	58.7	59.8	44.8	52.3	60.3	61.9
2007	68.4	54.5	66.2	57.3	56.3	44.0	49.2	68.1	62.5
2010	58.8	42.5	49.8	47.3	49.5	35.3	44.5	54.8	51.4
Assumed intentional informal votes ^(c)									
2001 ^(b)	30.0	43.5	29.6	34.1	33.4	40.5	53.7	31.8	34.0
2004	33.1	47.3	33.6	41.3	40.2	55.2	47.7	39.7	38.1
2007	31.6	45.5	33.8	42.7	43.7	56.0	50.8	31.9	37.5
2010	41.2	57.5	50.2	52.7	50.5	64.7	55.5	45.2	48.6

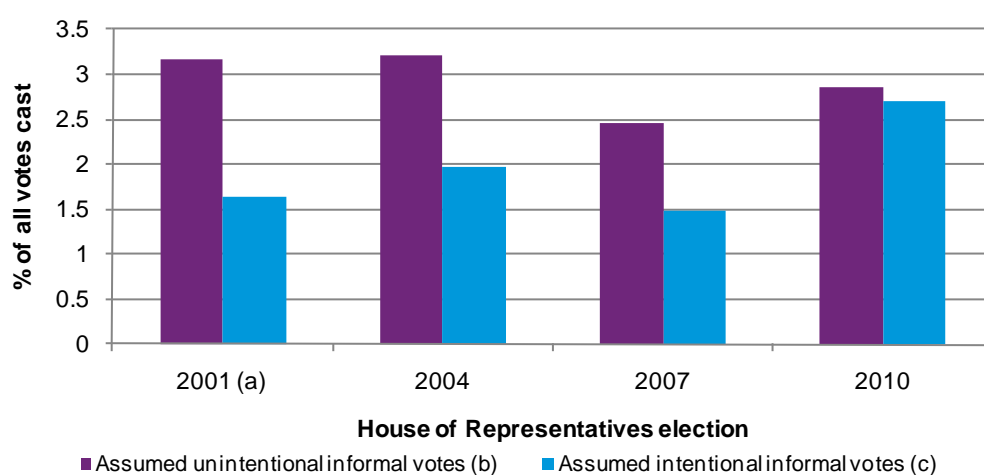
(a) Ballots with incomplete numbering, non-sequential numbering, ticks and crosses and those where the voter has been identified are assumed to be unintentionally informal.

(b) For the 2001 House of Representatives election Informal Ballot Paper Survey, ballots with incomplete numbering (other than '1' only) were counted as 'Other' informal ballots and are therefore included within counts of intentionally informal votes used for this table.

(c) All ballots not assumed to be unintentionally informal (including blank ballots and those with scribbles, slogans or other protest vote marks) are assumed to be intentionally informal.

Source: AEC, Informal Ballot Paper Surveys, 2001, 2004, 2007 and 2010 House of Representatives elections.

Figure 3. Assumed unintentional and intentional informal voting (% of all votes cast), House of Representatives elections, 2001–2010



(a) For the 2001 House of Representatives election Informal Ballot Paper Survey, ballots with incomplete numbering (other than '1' only) were counted as 'Other' informal ballots and are therefore included within counts of intentional informal votes used for this table.

(b) Ballots with incomplete numbering, non-sequential numbering, ticks and crosses and those where the voter has been identified are assumed to be unintentionally informal.

(c) All ballots not assumed to be unintentionally informal (including blank ballots and those with scribbles, slogans or other protest vote marks) are assumed to be intentionally informal.

Source: AEC, Informal Ballot Paper Surveys, 2001, 2004, 2007 and 2010 House of Representatives elections; AEC 2002; AEC 2005b; AEC 2008; AEC 2010b.

2004 (3.21 per cent) or 2001 elections (3.18 per cent of all votes cast). While ballots with incomplete numbering other than a number '1' only in 2001 were counted as 'Other' informal ballots⁸ and therefore not included in the 2001 assumed unintentional informality rate, the impact of these ballots would be minor.

At the state and territory level, New South Wales and the Northern Territory recorded the highest unintentional informality rates in 2010 (4.02 per cent and 3.39 per cent of all votes cast, respectively) as well as the highest intentional informality rates (2.81 and 2.80 per cent, respectively).

The lowest unintentional informality rates were in Tasmania (1.43 per cent of all votes cast) and Victoria (1.91 per cent), while the lowest intentional informality rates were in Western Australia (2.54 per cent of all votes cast), Victoria and the Australian Capital Territory (each 2.58 per cent).

Table 10. Assumed unintentional and intentional informal voting (% of total votes) by state and territory, House of Representatives elections, 2001–2010

	NSW %	Vic. %	Qld %	WA %	SA %	Tas. %	ACT %	NT %	National %
Assumed unintentional informal votes ^(a)									
2001 ^(b)	3.79	2.25	3.40	3.24	3.69	2.03	1.63	3.16	3.18
2004	4.09	2.16	3.43	3.12	3.33	1.61	1.80	2.68	3.21
2007	3.39	1.77	2.35	2.21	2.13	1.29	1.14	2.63	2.47
2010	4.02	1.91	2.71	2.28	2.70	1.43	2.07	3.39	2.85
Assumed intentional informal votes ^(c)									
2001 ^(b)	1.63	1.73	1.43	1.68	1.85	1.38	1.89	1.48	1.64
2004	2.02	1.94	1.73	2.19	2.23	1.98	1.64	1.77	1.97
2007	1.57	1.48	1.20	1.64	1.65	1.64	1.17	1.23	1.48
2010	2.81	2.58	2.74	2.54	2.75	2.62	2.58	2.80	2.70
Total informal votes									
2001	5.42	3.98	4.83	4.92	5.54	3.40	3.52	4.64	4.82
2004	6.12	4.10	5.16	5.32	5.56	3.59	3.44	4.45	5.18
2007	4.95	3.25	3.56	3.85	3.78	2.92	2.31	3.85	3.95
2010	6.83	4.50	5.45	4.82	5.46	4.04	4.66	6.19	5.55

(a) Ballots with incomplete numbering, non-sequential numbering, ticks and crosses and those where the voter has been identified are assumed to be unintentionally informal.

(b) For the 2001 House of Representatives election Informal Ballot Paper Survey, ballots with incomplete numbering (other than '1' only) were counted as 'Other' informal ballots and are therefore included within counts of intentional informal votes used for this table.

(c) All ballots not assumed to be unintentionally informal (including blank ballots and those with scribbles, slogans or other protest vote marks) are assumed to be intentionally informal.

Source: AEC, Informal Ballot Paper Surveys, 2001, 2004, 2007 and 2010 House of Representatives elections; AEC 2002; AEC 2005b; AEC 2008; AEC 2010b.

⁸ See Table 2 on page 14 for further information.

Categories of informal ballots in high informality divisions

Tables 11 and 12 on the following pages show informal ballots by category for the 10 divisions with the highest informality rates in the 2010 House of Representatives election. Table 11 shows categories of informal ballots as a proportion of all informal ballots in the division, while Table 12 shows categories as a proportion of all votes cast in the division.

For each of these top 10 divisions, the largest proportion of informal ballots had incomplete numbering (whether a number '1' only or other incomplete numbering). For seven out of these top 10 divisions, the proportion of informal ballots with incomplete numbering was above the state average for New South Wales (35.1 per cent – see Table 7).

The second largest proportion for all of these top 10 divisions was blank ballots. For seven out of the top 10 divisions, blank ballots were also the category recording the greatest increase between the 2007 and 2010 elections. Exceptions to this were in Greenway (where the greatest increase was for non-sequentially numbered ballots), Barton (where the greatest increase was for ballots with scribbles, slogans and other protest vote marks) and Parramatta (where the greatest increase was for ballots with ticks and crosses).

In all of these high informality divisions, the 2010 informality rate for ballots with incomplete numbering (number '1' only and other incomplete numbering) was higher than the informality rate for any other category of informal ballots, and was higher than the state average for New South Wales (2.40 per cent of all votes cast in 2010 – see Table 8). However, in seven out of the 10 divisions, the greatest increase in informality rates between 2007 and 2010 was for blank ballots. The rates of blank ballots in 2010 for each of the top 10 informality divisions were also above the New South Wales average (1.84 per cent – see Table 8).

Table 11. Divisions with highest levels of informal voting in the 2010 House of Representatives election by category (% of total informal votes)

Division	House of Representatives election	Blanks	Number '1' only	Other incomplete numbering ^(a)	Ticks and crosses	Non-sequential numbering ^(b)	Scribbles / slogans / protest votes	Voter identified	Other ^{(a) (b)}
Blaxland	2001	22.1	28.4	..	14.2	29.1	6.0	0.1	0.0
	2004	22.7	32.3	5.6	13.2	19.4	5.1	0.0	1.6
	2007	19.0	34.5	7.6	10.9	15.0	10.0	0.0	2.9
	2010	27.9	29.6	5.2	12.0	12.4	9.7	0.1	3.1
Fowler	2001	15.8	28.4	..	14.8	2.4	4.1	0.1	34.4
	2004	19.7	36.6	2.0	18.7	12.7	9.9	0.0	0.4
	2007	14.6	42.6	2.0	21.5	6.5	11.0	0.0	1.7
	2010	24.5	36.8	1.2	20.9	4.1	10.6	0.0	2.0
Watson	2001	24.8	31.9	..	18.7	20.3	4.2	0.0	0.1
	2004	21.6	32.7	6.0	15.5	9.7	6.1	0.2	8.3
	2007	16.6	46.2	5.3	10.1	7.8	10.7	0.2	3.2
	2010	26.2	38.6	1.4	16.7	3.8	10.4	0.0	2.9
Chifley	2001	23.0	28.7	..	13.5	31.4	2.7	0.0	0.7
	2004	21.8	35.0	6.6	10.8	13.1	11.4	0.0	1.4
	2007	18.5	28.6	8.5	11.6	25.7	6.1	0.0	1.0
	2010	28.9	31.4	4.4	14.5	12.5	6.6	0.1	1.6
McMahon ^(c)	2001	19.9	28.5	..	17.0	28.0	6.0	0.0	0.5
	2004	19.4	37.2	4.0	15.2	8.4	13.6	0.1	2.1
	2007	18.4	34.8	3.3	19.1	11.2	8.9	0.0	4.4
	2010	24.7	34.1	1.5	22.5	4.6	11.2	0.0	1.4
Werriwa	2001	17.6	34.6	..	14.3	14.4	19.0	0.0	0.1
	2004	20.9	36.9	4.7	14.6	11.8	10.4	0.0	0.7
	2007	19.1	41.8	4.2	13.3	10.3	10.4	0.0	0.8
	2010	28.0	33.5	0.0	18.8	3.2	15.2	0.0	1.3
Greenway	2001	25.4	29.1	..	14.0	25.6	3.7	0.0	2.2
	2004	21.4	26.7	9.1	7.5	28.3	5.7	0.0	1.4
	2007	22.4	32.9	5.0	8.9	15.9	12.3	0.0	2.5
	2010	25.5	23.9	7.7	8.6	23.2	8.0	0.1	2.9
Barton	2001	19.0	29.5	..	16.7	26.8	4.9	0.0	3.0
	2004	20.2	41.2	2.0	17.5	11.2	5.9	0.0	1.9
	2007	19.5	41.3	2.0	20.1	10.0	4.9	0.0	2.1
	2010	22.2	42.8	0.0	16.6	2.7	14.8	0.0	1.0
Reid	2001	21.5	33.1	..	16.8	10.0	3.8	0.0	14.8
	2004	19.9	31.1	6.1	11.1	17.3	11.8	0.0	2.7
	2007	19.5	32.8	6.7	10.3	14.3	14.5	0.0	1.8
	2010	24.0	39.7	3.0	14.1	5.5	11.0	0.0	2.7
Parramatta	2001	17.1	40.6	..	13.0	17.9	4.7	0.1	6.6
	2004	17.9	34.8	9.1	8.1	21.2	5.8	0.0	3.0
	2007	18.8	30.6	11.2	7.6	20.7	9.2	0.0	1.8
	2010	24.3	31.5	6.2	14.8	10.8	9.5	0.0	3.0

Note: Some figures in this table have been revised to correct errors in previously published reports.

(a) In 2001 ballots with incomplete numbering (other than '1' only) were counted as 'Other' informal ballots.

(b) Includes ballots containing illegible numbering or other symbols.

(c) The division of Prospect was re-named 'McMahon' on 22 December 2009. Figures for 2001, 2004 and 2007 refer to Prospect.

Source: AEC, Informal Ballot Paper Surveys, 2001, 2004, 2007 and 2010 House of Representatives elections.

Table 12. Divisions with highest levels of informal voting in the 2010 House of Representatives election by category (% of total votes)

Division	House of Representatives election	Blanks	Number '1' only	Other incomplete numbering ^(a)	Ticks and crosses	Non-sequential numbering ^(b)	Scribbles / slogans / protest votes	Voter identified	Other ^{(a) (b)}	Total
Blaxland	2001	2.16	2.78	..	1.39	2.85	0.59	0.01	0.00	9.78
	2004	2.43	3.46	0.60	1.41	2.07	0.55	0.00	0.17	10.70
	2007	1.81	3.28	0.72	1.03	1.43	0.95	0.00	0.28	9.49
	2010	3.92	4.16	0.73	1.69	1.74	1.37	0.01	0.44	14.06
Fowler	2001	2.02	3.63	..	1.89	0.30	0.53	0.02	4.39	12.75
	2004	1.80	3.33	0.18	1.70	1.16	0.90	0.00	0.04	9.11
	2007	1.12	3.27	0.16	1.65	0.50	0.84	0.00	0.13	7.67
	2010	3.14	4.72	0.15	2.68	0.52	1.36	0.00	0.25	12.83
Watson	2001	1.86	2.40	..	1.40	1.53	0.32	0.00	0.01	7.52
	2004	1.96	2.98	0.54	1.41	0.89	0.55	0.02	0.75	9.10
	2007	1.50	4.18	0.48	0.91	0.71	0.97	0.02	0.29	9.05
	2010	3.36	4.94	0.18	2.14	0.48	1.33	0.00	0.37	12.80
Chifley	2001	2.11	2.63	..	1.24	2.89	0.25	0.00	0.06	9.20
	2004	2.20	3.53	0.66	1.09	1.32	1.15	0.00	0.14	10.10
	2007	1.48	2.28	0.68	0.92	2.06	0.49	0.00	0.08	7.99
	2010	3.23	3.51	0.49	1.61	1.40	0.74	0.01	0.18	11.16
McMahon ^(c)	2001	1.79	2.57	..	1.53	2.52	0.54	0.00	0.04	8.99
	2004	1.80	3.44	0.37	1.40	0.78	1.26	0.01	0.19	9.24
	2007	1.43	2.69	0.25	1.48	0.86	0.69	0.00	0.34	7.73
	2010	2.68	3.70	0.16	2.44	0.50	1.21	0.00	0.15	10.84
Werriwa	2001	1.50	2.94	..	1.21	1.22	1.62	0.00	0.01	8.51
	2004	1.67	2.94	0.37	1.17	0.94	0.83	0.00	0.06	7.98
	2007	1.25	2.73	0.28	0.87	0.68	0.68	0.00	0.05	6.53
	2010	2.89	3.46	0.00	1.95	0.33	1.57	0.00	0.14	10.35
Greenway	2001	1.72	1.97	..	0.95	1.74	0.25	0.00	0.15	6.79
	2004	2.54	3.16	1.07	0.89	3.34	0.67	0.00	0.16	11.83
	2007	1.04	1.52	0.23	0.41	0.74	0.57	0.00	0.12	4.63
	2010	2.62	2.46	0.79	0.89	2.38	0.83	0.01	0.30	10.27
Barton	2001	1.25	1.95	..	1.10	1.77	0.33	0.00	0.19	6.59
	2004	1.41	2.87	0.14	1.22	0.78	0.41	0.00	0.13	6.96
	2007	1.09	2.30	0.11	1.12	0.55	0.27	0.00	0.12	5.56
	2010	2.18	4.20	0.00	1.63	0.26	1.45	0.00	0.10	9.82
Reid	2001	2.39	3.67	..	1.86	1.11	0.42	0.00	1.64	11.08
	2004	2.33	3.65	0.71	1.30	2.03	1.39	0.00	0.31	11.71
	2007	1.48	2.48	0.50	0.78	1.09	1.10	0.00	0.14	7.57
	2010	2.11	3.49	0.27	1.24	0.49	0.96	0.00	0.23	8.80
Parramatta	2001	1.06	2.52	..	0.81	1.11	0.29	0.00	0.41	6.21
	2004	1.53	2.97	0.78	0.70	1.81	0.49	0.00	0.25	8.53
	2007	1.23	2.01	0.74	0.50	1.36	0.61	0.00	0.12	6.56
	2010	2.10	2.73	0.54	1.28	0.93	0.82	0.00	0.26	8.65

(a) In 2001 ballots with incomplete numbering (other than '1' only) were counted as 'Other' informal ballots.

(b) Includes ballots containing illegible numbering or other symbols.

(c) The division of Prospect was re-named 'McMahon' on 22 December 2009. Figures for 2001, 2004 and 2007 refer to Prospect.

Source: AEC, Informal Ballot Paper Surveys, 2001, 2004, 2007 and 2010 House of Representatives elections; AEC 2002; AEC 2005b; AEC 2008; AEC 2010b.

Assumed unintentional and intentional informality

Table 13 on the following page shows assumed unintentional and assumed intentional informal voting in the 10 divisions recording the highest levels of informal voting in the 2010 House of Representatives election.

Of these top 10 divisions, Greenway (63.5 per cent of informal votes in 2010) and Parramatta (63.3 per cent) were assumed to have the highest proportions of unintentionally informal votes, while Werriwa (44.5 per cent) and Blaxland (40.7 per cent) were assumed to have the highest proportions of intentionally informal votes. The only division to record an increase in the proportion of assumed unintentional informal votes was Greenway (from 62.7 of informal votes in 2007 to 63.5 per cent in 2010). The greatest proportionate increases in assumed intentionally informal votes were in Werriwa (from 30.3 per cent of informal votes in 2007 to 44.5 per cent in 2010) and Chifley (from 25.6 per cent of informal votes in 2007 to 37.2 per cent in 2010).

Of the top 10 informality divisions in 2010, Blaxland recorded the highest assumed unintentional informality rate (8.34 per cent of all votes cast) as well as the highest assumed intentional informality rate (5.73 per cent). The next highest assumed unintentional informality rates were in Fowler (8.07 per cent of votes cast) and Watson (7.74 per cent), while the next highest assumed intentional informality rates were in Watson (5.06 per cent of all votes cast) and Fowler (4.75 per cent).

Table 13. Assumed unintentional and intentional informal voting in the 10 divisions with the highest levels of informal voting at the 2010 House of Representatives election

Division	Assumed unintentionally informal votes ^(a)				Assumed intentionally informal votes ^(b)				Total informal votes
	2001 ^(c)	2004	2007	2010	2001 ^(c)	2004	2007	2010	2010
Proportion of total informal votes (%)									
Blaxland	71.9	70.6	68.1	59.3	28.1	29.4	31.9	40.7	100.0
Fowler	45.7	69.9	72.7	62.9	54.4	30.1	27.3	37.1	100.0
Watson	70.9	64.1	69.6	60.5	29.1	35.9	30.4	39.5	100.0
Chifley	73.6	65.4	74.4	62.8	26.4	34.6	25.6	37.2	100.0
McMahon ^(d)	73.6	64.9	68.3	62.7	26.4	35.1	31.7	37.3	100.0
Werriwa	63.2	68.0	69.7	55.5	36.8	32.0	30.3	44.5	100.0
Greenway	68.7	71.5	62.7	63.5	31.3	28.5	37.3	36.5	100.0
Barton	73.1	72.0	73.5	62.1	26.9	28.0	26.5	37.9	100.0
Reid	59.9	65.6	64.1	62.4	40.1	34.4	35.9	37.6	100.0
Parramatta	71.6	73.3	70.2	63.3	28.4	26.7	29.8	36.7	100.0
Proportion of all votes cast (%)									
Blaxland	7.03	7.55	6.46	8.34	2.75	3.15	3.03	5.73	14.06
Fowler	5.83	6.37	5.58	8.07	6.93	2.74	2.09	4.75	12.83
Watson	5.34	5.83	6.30	7.74	2.19	3.27	2.76	5.06	12.80
Chifley	6.77	6.61	5.94	7.01	2.42	3.49	2.05	4.15	11.16
McMahon ^(d)	6.61	6.00	5.28	6.79	2.38	3.25	2.45	4.05	10.84
Werriwa	5.38	5.42	4.55	5.74	3.13	2.55	1.98	4.60	10.35
Greenway	4.66	8.46	2.90	6.52	2.12	3.37	1.72	3.74	10.27
Barton	4.82	5.01	4.09	6.10	1.78	1.95	1.48	3.73	9.82
Reid	6.64	7.69	4.86	5.49	4.44	4.03	2.72	3.31	8.80
Parramatta	4.45	6.25	4.61	5.48	1.76	2.28	1.95	3.18	8.65

(a) Ballots with incomplete numbering, non-sequential numbering, ticks and crosses and those where the voter has been identified are assumed to be unintentionally informal.

(b) All ballots not assumed to be unintentionally informal (including blank ballots and those with scribbles, slogans or other protest vote marks) are assumed to be intentionally informal.

(c) For the 2001 House of Representatives election Informal Ballot Paper Survey, ballots with incomplete numbering (other than '1' only) were counted as 'Other' informal ballots and are therefore included within counts of intentionally informal votes used for this table.

(d) The division of Prospect was re-named 'McMahon' on 22 December 2009. Figures for 2001, 2004 and 2007 refer to Prospect.

Source: AEC, Informal Ballot Paper Surveys, 2001, 2004, 2007 and 2010 House of Representatives elections; AEC 2002; AEC 2005b; AEC 2008; AEC 2010b.

Factors influencing informal voting

While there are many factors that could contribute to informal voting (in particular, unintentional informal voting), previous AEC studies have highlighted the influences of:

- English language proficiency,
- the number of candidates on the ballot paper,
- differences between state/territory and federal electoral systems, and
- proximity to other electoral events (AEC 2003; AEC 2005a; AEC 2009; Parliament of Australia (JSCM) 2009, p. 33).

However, there are likely to be many other factors (such as public commentary in the lead up to an election) that might also influence levels or patterns of informality. The very nature of the secret ballot (and uniqueness of the election environment for each federal election) means that it is difficult to determine what influences a voter to intentionally or unintentionally cast an informal vote.

English language proficiency

Previous AEC research into informal voting has found that divisions where high proportions of the population are not proficient in English tended to have higher levels of informal voting. It is also possible that linguistic and cultural barriers experienced by some electors from non-English speaking backgrounds may amplify problems associated with high candidate numbers and state/federal electoral differences (AEC 2003; AEC 2005a; AEC 2006a; AEC 2009).

Appendix C provides informality rates for all divisions in the 2010 House of Representatives election, along with proportions and rankings calculated from the 2006 Census population within these divisions who reported that they did not speak English well, or did not speak English at all. Analysis indicated a moderate correlation between these variables, with the proportion of the population with lower levels of English proficiency explaining about a third of the total variation in informality rates across divisions⁹.

⁹ As a linear relationship was assumed between these variables, a Pearson product-movement correlation coefficient was calculated. The value of the calculated Pearson's r was 0.58, indicating a moderate positive correlation. Since the calculated p-value was less than 0.001, the result is statistically significant (would be expected to occur by chance less than one time in a thousand). The calculated value for the coefficient of determination (r^2) was 0.33, indicating that about a third of the total variation in informality rates was explained by the proportion of the population with lower levels of English language proficiency.

A linear regression showed that the proportion of the population within a division with lower levels of English language proficiency was a statistically significant predictor of informality in the 2010 House of Representatives election¹⁰, indicating that divisions where higher proportions of the population have low levels of English proficiency are likely to have higher levels of informal voting.

Table 6 on page 19 shows, for the 10 divisions with the highest and 10 divisions with the lowest informality rates at the 2010 House of Representatives election, the proportion of the population in each of these divisions who did not speak English well or did not speak English at all, along with rankings based on these proportions. This shows that five out of the 10 divisions with the highest informality rates at the 2010 House of Representatives election also had the five highest proportions of their population with low levels of English language proficiency. The remaining five divisions also had relatively high proportions of their populations with low levels of English proficiency.

Number of candidates

Table 14 on the following page shows the average number of candidates per division and informality rates by state and territory for the 2001, 2004, 2007 and 2010 House of Representatives elections. The highest numbers of candidates on a ballot paper were recorded for the divisions of Bennelong and Greenway (each in NSW, and each with 11 candidates), while the lowest numbers of candidates were in the divisions of Canberra (ACT), Barton (NSW), Bradfield (NSW), Mackellar (NSW), Werriwa (NSW) and Braddon (Tas.), each with 3 candidates. For the 2010 election, the 10 divisions with the highest informality rates included those with the highest (Greenway) and lowest (Barton) numbers of candidates.

AEC research for previous House of Representatives elections indicated that increasing numbers of candidates are positively related to increases in the proportion of informal votes (AEC 2003; AEC 2005a; AEC 2009). While the 2010 House of Representatives election saw increasing informality rates in each state and territory combined with decreases (or, in the case of the Northern Territory, no change) in the average number of candidates, a linear regression indicates that the change in the number of candidates in each division between the 2007 and 2010 elections was still a significant predictor of the change in informality¹¹. However, the model is a relatively poor fit, with only about 15 per cent of the total variation within changes in informality rates between the 2007 and 2010 elections explained by the change in the number of candidates.

A multivariate regression model analysing the effects of lower levels of English proficiency and changes in candidate numbers on informality rates within divisions shows that the

¹⁰ $\beta = 0.402$, $p = 0.000$, $R^2 = 0.336$ (95% level of confidence).

¹¹ $\beta = 0.198$, $p = 0.000$, $R^2 = 0.155$ (95% level of confidence).

proportion of the population with lower levels of English proficiency was a stronger predictor of informality rates in 2010¹². However, changes in candidate numbers were a stronger predictor of changes (swings) in informality than lower English proficiency¹³.

Table 14. Average number of candidates per division and informality rate ^(a) by state and territory, House of Representatives elections, 2001–2010

House of Representatives elections	NSW	Vic.	Qld	WA	SA	Tas.	ACT	NT	National
Average number of candidates per division (no.)									
2001	7.90	6.08	6.63	7.73	5.92	5.40	6.50	6.50	6.93
2004	7.64	6.95	7.32	8.27	6.91	5.00	5.00	6.00	7.27
2007	7.02	6.54	7.45	8.33	6.73	6.20	5.50	5.50	7.03
2010	6.23	5.24	5.27	6.13	6.18	4.00	3.50	5.50	5.66
Informal votes (%) ^(a)									
2001	5.42	3.98	4.83	4.92	5.54	3.4	3.52	4.64	4.82
2004	6.12	4.10	5.16	5.32	5.56	3.59	3.44	4.45	5.18
2007	4.95	3.25	3.56	3.85	3.78	2.92	2.31	3.85	3.95
2010	6.83	4.50	5.45	4.82	5.46	4.04	4.66	6.19	5.55

(a) Informal votes as a percentage of all votes cast.

Source: AEC 2002; AEC 2005b; AEC 2008; AEC 2010b.

Differences between electoral systems and proximity between electoral events

Formality rules for lower house elections vary between federal and state or territory electoral systems. Key formality requirements for the House of Representatives, and within each state and territory lower house are summarised in Appendix A.

Electoral legislation for some states (New South Wales and Queensland) provides for optional preferential voting, and previous AEC research has suggested that some voters who can cast a formal ballot with a number '1' only or with incomplete numbering at a state election may also be more likely to cast such votes at federal elections, not realising that this is informal under the federal system. This confusion between state and federal voting requirements could also be heightened if the federal event is conducted soon after a state event (AEC 2009).

¹² Low English proficiency: $\beta = 0.403$, $p = 0.000$; Change in candidate number: $\beta = 0.162$, $p = 0.018$; $R^2 = 0.362$ (95% level of confidence).

¹³ Low English proficiency: $\beta = 0.132$, $p = 0.000$; Change in candidate number: $\beta = 0.198$, $p = 0.000$; $R^2 = 0.302$ (95% level of confidence).

As shown in Table 15, state elections were held in Queensland, South Australia and Tasmania less than 18 months prior to the 2010 federal election. There does not appear to be a clear pattern between the proximity of the most recent state or territory election and informality rates at the 2010 House of Representatives election. For example, while South Australia and Tasmania both had a state election in March 2010, South Australia recorded the third highest informality rate of any state or territory (5.46 per cent of votes cast) and Tasmania recorded the lowest (4.04 per cent).

Table 15. Most recent state and territory election dates prior to the 2010 federal election

State/territory	Most recent state/territory election date
NSW	24 March 2007
Vic.	25 November 2006
Qld	21 March 2009
WA	6 September 2008
SA	20 March 2010
Tas.	20 March 2010
ACT	18 October 2008
NT	9 August 2008

Source: AEC 2010c.

Comparison of informality rates by category for the 2010 House of Representatives election (see Table 8) with the formality requirements at state and territory lower houses provides mixed results. New South Wales and Queensland both have state provisions for optional preferential voting, and showed rates of incompletely numbered ballots at the 2010 House of Representatives election that were higher than the national average (2.40 and 1.89 per cent of all votes cast in New South Wales and Queensland, respectively, compared with 1.69 per cent of votes cast nationally). However, while Tasmania uses partial preferential voting for state elections, and held a state election less than 6 months prior to the 2010 federal election, the rate of incompletely numbered ballots in Tasmania (0.81 per cent of votes cast) was substantially below the national average. The Australian Capital Territory is the only other state or territory using partial preferential voting at lower house elections, and also had a below average informality rate for ballots with incomplete numbering (1.30 per cent).

Analysis for states accepting ticks or crosses as valid first preferences (New South Wales, Victoria, Queensland, and South Australia) also shows mixed results. While the 2010 rates of informal ballots with ticks and crosses for New South Wales and South Australian voters (0.94 per cent and 0.70 per cent, respectively) are above the national average (0.65 per cent), the rates of informal ballots with ticks and crosses for Queensland and

Victorian voters (0.54 per cent and 0.41 per cent, respectively) are below the national average.

While voter confusion about the differences between state and federal voting systems may still have influenced incompletely numbered ballots or ballots with ticks and crosses in some states, these results suggest that other factors are more significant.

Conclusions

Many of the patterns of informal voting at the 2010 House of Representatives elections were similar to those observed at previous elections. For example, informality rates were highest for voters in New South Wales, with the 10 divisions recording the highest informality rates all located in Sydney.

The largest single category of informal ballots in 2010 was those with incomplete numbering (number '1' only and other incomplete numbering). However, for the first time the proportion of blank ballots was higher than the proportion of number '1' only ballots. Together, blank and incomplete ballots comprised more than half of all informal ballots at the 2010 House of Representatives election.

While the informality rate for blank ballots doubled between the 2007 and 2010 elections, levels of assumed unintentional informal voting (ballots with incomplete numbering, non-sequential numbering, ticks and crosses and those where the voter has been identified) continue to be higher than levels of assumed intentional informal voting (all other informal ballots).

There are many factors that could influence a voter to intentionally or unintentionally cast an informal vote and it is not possible, in many cases, to accurately quantify or even separately identify the impact these factors might have. Of those factors identified as significant influences on informal voting at previous House of Representatives elections, English language proficiency and the number of candidates appear to be the strongest predictors of informality rates or changes in informality rates in 2010. Analysis relating to differences between state and territory electoral systems and the federal system provided mixed results, suggesting that other factors were more significant influences on informality in 2010.

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Appendices

Appendix A. Key formality requirements in Australian Lower Houses

Jurisdiction	Legislature	Preferential system used	Minimum no. of preferences required to be shown	Tick or cross acceptable as a first preference	Provisions that could 'save' votes not marked in accordance with ballot paper instructions
Commonwealth	House of Representatives	Full preferential	No. of candidates	No	One square (representing the last preference) may be left blank.
NSW	Legislative Assembly	Optional preferential	1	Yes	Not applicable.
Vic.	Legislative Assembly	Full preferential	No. of candidates	Yes	One square (representing the last preference) may be left blank.
Qld	Legislative Assembly	Optional preferential	1	Yes	Not applicable.
WA	Legislative Assembly	Full preferential	No. of candidates	Not explicitly provided for	One square (representing the last preference) may be left blank. Ballot papers with certain non-consecutive preferences may be formal. Votes will not necessarily be exhausted if a preference is repeated.
SA	House of Assembly	Full preferential	No. of candidates	Yes	One square (representing the last preference) may be left blank. Candidates may register a voting ticket. Ballot papers with only one preference, or a first preference and further consecutive preferences that are consistent with a candidate's registered voting ticket, will be taken to have been marked in accordance with the voting ticket. Where a ballot paper has not been marked as required but the voter's intention is clear, the ballot paper is not informal and will be counted.
Tas.	House of Assembly	Partial preferential	No. of vacancies	No	A ballot paper is not to be treated as informal if, in the opinion of the returning officer, the elector's intention is clearly indicated on the ballot paper.
ACT	Legislative Assembly	Partial preferential	No. of vacancies (5 or 7)	No	A ballot paper is formal if it includes a unique first preference.
NT	Legislative Assembly	Full preferential	No. of candidates	No	One square (representing the last preference) may be left blank.

Source: Australian Government 2009.

Appendix B. Explanation of informal categories in the 2010 House of Representatives election Informal Ballot Paper Survey

While it is not possible to describe all of the types of informal votes that could be encountered by AEC divisional office staff completing the survey, informal ballots were allocated to the following categories using the explanations and coding notes as a guide.

Category A: Totally blank

These ballot papers are TOTALLY BLANK, and have no other significant deliberate marks or scribble on them. Ballots which might have some small marks (e.g. a dot in one square), but are otherwise blank would also be included in this category (i.e. where it can reasonably be assumed that the intent of the voter was to submit a blank ballot).

Coding notes

Ballot papers that have no numbers or other marks recorded within the squares, but have scribble, slogans or other protest vote marks (e.g. illustrations, candidate names crossed out) elsewhere on the ballot paper are to be placed in Category F.

Category B: Incomplete numbering

Ballot papers within Category B are sequentially numbered from number '1' onwards, but have two or more squares left blank.

Coding notes

If the ballot paper is sequentially numbered from '1' onwards, contains two or more blank squares, and includes any other marks or slogans (including voter identification), the paper will remain in Category B (and the relevant subcategory).

Subcategories B-1 to B-9

Subcategories within Category B are used to specify the number of squares completed on the ballot paper. Since the maximum number of candidates recorded for a division in the 2010 House of Representatives election was 11, there may be up to nine subcategories (B-1 to B-9) applying within any one division. For example, divisions with 11 candidates may use all subcategories B-1 to B-9, while divisions with 7 candidates will only use subcategories B-1 to B-5 and divisions with 4 candidates will use subcategories B-1 and B-2 only. Ballots placed in subcategory B-1 are also classified into J subcategories (for the 2010 House of Representatives election, subcategories J-1 to J-11).

Category C: Ticks and crosses

For ballot papers in Category C, the voter has used a tick or cross instead of the number '1'.

Coding notes

Category C includes ballots where the voter has:

- used numbers (other than '1') in all or some of the other squares (in combination with a tick or cross instead of the number '1'), or
- used both ticks and crosses, or
- written other symbols (e.g. alphabetic characters or zeros), slogans or scribbles on the ballot paper, in addition to a tick or cross instead of the number '1'.

However,

- if ALL squares are marked with crosses (an apparent deliberate informal vote), treat the ballot as a protest vote and place it in Category F.
- if the ballot paper includes both a number '1' and a tick, place it in Category I (Other).

Category D: Other symbols (e.g. alphabetic characters, or zero)

Ballot papers in Category D contain symbols other than numbers, e.g. alphabetic characters, zeros (0), or Yes/No indicators (note that numbers may also appear on these ballots). If alphabetic characters have been used, the series must be incomplete or non-sequential as a complete alphabetic sequence on a ballot (e.g. A, B, C, D, E) on a ballot paper would be a formal vote

Coding notes

- If ALL squares are marked with zeros, treat the ballot paper as a deliberately informal protest vote and place it in Category F (this is treated the same as if all candidates were crossed out etc.)
- If there are six candidates on a ballot paper, examples of informal ballots classified to Category D would include those containing:
 - 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 (*but not 0, 0, 0, 0, 0 – a Category F ballot*)
 - A, C, D, Z, Y, X (*but not C, B, A, D, E, F – this is a complete alphabetic sequence commencing at A and would therefore be a formal vote*)
 - Yes, No, No, No, No, No
 - N, N, N, Y, N, N.

Category E: Non-sequential

Ballot papers within Category E (and its subcategories E-1 to E-6) have the numerical sequence recorded on them broken by missing numbers or repeated numbers (including ballots with more than one number '1').

Coding notes

If the voter has apparently deliberately numbered all or most squares with just one number (e.g. '1' or '9'), treat the ballot as a deliberately informal vote and place it in Category F (if in doubt, leave it in Category E).

Subcategories E-1 to E-6

The table below describes each of the subcategories within Category E, and provides examples of informal ballots (assuming six candidates on a ballot paper) that would be classified to each subcategory.

(continued)

Subcategory	Examples
E-1: These ballot papers contain repeated numbers (though not a repeated '1') within a numerical sequence (i.e. no missing numbers), and have all squares completed. Subcategory E-1 includes 'Langer style' votes.	5, 4, 1, 2, 3, 3 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 5 3, 3, 3, 1, 2, 3
E-2: These ballots contain repeated numbers (though not a repeated '1') within a numerical sequence (i.e. no missing numbers) but do not have all squares completed	1, 2, 3, 4, 4, blank (<i>but not 1, 2, 3, 4, blank, blank – a category B-4 ballot</i>) Blank, 1, 3, 2, 2, blank
E-3: These ballots contain a repeated number '1', irrespective of any other missing or repeated numbers or whether or not all squares have been completed.	1, 3, 2, 4, 1, 5 1, 2, 1, 2, 1, 1, 2, 3, 1, 4, blank 1, 2, 3, 99, 1, 3
E-4: These ballots are missing a number '1' from within their numerical sequence. They may also contain other missing or repeated numbers and contain no other missing numbers or repeated numbers and have all squares completed.	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 3, 7, 6, 4, 5, 2
E-5: These ballots have one or more numbers missing from within a numerical sequence (but where the number '1' is not missing), with no repeated numbers and all squares completed.	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7 3, 2, 1, 97, 98, 99 1, 3, 5, 7, 8, 9
E-6: This subcategory includes all other ballots with non-sequential numbering (other than those included within categories E-1 to E-5).	2, 2, 3, 4, 99, blank (<i>incomplete ballot with repeated numbers and missing number '1'</i>) 1, 2, 3, 3, 4, 99 (<i>repeated and missing numbers, number '1' not repeated</i>)

Category F: Scribbles, slogans and other protest vote marks

In essence, Category F can be thought of as 'frivolous' voting. It includes all ballot papers (other than those totally blank ballots in Category A) where the voter has apparently been very deliberate in casting an informal vote.

Coding notes

Category F includes ballot papers where:

- there are zeros, slashes or crosses in all or most squares,
- squares are not marked or crossed through, but slogans, scribble/graffiti/drawings, vulgarity etc has been written on the ballot,
- candidate names have been crossed out, or other candidate names have been written onto the ballot paper, or
- all or most squares on the ballot paper have the same number (e.g. '1', '9' or '99').

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Subcategories F-1 to F-3

The table below describes each of the subcategories within Category F, and provides examples of informal ballots (assuming six candidates on a ballot paper) that would be classified to each subcategory.

Subcategory	Examples
F-1: These ballots contain scribbles/slogans and squares have either not been marked, or have been crossed through	No squares completed, but a statement or slogan (e.g. <i>'No Dams'</i> or <i>'Vote 1 – Mickey Mouse'</i>) has been written on the ballot paper All squares crossed out and vulgarity written across ballot paper
F-2: These ballot papers contain instances where candidate names have been changed (note, if a ballot shows characteristics of both F-1 and F-2, place it in subcategory F-2).	Candidate names have been crossed out (regardless of whether or how squares have been completed) The voter has crossed out the name of one candidate and written in the name of another candidate The voter has added a candidate name to the ballot paper
F-3: This subcategory includes all other instances of 'frivolous voting'	All or most squares on the ballot paper have the same number (e.g. '0', '1', '9', or '99') All squares on the ballot paper have been crossed out A large diagonal line drawn across the ballot to cross out all candidates

Category G: Illegible numbers

Ballot papers included in Category G (and its subcategories G-1 to G-3) are those where the numbering on the ballot is illegible.

Coding notes

- Includes ballot papers that are illegible due to poor writing, or due to numbers being crossed out, written over or otherwise changed such that the voter's intention is not clear. It also includes cases where slogans have been written over numbers, or numbers have been written outside squares or between candidate names and it is not clear for whom the preference was intended.

Subcategories G-1 to G-3

- Subcategory G-1 includes illegible ballots where the first preference (but not the second preference) of the voter is clear
- Subcategory G-2 includes illegible ballots where both the first and second preference of the voter is clear
- Subcategory G-3 includes illegible ballots where the first preference of the voter is not clear.

Category H: Voter identified

Ballot papers in Category H are informal solely because the voter could be identified.

Coding notes

- Voter identification is subordinate to all other forms of informality - ballot papers that can be placed in other categories should not be included in Category H.

Category I: Other informal ballots

Category I includes informal ballot papers that do not fit within any of the other informality categories. Every attempt should be made to classify an informal ballot paper to another category before placing it within Category I.

Coding notes

Examples of ballot papers that would be placed in Category I include:

- Those with both a tick and a number '1', or a cross and a '1', or a '1' and other symbols
- Ballots with more than one number allocated to a candidate
- Ballot papers allocated to the wrong division (e.g. in declaration counts).

Subcategory J-1 to J-11: Number '1' only ballots by candidate position on ballot paper

These ballots will all have a number '1' in one of the squares, with all other squares left blank.

Subcategories J-1 to J-11 show the number of number '1' only ballots according to the candidate position the number '1' was written against.

The number of 'J' subcategories applicable within a division will equal the number of candidates for the House of Representatives within that division, with a maximum of 11 subcategories therefore applicable for the 2010 federal election (e.g. divisions with 11 candidates would potentially use all subcategories J-1 to J-11, while divisions with 7 candidates would only potentially use subcategories J-1 to J-7).

Coding notes

Examples of ballot papers that would be placed in J subcategories include:

- A ballot with a number '1' only in the square for the Candidate 1 on the ballot paper and all other squares left blank will be placed in subcategory J-1
- A ballot with a number '1' only in the square for the Candidate 3 on the ballot paper and all other squares left blank will be placed in subcategory J-3
- A ballot with a number '1' only in the square for the Candidate 10 on the ballot paper and all other squares left blank will be placed in subcategory J-10.

If there is more than one number '1' on the ballot paper, place it in Category E.

If ALL squares on the ballot paper are marked with a number '1', treat the ballot as a deliberately informal vote and place it in Category F.

Appendix C. Informality rates and English proficiency rankings by division, 2010 House of Representatives election

State	Division	Informal votes in 2010 House of Representatives election		2006 Census population who speak English 'not well' or 'not at all'	
		%	Rank (1-150)	%	Rank (1-150)
ACT	Canberra	4.88	95	0.99	75
ACT	Fraser	4.43	112	1.70	58
NSW	Banks	8.37	11	7.31	11
NSW	Barton	9.82	8	7.50	10
NSW	Bennelong	7.37	17	5.17	20
NSW	Berowra	4.59	103	1.68	59
NSW	Blaxland	14.06	1	10.73	3
NSW	Bradfield	4.10	124	2.35	44
NSW	Calare	4.93	92	0.21	135
NSW	Charlton	6.92	22	0.37	105
NSW	Chifley	11.16	4	3.62	30
NSW	Cook	5.81	47	0.90	77
NSW	Cowper	4.33	118	0.22	134
NSW	Cunningham	5.68	53	1.90	53
NSW	Dobell	6.06	39	0.27	121
NSW	Eden-Monaro	6.25	32	0.56	93
NSW	Farrer	6.34	30	0.18	139
NSW	Fowler	12.83	2	15.93	1
NSW	Gilmore	5.11	84	0.48	97
NSW	Grayndler	7.08	21	7.02	14
NSW	Greenway	10.27	7	3.25	35
NSW	Hughes	6.52	27	2.51	41
NSW	Hume	5.13	81	0.28	120
NSW	Hunter	6.21	35	0.18	138
NSW	Kingsford Smith	8.15	13	4.01	26
NSW	Lindsay	8.17	12	1.08	71
NSW	Lyne	3.73	135	0.12	146
NSW	Macarthur	8.11	14	1.33	63
NSW	Mackellar	5.20	76	1.17	68
NSW	Macquarie	5.48	62	0.23	130

State	Division	Informal votes in 2010 House of Representatives election		2006 Census population who speak English 'not well' or 'not at all'	
		%	Rank (1-150)	%	Rank (1-150)
NSW	McMahon	10.84	5	8.49	5
NSW	Mitchell	5.58	58	1.84	55
NSW	New England	3.54	141	0.16	142
NSW	Newcastle	5.69	51	0.82	83
NSW	North Sydney	4.44	110	3.02	36
NSW	Page	4.39	115	0.17	141
NSW	Parkes	5.02	88	0.22	133
NSW	Parramatta	8.65	10	7.09	13
NSW	Paterson	5.64	55	0.18	140
NSW	Reid	8.80	9	9.53	4
NSW	Richmond	5.55	60	0.20	136
NSW	Riverina	5.76	49	0.77	86
NSW	Robertson	6.36	28	0.26	122
NSW	Shortland	6.34	29	0.23	126
NSW	Sydney	5.50	61	3.91	28
NSW	Throsby	6.90	23	2.12	49
NSW	Warringah	4.64	101	1.20	66
NSW	Watson	12.80	3	11.73	2
NSW	Wentworth	4.50	109	1.09	70
NSW	Werriwa	10.35	6	3.96	27
NT	Lingiari	7.50	15	0.52	95
NT	Solomon	5.06	86	1.53	60
QLD	Blair	5.88	45	0.33	110
QLD	Bonner	5.11	83	1.19	67
QLD	Bowman	5.39	65	0.47	99
QLD	Brisbane	3.76	133	1.29	65
QLD	Capricornia	6.15	37	0.23	127
QLD	Dawson	5.76	48	0.35	107
QLD	Dickson	4.41	113	0.20	137
QLD	Fadden	6.04	40	0.89	78
QLD	Fairfax	5.03	87	0.13	145
QLD	Fisher	5.17	79	0.22	131

State	Division	Informal votes in 2010 House of Representatives election		2006 Census population who speak English 'not well' or 'not at all'	
		%	Rank (1-150)	%	Rank (1-150)
QLD	Flynn	5.33	70	0.23	129
QLD	Forde	7.13	20	0.78	85
QLD	Griffith	4.89	94	1.91	52
QLD	Groom	4.15	122	0.42	101
QLD	Herbert	6.26	31	0.32	111
QLD	Hinkler	5.57	59	0.26	124
QLD	Kennedy	5.38	66	0.69	88
QLD	Leichhardt	5.91	43	0.74	87
QLD	Lilley	4.56	105	0.86	80
QLD	Longman	7.29	18	0.28	119
QLD	Maranoa	4.94	91	0.23	128
QLD	McPherson	5.90	44	0.82	82
QLD	Moncrieff	6.18	36	1.37	62
QLD	Moreton	4.85	97	4.42	24
QLD	Oxley	6.68	25	3.66	29
QLD	Petrie	5.28	72	0.47	98
QLD	Rankin	7.49	16	2.28	47
QLD	Ryan	2.87	148	0.82	84
QLD	Wide Bay	5.25	73	0.13	144
QLD	Wright	5.63	57	0.34	109
SA	Adelaide	4.81	98	3.42	32
SA	Barker	5.46	63	0.67	89
SA	Boothby	4.63	102	1.07	72
SA	Grey	5.35	69	0.25	125
SA	Hindmarsh	5.17	78	2.69	40
SA	Kingston	5.09	85	0.44	100
SA	Makin	6.09	38	1.33	64
SA	Mayo	4.58	104	0.16	143
SA	Port Adelaide	7.18	19	5.10	21
SA	Sturt	5.38	67	3.01	37
SA	Wakefield	6.22	34	0.92	76
TAS	Bass	3.98	127	0.30	115

State	Division	Informal votes in 2010 House of Representatives election		2006 Census population who speak English 'not well' or 'not at all'	
		%	Rank (1-150)	%	Rank (1-150)
TAS	Braddon	4.32	119	0.10	149
TAS	Denison	3.62	138	0.85	81
TAS	Franklin	3.48	143	0.22	132
TAS	Lyons	4.80	99	0.08	150
VIC	Aston	4.35	116	2.22	48
VIC	Ballarat	3.72	136	0.29	117
VIC	Batman	5.15	80	7.27	12
VIC	Bendigo	3.74	134	0.10	148
VIC	Bruce	5.21	75	7.72	7
VIC	Calwell	6.53	26	5.26	19
VIC	Casey	4.22	121	0.65	90
VIC	Chisholm	3.59	139	4.91	22
VIC	Corangamite	3.22	145	0.31	112
VIC	Corio	4.51	108	1.76	56
VIC	Deakin	3.58	140	2.92	38
VIC	Dunkley	3.92	130	0.59	92
VIC	Flinders	4.13	123	0.38	102
VIC	Gellibrand	5.00	90	6.62	17
VIC	Gippsland	3.79	132	0.35	108
VIC	Goldstein	3.13	146	1.76	57
VIC	Gorton	6.71	24	7.69	8
VIC	Higgins	2.80	149	2.50	42
VIC	Holt	5.69	52	3.37	33
VIC	Hotham	4.44	111	7.64	9
VIC	Indi	3.91	131	0.37	103
VIC	Isaacs	4.71	100	4.68	23
VIC	Jagajaga	3.97	128	1.40	61
VIC	Kooyong	2.78	150	2.32	46
VIC	La Trobe	4.07	126	0.55	94
VIC	Lalor	6.24	33	1.95	51
VIC	Mallee	4.23	120	0.87	79
VIC	Maribyrnong	5.68	54	8.05	6

State	Division	Informal votes in 2010 House of Representatives election		2006 Census population who speak English 'not well' or 'not at all'	
		%	Rank (1-150)	%	Rank (1-150)
VIC	McEwen	4.40	114	0.37	104
VIC	McMillan	3.97	129	0.30	113
VIC	Melbourne	3.62	137	5.67	18
VIC	Melbourne Ports	3.25	144	2.34	45
VIC	Menzies	4.09	125	4.27	25
VIC	Murray	5.83	46	1.01	74
VIC	Scullin	5.99	42	6.98	15
VIC	Wannon	5.32	71	0.11	147
VIC	Wills	6.02	41	6.75	16
WA	Brand	5.23	74	0.36	106
WA	Canning	4.52	107	0.26	123
WA	Cowan	5.12	82	2.88	39
WA	Curtin	2.93	147	1.05	73
WA	Durack	4.86	96	0.30	116
WA	Forrest	4.55	106	0.29	118
WA	Fremantle	5.43	64	2.06	50
WA	Hasluck	5.64	56	1.11	69
WA	Moore	4.35	117	0.64	91
WA	O'Connor	5.37	68	0.30	114
WA	Pearce	5.71	50	0.52	96
WA	Perth	5.20	77	3.30	34
WA	Stirling	5.02	89	3.48	31
WA	Swan	4.90	93	2.35	43
WA	Tangney	3.48	142	1.90	54
AUSTRALIA		5.55	..	2.23	..

Source: AEC 2010b; Nelson 2010a, Tables 1a and 21a, Appendix 1.

Appendix D. Static polling places with the highest informality rates^(a), 2010 House of Representatives election

Order	State	Division	Polling place	Total votes (no.)	Informal votes (%)
1	WA	Swan	Perth International Airport	43	25.58
2	Vic.	Ballarat	Divisional Office (PREPOLL)	48	22.92
3	NSW	Blaxland	Blaxcell (Blaxland)	2 744	22.89
4	NSW	Blaxland	Auburn West (Blaxland)	686	22.74
5	NSW	McMahon	Fairfield	1 057	21.67
6	NSW	Reid	Auburn	2 459	21.51
7	NSW	Watson	Lakemba North	1 994	20.91
8	NSW	Hughes	Liverpool North	757	20.34
9	NSW	Watson	Bankstown South (Watson)	1 441	20.06
10	NSW	Hughes	Liverpool (Hughes)	1 430	20.00
11	NSW	Blaxland	Fowler Road (Blaxland)	381	19.95
12	NSW	Werriwa	Liverpool West (Werriwa)	1 649	19.89
13	NSW	Watson	Greenacre	3 967	19.89
14	NSW	Blaxland	Yennora	1 057	19.39
15	NSW	Blaxland	Sydney (Blaxland)	93	19.35
16	NSW	Reid	Auburn West (Reid)	2 777	19.30
17	NSW	Watson	Bankstown (Watson)	447	19.24
18	Qld	Kennedy	Doomadgee	333	18.92
19	NSW	Watson	Wiley Park West	2 531	18.89
20	NSW	Watson	Lakemba Central	1 723	18.75
21	NSW	Banks	Punchbowl (Banks)	1 315	18.71
22	NSW	Fowler	Liverpool (Fowler)	444	18.69
23	NSW	Blaxland	Condell Park South	2 354	18.61
24	NSW	Blaxland	Guildford South	1 197	18.55
25	NSW	Blaxland	Merrylands (Blaxland)	433	18.48
26	NSW	Watson	Greenacre West	1 138	18.45
27	NSW	Blaxland	Auburn East (Blaxland)	688	18.31
28	NSW	Watson	Punchbowl Central	1 983	18.20
29	NSW	Blaxland	Granville East (Blaxland)	978	18.10
30	NSW	Blaxland	Bankstown (Blaxland)	1 862	17.83
31	NSW	Watson	Clemton Park (Watson)	1 127	17.66
32	NSW	Watson	Kingsgrove North (Watson)	244	17.62

Order	State	Division	Polling place	Total votes (no.)	Informal votes (%)
33	NSW	Greenway	Blacktown South (Greenway)	1 172	17.41
34	NSW	Blaxland	Yagoona	2 495	17.31
35	NSW	Blaxland	Guildford East	1 799	17.01
36	NSW	McMahon	Fairfield Heights	2 907	16.99
37	NSW	Reid	Auburn Central	1 653	16.88
38	NSW	Blaxland	Villawood North	1 708	16.86
39	Qld	Kennedy	Mornington Island	398	16.83
40	NSW	Reid	Auburn East (Reid)	476	16.81
41	NSW	Barton	Arncliffe	1 211	16.76
42	NSW	Werriwa	Claymore	1 049	16.68
43	NSW	Chifley	Dharruk	1 625	16.68
44	NSW	Fowler	Sadleir	966	16.67
45	NSW	Watson	Punchbowl (Watson)	3 019	16.63
46	NSW	Watson	Canterbury	656	16.62
47	NSW	Blaxland	Berala (Blaxland)	2 344	16.60
48	NSW	Reid	Berala (Reid)	796	16.58
49	NSW	Blaxland	Guildford	2 069	16.58
50	NSW	Blaxland	Bankstown East	1 617	16.51
51	NSW	Blaxland	Villawood	1 932	16.51
52	NSW	Blaxland	Villawood East	1 553	16.48
53	NSW	Werriwa	Liverpool South	948	16.46
54	NSW	Watson	Wiley Park East	1 375	16.36
55	NSW	Watson	Greenacre Central	1 683	16.34
56	NSW	Parramatta	Granville East (Parramatta)	1 060	16.32
57	NSW	Watson	Lakemba	2 107	16.28
58	NSW	Fowler	Cabramatta West Central	3 191	16.26
59	NSW	Parramatta	Granville South (Parramatta)	382	16.23
60	Qld	Kennedy	Dajarra	37	16.22
61	NSW	Parramatta	Blaxcell (Parramatta)	321	16.20
62	NSW	Blaxland	Bass Hill	2 476	16.16
63	NSW	Fowler	Cabramatta	3 006	16.00
64	Qld	Maranoa	Kindon	25	16.00
65	NSW	Fowler	Miller	1 426	15.99
66	NSW	Chifley	Bidwill	1 801	15.94

Order	State	Division	Polling place	Total votes (no.)	Informal votes (%)
67	NSW	Banks	Riverwood East	1 935	15.92
68	NSW	McMahon	Fairfield Central	1 909	15.77
69	NSW	Chifley	Mount Druitt North	2 366	15.77
70	NSW	Fowler	Wakeley	3 247	15.74
71	Qld	Leichhardt	Lockhart River	248	15.73
72	Qld	Wide Bay	Cherbourg	299	15.72
73	NSW	Chifley	Shalvey	1 603	15.66
74	NSW	Werriwa	Lurnea	2 372	15.56
75	NSW	Watson	Mount Lewis	1 779	15.46
76	NSW	Chifley	Quakers Hill East (Chifley)	634	15.46
77	NSW	Banks	Carlton South (Banks)	480	15.42
78	Qld	Capricornia	Coppabella Mac Camp PPVC	52	15.38
79	WA	Pearce	West Dale	65	15.38
80	NSW	Barton	Rockdale	1 541	15.38
81	NSW	Watson	Belmore Central	1 503	15.37
82	NSW	McMahon	Divisional Office (PREPOLL)	1 869	15.30
83	NSW	Banks	Riverwood North	1 494	15.26
84	NSW	Greenway	Pendle Hill (Greenway)	1 607	15.25
85	NSW	Chifley	Hebersham	2 216	15.12
86	NSW	Blaxland	Condell Park	3 509	15.08
87	NSW	Riverina	Gundagai South	393	15.01
88	NSW	Chifley	Whalan	1 664	14.96
89	NSW	Watson	Belmore North	2 274	14.95
90	NSW	Blaxland	Berala South	1 907	14.89
91	NSW	Fowler	Canley Vale	2 870	14.88
92	NSW	McMahon	Greenfield Park	2 404	14.77
93	NSW	Newcastle	Beaumont Park	793	14.75
94	NSW	Blaxland	Bankstown West	2 142	14.71
95	NSW	Werriwa	Liverpool (Werriwa)	661	14.67
96	NSW	Reid	Auburn North	1 792	14.62
97	NSW	Fowler	Bonnyrigg	1 991	14.62
98	NSW	Barton	Rockdale West	1 622	14.61
99	NSW	Parramatta	Merrylands (Parramatta)	1 618	14.59
100	NSW	Watson	Harcourt	3 519	14.55

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101	NSW	Bennelong	Ryde	1 540	14.55
102	NSW	Macarthur	Airds North	614	14.50
103	NSW	Fowler	Edensor Park	3 123	14.47
104	NSW	Chifley	Marayong	2 276	14.41
105	NSW	Fowler	St Johns Park	3 092	14.39
106	NSW	Watson	Greenacre North	1 094	14.35
107	NSW	Macarthur	Rossmore (Macarthur)	1 053	14.34
108	NSW	McMahon	Wetherill Park	3 297	14.32
109	Qld	Herbert	Palm Island	566	14.31
110	NSW	Kingsford Smith	Eastlakes East	2 091	14.30
111	NSW	Blaxland	Chester Hill North	2 189	14.30
112	NSW	McMahon	Merrylands Central (McMahon)	357	14.29
113	NSW	Greenway	Lalor Park	1 919	14.28
114	NSW	Chifley	Lethbridge Park	2 016	14.24
115	NSW	Greenway	Pendle Hill Central	836	14.23
116	NSW	Watson	Belmore South	2 131	14.17
117	NSW	Werriwa	Liverpool WERRIWA PPVC	1 687	14.17
118	NSW	Blaxland	Chester Hill	2 197	14.16
119	NSW	Blaxland	Bankstown Central (Blaxland)	1 371	14.15
120	NSW	Fowler	Liverpool West (Fowler)	1 513	14.14
121	NSW	Fowler	Cabramatta West	2 140	14.07
122	NSW	Lindsay	Sydney (Lindsay)	57	14.04
123	WA	Durack	Nullagine	107	14.02
124	NSW	Fowler	Mount Pritchard East	1 833	13.97
125	NSW	Parramatta	Merrylands West (Parramatta)	669	13.90
126	NSW	Chifley	Blacktown South (Chifley)	1 497	13.89
127	NSW	Parramatta	Merrylands North	1 641	13.89
128	NSW	Dobell	Kulnura	246	13.82
129	NSW	Blaxland	Old Guildford	840	13.81
130	NSW	Chifley	Blackett	1 710	13.80
131	NSW	Watson	Sydney (Watson)	145	13.79
132	NSW	Greenway	Sydney (Greenway)	80	13.75
133	NSW	Chifley	Tregear	1 863	13.74
134	NSW	Watson	Campsie	2 715	13.74

Order	State	Division	Polling place	Total votes (no.)	Informal votes (%)
135	NSW	Fowler	Lansvale	1 514	13.74
136	NSW	Watson	Canterbury South	1 509	13.72
137	NSW	Greenway	Metella Road	3 532	13.70
138	NSW	Throsby	Berkeley	2 146	13.70
139	NSW	Watson	Campsie South	1 264	13.69
140	NSW	Macarthur	Airds	936	13.68
141	NSW	Werriwa	Casula	3 642	13.67
142	NSW	Fowler	Green Valley East	1 970	13.65
143	Qld	Leichhardt	Diwan	271	13.65
144	NSW	Charlton	Argenton	857	13.65
145	NSW	Barton	Clemton Park (Barton)	2 104	13.64
146	NSW	Fowler	Liverpool FOWLER PPVC	2 266	13.64
147	NSW	Blaxland	Bankstown South (Blaxland)	323	13.62
148	NSW	Greenway	Prospect West	1 975	13.62
149	NSW	Parramatta	Pendle Hill (Parramatta)	404	13.61
150	NSW	Fowler	Cartwright	1 246	13.56
151	NSW	Fowler	Bonnyrigg Heights	3 554	13.56
152	NSW	Fowler	Bonnyrigg Central	1 720	13.55
153	NSW	Blaxland	Fairfield East (Blaxland)	366	13.39
154	NSW	Sydney	Waterloo	1 166	13.38
155	NSW	Bennelong	Ermington Central	1 258	13.35
156	NSW	Blaxland	Chester Hill Central	2 404	13.35
157	NSW	Hughes	Warwick Farm	1 177	13.34
158	NSW	Reid	Burwood (Reid)	1 065	13.33
159	NSW	McMahon	Bossley Park	3 313	13.31
160	Qld	Forde	Pimpama	767	13.30
161	NSW	Barton	Turrella	1 132	13.25
162	NSW	McMahon	Bossley Park East	2 564	13.18
163	SA	Barker	Wellington	167	13.17
164	NSW	Fowler	Green Valley North	2 056	13.13
165	NSW	Riverina	Wamoon	244	13.11
166	NSW	Kingsford Smith	Hillsdale	2 285	13.09
167	NSW	Fowler	Green Valley	3 027	13.08
168	NSW	Greenway	Girraween	2 394	13.07

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169	NSW	Blaxland	Regents Park	1 507	13.07
170	NSW	Fowler	Cabramatta East	2 644	13.05
171	NSW	New England	Jennings	92	13.04
172	NSW	Watson	Chullora	1 848	13.04
173	Qld	Fadden	Nerang West (Fadden)	123	13.01
174	NSW	McMahon	Fairfield West Central	1 755	12.99
175	NSW	Greenway	Lynwood Park	1 386	12.99
176	NSW	Parramatta	Pitt Row	1 625	12.98
177	NSW	Reid	Silverwater	1 002	12.97
178	NSW	Fowler	Mount Pritchard	2 870	12.96
179	NSW	McMahon	Smithfield	2 264	12.94
180	NSW	Fowler	Sydney (Fowler)	85	12.94
181	NSW	Sydney	Rosebery	1 724	12.94
182	NSW	Throsby	Warrawong Central	1 323	12.93
183	NSW	Lindsay	St Marys South	2 725	12.92
184	NSW	Bennelong	Top Ryde	1 727	12.91
185	NSW	Reid	Lidcombe	4 157	12.87
186	NSW	Lindsay	Bennett Road	3 373	12.87
187	NSW	Barton	Kogarah	1 077	12.81
188	NSW	Fowler	Canley Heights	2 895	12.75
189	NSW	Werriwa	West Hoxton North	463	12.74
190	ACT	Canberra	Oaks Estate	157	12.74
191	NSW	Greenway	Blacktown East	2 382	12.72
192	NSW	Barton	Arncliffe West	2 867	12.70
193	NSW	Fowler	Lansvale East	1 339	12.70
194	WA	Fremantle	Perth (Fremantle)	71	12.68
195	NSW	McMahon	Fairfield West	2 738	12.67
196	NSW	Barton	Bexley East	1 650	12.67
197	Qld	Capricornia	Port Curtis	174	12.64
198	NSW	Grayndler	Canterbury North	1 575	12.63
199	NSW	McMahon	Smithfield West	3 500	12.60
200	NSW	McMahon	Edensor Park North	2 105	12.59
201	NSW	Chifley	Mount Druitt South	2 476	12.56
202	Qld	Flynn	Woorabinda	215	12.56

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203	NSW	McMahon	Fairfield South	2 430	12.55
204	NSW	Farrer	Alma	1 570	12.55
205	NSW	Watson	Canterbury Hospital	910	12.53
206	NSW	Banks	Sydney (Banks)	176	12.50
207	NSW	Eden-Monaro	Sydney (Eden-Monaro)	16	12.50
208	NSW	Greenway	Vineyard East (Greenway)	208	12.50
209	NSW	Werriwa	Minto North	1 336	12.43
210	NSW	Bennelong	Ermington West (Bennelong)	1 797	12.41
211	NSW	Fowler	Ashcroft	1 566	12.39
212	NSW	Blaxland	Bass Hill West	3 208	12.38
213	NSW	Greenway	Blacktown North	1 576	12.37
214	NSW	Fowler	Marsden Road	1 911	12.35
215	Qld	Leichhardt	Coen	162	12.35
216	NSW	Banks	Revesby (Banks)	843	12.34
217	NSW	Blaxland	Bankstown North	1 632	12.32
218	NSW	Chifley	Rooty Hill South	2 225	12.31
219	NSW	Blaxland	Yagoona West	1 463	12.30
220	NSW	Watson	Harcourt Central	667	12.29
221	NSW	Blaxland	Granville South (Blaxland)	1 212	12.29
222	NSW	Blaxland	Guildford West	3 016	12.23
223	NSW	Watson	Bankstown Central (Watson)	360	12.22
224	NSW	Fowler	Cabramatta South	2 021	12.22
225	NSW	Reid	Lidcombe South	1 689	12.20
226	NSW	Barton	Kogarah North	501	12.18
227	NSW	Greenway	Blacktown Hospital	493	12.17
228	NSW	Parramatta	Fowler Road (Parramatta)	2 157	12.15
229	NSW	Farrer	Hay Hospital	313	12.14
230	NSW	Greenway	Seven Hills	1 617	12.12
231	NSW	Barton	Rockdale Central	2 543	12.11
232	NSW	Blaxland	Birrong	3 135	12.09
233	NSW	Watson	Mccallums Hill (Watson)	2 832	12.08
234	NSW	Fowler	Busby	1 045	12.06
235	NSW	Banks	Hurstville North	2 313	12.02
236	Vic.	Wills	Glenroy North	1 481	12.02

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237	NSW	Chifley	Plumpton	4 267	12.00
238	NSW	Chifley	Blacktown West	3 241	11.97
239	NSW	Greenway	Old Toongabbie (Greenway)	2 058	11.95
240	NSW	Greenway	Blacktown City	201	11.94
241	NSW	Parkes	Ulan	201	11.94
242	NSW	Macarthur	Kemps Creek (Macarthur)	892	11.88
243	NSW	Greenway	Kings Park	1 515	11.88
244	NSW	Barton	Bexley	1 921	11.87
245	NSW	Fowler	Divisional Office (PREPOLL)	1 652	11.86
246	NSW	Parramatta	Merrylands East	1 898	11.85
247	Vic.	Maribyrnong	Melbourne (Maribyrnong)	76	11.84
248	NSW	Greenway	Seven Hills West	1 960	11.84
249	NSW	Chifley	Rooty Hill North	3 232	11.82
250	NSW	Throsby	Warrawong	1 464	11.82
251	SA	Port Adelaide	Virginia (Port Adelaide)	669	11.81
252	Qld	Hinkler	Booyal	102	11.76
253	NSW	Kingsford Smith	Mascot	1 760	11.76
254	NSW	Throsby	Port Kembla Central	1 447	11.75
255	Vic.	Gorton	Albion (Gorton)	486	11.73
256	NSW	Chifley	Doonside North	4 112	11.72
257	NSW	Kingsford Smith	Botany	1 971	11.72
258	NSW	Werriwa	Macquarie Fields North	1 289	11.71
259	Qld	Leichhardt	Hope Vale	265	11.70
260	NSW	Grayndler	Marrickville	2 845	11.67
261	Vic.	Wills	Moomba Park	1 672	11.66
262	NSW	Paterson	Eastville	506	11.66
263	NSW	Cook	Kurnell	1 305	11.65
264	NSW	Fowler	Hinchinbrook	3 280	11.65
265	WA	Stirling	Mirrabooka East	1 763	11.63
266	NSW	Blaxland	Sefton	2 282	11.61
267	NSW	Barton	Mccallums Hill (Barton)	579	11.57
268	NSW	Chifley	Quakers Hill	2 179	11.56
269	NSW	Macarthur	Ambarvale	2 093	11.56
270	NSW	Barton	Bexley South	814	11.55

Order	State	Division	Polling place	Total votes (no.)	Informal votes (%)
271	NSW	Werriwa	Macquarie Fields Central	1 083	11.54
272	NSW	Chifley	Willmot	1 153	11.54
273	NSW	Fowler	Heckenberg	1 701	11.52
274	NSW	Parkes	Nyngan	1 208	11.51
275	NSW	Farrer	Wilcannia	226	11.50
276	NSW	Barton	Brighton-Le-Sands	2 600	11.50
277	NSW	Parramatta	Cardinal Gilroy Village	436	11.47
278	NSW	McMahon	Kemps Creek (McMahon)	663	11.46
279	NSW	Banks	Blakehurst North	918	11.44
280	NSW	Richmond	Main Arm Upper	140	11.43
281	Qld	Leichhardt	Edmonton (Leichhardt)	963	11.42
282	NSW	Robertson	Peats Ridge	263	11.41
283	NSW	Werriwa	West Hoxton South	2 803	11.38
284	NSW	Chifley	Whalan South	475	11.37
285	NSW	Banks	Hurstville East	2 219	11.36
286	NSW	Parkes	Stuart Town	194	11.34
287	NSW	Chifley	Minchinbury	2 912	11.33
288	Qld	Rankin	Runcorn Heights (Rankin)	1 015	11.33
289	NSW	Parramatta	Granville North	1 068	11.33
290	NSW	Blaxland	Georges Hall	2 865	11.31
291	NSW	Barton	Rockdale Park	1 213	11.29
292	NSW	Throsby	Berkeley South	425	11.29
293	NSW	Werriwa	Blairmount (Werriwa)	691	11.29
294	NSW	Macquarie	McGraths Hill	1 153	11.27
295	NSW	Hughes	Moorebank	3 642	11.26
296	NSW	Lindsay	Llandilo	1 146	11.26
297	WA	Stirling	Mirrabooka Central	1 609	11.25
298	Qld	Griffith	Princess Alexandra Hospital	329	11.25
299	NSW	Banks	Beverly Hills North (Banks)	498	11.24
300	NSW	Barton	Bexley West	2 197	11.24
301	NSW	Greenway	Quakers Hill East (Greenway)	2 598	11.24
302	NSW	Kingsford Smith	Daceyville	1 283	11.22
303	NSW	Barton	Carlton South (Barton)	2 631	11.21
304	NSW	McMahon	Bossley Park South	2 010	11.19

Order	State	Division	Polling place	Total votes (no.)	Informal votes (%)
305	NSW	Hunter	Weston	1 832	11.19
306	NSW	Blaxland	Condell Park West	975	11.18
307	NSW	Bennelong	Ryde North	2 855	11.14
308	Qld	Oxley	Serviceton South	2 191	11.14
309	NSW	Parramatta	Granville	2 403	11.11
310	Qld	Petrie	Brisbane City (Petrie)	81	11.11
311	NSW	Banks	Revesby North (Banks)	2 234	11.10
312	NSW	Macarthur	Campbelltown	1 901	11.10
313	NSW	Lindsay	St Marys North	1 829	11.10
314	NSW	Chifley	Doonside	2 019	11.09
315	NSW	Sydney	Redfern West	1 479	11.09
316	NSW	Werriwa	Minto South	1 389	11.09
317	NSW	Watson	Beverly Hills North (Watson)	2 274	11.08
318	NSW	Throsby	Mount Warrigal	1 716	11.07
319	NSW	Robertson	Mangrove Mountain	527	11.01
320	NSW	Greenway	Oldfield Road	1 445	11.00
321	NSW	Fowler	Cecil Hills	3 594	10.99
322	NSW	Kingsford Smith	Mascot East	2 841	10.98
323	NSW	Kingsford Smith	Botany East	1 922	10.98
324	NSW	Lindsay	Oxley Park	2 479	10.97
325	NSW	Parramatta	Toongabbie East	767	10.95
326	NSW	Macarthur	Rosemeadow	3 207	10.94
327	NSW	Grayndler	Tempe	1 572	10.94
328	NSW	Hunter	North Rothbury	220	10.91
329	Qld	Forde	Daisy Hill (Forde)	110	10.91
330	NSW	Barton	Kogarah East	844	10.90
331	NSW	Grayndler	Dulwich Hill	2 019	10.90
332	NSW	Chifley	Dean Park	1 636	10.88
333	NSW	Banks	Allawah South	1 232	10.88
334	NSW	Blaxland	Condell Park North	765	10.85
335	NSW	Werriwa	Minto	2 251	10.84
336	NSW	Greenway	Grantham	2 013	10.83
337	Qld	Leichhardt	Aurukun	591	10.83
338	NSW	Macarthur	Leumeah North (Macarthur)	666	10.81

Order	State	Division	Polling place	Total votes (no.)	Informal votes (%)
339	Vic.	Murray	Barmah	167	10.78
340	Vic.	Murray	Korong Vale	167	10.78
341	Qld	Rankin	Woodridge	2 072	10.76
342	NSW	Werriwa	Prestons East	3 421	10.76
343	NSW	Barton	Carlton West (Barton)	251	10.76
344	NSW	Watson	Enfield South	1 545	10.74
345	SA	Adelaide	Croydon Park	1 649	10.73
346	NSW	Throsby	Primbee	1 016	10.73
347	NSW	Barton	North Earlwood	1 613	10.73
348	NSW	Bennelong	Gladesville (Bennelong)	1 821	10.71
349	NSW	Lindsay	Kingswood	1 906	10.70
350	NSW	Werriwa	Ingleburn	3 373	10.70
351	NSW	Barton	Arncliffe Central	1 319	10.69
352	NSW	Banks	Hurstville PPVC	4 622	10.69
353	Qld	Longman	Ningi	2 311	10.69
354	NSW	Chifley	Marayong West	2 134	10.68
355	SA	Adelaide	Kilburn	1 779	10.68
356	NSW	Werriwa	Macquarie Fields	2 708	10.67
357	NSW	Shortland	San Remo	2 043	10.67
358	NSW	Hughes	Sydney (Hughes)	75	10.67
359	NSW	Werriwa	Macquarie Fields East	994	10.66
360	NSW	Grayndler	The Warren	1 998	10.66
361	NSW	Barton	Bexley North	1 182	10.66
362	NSW	Barton	Kogarah West	1 136	10.65
363	NSW	Shortland	Mannering Park	1 325	10.64
364	NSW	Chifley	Emerton	651	10.60
365	Qld	Leichhardt	Kowanyama	434	10.60
366	NSW	McMahon	Fairfield MCMAHON PPVC	3 785	10.59
367	NSW	Shortland	Gorokan (Shortland)	2 096	10.59
368	NSW	Bennelong	Lyon Park	1 390	10.58
369	Qld	Rankin	Crestmead South	889	10.57
370	NSW	Parramatta	Wentworthville	2 223	10.57
371	NSW	Fowler	Cecil Hills North	473	10.57
372	Qld	Forde	Marsden (Forde)	1 666	10.56

Order	State	Division	Polling place	Total votes (no.)	Informal votes (%)
373	NSW	Greenway	Seven Hills High	1 677	10.55
374	NSW	Barton	Ramsgate	2 009	10.55
375	NSW	Werriwa	Divisional Office (PREPOLL)	133	10.53
376	NSW	Grayndler	Croydon South	970	10.52
377	NSW	Reid	Auburn Hospital	390	10.51
378	NSW	Watson	Burwood City	685	10.51
379	NSW	Watson	Croydon Park	3 020	10.50
380	NSW	Macarthur	Woodbine	2 173	10.49
381	Vic.	Bruce	Dandenong West	1 698	10.48
382	NSW	Greenway	Schofields	1 166	10.46
383	NSW	Macquarie	Windsor South	2 076	10.45
384	NSW	Farrer	Hillside	1 177	10.45
385	NSW	Riverina	Khancoban	201	10.45
386	Vic.	Calwell	Meadow Heights	3 628	10.45
387	NSW	Charlton	Minmi	594	10.44
388	Vic.	Lalor	Diggers Rest	987	10.44
389	NSW	Werriwa	St Andrews	2 628	10.43
390	Qld	Longman	Kallangur (Longman)	1 546	10.41
391	NSW	Farrer	Lavington	2 547	10.40
392	WA	O'Connor	Leonora	250	10.40
393	Qld	Longman	Caboolture East	2 577	10.40
394	Tas.	Lyons	Mole Creek	356	10.39
395	NSW	McMahon	St Clair East	2 425	10.39
396	NSW	Throsby	Lake Heights	1 405	10.39
397	SA	Port Adelaide	Woodville Gardens	2 454	10.39
398	NSW	Riverina	Currawarna	77	10.39
399	NSW	Kingsford Smith	Ocean View Park	2 955	10.39
400	NSW	Barton	Kingsgrove North (Barton)	953	10.39
401	NSW	Kingsford Smith	Coogee South	2 249	10.36
402	Tas.	Lyons	Bronte	87	10.34
403	WA	Fremantle	Spearwood West	2 746	10.34
404	NSW	Barton	Kingsgrove South	1 141	10.34
405	Qld	Rankin	Yugumbir	3 650	10.33
406	NT	Lingiari	Pine Creek	126	10.32

Order	State	Division	Polling place	Total votes (no.)	Informal votes (%)
407	NSW	Reid	Five Dock Central	2 598	10.32
408	Vic.	Batman	Ruthven	3 279	10.31
409	NSW	McMahon	South Wentworthville Central	815	10.31
410	NSW	Lindsay	St Marys	1 447	10.30
411	NSW	Barton	North Bexley North	1 282	10.30
412	NSW	Hughes	Revesby (Hughes)	923	10.29
413	SA	Mayo	American River	214	10.28
414	SA	Wakefield	Davoren Park South	1 391	10.28
415	NSW	Sydney	Ultimo	1 275	10.27
416	NSW	Riverina	Darlington Point	623	10.27
417	SA	Adelaide	Croydon Park West (Adelaide)	370	10.27
418	NSW	Banks	Penshurst Central	2 386	10.27
419	Vic.	Batman	Murray (Batman)	224	10.27
420	NSW	Eden-Monaro	Moruya	3 205	10.27
421	NSW	Greenway	Hambledon	2 728	10.26
422	NSW	Parramatta	Sydney (Parramatta)	156	10.26
423	NSW	Greenway	Pendle Hill North (Greenway)	517	10.25
424	Qld	Fisher	Beerburum	371	10.24
425	NSW	Hughes	Revesby North (Hughes)	596	10.23
426	NSW	Macarthur	Luddenham	557	10.23
427	NSW	Macarthur	Campbelltown East	2 395	10.23
428	NSW	Greenway	Glenwood West	3 297	10.22
429	NSW	Barton	Brighton North	1 184	10.22
430	WA	O'Connor	Westonia	98	10.20
431	NSW	Macquarie	Kurrajong East	804	10.20
432	NSW	Page	Woodenbong	304	10.20
433	NSW	Parramatta	Merrylands Central (Parramatta)	3 494	10.19
434	NT	Lingiari	Casuarina LINGIARI PPVC	265	10.19
435	NSW	New England	Sunnyside	217	10.14
436	Qld	Rankin	Regents Park	2 727	10.12
437	NSW	Banks	Padstow	3 232	10.12
438	NSW	Kingsford Smith	Mascot North	980	10.10
439	NSW	Charlton	Hillsborough (Charlton)	396	10.10
440	NSW	Cook	Sydney (Cook)	99	10.10

Order	State	Division	Polling place	Total votes (no.)	Informal votes (%)
441	Qld	Capricornia	Swayneville	396	10.10
442	NSW	Throsby	Berkeley West	2 010	10.10
443	NSW	Macarthur	Blairmount (Macarthur)	634	10.09
444	Vic.	Wills	Fawkner North	2 418	10.09
445	NSW	Hunter	Cessnock North	991	10.09
446	NSW	Bennelong	Parkes Street	1 589	10.07
447	Qld	Maranoa	Stanthorpe West	616	10.06
448	NSW	Kingsford Smith	Malabar	2 157	10.06
449	NSW	Kingsford Smith	Chifley	2 009	10.05
450	NSW	Fowler	Hinchinbrook North	1 154	10.05
451	NSW	Fowler	Canley Vale North	975	10.05
452	NSW	Shortland	Chain Valley Bay	866	10.05
453	NSW	Grayndler	Marrickville East	926	10.04
454	NSW	Lindsay	Penrith South	3 560	10.03
455	NSW	Hunter	Maitland West	1 087	10.03
456	NSW	Werriwa	Hoxton Park	2 375	10.02
457	NSW	Grayndler	Hurlstone Park	2 116	10.02
458	WA	Fremantle	Spearwood South	2 466	10.02
459	NSW	Charlton	West Wallsend	2 017	10.01
460	NSW	Reid	Concord East	2 878	10.01
461	NSW	Eden-Monaro	Letchworth	580	10.00
462	NSW	Eden-Monaro	Wallaga Lake Koori Village	40	10.00
463	Qld	Flynn	Dingo	120	10.00
464	Qld	Flynn	South Kolan	640	10.00

(a) Includes ordinary votes cast at static polling places and ordinary votes cast at pre-poll voting centres where the informality rate was greater than or equal to 10%.

Source: AEC 2010b.

Appendix E. Detailed informality categories by state and territory, 2010 House of Representatives election

New South Wales

Category/subcategory	Number no.	Proportion of all informal ballots %	Proportion of all votes cast %
A: Totally blank	79 176	27.0	1.84
B: Incomplete numbering	103 123	35.1	2.40
<i>B-1: Number '1' only</i>	93 466	31.8	2.17
<i>B-2: Number '1, 2' only</i>	4 589	1.6	0.11
<i>B-3: Number '1, 2, 3' only</i>	2 487	0.8	0.06
<i>B-4: Number '1, 2, 3, 4' only</i>	938	0.3	0.02
<i>B-5: Number '1, 2, 3, 4, 5' only</i>	641	0.2	0.01
<i>B-6: Number '1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6' only</i>	379	0.1	0.01
<i>B-7: Number '1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7' only</i>	294	0.1	0.01
<i>B-8: Number '1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8' only</i>	186	0.1	0.00
<i>B-9: Number '1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9' only</i>	143	0.0	0.00
C: Ticks and crosses	40 405	13.8	0.94
D: Other symbols (e.g. alphabetic characters, zeros etc)	1 495	0.5	0.03
E: Non-sequential numbering	29 148	9.9	0.68
<i>E-1: Unique first preference but repeated numbers within sequence, all squares completed</i>	6 497	2.2	0.15
<i>E-2: Unique first preference but repeated numbers within sequence, not all squares completed</i>	824	0.3	0.02
<i>E-3: Repeated number '1's.</i>	5 916	2.0	0.14
<i>E-4: Missing numbers within sequence, number '1' missing and no repeated numbers</i>	1 576	0.5	0.04
<i>E-5: Unique first preference but missing numbers within sequence, no repeated numbers</i>	7 208	2.5	0.17
<i>E-6: Other non-sequential numbering</i>	7 127	2.4	0.17
F: Scribbles, slogans or other protest vote marks	35 304	12.0	0.82
<i>F-1: Scribbles/slogans</i>	15 376	5.2	0.36
<i>F-2: Candidate names changed</i>	2 926	1.0	0.07
<i>F-3: Other protest vote marks</i>	17 002	5.8	0.40
G: Illegible numbers	1 198	0.4	0.03
<i>G-1: Illegible numbers, first preference clear, second preference not clear</i>	420	0.1	0.01
<i>G-2: Illegible numbers, first and second preferences clear</i>	358	0.1	0.01
<i>G-3: Illegible numbers, first preference not clear</i>	420	0.1	0.01
H: Voter identified	131	0.0	0.00
I: Other informal ballot papers	3 783	1.3	0.09
Total	293 763	100.0	6.83

Source: AEC, Informal Ballot Paper Survey, 2010 House of Representatives election.

Victoria

Category/subcategory	Number no.	Proportion of all informal ballots %	Proportion of all votes cast %
A: Totally blank	47 745	31.9	1.43
B: Incomplete numbering	33 627	22.5	1.01
<i>B-1: Number '1' only</i>	31 005	20.7	0.93
<i>B-2: Number '1, 2' only</i>	1 344	0.9	0.04
<i>B-3: Number '1, 2, 3' only</i>	703	0.5	0.02
<i>B-4: Number '1, 2, 3, 4' only</i>	292	0.2	0.01
<i>B-5: Number '1, 2, 3, 4, 5' only</i>	133	0.1	0.00
<i>B-6: Number '1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6' only</i>	55	0.0	0.00
<i>B-7: Number '1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7' only</i>	95	0.1	0.00
<i>B-8: Number '1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8' only</i>	0	0.0	0.00
<i>B-9: Number '1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9' only</i>	0	0.0	0.00
C: Ticks and crosses	13 606	9.1	0.41
D: Other symbols (e.g. alphabetic characters, zeros etc)	1 400	0.9	0.04
E: Non-sequential numbering	16 353	10.9	0.49
<i>E-1: Unique first preference but repeated numbers within sequence, all squares completed</i>	2 972	2.0	0.09
<i>E-2: Unique first preference but repeated numbers within sequence, not all squares completed</i>	417	0.3	0.01
<i>E-3: Repeated number '1's.</i>	3 816	2.5	0.11
<i>E-4: Missing numbers within sequence, number '1' missing and no repeated numbers</i>	1 299	0.9	0.04
<i>E-5: Unique first preference but missing numbers within sequence, no repeated numbers</i>	4 137	2.8	0.12
<i>E-6: Other non-sequential numbering</i>	3 712	2.5	0.11
F: Scribbles, slogans or other protest vote marks	32 524	21.7	0.98
<i>F-1: Scribbles/slogans</i>	13 274	8.9	0.40
<i>F-2: Candidate names changed</i>	3 144	2.1	0.09
<i>F-3: Other protest vote marks</i>	16 106	10.8	0.48
G: Illegible numbers	1 309	0.9	0.04
<i>G-1: Illegible numbers, first preference clear, second preference not clear</i>	426	0.3	0.01
<i>G-2: Illegible numbers, first and second preferences clear</i>	342	0.2	0.01
<i>G-3: Illegible numbers, first preference not clear</i>	541	0.4	0.02
H: Voter identified	45	0.0	0.00
I: Other informal ballot papers	3 090	2.1	0.09
Total	149 699	100.0	4.50

Source: AEC, Informal Ballot Paper Survey, 2010 House of Representatives election.

Queensland

Category/subcategory	Number no.	Proportion of all informal ballots %	Proportion of all votes cast %
A: Totally blank	36 446	26.5	1.45
B: Incomplete numbering	47 610	34.7	1.89
<i>B-1: Number '1' only</i>	44 247	32.2	1.75
<i>B-2: Number '1, 2' only</i>	2 189	1.6	0.09
<i>B-3: Number '1, 2, 3' only</i>	889	0.6	0.04
<i>B-4: Number '1, 2, 3, 4' only</i>	168	0.1	0.01
<i>B-5: Number '1, 2, 3, 4, 5' only</i>	63	0.0	0.00
<i>B-6: Number '1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6' only</i>	23	0.0	0.00
<i>B-7: Number '1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7' only</i>	31	0.0	0.00
<i>B-8: Number '1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8' only</i>	0	0.0	0.00
<i>B-9: Number '1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9' only</i>	0	0.0	0.00
C: Ticks and crosses	13 626	9.9	0.54
D: Other symbols (e.g. alphabetic characters, zeros etc)	428	0.3	0.02
E: Non-sequential numbering	7 120	5.2	0.28
<i>E-1: Unique first preference but repeated numbers within sequence, all squares completed</i>	1 026	0.7	0.04
<i>E-2: Unique first preference but repeated numbers within sequence, not all squares completed</i>	121	0.1	0.00
<i>E-3: Repeated number '1's.</i>	1 311	1.0	0.05
<i>E-4: Missing numbers within sequence, number '1' missing and no repeated numbers</i>	374	0.3	0.01
<i>E-5: Unique first preference but missing numbers within sequence, no repeated numbers</i>	1 911	1.4	0.08
<i>E-6: Other non-sequential numbering</i>	2 377	1.7	0.09
F: Scribbles, slogans or other protest vote marks	28 828	21.0	1.14
<i>F-1: Scribbles/slogans</i>	10 668	7.8	0.42
<i>F-2: Candidate names changed</i>	1 813	1.3	0.07
<i>F-3: Other protest vote marks</i>	16 347	11.9	0.65
G: Illegible numbers	404	0.3	0.02
<i>G-1: Illegible numbers, first preference clear, second preference not clear</i>	129	0.1	0.01
<i>G-2: Illegible numbers, first and second preferences clear</i>	145	0.1	0.01
<i>G-3: Illegible numbers, first preference not clear</i>	130	0.1	0.01
H: Voter identified	55	0.0	0.00
I: Other informal ballot papers	2 878	2.1	0.11
Total	137 395	100.0	5.45

Source: AEC, Informal Ballot Paper Survey, 2010 House of Representatives election.

Western Australia

Category/subcategory	Number no.	Proportion of all informal ballots %	Proportion of all votes cast %
A: Totally blank	19 348	31.7	1.53
B: Incomplete numbering	15 304	25.1	1.21
<i>B-1: Number '1' only</i>	13 786	22.6	1.09
<i>B-2: Number '1, 2' only</i>	777	1.3	0.06
<i>B-3: Number '1, 2, 3' only</i>	387	0.6	0.03
<i>B-4: Number '1, 2, 3, 4' only</i>	194	0.3	0.02
<i>B-5: Number '1, 2, 3, 4, 5' only</i>	79	0.1	0.01
<i>B-6: Number '1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6' only</i>	16	0.0	0.00
<i>B-7: Number '1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7' only</i>	65	0.1	0.01
<i>B-8: Number '1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8' only</i>	0	0.0	0.00
<i>B-9: Number '1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9' only</i>	0	0.0	0.00
C: Ticks and crosses	7 061	11.6	0.56
D: Other symbols (e.g. alphabetic characters, zeros etc)	884	1.4	0.07
E: Non-sequential numbering	6 401	10.5	0.51
<i>E-1: Unique first preference but repeated numbers within sequence, all squares completed</i>	1 500	2.5	0.12
<i>E-2: Unique first preference but repeated numbers within sequence, not all squares completed</i>	295	0.5	0.02
<i>E-3: Repeated number '1's.</i>	1 404	2.3	0.11
<i>E-4: Missing numbers within sequence, number '1' missing and no repeated numbers</i>	239	0.4	0.02
<i>E-5: Unique first preference but missing numbers within sequence, no repeated numbers</i>	1 532	2.5	0.12
<i>E-6: Other non-sequential numbering</i>	1 431	2.3	0.11
F: Scribbles, slogans or other protest vote marks	10 339	17.0	0.82
<i>F-1: Scribbles/slogans</i>	5 210	8.5	0.41
<i>F-2: Candidate names changed</i>	709	1.2	0.06
<i>F-3: Other protest vote marks</i>	4 420	7.2	0.35
G: Illegible numbers	374	0.6	0.03
<i>G-1: Illegible numbers, first preference clear, second preference not clear</i>	122	0.2	0.01
<i>G-2: Illegible numbers, first and second preferences clear</i>	103	0.2	0.01
<i>G-3: Illegible numbers, first preference not clear</i>	149	0.2	0.01
H: Voter identified	56	0.1	0.00
I: Other informal ballot papers	1 200	2.0	0.09
Total	60 967	100.0	4.82

Source: AEC, Informal Ballot Paper Survey, 2010 House of Representatives election.

South Australia

Category/subcategory	Number no.	Proportion of all informal ballots %	Proportion of all votes cast %
A: Totally blank	18 313	32.4	1.77
B: Incomplete numbering	14 439	25.5	1.39
<i>B-1: Number '1' only</i>	13 124	23.2	1.27
<i>B-2: Number '1, 2' only</i>	548	1.0	0.05
<i>B-3: Number '1, 2, 3' only</i>	293	0.5	0.03
<i>B-4: Number '1, 2, 3, 4' only</i>	132	0.2	0.01
<i>B-5: Number '1, 2, 3, 4, 5' only</i>	123	0.2	0.01
<i>B-6: Number '1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6' only</i>	154	0.3	0.01
<i>B-7: Number '1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7' only</i>	65	0.1	0.01
<i>B-8: Number '1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8' only</i>	0	0.0	0.00
<i>B-9: Number '1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9' only</i>	0	0.0	0.00
C: Ticks and crosses	7 258	12.8	0.70
D: Other symbols (e.g. alphabetic characters, zeros etc)	478	0.8	0.05
E: Non-sequential numbering	6 294	11.1	0.61
<i>E-1: Unique first preference but repeated numbers within sequence, all squares completed</i>	1 848	3.3	0.18
<i>E-2: Unique first preference but repeated numbers within sequence, not all squares completed</i>	134	0.2	0.01
<i>E-3: Repeated number '1's.</i>	1 133	2.0	0.11
<i>E-4: Missing numbers within sequence, number '1' missing and no repeated numbers</i>	354	0.6	0.03
<i>E-5: Unique first preference but missing numbers within sequence, no repeated numbers</i>	1 556	2.8	0.15
<i>E-6: Other non-sequential numbering</i>	1 269	2.2	0.12
F: Scribbles, slogans or other protest vote marks	8 786	15.5	0.85
<i>F-1: Scribbles/slogans</i>	3 464	6.1	0.33
<i>F-2: Candidate names changed</i>	879	1.6	0.08
<i>F-3: Other protest vote marks</i>	4 443	7.9	0.43
G: Illegible numbers	230	0.4	0.02
<i>G-1: Illegible numbers, first preference clear, second preference not clear</i>	94	0.2	0.01
<i>G-2: Illegible numbers, first and second preferences clear</i>	58	0.1	0.01
<i>G-3: Illegible numbers, first preference not clear</i>	78	0.1	0.01
H: Voter identified	24	0.0	0.00
I: Other informal ballot papers	743	1.3	0.07
Total	56 565	100.0	5.46

Source: AEC, Informal Ballot Paper Survey, 2010 House of Representatives election.

Tasmania

Category/subcategory	Number no.	Proportion of all informal ballots %	Proportion of all votes cast %
A: Totally blank	4 696	34.1	1.38
B: Incomplete numbering	2 766	20.1	0.81
<i>B-1: Number '1' only</i>	2 595	18.8	0.76
<i>B-2: Number '1, 2' only</i>	140	1.0	0.04
<i>B-3: Number '1, 2, 3' only</i>	31	0.2	0.01
<i>B-4: Number '1, 2, 3, 4' only</i>	0	0.0	0.00
<i>B-5: Number '1, 2, 3, 4, 5' only</i>	0	0.0	0.00
<i>B-6: Number '1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6' only</i>	0	0.0	0.00
<i>B-7: Number '1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7' only</i>	0	0.0	0.00
<i>B-8: Number '1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8' only</i>	0	0.0	0.00
<i>B-9: Number '1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9' only</i>	0	0.0	0.00
C: Ticks and crosses	1 440	10.4	0.42
D: Other symbols (e.g. alphabetic characters, zeros etc)	62	0.4	0.02
E: Non-sequential numbering	657	4.8	0.19
<i>E-1: Unique first preference but repeated numbers within sequence, all squares completed</i>	51	0.4	0.01
<i>E-2: Unique first preference but repeated numbers within sequence, not all squares completed</i>	0	0.0	0.00
<i>E-3: Repeated number '1's.</i>	154	1.1	0.05
<i>E-4: Missing numbers within sequence, number '1' missing and no repeated numbers</i>	113	0.8	0.03
<i>E-5: Unique first preference but missing numbers within sequence, no repeated numbers</i>	201	1.5	0.06
<i>E-6: Other non-sequential numbering</i>	138	1.0	0.04
F: Scribbles, slogans or other protest vote marks	3 820	27.7	1.12
<i>F-1: Scribbles/slogans</i>	1 391	10.1	0.41
<i>F-2: Candidate names changed</i>	255	1.8	0.07
<i>F-3: Other protest vote marks</i>	2 174	15.8	0.64
G: Illegible numbers	121	0.9	0.04
<i>G-1: Illegible numbers, first preference clear, second preference not clear</i>	42	0.3	0.01
<i>G-2: Illegible numbers, first and second preferences clear</i>	24	0.2	0.01
<i>G-3: Illegible numbers, first preference not clear</i>	55	0.4	0.02
H: Voter identified	2	0.0	0.00
I: Other informal ballot papers	227	1.6	0.07
Total	13 791	100.0	4.04

Source: AEC, Informal Ballot Paper Survey, 2010 House of Representatives election.

Australian Capital Territory

Category/subcategory	Number no.	Proportion of all informal ballots %	Proportion of all votes cast %
A: Totally blank	3 266	29.9	1.39
B: Incomplete numbering	3 052	27.9	1.30
<i>B-1: Number '1' only</i>	2 969	27.2	1.27
<i>B-2: Number '1, 2' only</i>	83	0.8	0.04
<i>B-3: Number '1, 2, 3' only</i>	0	0.0	0.00
<i>B-4: Number '1, 2, 3, 4' only</i>	0	0.0	0.00
<i>B-5: Number '1, 2, 3, 4, 5' only</i>	0	0.0	0.00
<i>B-6: Number '1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6' only</i>	0	0.0	0.00
<i>B-7: Number '1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7' only</i>	0	0.0	0.00
<i>B-8: Number '1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8' only</i>	0	0.0	0.00
<i>B-9: Number '1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9' only</i>	0	0.0	0.00
C: Ticks and crosses	1 535	14.0	0.65
D: Other symbols (e.g. alphabetic characters, zeros etc)	5	0.0	0.00
E: Non-sequential numbering	273	2.5	0.12
<i>E-1: Unique first preference but repeated numbers within sequence, all squares completed</i>	37	0.3	0.02
<i>E-2: Unique first preference but repeated numbers within sequence, not all squares completed</i>	15	0.1	0.01
<i>E-3: Repeated number '1's.</i>	58	0.5	0.02
<i>E-4: Missing numbers within sequence, number '1' missing and no repeated numbers</i>	61	0.6	0.03
<i>E-5: Unique first preference but missing numbers within sequence, no repeated numbers</i>	69	0.6	0.03
<i>E-6: Other non-sequential numbering</i>	33	0.3	0.01
F: Scribbles, slogans or other protest vote marks	2 466	22.6	1.05
<i>F-1: Scribbles/slogans</i>	828	7.6	0.35
<i>F-2: Candidate names changed</i>	291	2.7	0.12
<i>F-3: Other protest vote marks</i>	1 347	12.3	0.57
G: Illegible numbers	8	0.1	0.00
<i>G-1: Illegible numbers, first preference clear, second preference not clear</i>	4	0.0	0.00
<i>G-2: Illegible numbers, first and second preferences clear</i>	2	0.0	0.00
<i>G-3: Illegible numbers, first preference not clear</i>	2	0.0	0.00
H: Voter identified	2	0.0	0.00
I: Other informal ballot papers	319	2.9	0.14
Total	10 926	100.0	4.66

Source: AEC, Informal Ballot Paper Survey, 2010 House of Representatives election.

Northern Territory

Category/subcategory	Number no.	Proportion of all informal ballots %	Proportion of all votes cast %
A: Totally blank	1 597	25.8	1.60
B: Incomplete numbering	1 511	24.4	1.51
<i>B-1: Number '1' only</i>	1 219	19.7	1.22
<i>B-2: Number '1, 2' only</i>	147	2.4	0.15
<i>B-3: Number '1, 2, 3' only</i>	123	2.0	0.12
<i>B-4: Number '1, 2, 3, 4' only</i>	22	0.4	0.02
<i>B-5: Number '1, 2, 3, 4, 5' only</i>	0	0.0	0.00
<i>B-6: Number '1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6' only</i>	0	0.0	0.00
<i>B-7: Number '1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7' only</i>	0	0.0	0.00
<i>B-8: Number '1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8' only</i>	0	0.0	0.00
<i>B-9: Number '1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9' only</i>	0	0.0	0.00
C: Ticks and crosses	793	12.8	0.79
D: Other symbols (e.g. alphabetic characters, zeros etc)	64	1.0	0.06
E: Non-sequential numbering	1 089	17.6	1.09
<i>E-1: Unique first preference but repeated numbers within sequence, all squares completed</i>	163	2.6	0.16
<i>E-2: Unique first preference but repeated numbers within sequence, not all squares completed</i>	61	1.0	0.06
<i>E-3: Repeated number '1's.</i>	192	3.1	0.19
<i>E-4: Missing numbers within sequence, number '1' missing and no repeated numbers</i>	46	0.7	0.05
<i>E-5: Unique first preference but missing numbers within sequence, no repeated numbers</i>	475	7.7	0.47
<i>E-6: Other non-sequential numbering</i>	152	2.5	0.15
F: Scribbles, slogans or other protest vote marks	1 035	16.7	1.03
<i>F-1: Scribbles/slogans</i>	689	11.1	0.69
<i>F-2: Candidate names changed</i>	54	0.9	0.05
<i>F-3: Other protest vote marks</i>	292	4.7	0.29
G: Illegible numbers	59	1.0	0.06
<i>G-1: Illegible numbers, first preference clear, second preference not clear</i>	34	0.5	0.03
<i>G-2: Illegible numbers, first and second preferences clear</i>	11	0.2	0.01
<i>G-3: Illegible numbers, first preference not clear</i>	14	0.2	0.01
H: Voter identified	3	0.0	0.00
I: Other informal ballot papers	47	0.8	0.05
Total	6 198	100.0	6.19

Source: AEC, Informal Ballot Paper Survey, 2010 House of Representatives election.

National

Category/subcategory	Number no.	Proportion of all informal ballots %	Proportion of all votes cast %
A: Totally blank	210 587	28.9	1.60
B: Incomplete numbering	221 432	30.4	1.69
<i>B-1: Number '1' only</i>	202 411	27.8	1.54
<i>B-2: Number '1, 2' only</i>	9 817	1.3	0.07
<i>B-3: Number '1, 2, 3' only</i>	4 913	0.7	0.04
<i>B-4: Number '1, 2, 3, 4' only</i>	1 746	0.2	0.01
<i>B-5: Number '1, 2, 3, 4, 5' only</i>	1 039	0.1	0.01
<i>B-6: Number '1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6' only</i>	627	0.1	0.00
<i>B-7: Number '1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7' only</i>	550	0.1	0.00
<i>B-8: Number '1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8' only</i>	186	0.0	0.00
<i>B-9: Number '1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9' only</i>	143	0.0	0.00
C: Ticks and crosses	85 724	11.8	0.65
D: Other symbols (e.g. alphabetic characters, zeros etc)	4 816	0.7	0.04
E: Non-sequential numbering	67 335	9.2	0.51
<i>E-1: Unique first preference but repeated numbers within sequence, all squares completed</i>	14 094	1.9	0.11
<i>E-2: Unique first preference but repeated numbers within sequence, not all squares completed</i>	1 867	0.3	0.01
<i>E-3: Repeated number '1's.</i>	13 984	1.9	0.11
<i>E-4: Missing numbers within sequence, number '1' missing and no repeated numbers</i>	4 062	0.6	0.03
<i>E-5: Unique first preference but missing numbers within sequence, no repeated numbers</i>	17 089	2.3	0.13
<i>E-6: Other non-sequential numbering</i>	16 239	2.2	0.12
F: Scribbles, slogans or other protest vote marks	123 102	16.9	0.94
<i>F-1: Scribbles/slogans</i>	50 900	7.0	0.39
<i>F-2: Candidate names changed</i>	10 071	1.4	0.08
<i>F-3: Other protest vote marks</i>	62 131	8.5	0.47
G: Illegible numbers	3 703	0.5	0.03
<i>G-1: Illegible numbers, first preference clear, second preference not clear</i>	1 271	0.2	0.01
<i>G-2: Illegible numbers, first and second preferences clear</i>	1 043	0.1	0.01
<i>G-3: Illegible numbers, first preference not clear</i>	1 389	0.2	0.01
H: Voter identified	318	0.0	0.00
I: Other informal ballot papers	12 287	1.7	0.09
Total	729 304	100.0	5.55

Source: AEC, Informal Ballot Paper Survey, 2010 House of Representatives election.

Appendix F. Divisional summaries, 2010 House of Representatives election

Notes for divisional summaries

Demographic rating

The following demographic rating are applied to divisions:

- *Inner metropolitan*: located in a capital city and comprising well-established, built-up suburbs.
- *Outer metropolitan*: located in capital cities and containing areas of more recent urban expansion.
- *Provincial*: divisions with a majority of enrolment in major provincial cities.
- *Rural*: divisions without a majority of enrolment in major provincial cities.

Swings

Percentage swings for turnout and formality between the 2007 and 2010 federal elections (recorded in the Key statistics tables) account for the redistributions of divisions.

Informality categories

For divisional summaries, informal ballots have been grouped into the following categories.

- Totally blank
- Incomplete numbering – Number ‘1’ only
- Incomplete numbering – Other
- Ticks and crosses
- Other symbols
- Non-sequential numbering
- Scribbles, slogans and other protest vote marks
- Illegible numbering
- Voter identified
- Other

Polling places with highest and lowest informality

For the purposes of this table, polling places include static polling places and pre-poll voting centres, as well as votes cast through Special Hospital Teams, Remote Mobile Teams and Prison Mobile Teams.

Polling places or teams that recorded 100 or less total ordinary votes (i.e. formal and informal votes combined) are excluded.

Data sources

For each divisional summary:

- Figures in the tables for 'Key statistics', 'Type of vote cast' and 'Polling places with highest and lowest informality' are sourced from the Virtual Tally Room for the 2010 federal election (AEC 2010b).
- Figures in the 'Informal votes by category' table are sourced from the 2010 House of Representatives election Informal Ballot Paper Survey conducted by the AEC.

New South Wales

Banks (Demographic rating: Inner Metropolitan)

Key statistics

	No.	%	Swing from 2007 (%)
Enrolled	98 742	..	..
Turnout	91 534	92.70	-1.78
Informal votes	7 665	8.37	2.61

Type of vote cast

	Formal votes (no.)	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Ordinary ^(a)	71 334	6 829	78 163	8.74
Absent	4 565	468	5 033	9.30
Postal	4 706	177	4 883	3.62
Pre-poll	2 921	148	3 069	4.82
Provisional	343	43	386	11.14
Total	83 869	7 665	91 534	8.37

(a) Comprises 72 208 votes cast at 41 static polling places, 5 765 votes cast at two pre-poll centres, and 190 votes cast through a Special Hospital Team.

Informal votes by category

Category	No.	%
Totally blank	1 968	25.7
Incomplete numbering – Number '1' only	2 979	38.9
Incomplete numbering – Other	97	1.3
Ticks and crosses	1 119	14.6
Other symbols	42	0.5
Non-sequential numbering	382	5.0
Scribbles, slogans and other protest vote marks	941	12.3
Illegible numbering	35	0.5
Voter identified	21	0.3
Other	81	1.1
Total	7 665	100.0

Polling places with highest and lowest informality ^(a)

	Polling Place	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Highest % informal	Punchbowl (Banks)	246	1 315	18.71
Lowest % informal	Blakehurst South	67	1 488	4.50

(a) Excludes polling places with less than 100 total ordinary votes recorded.

Barton (Demographic rating: Inner Metropolitan)

Key statistics

	No.	%	Swing from 2007 (%)
Enrolled	95 231	..	..
Turnout	87 255	91.62	-3.43
Informal votes	8 572	9.82	3.25

Type of vote cast

	Formal votes (no.)	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Ordinary ^(a)	66 534	7 702	74 236	10.38
Absent	3 935	380	4 315	8.81
Postal	4 248	187	4 435	4.22
Pre-poll	3 616	245	3 861	6.35
Provisional	350	58	408	14.22
Total	78 683	8 572	87 255	9.82

(a) Comprises 70 989 votes cast at 48 static polling places, 3 001 votes cast at two pre-poll centres, and 246 votes cast through four Special Hospital Teams.

Informal votes by category

Category	No.	%
Totally blank	1 902	22.2
Incomplete numbering – Number '1' only	3 666	42.8
Incomplete numbering – Other	0	0.0
Ticks and crosses	1 422	16.6
Other symbols	21	0.2
Non-sequential numbering	231	2.7
Scribbles, slogans and other protest vote marks	1 265	14.8
Illegible numbering	2	0.0
Voter identified	1	0.0
Other	62	0.7
Total	8 572	100.0

Polling places with highest and lowest informality ^(a)

	Polling Place	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Highest % informal	Arncliffe	203	1 211	16.76
Lowest % informal	Sans Souci North	16	336	4.76

(a) Excludes polling places with less than 100 total ordinary votes recorded.

Bennelong (Demographic rating: Inner Metropolitan)

Key statistics

	No.	%	Swing from 2007 (%)
Enrolled	98 915	..	..
Turnout	92 504	93.52	-1.48
Informal votes	6 820	7.37	1.15

Type of vote cast

	Formal votes (no.)	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Ordinary ^(a)	72 008	6027	78 035	7.72
Absent	3 811	347	4 158	8.35
Postal	5 975	223	6 198	3.60
Pre-poll	3 655	198	3 853	5.14
Provisional	235	25	260	9.62
Total	85 684	6 820	92 504	7.37

(a) Comprises 73 726 votes cast at 47 static polling places, 3 827 votes cast at two pre-poll centres, and 482 votes cast through two Special Hospital Teams.

Informal votes by category

Category	No.	%
Totally blank	1 378	20.2
Incomplete numbering – Number '1' only	1 723	25.3
Incomplete numbering – Other	631	9.3
Ticks and crosses	455	6.7
Other symbols	25	0.4
Non-sequential numbering	1 878	27.5
Scribbles, slogans and other protest vote marks	600	8.8
Illegible numbering	35	0.5
Voter identified	1	0.0
Other	94	1.4
Total	6 820	100.0

Polling places with highest and lowest informality ^(a)

	Polling Place	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Highest % informal	Ryde	224	1 540	14.55
Lowest % informal	Wicks	11	336	3.27

(a) Excludes polling places with less than 100 total ordinary votes recorded.

Berowra (Demographic rating: Outer Metropolitan)

Key statistics

	No.	%	Swing from 2007 (%)
Enrolled	95 124	..	..
Turnout	89 847	94.45	-0.90
Informal votes	4 123	4.59	-0.09

Type of vote cast

	Formal votes (no.)	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Ordinary ^(a)	72 872	3 588	76 460	4.69
Absent	5 103	294	5 397	5.45
Postal	3 914	104	4 018	2.59
Pre-poll	3 649	129	3 778	3.41
Provisional	186	8	194	4.12
Total	85 724	4 123	89 847	4.59

(a) Comprises 71 875 votes cast at 45 static polling places, 4 407 votes cast at three pre-poll centres, and 178 votes cast through a Special Hospital Team.

Informal votes by category

Category	No.	%
Totally blank	1 076	26.1
Incomplete numbering – Number '1' only	1 375	33.3
Incomplete numbering – Other	185	4.5
Ticks and crosses	529	12.8
Other symbols	5	0.1
Non-sequential numbering	305	7.4
Scribbles, slogans and other protest vote marks	582	14.1
Illegible numbering	21	0.5
Voter identified	2	0.0
Other	43	1.0
Total	4 123	100.0

Polling places with highest and lowest informality ^(a)

	Polling Place	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Highest % informal	Thornleigh (Berowra)	34	441	7.71
Lowest % informal	Hillside Central	9	402	2.24

(a) Excludes polling places with less than 100 total ordinary votes recorded.

Blaxland (Demographic rating: Inner Metropolitan)

Key statistics

	No.	%	Swing from 2007 (%)
Enrolled	95 362	..	..
Turnout	85 911	90.09	-2.66
Informal votes	12 081	14.06	5.17

Type of vote cast

	Formal votes (no.)	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Ordinary ^(a)	61 798	10 750	72 548	14.82
Absent	4 780	790	5 570	14.18
Postal	3 731	177	3 908	4.53
Pre-poll	3 095	268	3 363	7.97
Provisional	426	96	522	18.39
Total	73 830	12 081	85 911	14.06

(a) Comprises 69 774 votes cast at 41 static polling places, 2 623 votes cast at two pre-poll centres, and 151 votes cast through two Special Hospital Teams.

Informal votes by category

Category	No.	%
Totally blank	3 370	27.9
Incomplete numbering – Number '1' only	3 573	29.6
Incomplete numbering – Other	629	5.2
Ticks and crosses	1 454	12.0
Other symbols	132	1.1
Non-sequential numbering	1 495	12.4
Scribbles, slogans and other protest vote marks	1 174	9.7
Illegible numbering	104	0.9
Voter identified	10	0.1
Other	140	1.2
Total	12 081	100.0

Polling places with highest and lowest informality ^(a)

	Polling Place	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Highest % informal	Blaxcell (Blaxland)	628	2 744	22.89
Lowest % informal	Divisional Office (PREPOLL)	34	704	4.83

(a) Excludes polling places with less than 100 total ordinary votes recorded.

Bradfield (Demographic rating: Inner Metropolitan)

Key statistics

	No.	%	Swing from 2007 (%)
Enrolled	97 255	..	..
Turnout	90 838	93.40	-0.65
Informal votes	3 722	4.10	0.13

Type of vote cast

	Formal votes (no.)	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Ordinary ^(a)	72 462	3 133	75 595	4.14
Absent	4 549	243	4 792	5.07
Postal	4 988	110	5 098	2.16
Pre-poll	4 915	224	5 139	4.36
Provisional	202	12	214	5.61
Total	87 116	3 722	90 838	4.10

(a) Comprises 70 543 votes cast at 44 static polling places, 3 997 votes cast at three pre-poll centres, and 1 055 votes cast through three Special Hospital Teams.

Informal votes by category

Category	No.	%
Totally blank	862	23.2
Incomplete numbering – Number '1' only	1 333	35.8
Incomplete numbering – Other	0	0.0
Ticks and crosses	720	19.3
Other symbols	11	0.3
Non-sequential numbering	49	1.3
Scribbles, slogans and other protest vote marks	692	18.6
Illegible numbering	9	0.2
Voter identified	1	0.0
Other	45	1.2
Total	3 722	100.0

Polling places with highest and lowest informality ^(a)

	Polling Place	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Highest % informal	Hornsby (Bradfield)	33	422	7.82
Lowest % informal	Special Hospital Team 1	3	374	0.80

(a) Excludes polling places with less than 100 total ordinary votes recorded.

Calare (Demographic rating: Rural)

Key statistics

	No.	%	Swing from 2007 (%)
Enrolled	98 463	..	..
Turnout	93 873	95.34	-1.08
Informal votes	4 631	4.93	1.31

Type of vote cast

	Formal votes (no.)	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Ordinary ^(a)	80 594	4 277	84 871	5.04
Absent	3 362	195	3 557	5.48
Postal	2 791	58	2 849	2.04
Pre-poll	2 311	89	2 400	3.71
Provisional	184	12	196	6.12
Total	89 242	4 631	93 873	4.93

(a) Comprises 71 524 votes cast at 97 static polling places, 12 174 votes cast at five pre-poll centres, and 633 votes cast through seven Special Hospital Teams.

Informal votes by category

Category	No.	%
Totally blank	1 544	33.3
Incomplete numbering – Number '1' only	997	21.5
Incomplete numbering – Other	122	2.6
Ticks and crosses	460	9.9
Other symbols	5	0.1
Non-sequential numbering	747	16.1
Scribbles, slogans and other protest vote marks	665	14.4
Illegible numbering	16	0.3
Voter identified	0	0.0
Other	75	1.6
Total	4 631	100.0

Polling places with highest and lowest informality ^(a)

	Polling Place	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Highest % informal	Tweed Mills	75	836	8.97
Lowest % informal	O'Connell	4	331	1.21

(a) Excludes polling places with less than 100 total ordinary votes recorded.

Charlton (*Demographic rating: Provincial*)

Key statistics

	No.	%	Swing from 2007 (%)
Enrolled	94 474	..	..
Turnout	89 256	94.48	-1.52
Informal votes	6 176	6.92	2.25

Type of vote cast

	Formal votes (no.)	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Ordinary ^(a)	70 577	5 588	76 165	7.34
Absent	4 164	295	4 459	6.62
Postal	4 639	132	4 771	2.77
Pre-poll	3 531	143	3 674	3.89
Provisional	169	18	187	9.63
Total	83 080	6 176	89 256	6.92

(a) Comprises 71 588 votes cast at 56 static polling places, 4 181 votes cast at three pre-poll centres, and 396 votes cast through three Special Hospital Teams.

Informal votes by category

Category	No.	%
Totally blank	2 084	33.7
Incomplete numbering – Number '1' only	1 952	31.6
Incomplete numbering – Other	98	1.6
Ticks and crosses	630	10.2
Other symbols	17	0.3
Non-sequential numbering	424	6.9
Scribbles, slogans and other protest vote marks	850	13.8
Illegible numbering	34	0.6
Voter identified	22	0.4
Other	65	1.1
Total	6 176	100.0

Polling places with highest and lowest informality ^(a)

	Polling Place	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Highest % informal	Argenton	117	857	13.65
Lowest % informal	Martinsville	2	145	1.38

(a) Excludes polling places with less than 100 total ordinary votes recorded.

Chifley (Demographic rating: Outer Metropolitan)

Key statistics

	No.	%	Swing from 2007 (%)
Enrolled	97 605	..	..
Turnout	90 468	92.69	-0.98
Informal votes	10 097	11.16	3.25

Type of vote cast

	Formal votes (no.)	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Ordinary ^(a)	70 253	9 193	79 446	11.57
Absent	5 119	646	5 765	11.21
Postal	3 178	95	3 273	2.90
Pre-poll	1 554	128	1 682	7.61
Provisional	267	35	302	11.59
Total	80 371	10 097	90 468	11.16

(a) Comprises 72 038 votes cast at 38 static polling places, 7 302 votes cast at three pre-poll centres, and 106 votes cast through a Special Hospital Team.

Informal votes by category

Category	No.	%
Totally blank	2 922	28.9
Incomplete numbering – Number '1' only	3 171	31.4
Incomplete numbering – Other	441	4.4
Ticks and crosses	1 460	14.5
Other symbols	91	0.9
Non-sequential numbering	1 264	12.5
Scribbles, slogans and other protest vote marks	671	6.6
Illegible numbering	20	0.2
Voter identified	7	0.1
Other	50	0.5
Total	10 097	100.0

Polling places with highest and lowest informality ^(a)

	Polling Place	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Highest % informal	Special Hospital Team 1	18	106	16.98
Lowest % informal	Rooty Hill East	27	428	6.31

(a) Excludes polling places with less than 100 total ordinary votes recorded.

Cook (Demographic rating: Inner Metropolitan)

Key statistics

	No.	%	Swing from 2007 (%)
Enrolled	100 733	..	..
Turnout	95 116	94.42	-2.01
Informal votes	5 528	5.81	2.00

Type of vote cast

	Formal votes (no.)	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Ordinary ^(a)	78 663	5 076	83 739	6.06
Absent	3 897	226	4 123	5.48
Postal	3 887	115	4 002	2.87
Pre-poll	2 872	91	2 963	3.07
Provisional	269	20	289	6.92
Total	89 588	5 528	95 116	5.81

(a) Comprises 76 773 votes cast at 43 static polling places, 6 661 votes cast at 3 pre-poll centres, and 305 votes cast through two Special Hospital Teams.

Informal votes by category

Category	No.	%
Totally blank	1 436	26.0
Incomplete numbering – Number '1' only	1 888	34.2
Incomplete numbering – Other	193	3.5
Ticks and crosses	727	13.2
Other symbols	37	0.7
Non-sequential numbering	696	12.6
Scribbles, slogans and other protest vote marks	493	8.9
Illegible numbering	0	0.0
Voter identified	0	0.0
Other	58	1.0
Total	5 528	100.0

Polling places with highest and lowest informality ^(a)

	Polling Place	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Highest % informal	Kurnell	152	1 305	11.65
Lowest % informal	Caravan Head	20	698	2.87

(a) Excludes polling places with less than 100 total ordinary votes recorded.

Cowper (Demographic rating: Rural)

Key statistics

	No.	%	Swing from 2007 (%)
Enrolled	94 654	..	..
Turnout	89 025	94.05	-1.03
Informal votes	3 857	4.33	0.36

Type of vote cast

	Formal votes (no.)	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Ordinary ^(a)	74 551	3 466	78 017	4.44
Absent	3 228	161	3 389	4.75
Postal	4 178	68	4 246	1.60
Pre-poll	2 966	152	3 118	4.87
Provisional	245	10	255	3.92
Total	85 168	3 857	89 025	4.33

(a) Comprises 69 385 votes cast at 73 static polling places, 8 147 votes cast at five pre-poll centres, and 485 votes cast through four Special Hospital Teams.

Informal votes by category

Category	No.	%
Totally blank	1 058	27.4
Incomplete numbering – Number '1' only	1 237	32.1
Incomplete numbering – Other	96	2.5
Ticks and crosses	579	15.0
Other symbols	1	0.0
Non-sequential numbering	351	9.1
Scribbles, slogans and other protest vote marks	458	11.9
Illegible numbering	11	0.3
Voter identified	1	0.0
Other	65	1.7
Total	3 857	100.0

Polling places with highest and lowest informality ^(a)

	Polling Place	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Highest % informal	South Grafton (Cowper)	21	249	8.43
Lowest % informal	Bostobrick	1	106	0.94

(a) Excludes polling places with less than 100 total ordinary votes recorded.

Cunningham (*Demographic rating: Provincial*)

Key statistics

	No.	%	Swing from 2007 (%)
Enrolled	100 643	..	..
Turnout	94 373	93.77	-2.36
Informal votes	5 359	5.68	1.77

Type of vote cast

	Formal votes (no.)	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Ordinary ^(a)	77 421	4 911	82 332	5.96
Absent	3 986	248	4 234	5.86
Postal	4 765	114	4 879	2.34
Pre-poll	2 703	80	2 783	2.87
Provisional	139	6	145	4.14
Total	89 014	5 359	94 373	5.68

(a) Comprises 74 420 votes cast at 52 static polling places, 7 644 votes cast at two pre-poll centres, and 268 votes cast through three Special Hospital Teams.

Informal votes by category

Category	No.	%
Totally blank	1 392	26.0
Incomplete numbering – Number '1' only	1 717	32.0
Incomplete numbering – Other	104	1.9
Ticks and crosses	873	16.3
Other symbols	50	0.9
Non-sequential numbering	495	9.2
Scribbles, slogans and other protest vote marks	610	11.4
Illegible numbering	83	1.5
Voter identified	4	0.1
Other	31	0.6
Total	5 359	100.0

Polling places with highest and lowest informality ^(a)

	Polling Place	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Highest % informal	Waterfall	28	293	9.56
Lowest % informal	Towradgi East	9	368	2.45

(a) Excludes polling places with less than 100 total ordinary votes recorded.

Dobell (*Demographic rating: Provincial*)

Key statistics

	No.	%	Swing from 2007 (%)
Enrolled	93 646	..	..
Turnout	88 047	94.02	-0.82
Informal votes	5 333	6.06	1.74

Type of vote cast

	Formal votes (no.)	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Ordinary ^(a)	71 693	4 731	76 424	6.19
Absent	4 319	366	4 685	7.81
Postal	4 640	152	4 792	3.17
Pre-poll	1 809	65	1 874	3.47
Provisional	253	19	272	6.99
Total	82 714	5 333	88 047	6.06

(a) Comprises 67 584 votes cast at 54 static polling places, 8 358 votes cast at five pre-poll centres, and 482 votes cast through four Special Hospital Teams.

Informal votes by category

Category	No.	%
Totally blank	1 577	29.6
Incomplete numbering – Number '1' only	1 679	31.5
Incomplete numbering – Other	98	1.8
Ticks and crosses	782	14.7
Other symbols	2	0.0
Non-sequential numbering	318	6.0
Scribbles, slogans and other protest vote marks	780	14.6
Illegible numbering	32	0.6
Voter identified	0	0.0
Other	65	1.2
Total	5 333	100.0

Polling places with highest and lowest informality ^(a)

	Polling Place	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Highest % informal	Kulnura	34	246	13.82
Lowest % informal	Jiliby	19	595	3.19

(a) Excludes polling places with less than 100 total ordinary votes recorded.

Eden-Monaro (Demographic rating: Rural)

Key statistics

	No.	%	Swing from 2007 (%)
Enrolled	96 465	..	..
Turnout	91 053	94.39	-1.51
Informal votes	5 690	6.25	2.52

Type of vote cast

	Formal votes (no.)	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Ordinary ^(a)	73 636	5 233	78 869	6.64
Absent	2 302	161	2 463	6.54
Postal	5 231	140	5 371	2.61
Pre-poll	4 030	145	4 175	3.47
Provisional	164	11	175	6.29
Total	85 363	5 690	91 053	6.25

(a) Comprises 65 269 votes cast at 69 static polling places, 13 181 votes cast at 10 pre-poll centres, and 419 votes cast through four Special Hospital Teams.

Informal votes by category

Category	No.	%
Totally blank	1 567	27.5
Incomplete numbering – Number '1' only	1 467	25.8
Incomplete numbering – Other	270	4.7
Ticks and crosses	530	9.3
Other symbols	13	0.2
Non-sequential numbering	883	15.5
Scribbles, slogans and other protest vote marks	799	14.0
Illegible numbering	36	0.6
Voter identified	6	0.1
Other	119	2.1
Total	5 690	100.0

Polling places with highest and lowest informality ^(a)

	Polling Place	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Highest % informal	Moruya	329	3 205	10.27
Lowest % informal	Tanja	2	141	1.42

(a) Excludes polling places with less than 100 total ordinary votes recorded.

Farrer (Demographic rating: Rural)

Key statistics

	No.	%	Swing from 2007 (%)
Enrolled	94 026	..	..
Turnout	88 558	94.18	-2.06
Informal votes	5 611	6.34	2.51

Type of vote cast

	Formal votes (no.)	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Ordinary ^(a)	71 412	5 227	76 639	6.82
Absent	1 463	84	1 547	5.43
Postal	5 017	107	5 124	2.09
Pre-poll	4 901	185	5 086	3.64
Provisional	154	8	162	4.94
Total	82 947	5 611	88 558	6.34

(a) Comprises 68 040 votes cast at 90 static polling places, 8 154 votes cast at five pre-poll centres, 372 votes cast through six Special Hospital Teams and 73 votes cast through a Remote Mobile Team.

Informal votes by category

Category	No.	%
Totally blank	1 921	34.2
Incomplete numbering – Number '1' only	1 285	22.9
Incomplete numbering – Other	243	4.3
Ticks and crosses	582	10.4
Other symbols	18	0.3
Non-sequential numbering	738	13.2
Scribbles, slogans and other protest vote marks	765	13.6
Illegible numbering	27	0.5
Voter identified	3	0.1
Other	29	0.5
Total	5 611	100.0

Polling places with highest and lowest informality ^(a)

	Polling Place	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Highest % informal	Alma	197	1 570	12.55
Lowest % informal	Burrumbuttock	5	231	2.16

(a) Excludes polling places with less than 100 total ordinary votes recorded.

Fowler (Demographic rating: Outer Metropolitan)

Key statistics

	No.	%	Swing from 2007 (%)
Enrolled	95 564	..	..
Turnout	88 196	92.29	-1.05
Informal votes	11 314	12.83	4.35

Type of vote cast

	Formal votes (no.)	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Ordinary ^(a)	67 526	10 424	77 950	13.37
Absent	4 460	528	4 988	10.59
Postal	2 988	137	3 125	4.38
Pre-poll	1 498	155	1 653	9.38
Provisional	410	70	480	14.58
Total	76 882	11 314	88 196	12.83

(a) Comprises 71 482 votes cast at 35 static polling places, 6 455 votes cast at three pre-poll centres, and 13 votes cast through a Special Hospital Team.

Informal votes by category

Category	No.	%
Totally blank	2 770	24.5
Incomplete numbering – Number '1' only	4 163	36.8
Incomplete numbering – Other	133	1.2
Ticks and crosses	2 361	20.9
Other symbols	30	0.3
Non-sequential numbering	462	4.1
Scribbles, slogans and other protest vote marks	1 200	10.6
Illegible numbering	0	0.0
Voter identified	2	0.0
Other	193	1.7
Total	11 314	100.0

Polling places with highest and lowest informality ^(a)

	Polling Place	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Highest % informal	Liverpool (Fowler)	83	444	18.69
Lowest % informal	Fairfield FOWLER PPVC	216	2 537	8.51

(a) Excludes polling places with less than 100 total ordinary votes recorded.

Gilmore (*Demographic rating: Rural*)

Key statistics

	No.	%	Swing from 2007 (%)
Enrolled	96 340	..	..
Turnout	91 157	94.62	-1.19
Informal votes	4 658	5.11	0.87

Type of vote cast

	Formal votes (no.)	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Ordinary ^(a)	75 477	4 188	79 665	5.26
Absent	3 424	205	3 629	5.65
Postal	4 564	130	4 694	2.77
Pre-poll	2 899	123	3 022	4.07
Provisional	135	12	147	8.16
Total	86 499	4 658	91 157	5.11

(a) Comprises 62 412 votes cast at 57 static polling places, 16 739 votes cast at five pre-poll centres, and 514 votes cast through four Special Hospital Teams.

Informal votes by category

Category	No.	%
Totally blank	1 235	26.5
Incomplete numbering – Number '1' only	1 391	29.9
Incomplete numbering – Other	172	3.7
Ticks and crosses	565	12.1
Other symbols	9	0.2
Non-sequential numbering	587	12.6
Scribbles, slogans and other protest vote marks	639	13.7
Illegible numbering	30	0.6
Voter identified	0	0.0
Other	30	0.6
Total	4 658	100.0

Polling places with highest and lowest informality ^(a)

	Polling Place	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Highest % informal	Barrack Heights	100	1 043	9.59
Lowest % informal	Special Hospital Team 4	2	110	1.82

(a) Excludes polling places with less than 100 total ordinary votes recorded.

Grayndler (Demographic rating: Inner Metropolitan)

Key statistics

	No.	%	Swing from 2007 (%)
Enrolled	98 112	..	..
Turnout	89 583	91.31	-3.00
Informal votes	6 344	7.08	1.10

Type of vote cast

	Formal votes (no.)	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Ordinary ^(a)	69 735	5 588	75 323	7.42
Absent	6 127	453	6 580	6.88
Postal	3 311	135	3 446	3.92
Pre-poll	3 669	135	3 804	3.55
Provisional	397	33	430	7.67
Total	83 239	6 344	89 583	7.08

(a) Comprises 70 467 votes cast at 48 static polling places, 4 467 votes cast at three pre-poll centres, and 389 votes cast through three Special Hospital Teams.

Informal votes by category

Category	No.	%
Totally blank	1 370	21.6
Incomplete numbering – Number '1' only	2 165	34.1
Incomplete numbering – Other	253	4.0
Ticks and crosses	1 025	16.2
Other symbols	31	0.5
Non-sequential numbering	689	10.9
Scribbles, slogans and other protest vote marks	581	9.2
Illegible numbering	41	0.6
Voter identified	1	0.0
Other	188	3.0
Total	6 344	100.0

Polling places with highest and lowest informality ^(a)

	Polling Place	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Highest % informal	Canterbury North	199	1 575	12.63
Lowest % informal	Camperdown	13	565	2.30

(a) Excludes polling places with less than 100 total ordinary votes recorded.

Greenway (Demographic rating: Outer Metropolitan)

Key statistics

	No.	%	Swing from 2007 (%)
Enrolled	93 837	..	..
Turnout	88 383	94.19	0.09
Informal votes	9 075	10.27	4.09

Type of vote cast

	Formal votes (no.)	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Ordinary ^(a)	68 266	8 116	76 382	10.63
Absent	4 446	521	4 967	10.49
Postal	3 962	221	4 183	5.28
Pre-poll	2 275	174	2 449	7.10
Provisional	359	43	402	10.70
Total	79 308	9 075	88 383	10.27

(a) Comprises 72 798 votes cast at 44 static polling places, 3 527 votes cast at two pre-poll centres, and 57 votes cast through a Special Hospital Team.

Informal votes by category

Category	No.	%
Totally blank	2 312	25.5
Incomplete numbering – Number '1' only	2 173	23.9
Incomplete numbering – Other	698	7.7
Ticks and crosses	783	8.6
Other symbols	100	1.1
Non-sequential numbering	2 106	23.2
Scribbles, slogans and other protest vote marks	730	8.0
Illegible numbering	49	0.5
Voter identified	6	0.1
Other	118	1.3
Total	9 075	100.0

Polling places with highest and lowest informality ^(a)

	Polling Place	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Highest % informal	Blacktown South (Greenway)	204	1 172	17.41
Lowest % informal	Quakers Hill West	12	188	6.38

(a) Excludes polling places with less than 100 total ordinary votes recorded.

Hughes (*Demographic rating: Outer Metropolitan*)

Key statistics

	No.	%	Swing from 2007 (%)
Enrolled	97 998	..	..
Turnout	92 327	94.21	-1.84
Informal votes	6 020	6.52	2.08

Type of vote cast

	Formal votes (no.)	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Ordinary ^(a)	73 449	5 316	78 765	6.75
Absent	4 720	390	5 110	7.63
Postal	3 852	114	3 966	2.87
Pre-poll	4 056	188	4 244	4.43
Provisional	230	12	242	4.96
Total	86 307	6 020	92 327	6.52

(a) Comprises 75 149 votes cast at 43 static polling places, 3 558 votes cast at three pre-poll centres, and 58 votes cast through a Special Hospital Team.

Informal votes by category

Category	No.	%
Totally blank	1 725	28.7
Incomplete numbering – Number '1' only	1 765	29.3
Incomplete numbering – Other	309	5.1
Ticks and crosses	766	12.7
Other symbols	29	0.5
Non-sequential numbering	364	6.0
Scribbles, slogans and other protest vote marks	832	13.8
Illegible numbering	22	0.4
Voter identified	0	0.0
Other	208	3.5
Total	6 020	100.0

Polling places with highest and lowest informality ^(a)

	Polling Place	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Highest % informal	Liverpool North	154	757	20.34
Lowest % informal	Engadine East	24	792	3.03

(a) Excludes polling places with less than 100 total ordinary votes recorded.

Hume (*Demographic rating: Rural*)

Key statistics

	No.	%	Swing from 2007 (%)
Enrolled	97 719	..	..
Turnout	92 780	94.95	-0.85
Informal votes	4 764	5.13	1.56

Type of vote cast

	Formal votes (no.)	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Ordinary ^(a)	74 938	4 212	79 150	5.32
Absent	4 433	275	4 708	5.84
Postal	3 825	99	3 924	2.52
Pre-poll	4 631	165	4 796	3.44
Provisional	189	13	202	6.44
Total	88 016	4 764	92 780	5.13

(a) Comprises 69 667 votes cast at 93 static polling places, 8 930 votes cast at six pre-poll centres, and 553 votes cast through six Special Hospital Teams.

Informal votes by category

Category	No.	%
Totally blank	1 634	34.3
Incomplete numbering – Number '1' only	1 077	22.6
Incomplete numbering – Other	166	3.5
Ticks and crosses	426	8.9
Other symbols	61	1.3
Non-sequential numbering	661	13.9
Scribbles, slogans and other protest vote marks	692	14.5
Illegible numbering	11	0.2
Voter identified	0	0.0
Other	36	0.8
Total	4 764	100.0

Polling places with highest and lowest informality ^(a)

	Polling Place	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Highest % informal	Hill Top	128	1 373	9.32
Lowest % informal	Monteagle	1	129	0.78

(a) Excludes polling places with less than 100 total ordinary votes recorded.

Hunter (Demographic rating: Rural)

Key statistics

	No.	%	Swing from 2007 (%)
Enrolled	91 523	..	..
Turnout	86 697	94.73	-1.23
Informal votes	5 383	6.21	1.94

Type of vote cast

	Formal votes (no.)	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Ordinary ^(a)	72 813	5 007	77 820	6.43
Absent	3 472	230	3 702	6.21
Postal	3 189	90	3 279	2.74
Pre-poll	1 629	48	1 677	2.86
Provisional	211	8	219	3.65
Total	81 314	5 383	86 697	6.21

(a) Comprises 65 326 votes cast at 77 static polling places, 12 065 votes cast at six pre-poll centres, and 429 votes cast through four Special Hospital Teams.

Informal votes by category

Category	No.	%
Totally blank	1 795	33.3
Incomplete numbering – Number '1' only	1 658	30.8
Incomplete numbering – Other	98	1.8
Ticks and crosses	649	12.1
Other symbols	2	0.0
Non-sequential numbering	307	5.7
Scribbles, slogans and other protest vote marks	811	15.1
Illegible numbering	60	1.1
Voter identified	3	0.1
Other	0	0.0
Total	5 383	100.0

Polling places with highest and lowest informality ^(a)

	Polling Place	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Highest % informal	Weston	205	1 832	11.19
Lowest % informal	Glendon Brook	2	145	1.38

(a) Excludes polling places with less than 100 total ordinary votes recorded.

Kingsford Smith (Demographic rating: Inner Metropolitan)

Key statistics

	No.	%	Swing from 2007 (%)
Enrolled	97 730	..	..
Turnout	89 309	91.38	-2.89
Informal votes	7 280	8.15	2.84

Type of vote cast

	Formal votes (no.)	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Ordinary ^(a)	70 250	6 620	76 870	8.61
Absent	3 960	298	4 258	7.00
Postal	4 001	174	4 175	4.17
Pre-poll	3 567	163	3 730	4.37
Provisional	251	25	276	9.06
Total	82 029	7 280	89 309	8.15

(a) Comprises 67 986 votes cast at 47 static polling places, 8 766 votes cast at five pre-poll centres, and 118 votes cast through two Special Hospital Teams.

Informal votes by category

Category	No.	%
Totally blank	1 589	21.8
Incomplete numbering – Number '1' only	2 713	37.3
Incomplete numbering – Other	0	0.0
Ticks and crosses	978	13.4
Other symbols	0	0.0
Non-sequential numbering	1 016	14.0
Scribbles, slogans and other protest vote marks	953	13.1
Illegible numbering	0	0.0
Voter identified	0	0.0
Other	31	0.4
Total	7 280	100.0

Polling places with highest and lowest informality ^(a)

	Polling Place	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Highest % informal	Eastlakes East	299	2 091	14.30
Lowest % informal	Divisional Office (PREPOLL)	16	440	3.64

(a) Excludes polling places with less than 100 total ordinary votes recorded.

Lindsay (*Demographic rating: Outer Metropolitan*)

Key statistics

	No.	%	Swing from 2007 (%)
Enrolled	95 975	..	..
Turnout	90 629	94.43	-1.45
Informal votes	7 402	8.17	2.65

Type of vote cast

	Formal votes (no.)	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Ordinary ^(a)	73 386	6 731	80 117	8.40
Absent	3 616	346	3 962	8.73
Postal	4 056	195	4 251	4.59
Pre-poll	1 908	105	2 013	5.22
Provisional	261	25	286	8.74
Total	83 227	7 402	90 629	8.17

(a) Comprises 74 886 votes cast at 38 static polling places, 5 196 votes cast at two pre-poll centres, and 35 votes cast through a Special Hospital Team.

Informal votes by category

Category	No.	%
Totally blank	1 981	26.8
Incomplete numbering – Number '1' only	2 418	32.7
Incomplete numbering – Other	242	3.3
Ticks and crosses	949	12.8
Other symbols	4	0.1
Non-sequential numbering	934	12.6
Scribbles, slogans and other protest vote marks	736	9.9
Illegible numbering	17	0.2
Voter identified	5	0.1
Other	116	1.6
Total	7 402	100.0

Polling places with highest and lowest informality ^(a)

	Polling Place	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Highest % informal	St Marys South	352	2 725	12.92
Lowest % informal	Divisional Office (PREPOLL)	18	584	3.08

(a) Excludes polling places with less than 100 total ordinary votes recorded.

Lyne (Demographic rating: Rural)

Key statistics

	No.	%	Swing from 2007 (%)
Enrolled	92 535	..	..
Turnout	88 261	95.38	-0.21
Informal votes	3 294	3.73	-1.30

Type of vote cast

	Formal votes (no.)	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Ordinary ^(a)	74 288	2 977	77 265	3.85
Absent	3 851	172	4 023	4.28
Postal	4 053	66	4 119	1.60
Pre-poll	2 682	73	2 755	2.65
Provisional	93	6	99	6.06
Total	84 967	3 294	88 261	3.73

(a) Comprises 67 160 votes cast at 72 static polling places, 9 498 votes cast at three pre-poll centres, and 607 votes cast through three Special Hospital Teams.

Informal votes by category

Category	No.	%
Totally blank	939	28.5
Incomplete numbering – Number '1' only	1 065	32.3
Incomplete numbering – Other	77	2.3
Ticks and crosses	391	11.9
Other symbols	32	1.0
Non-sequential numbering	282	8.6
Scribbles, slogans and other protest vote marks	449	13.6
Illegible numbering	30	0.9
Voter identified	1	0.0
Other	28	0.9
Total	3 294	100.0

Polling places with highest and lowest informality ^(a)

	Polling Place	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Highest % informal	Kundabung	22	266	8.27
Lowest % informal	Divisional Office (PREPOLL)	2	275	0.73

(a) Excludes polling places with less than 100 total ordinary votes recorded.

Macarthur (Demographic rating: Outer Metropolitan)

Key statistics

	No.	%	Swing from 2007 (%)
Enrolled	90 040	..	..
Turnout	85 102	94.52	-0.44
Informal votes	6 899	8.11	2.54

Type of vote cast

	Formal votes (no.)	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Ordinary ^(a)	69 091	6 268	75 359	8.32
Absent	3 750	402	4 152	9.68
Postal	3 346	125	3 471	3.60
Pre-poll	1 716	82	1 798	4.56
Provisional	300	22	322	6.83
Total	78 203	6 899	85 102	8.11

(a) Comprises 69 769 votes cast at 48 static polling places and 5 590 votes cast at three pre-poll centres.

Informal votes by category

Category	No.	%
Totally blank	1 959	28.4
Incomplete numbering – Number '1' only	1 982	28.7
Incomplete numbering – Other	282	4.1
Ticks and crosses	868	12.6
Other symbols	51	0.7
Non-sequential numbering	856	12.4
Scribbles, slogans and other protest vote marks	849	12.3
Illegible numbering	8	0.1
Voter identified	0	0.0
Other	44	0.6
Total	6 899	100.0

Polling places with highest and lowest informality ^(a)

	Polling Place	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Highest % informal	Airds North	89	614	14.50
Lowest % informal	Divisional Office (PREPOLL)	9	299	3.01

(a) Excludes polling places with less than 100 total ordinary votes recorded.

Mackellar (*Demographic rating: Outer Metropolitan*)

Key statistics

	No.	%	Swing from 2007 (%)
Enrolled	98 520	..	..
Turnout	91 880	93.26	-2.02
Informal votes	4 780	5.20	0.53

Type of vote cast

	Formal votes (no.)	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Ordinary ^(a)	74 648	4 199	78 847	5.33
Absent	4 699	281	4 980	5.64
Postal	3 750	127	3 877	3.28
Pre-poll	3 841	164	4 005	4.09
Provisional	162	9	171	5.26
Total	87 100	4 780	91 880	5.20

(a) Comprises 73 507 votes cast at 38 static polling places, 5 113 votes cast at two pre-poll centres, and 227 votes cast through two Special Hospital Teams.

Informal votes by category

Category	No.	%
Totally blank	1 140	23.8
Incomplete numbering – Number '1' only	1 793	37.5
Incomplete numbering – Other	0	0.0
Ticks and crosses	1 074	22.5
Other symbols	13	0.3
Non-sequential numbering	83	1.7
Scribbles, slogans and other protest vote marks	623	13.0
Illegible numbering	8	0.2
Voter identified	0	0.0
Other	46	1.0
Total	4 780	100.0

Polling places with highest and lowest informality ^(a)

	Polling Place	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Highest % informal	Narraweena	347	3 485	9.96
Lowest % informal	Mona Vale Hospital	12	634	1.89

(a) Excludes polling places with less than 100 total ordinary votes recorded.

Macquarie (Demographic rating: Provincial)

Key statistics

	No.	%	Swing from 2007 (%)
Enrolled	97 536	..	..
Turnout	92 472	94.81	-1.10
Informal votes	5 067	5.48	1.83

Type of vote cast

	Formal votes (no.)	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Ordinary ^(a)	76 357	4 517	80 874	5.59
Absent	4 016	314	4 330	7.25
Postal	4 395	124	4 519	2.74
Pre-poll	2 389	96	2 485	3.86
Provisional	248	16	264	6.06
Total	87 405	5 067	92 472	5.48

(a) Comprises 72 038 votes cast at 57 static polling places, 8 799 votes cast at four pre-poll centres, and 37 votes cast through a Special Hospital Team.

Informal votes by category

Category	No.	%
Totally blank	1 667	32.9
Incomplete numbering – Number '1' only	1 204	23.8
Incomplete numbering – Other	291	5.7
Ticks and crosses	334	6.6
Other symbols	8	0.2
Non-sequential numbering	748	14.8
Scribbles, slogans and other protest vote marks	742	14.6
Illegible numbering	9	0.2
Voter identified	1	0.0
Other	63	1.2
Total	5 067	100.0

Polling places with highest and lowest informality ^(a)

	Polling Place	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Highest % informal	McGraths Hill	130	1 153	11.27
Lowest % informal	Valley Heights	23	880	2.61

(a) Excludes polling places with less than 100 total ordinary votes recorded.

McMahon (Demographic rating: Outer Metropolitan)

Key statistics

	No.	%	Swing from 2007 (%)
Enrolled	96 061	..	..
Turnout	89 570	93.24	-0.29
Informal votes	9 710	10.84	3.24

Type of vote cast

	Formal votes (no.)	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Ordinary ^(a)	69 263	8 800	78 063	11.27
Absent	4 391	535	4 926	10.86
Postal	3 375	160	3 535	4.53
Pre-poll	2 462	165	2 627	6.28
Provisional	369	50	419	11.93
Total	79 860	9 710	89 570	10.84

(a) Comprises 72 331 votes cast at 36 static polling places, 5 654 votes cast at two pre-poll centres, and 78 votes cast through a Special Hospital Team.

Informal votes by category

Category	No.	%
Totally blank	2 402	24.7
Incomplete numbering – Number '1' only	3 311	34.1
Incomplete numbering – Other	141	1.5
Ticks and crosses	2 182	22.5
Other symbols	18	0.2
Non-sequential numbering	450	4.6
Scribbles, slogans and other protest vote marks	1 086	11.2
Illegible numbering	10	0.1
Voter identified	0	0.0
Other	110	1.1
Total	9 710	100.0

Polling places with highest and lowest informality ^(a)

	Polling Place	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Highest % informal	Fairfield	229	1 057	21.67
Lowest % informal	Greystanes South	117	1 591	7.35

(a) Excludes polling places with less than 100 total ordinary votes recorded.

Mitchell (*Demographic rating: Outer Metropolitan*)

Key statistics

	No.	%	Swing from 2007 (%)
Enrolled	93 573	..	..
Turnout	88 681	94.77	-0.20
Informal votes	4 952	5.58	1.51

Type of vote cast

	Formal votes (no.)	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Ordinary ^(a)	73 009	4 397	77 406	5.68
Absent	4 167	296	4 463	6.63
Postal	3 762	126	3 888	3.24
Pre-poll	2 599	117	2 716	4.31
Provisional	192	16	208	7.69
Total	83 729	4 952	88 681	5.58

(a) Comprises 72 505 votes cast at 40 static polling places, 4 884 votes cast at two pre-poll centres, and 17 votes cast through a Special Hospital Team.

Informal votes by category

Category	No.	%
Totally blank	1 184	23.9
Incomplete numbering – Number '1' only	1 991	40.2
Incomplete numbering – Other	89	1.8
Ticks and crosses	858	17.3
Other symbols	24	0.5
Non-sequential numbering	265	5.4
Scribbles, slogans and other protest vote marks	501	10.1
Illegible numbering	1	0.0
Voter identified	1	0.0
Other	38	0.8
Total	4 952	100.0

Polling places with highest and lowest informality ^(a)

	Polling Place	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Highest % informal	Kellyville	358	4 147	8.63
Lowest % informal	Divisional Office (PREPOLL)	12	492	2.44

(a) Excludes polling places with less than 100 total ordinary votes recorded.

New England (Demographic rating: Rural)

Key statistics

	No.	%	Swing from 2007 (%)
Enrolled	99 616	..	..
Turnout	94 519	94.88	-1.22
Informal votes	3 347	3.54	0.57

Type of vote cast

	Formal votes (no.)	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Ordinary ^(a)	80 958	3 033	83 991	3.61
Absent	3 401	182	3 583	5.08
Postal	3 992	58	4 050	1.43
Pre-poll	2 673	65	2 738	2.37
Provisional	148	9	157	5.73
Total	91 172	3 347	94 519	3.54

(a) Comprises 71 897 votes cast at 101 static polling places, 11 584 votes cast at five pre-poll centres, and 510 votes cast through five Special Hospital Teams.

Informal votes by category

Category	No.	%
Totally blank	890	26.6
Incomplete numbering – Number '1' only	1 031	30.8
Incomplete numbering – Other	131	3.9
Ticks and crosses	448	13.4
Other symbols	46	1.4
Non-sequential numbering	395	11.8
Scribbles, slogans and other protest vote marks	337	10.1
Illegible numbering	13	0.4
Voter identified	0	0.0
Other	56	1.7
Total	3 347	100.0

Polling places with highest and lowest informality ^(a)

	Polling Place	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Highest % informal	Sunnyside	22	217	10.14
Lowest % informal	Loomberah	0	168	0.00
	Nowendoc	0	102	0.00

(a) Excludes polling places with less than 100 total ordinary votes recorded.

Newcastle (Demographic rating: Provincial)

Key statistics

	No.	%	Swing from 2007 (%)
Enrolled	92 855	..	..
Turnout	86 912	93.60	-1.65
Informal votes	4 948	5.69	1.26

Type of vote cast

	Formal votes (no.)	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Ordinary ^(a)	69 660	4 366	74 026	5.90
Absent	4 637	320	4 957	6.46
Postal	4 622	120	4 742	2.53
Pre-poll	2 815	127	2 942	4.32
Provisional	230	15	245	6.12
Total	81 964	4 948	86 912	5.69

(a) Comprises 69 936 votes cast at 54 static polling places, 3 917 votes cast at two pre-poll centres, and 173 votes cast through two Special Hospital Teams.

Informal votes by category

Category	No.	%
Totally blank	1 634	33.0
Incomplete numbering – Number '1' only	1 376	27.8
Incomplete numbering – Other	148	3.0
Ticks and crosses	488	9.9
Other symbols	4	0.1
Non-sequential numbering	499	10.1
Scribbles, slogans and other protest vote marks	741	15.0
Illegible numbering	8	0.2
Voter identified	2	0.0
Other	48	1.0
Total	4 948	100.0

Polling places with highest and lowest informality ^(a)

	Polling Place	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Highest % informal	Beaumont Park	117	793	14.75
Lowest % informal	Divisional Office (PREPOLL)	55	1 903	2.89

(a) Excludes polling places with less than 100 total ordinary votes recorded.

North Sydney (Demographic rating: Inner Metropolitan)

Key statistics

	No.	%	Swing from 2007 (%)
Enrolled	97 578	..	..
Turnout	89 695	91.92	-2.29
Informal votes	3 986	4.44	0.72

Type of vote cast

	Formal votes (no.)	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Ordinary ^(a)	71 701	3 516	75 217	4.67
Absent	5 014	222	5 236	4.24
Postal	4 385	99	4 484	2.21
Pre-poll	4 337	137	4 474	3.06
Provisional	272	12	284	4.23
Total	85 709	3 986	89 695	4.44

(a) Comprises 68 498 votes cast at 44 static polling places, 6 121 votes cast at three pre-poll centres, and 598 votes cast through three Special Hospital Teams.

Informal votes by category

Category	No.	%
Totally blank	879	22.1
Incomplete numbering – Number '1' only	1 581	39.7
Incomplete numbering – Other	95	2.4
Ticks and crosses	619	15.5
Other symbols	6	0.2
Non-sequential numbering	164	4.1
Scribbles, slogans and other protest vote marks	589	14.8
Illegible numbering	11	0.3
Voter identified	0	0.0
Other	42	1.1
Total	3 986	100.0

Polling places with highest and lowest informality ^(a)

	Polling Place	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Highest % informal	Special Hospital Team 1	28	325	8.62
Lowest % informal	Sydney (North Sydney)	3	169	1.78

(a) Excludes polling places with less than 100 total ordinary votes recorded.

Page (Demographic rating: Rural)

Key statistics

	No.	%	Swing from 2007 (%)
Enrolled	94 336	..	..
Turnout	89 302	94.66	-1.43
Informal votes	3 918	4.39	0.09

Type of vote cast

	Formal votes (no.)	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Ordinary ^(a)	74 453	3 564	78 017	4.57
Absent	2 571	134	2 705	4.95
Postal	5 354	100	5 454	1.83
Pre-poll	2 794	107	2 901	3.69
Provisional	212	13	225	5.78
Total	85 384	3 918	89 302	4.39

(a) Comprises 69 887 votes cast at 79 static polling places, 7 653 votes cast at five pre-poll centres, and 477 votes cast through four Special Hospital Teams.

Informal votes by category

Category	No.	%
Totally blank	1 174	30.0
Incomplete numbering – Number '1' only	1 211	30.9
Incomplete numbering – Other	130	3.3
Ticks and crosses	460	11.7
Other symbols	26	0.7
Non-sequential numbering	238	6.1
Scribbles, slogans and other protest vote marks	613	15.6
Illegible numbering	38	1.0
Voter identified	0	0.0
Other	28	0.7
Total	3 918	100.0

Polling places with highest and lowest informality ^(a)

	Polling Place	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Highest % informal	Woodenbong	31	304	10.20
Lowest % informal	Gundurimba South	1	130	0.77

(a) Excludes polling places with less than 100 total ordinary votes recorded.

Parkes (*Demographic rating: Rural*)

Key statistics

	No.	%	Swing from 2007 (%)
Enrolled	100 170	..	..
Turnout	94 480	94.32	-2.20
Informal votes	4 745	5.02	0.94

Type of vote cast

	Formal votes (no.)	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Ordinary ^(a)	77 325	4 357	81 682	5.33
Absent	4 727	209	4 936	4.23
Postal	4 687	76	4 763	1.60
Pre-poll	2 802	90	2 892	3.11
Provisional	194	13	207	6.28
Total	89 735	4 745	94 480	5.02

(a) Comprises 70 688 votes cast at 115 static polling places, 10 536 votes cast at eight pre-poll centres, 443 votes cast through eight Special Hospital Teams and 15 votes cast through a Remote Mobile Team.

Informal votes by category

Category	No.	%
Totally blank	1 759	37.1
Incomplete numbering – Number '1' only	1 176	24.8
Incomplete numbering – Other	69	1.5
Ticks and crosses	738	15.6
Other symbols	101	2.1
Non-sequential numbering	422	8.9
Scribbles, slogans and other protest vote marks	411	8.7
Illegible numbering	35	0.7
Voter identified	16	0.3
Other	18	0.4
Total	4 745	100.0

Polling places with highest and lowest informality ^(a)

	Polling Place	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Highest % informal	Ulan	24	201	11.94
Lowest % informal	Boomi	0	120	0.00
	Gravesend	0	136	0.00
	Bourke PPVC	0	199	0.00

(a) Excludes polling places with less than 100 total ordinary votes recorded.

Parramatta (Demographic rating: Inner Metropolitan)

Key statistics

	No.	%	Swing from 2007 (%)
Enrolled	93 999	..	..
Turnout	85 735	91.21	-1.38
Informal votes	7 418	8.65	2.03

Type of vote cast

	Formal votes (no.)	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Ordinary ^(a)	64 266	6 378	70 644	9.03
Absent	5 478	602	6 080	9.90
Postal	4 995	230	5 225	4.40
Pre-poll	3 107	167	3 274	5.10
Provisional	471	41	512	8.01
Total	78 317	7 418	85 735	8.65

(a) Comprises 67 158 votes cast at 45 static polling places, 3 332 votes cast at two pre-poll centres, and 154 votes cast through three Special Hospital Teams.

Informal votes by category

Category	No.	%
Totally blank	1 802	24.3
Incomplete numbering – Number '1' only	2 339	31.5
Incomplete numbering – Other	460	6.2
Ticks and crosses	1 096	14.8
Other symbols	38	0.5
Non-sequential numbering	799	10.8
Scribbles, slogans and other protest vote marks	702	9.5
Illegible numbering	10	0.1
Voter identified	1	0.0
Other	171	2.3
Total	7 418	100.0

Polling places with highest and lowest informality ^(a)

	Polling Place	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Highest % informal	Granville East (Parramatta)	173	1 060	16.32
Lowest % informal	North Rocks (Parramatta)	97	1 822	5.32

(a) Excludes polling places with less than 100 total ordinary votes recorded.

Paterson (*Demographic rating: Rural*)

Key statistics

	No.	%	Swing from 2007 (%)
Enrolled	92 140	..	..
Turnout	87 310	94.76	-0.97
Informal votes	4 924	5.64	2.04

Type of vote cast

	Formal votes (no.)	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Ordinary ^(a)	71 221	4 434	75 655	5.86
Absent	4 090	270	4 360	6.19
Postal	4 626	141	4 767	2.96
Pre-poll	2 327	72	2 399	3.00
Provisional	122	7	129	5.43
Total	82 386	4 924	87 310	5.64

(a) Comprises 65 319 votes cast at 71 static polling places, 9 972 votes cast at five pre-poll centres, and 364 votes cast through three Special Hospital Teams.

Informal votes by category

Category	No.	%
Totally blank	1 313	26.7
Incomplete numbering – Number '1' only	1 349	27.4
Incomplete numbering – Other	196	4.0
Ticks and crosses	535	10.9
Other symbols	41	0.8
Non-sequential numbering	848	17.2
Scribbles, slogans and other protest vote marks	539	10.9
Illegible numbering	66	1.3
Voter identified	4	0.1
Other	33	0.7
Total	4 924	100.0

Polling places with highest and lowest informality ^(a)

	Polling Place	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Highest % informal	Eastville	59	506	11.66
Lowest % informal	Special Hospital Team 3	1	119	0.84

(a) Excludes polling places with less than 100 total ordinary votes recorded.

Reid (Demographic rating: Inner Metropolitan)

Key statistics

	No.	%	Swing from 2007 (%)
Enrolled	95 878	..	..
Turnout	87 308	91.06	-2.08
Informal votes	7 680	8.80	3.22

Type of vote cast

	Formal votes (no.)	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Ordinary ^(a)	67 240	6 908	74 148	9.32
Absent	4 618	394	5 012	7.86
Postal	4 186	192	4 378	4.39
Pre-poll	3 295	161	3 456	4.66
Provisional	289	25	314	7.96
Total	79 628	7 680	87 308	8.80

(a) Comprises 69 633 votes cast at 42 static polling places, 4 353 votes cast at three pre-poll centres, and 162 votes cast through a Special Hospital Team.

Informal votes by category

Category	No.	%
Totally blank	1 846	24.0
Incomplete numbering – Number '1' only	3 047	39.7
Incomplete numbering – Other	232	3.0
Ticks and crosses	1 084	14.1
Other symbols	79	1.0
Non-sequential numbering	426	5.5
Scribbles, slogans and other protest vote marks	841	11.0
Illegible numbering	16	0.2
Voter identified	0	0.0
Other	109	1.4
Total	7 680	100.0

Polling places with highest and lowest informality ^(a)

	Polling Place	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Highest % informal	Auburn	529	2 459	21.51
Lowest % informal	Homebush South	16	647	2.47

(a) Excludes polling places with less than 100 total ordinary votes recorded.

Richmond (*Demographic rating: Rural*)

Key statistics

	No.	%	Swing from 2007 (%)
Enrolled	92 391	..	..
Turnout	85 587	92.64	-1.85
Informal votes	4 752	5.55	1.27

Type of vote cast

	Formal votes (no.)	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Ordinary ^(a)	69 181	4 272	73 453	5.82
Absent	2 535	145	2 680	5.41
Postal	5 002	158	5 160	3.06
Pre-poll	3 958	163	4 121	3.96
Provisional	159	14	173	8.09
Total	80 835	4 752	85 587	5.55

(a) Comprises 63 034 votes cast at 66 static polling places, 9 985 votes cast at four pre-poll centres, and 434 votes cast through three Special Hospital Teams.

Informal votes by category

Category	No.	%
Totally blank	1 347	28.3
Incomplete numbering – Number '1' only	1 073	22.6
Incomplete numbering – Other	237	5.0
Ticks and crosses	318	6.7
Other symbols	20	0.4
Non-sequential numbering	885	18.6
Scribbles, slogans and other protest vote marks	719	15.1
Illegible numbering	47	1.0
Voter identified	2	0.0
Other	104	2.2
Total	4 752	100.0

Polling places with highest and lowest informality ^(a)

	Polling Place	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Highest % informal	Main Arm Upper	16	140	11.43
Lowest % informal	Coorabell	2	187	1.07

(a) Excludes polling places with less than 100 total ordinary votes recorded.

Riverina (Demographic rating: Rural)

Key statistics

	No.	%	Swing from 2007 (%)
Enrolled	98 584	..	..
Turnout	93 367	94.71	-1.04
Informal votes	5 378	5.76	1.87

Type of vote cast

	Formal votes (no.)	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Ordinary ^(a)	77 509	4 990	82 499	6.05
Absent	2 799	165	2 964	5.57
Postal	4 396	87	4 483	1.94
Pre-poll	3 038	119	3 157	3.77
Provisional	247	17	264	6.44
Total	87 989	5 378	93 367	5.76

(a) Comprises 72 985 votes cast at 101 static polling places, 9 001 votes cast at eight pre-poll centres, and 513 votes cast through six Special Hospital Teams.

Informal votes by category

Category	No.	%
Totally blank	1 633	30.4
Incomplete numbering – Number '1' only	1 205	22.4
Incomplete numbering – Other	387	7.2
Ticks and crosses	418	7.8
Other symbols	5	0.1
Non-sequential numbering	841	15.6
Scribbles, slogans and other protest vote marks	804	14.9
Illegible numbering	57	1.1
Voter identified	0	0.0
Other	28	0.5
Total	5 378	100.0

Polling places with highest and lowest informality ^(a)

	Polling Place	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Highest % informal	Gundagai South	59	393	15.01
Lowest % informal	Euberta	1	123	0.81

(a) Excludes polling places with less than 100 total ordinary votes recorded.

Robertson (*Demographic rating: Provincial*)

Key statistics

	No.	%	Swing from 2007 (%)
Enrolled	96 588	..	..
Turnout	91 136	94.36	-1.75
Informal votes	5 795	6.36	2.92

Type of vote cast

	Formal votes (no.)	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Ordinary ^(a)	73 110	5 110	78 220	6.53
Absent	4 543	379	4 922	7.70
Postal	5 275	193	5 468	3.53
Pre-poll	2 194	102	2 296	4.44
Provisional	219	11	230	4.78
Total	85 341	5 795	91 136	6.36

(a) Comprises 68 529 votes cast at 47 static polling places, 9 183 votes cast at three pre-poll centres, and 508 votes cast through three Special Hospital Teams.

Informal votes by category

Category	No.	%
Totally blank	1 612	27.8
Incomplete numbering – Number '1' only	1 545	26.7
Incomplete numbering – Other	430	7.4
Ticks and crosses	361	6.2
Other symbols	36	0.6
Non-sequential numbering	1 012	17.5
Scribbles, slogans and other protest vote marks	674	11.6
Illegible numbering	56	1.0
Voter identified	1	0.0
Other	68	1.2
Total	5 795	100.0

Polling places with highest and lowest informality ^(a)

	Polling Place	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Highest % informal	Peats Ridge	30	263	11.41
Lowest % informal	Special Hospital Team 1	3	102	2.94

(a) Excludes polling places with less than 100 total ordinary votes recorded.

Shortland (*Demographic rating: Provincial*)

Key statistics

	No.	%	Swing from 2007 (%)
Enrolled	94 224	..	..
Turnout	89 384	94.86	-1.42
Informal votes	5 671	6.34	2.18

Type of vote cast

	Formal votes (no.)	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Ordinary ^(a)	71 378	5 010	76 388	6.56
Absent	4 486	356	4 842	7.35
Postal	5 321	174	5 495	3.17
Pre-poll	2 315	116	2 431	4.77
Provisional	213	15	228	6.58
Total	83 713	5 671	89 384	6.34

(a) Comprises 71 841 votes cast at 46 static polling places, 4 515 votes cast at three pre-poll centres, and 32 votes cast through a Special Hospital Team.

Informal votes by category

Category	No.	%
Totally blank	1 567	27.6
Incomplete numbering – Number '1' only	2 036	35.9
Incomplete numbering – Other	111	2.0
Ticks and crosses	864	15.2
Other symbols	20	0.4
Non-sequential numbering	192	3.4
Scribbles, slogans and other protest vote marks	762	13.4
Illegible numbering	14	0.2
Voter identified	1	0.0
Other	104	1.8
Total	5 671	100.0

Polling places with highest and lowest informality ^(a)

	Polling Place	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Highest % informal	San Remo	218	2 043	10.67
Lowest % informal	Divisional Office (PREPOLL)	22	809	2.72

(a) Excludes polling places with less than 100 total ordinary votes recorded.

Sydney (Demographic rating: Inner Metropolitan)

Key statistics

	No.	%	Swing from 2007 (%)
Enrolled	95 286	..	..
Turnout	83 997	88.15	-3.66
Informal votes	4 620	5.50	1.32

Type of vote cast

	Formal votes (no.)	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Ordinary ^(a)	61 769	3 770	65 539	5.75
Absent	7 441	461	7 902	5.83
Postal	4 054	135	4 189	3.22
Pre-poll	5 503	208	5 711	3.64
Provisional	610	46	656	7.01
Total	79 377	4 620	83 997	5.50

(a) Comprises 60 896 votes cast at 42 static polling places, 4 596 votes cast at three pre-poll centres, and 47 votes cast through a Special Hospital Team.

Informal votes by category

Category	No.	%
Totally blank	954	20.6
Incomplete numbering – Number '1' only	1 512	32.7
Incomplete numbering – Other	280	6.1
Ticks and crosses	745	16.1
Other symbols	42	0.9
Non-sequential numbering	571	12.4
Scribbles, slogans and other protest vote marks	393	8.5
Illegible numbering	4	0.1
Voter identified	2	0.0
Other	117	2.5
Total	4 620	100.0

Polling places with highest and lowest informality ^(a)

	Polling Place	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Highest % informal	Waterloo	156	1 166	13.38
Lowest % informal	Darlington Central	17	695	2.45

(a) Excludes polling places with less than 100 total ordinary votes recorded.

Throsby (Demographic rating: Provincial)

Key statistics

	No.	%	Swing from 2007 (%)
Enrolled	95 871	..	..
Turnout	89 768	93.63	-2.23
Informal votes	6 197	6.90	2.03

Type of vote cast

	Formal votes (no.)	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Ordinary ^(a)	74 452	5 834	80 286	7.27
Absent	3 936	227	4 163	5.45
Postal	3 375	80	3 455	2.32
Pre-poll	1 620	48	1 668	2.88
Provisional	188	8	196	4.08
Total	83 571	6 197	89 768	6.90

(a) Comprises 70 354 votes cast at 49 static polling places, 9 627 votes cast at five pre-poll centres, and 305 votes cast through two Special Hospital Teams.

Informal votes by category

Category	No.	%
Totally blank	1 948	31.4
Incomplete numbering – Number '1' only	1 843	29.7
Incomplete numbering – Other	111	1.8
Ticks and crosses	837	13.5
Other symbols	28	0.5
Non-sequential numbering	451	7.3
Scribbles, slogans and other protest vote marks	944	15.2
Illegible numbering	5	0.1
Voter identified	1	0.0
Other	29	0.5
Total	6 197	100.0

Polling places with highest and lowest informality ^(a)

	Polling Place	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Highest % informal	Berkeley	294	2 146	13.70
Lowest % informal	Kangaloon	1	118	0.85

(a) Excludes polling places with less than 100 total ordinary votes recorded.

Warringah (Demographic rating: Inner Metropolitan)

Key statistics

	No.	%	Swing from 2007 (%)
Enrolled	96 708	..	..
Turnout	89 107	92.14	-2.69
Informal votes	4 135	4.64	1.20

Type of vote cast

	Formal votes (no.)	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Ordinary ^(a)	71 108	3 530	74 638	4.73
Absent	5 346	343	5 689	6.03
Postal	4 180	95	4 275	2.22
Pre-poll	4 082	149	4 231	3.52
Provisional	256	18	274	6.57
Total	84 972	4 135	89 107	4.64

(a) Comprises 67 102 votes cast at 39 static polling places, 7 294 votes cast at three pre-poll centres, and 242 votes cast through four Special Hospital Teams.

Informal votes by category

Category	No.	%
Totally blank	894	21.6
Incomplete numbering – Number '1' only	1 694	41.0
Incomplete numbering – Other	136	3.3
Ticks and crosses	608	14.7
Other symbols	13	0.3
Non-sequential numbering	155	3.7
Scribbles, slogans and other protest vote marks	567	13.7
Illegible numbering	6	0.1
Voter identified	0	0.0
Other	62	1.5
Total	4 135	100.0

Polling places with highest and lowest informality ^(a)

	Polling Place	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Highest % informal	Brookvale	163	1 730	9.42
Lowest % informal	Manly Hospital	9	435	2.07

(a) Excludes polling places with less than 100 total ordinary votes recorded.

Watson (Demographic rating: Inner Metropolitan)

Key statistics

	No.	%	Swing from 2007 (%)
Enrolled	97 761	..	..
Turnout	88 022	90.04	-2.20
Informal votes	11 265	12.80	3.71

Type of vote cast

	Formal votes (no.)	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Ordinary ^(a)	63 884	10 227	74 111	13.80
Absent	4 911	517	5 428	9.52
Postal	3 912	172	4 084	4.21
Pre-poll	3 551	239	3 790	6.31
Provisional	499	110	609	18.06
Total	76 757	11 265	88 022	12.80

(a) Comprises 71 038 votes cast at 43 static polling places, 3 022 votes cast at three pre-poll centres, and 51 votes cast through a Special Hospital Team.

Informal votes by category

Category	No.	%
Totally blank	2 956	26.2
Incomplete numbering – Number '1' only	4 346	38.6
Incomplete numbering – Other	156	1.4
Ticks and crosses	1 886	16.7
Other symbols	12	0.1
Non-sequential numbering	423	3.8
Scribbles, slogans and other protest vote marks	1 173	10.4
Illegible numbering	33	0.3
Voter identified	0	0.0
Other	280	2.5
Total	11 265	100.0

Polling places with highest and lowest informality ^(a)

	Polling Place	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Highest % informal	Lakemba North	417	1 994	20.91
Lowest % informal	Enfield PPVC	96	1 790	5.36

(a) Excludes polling places with less than 100 total ordinary votes recorded.

Wentworth (Demographic rating: Inner Metropolitan)

Key statistics

	No.	%	Swing from 2007 (%)
Enrolled	101 446	..	..
Turnout	90 761	89.47	-3.06
Informal votes	4 085	4.50	-0.40

Type of vote cast

	Formal votes (no.)	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Ordinary ^(a)	69 267	3 378	72 645	4.65
Absent	5 120	310	5 430	5.71
Postal	5 398	173	5 571	3.11
Pre-poll	6 485	197	6 682	2.95
Provisional	406	27	433	6.24
Total	86 676	4 085	90 761	4.50

(a) Comprises 64 821 votes cast at 43 static polling places, 7 523 votes cast at two pre-poll centres, and 301 votes cast through three Special Hospital Teams.

Informal votes by category

Category	No.	%
Totally blank	778	19.0
Incomplete numbering – Number '1' only	1 281	31.4
Incomplete numbering – Other	190	4.7
Ticks and crosses	733	17.9
Other symbols	56	1.4
Non-sequential numbering	484	11.8
Scribbles, slogans and other protest vote marks	405	9.9
Illegible numbering	17	0.4
Voter identified	1	0.0
Other	140	3.4
Total	4 085	100.0

Polling places with highest and lowest informality ^(a)

	Polling Place	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Highest % informal	Woolloomooloo	100	1 189	8.41
Lowest % informal	Vaucluse	23	875	2.63

(a) Excludes polling places with less than 100 total ordinary votes recorded.

Werriwa (Demographic rating: Outer Metropolitan)

Key statistics

	No.	%	Swing from 2007 (%)
Enrolled	90 963	..	..
Turnout	84 006	92.35	-1.55
Informal votes	8 692	10.35	3.77

Type of vote cast

	Formal votes (no.)	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Ordinary ^(a)	65 613	7 811	73 424	10.64
Absent	4 744	593	5 337	11.11
Postal	3 061	134	3 195	4.19
Pre-poll	1 553	110	1 663	6.61
Provisional	343	44	387	11.37
Total	75 314	8 692	84 006	10.35

(a) Comprises 68 437 votes cast at 39 static polling places, 4 885 votes cast at four pre-poll centres, and 102 votes cast through a Special Hospital Team.

Informal votes by category

Category	No.	%
Totally blank	2 431	28.0
Incomplete numbering – Number '1' only	2 910	33.5
Incomplete numbering – Other	0	0.0
Ticks and crosses	1 636	18.8
Other symbols	40	0.5
Non-sequential numbering	277	3.2
Scribbles, slogans and other protest vote marks	1 321	15.2
Illegible numbering	1	0.0
Voter identified	1	0.0
Other	75	0.9
Total	8 692	100.0

Polling places with highest and lowest informality ^(a)

	Polling Place	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Highest % informal	Liverpool West (Werriwa)	328	1 649	19.89
Lowest % informal	Special Hospital Team 1	3	102	2.94

(a) Excludes polling places with less than 100 total ordinary votes recorded.

Victoria

Aston (Demographic rating: Outer Metropolitan)

Key statistics

	No.	%	Swing from 2007 (%)
Enrolled	93 447	..	..
Turnout	88 671	94.89	-1.50
Informal votes	3 854	4.35	1.41

Type of vote cast

	Formal votes (no.)	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Ordinary ^(a)	70 970	3 367	74 337	4.53
Absent	4 200	196	4 396	4.46
Postal	6 169	156	6 325	2.47
Pre-poll	3 313	126	3 439	3.66
Provisional	165	9	174	5.17
Total	84 817	3 854	88 671	4.35

(a) Comprises 69 204 votes cast at 31 static polling places, 4 941 votes cast at two pre-poll centres, and 192 votes cast through two Special Hospital Teams.

Informal votes by category

Category	No.	%
Totally blank	1 287	33.4
Incomplete numbering – Number '1' only	850	22.1
Incomplete numbering – Other	17	0.4
Ticks and crosses	395	10.2
Other symbols	43	1.1
Non-sequential numbering	277	7.2
Scribbles, slogans and other protest vote marks	940	24.4
Illegible numbering	31	0.8
Voter identified	1	0.0
Other	13	0.3
Total	3 854	100.0

Polling places with highest and lowest informality ^(a)

	Polling Place	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Highest % informal	Special Hospital Team 2	10	127	7.87
Lowest % informal	Divisional Office (PREPOLL)	91	3 209	2.84

(a) Excludes polling places with less than 100 total ordinary votes recorded.

Ballarat (*Demographic rating: Provincial*)

Key statistics

	No.	%	Swing from 2007 (%)
Enrolled	97 756	..	..
Turnout	92 895	95.03	-1.06
Informal votes	3 456	3.72	1.31

Type of vote cast

	Formal votes (no.)	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Ordinary ^(a)	76 328	3 054	79 382	3.85
Absent	3 426	165	3 591	4.59
Postal	5 957	106	6 063	1.75
Pre-poll	3 448	110	3 558	3.09
Provisional	280	21	301	6.98
Total	89 439	3 456	92 895	3.72

(a) Comprises 66 830 votes cast at 57 static polling places, 12 096 votes cast at two pre-poll centres, and 456 votes cast through four Special Hospital Teams.

Informal votes by category

Category	No.	%
Totally blank	1 136	32.9
Incomplete numbering – Number '1' only	816	23.6
Incomplete numbering – Other	20	0.6
Ticks and crosses	456	13.2
Other symbols	64	1.9
Non-sequential numbering	223	6.5
Scribbles, slogans and other protest vote marks	685	19.8
Illegible numbering	23	0.7
Voter identified	1	0.0
Other	32	0.9
Total	3 456	100.0

Polling places with highest and lowest informality ^(a)

	Polling Place	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Highest % informal	Elaine	21	259	8.11
Lowest % informal	Special Hospital Team 2	0	167	0.00

(a) Excludes polling places with less than 100 total ordinary votes recorded.

Batman (Demographic rating: Inner Metropolitan)

Key statistics

	No.	%	Swing from 2007 (%)
Enrolled	89 131	..	..
Turnout	81 665	91.62	-2.58
Informal votes	4 202	5.15	1.33

Type of vote cast

	Formal votes (no.)	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Ordinary ^(a)	63 556	3 740	67 296	5.56
Absent	4 758	208	4 966	4.19
Postal	6 008	163	6 171	2.64
Pre-poll	2 969	79	3 048	2.59
Provisional	172	12	184	6.52
Total	77 463	4 202	81 665	5.15

(a) Comprises 62 653 votes cast at 40 static polling places, 4 125 votes cast at two pre-poll centres, and 518 votes cast through a Special Hospital Team.

Informal votes by category

Category	No.	%
Totally blank	1 276	30.4
Incomplete numbering – Number '1' only	875	20.8
Incomplete numbering – Other	47	1.1
Ticks and crosses	588	14.0
Other symbols	173	4.1
Non-sequential numbering	686	16.3
Scribbles, slogans and other protest vote marks	543	12.9
Illegible numbering	9	0.2
Voter identified	1	0.0
Other	4	0.1
Total	4 202	100.0

Polling places with highest and lowest informality ^(a)

	Polling Place	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Highest % informal	Ruthven	338	3 279	10.31
Lowest % informal	Northcote West	19	959	1.98

(a) Excludes polling places with less than 100 total ordinary votes recorded.

Bendigo (Demographic rating: Provincial)

Key statistics

	No.	%	Swing from 2007 (%)
Enrolled	100 610	..	..
Turnout	95 853	95.27	-0.76
Informal votes	3 588	3.74	0.20

Type of vote cast

	Formal votes (no.)	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Ordinary ^(a)	78 595	3 199	81 794	3.91
Absent	3 511	139	3 650	3.81
Postal	7 028	169	7 197	2.35
Pre-poll	2 847	68	2 915	2.33
Provisional	284	13	297	4.38
Total	92 265	3 588	95 853	3.74

(a) Comprises 73 399 votes cast at 68 static polling places, 7 799 votes cast at two pre-poll centres, and 596 votes cast through four Special Hospital Teams.

Informal votes by category

Category	No.	%
Totally blank	1 226	34.2
Incomplete numbering – Number '1' only	851	23.7
Incomplete numbering – Other	4	0.1
Ticks and crosses	318	8.9
Other symbols	8	0.2
Non-sequential numbering	162	4.5
Scribbles, slogans and other protest vote marks	942	26.3
Illegible numbering	46	1.3
Voter identified	0	0.0
Other	31	0.9
Total	3 588	100.0

Polling places with highest and lowest informality ^(a)

	Polling Place	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Highest % informal	Sparrowhawk	40	504	7.94
Lowest % informal	Laanecoorie	2	121	1.65

(a) Excludes polling places with less than 100 total ordinary votes recorded.

Bruce (Demographic rating: Outer Metropolitan)

Key statistics

	No.	%	Swing from 2007 (%)
Enrolled	88 124	..	..
Turnout	80 967	91.88	-2.70
Informal votes	4 220	5.21	1.50

Type of vote cast

	Formal votes (no.)	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Ordinary ^(a)	63 374	3 672	67 046	5.48
Absent	4 114	277	4 391	6.31
Postal	6 225	150	6 375	2.35
Pre-poll	2 723	103	2 826	3.64
Provisional	311	18	329	5.47
Total	76 747	4 220	80 967	5.21

(a) Comprises 62 686 votes cast at 33 static polling places, 4 310 votes cast at three pre-poll centres, and 50 votes cast through a Special Hospital Team.

Informal votes by category

Category	No.	%
Totally blank	1 232	29.2
Incomplete numbering – Number '1' only	911	21.6
Incomplete numbering – Other	40	0.9
Ticks and crosses	662	15.7
Other symbols	28	0.7
Non-sequential numbering	363	8.6
Scribbles, slogans and other protest vote marks	828	19.6
Illegible numbering	27	0.6
Voter identified	1	0.0
Other	128	3.0
Total	4 220	100.0

Polling places with highest and lowest informality ^(a)

	Polling Place	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Highest % informal	Dandenong West	178	1 698	10.48
Lowest % informal	Highvale	51	1 943	2.62

(a) Excludes polling places with less than 100 total ordinary votes recorded.

Calwell (Demographic rating: Outer Metropolitan)

Key statistics

	No.	%	Swing from 2007 (%)
Enrolled	101 342	..	..
Turnout	93 668	92.43	-2.41
Informal votes	6 114	6.53	1.68

Type of vote cast

	Formal votes (no.)	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Ordinary ^(a)	75 662	5 545	81 207	6.83
Absent	4 523	329	4 852	6.78
Postal	4 647	127	4 774	2.66
Pre-poll	2 367	85	2 452	3.47
Provisional	355	28	383	7.31
Total	87 554	6 114	93 668	6.53

(a) Comprises 73 270 votes cast at 34 static polling places, and 7 937 votes cast at four pre-poll centres.

Informal votes by category

Category	No.	%
Totally blank	2 268	37.1
Incomplete numbering – Number '1' only	1 125	18.4
Incomplete numbering – Other	10	0.2
Ticks and crosses	759	12.4
Other symbols	72	1.2
Non-sequential numbering	570	9.3
Scribbles, slogans and other protest vote marks	1 223	20.0
Illegible numbering	12	0.2
Voter identified	1	0.0
Other	74	1.2
Total	6 114	100.0

Polling places with highest and lowest informality ^(a)

	Polling Place	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Highest % informal	Meadow Heights	379	3 628	10.45
Lowest % informal	Sunbury	91	2 525	3.60

(a) Excludes polling places with less than 100 total ordinary votes recorded.

Casey (Demographic rating: Outer Metropolitan)

Key statistics

	No.	%	Swing from 2007 (%)
Enrolled	92 317	..	..
Turnout	87 592	94.88	-1.34
Informal votes	3 695	4.22	1.44

Type of vote cast

	Formal votes (no.)	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Ordinary ^(a)	70 226	3 181	73 407	4.33
Absent	4 342	250	4 592	5.44
Postal	6 490	174	6 664	2.61
Pre-poll	2 595	82	2 677	3.06
Provisional	244	8	252	3.17
Total	83 897	3 695	87 592	4.22

(a) Comprises 65 841 votes cast at 37 static polling places, 6 412 votes cast at three pre-poll centres, and 1 154 votes cast through two Special Hospital Teams.

Informal votes by category

Category	No.	%
Totally blank	1 285	34.8
Incomplete numbering – Number '1' only	929	25.1
Incomplete numbering – Other	28	0.8
Ticks and crosses	374	10.1
Other symbols	6	0.2
Non-sequential numbering	256	6.9
Scribbles, slogans and other protest vote marks	763	20.6
Illegible numbering	12	0.3
Voter identified	0	0.0
Other	42	1.1
Total	3 695	100.0

Polling places with highest and lowest informality ^(a)

	Polling Place	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Highest % informal	Kilsyth	160	2 836	5.64
Lowest % informal	The Patch	14	517	2.71

(a) Excludes polling places with less than 100 total ordinary votes recorded.

Chisholm (Demographic rating: Inner Metropolitan)

Key statistics

	No.	%	Swing from 2007 (%)
Enrolled	86 220	..	..
Turnout	80 330	93.17	-2.10
Informal votes	2 880	3.59	0.98

Type of vote cast

	Formal votes (no.)	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Ordinary ^(a)	61 689	2 370	64 059	3.70
Absent	5 101	222	5 323	4.17
Postal	7 079	167	7 246	2.30
Pre-poll	3 404	109	3 513	3.10
Provisional	177	12	189	6.35
Total	77 450	2 880	80 330	3.59

(a) Comprises 59,127 votes cast at 35 static polling places, 4,168 votes cast at three pre-poll centres, and 764 votes cast through four Special Hospital Teams.

Informal votes by category

Category	No.	%
Totally blank	834	29.0
Incomplete numbering – Number '1' only	565	19.6
Incomplete numbering – Other	55	1.9
Ticks and crosses	263	9.1
Other symbols	4	0.1
Non-sequential numbering	419	14.5
Scribbles, slogans and other protest vote marks	655	22.7
Illegible numbering	7	0.2
Voter identified	0	0.0
Other	78	2.7
Total	2 880	100.0

Polling places with highest and lowest informality ^(a)

	Polling Place	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Highest % informal	Chadstone East	121	1 873	6.46
Lowest % informal	Surrey Hills	29	1 772	1.64

(a) Excludes polling places with less than 100 total ordinary votes recorded.

Corangamite (Demographic rating: Provincial)

Key statistics

	No.	%	Swing from 2007 (%)
Enrolled	101 512	..	..
Turnout	96 816	95.37	-1.10
Informal votes	3 117	3.22	0.69

Type of vote cast

	Formal votes (no.)	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Ordinary ^(a)	78 207	2 673	80 880	3.30
Absent	4 691	187	4 878	3.83
Postal	6 854	156	7 010	2.23
Pre-poll	3 760	97	3 857	2.51
Provisional	187	4	191	2.09
Total	93 699	3 117	96 816	3.22

(a) Comprises 68 910 votes cast at 64 static polling places, 11 545 votes cast at five pre-poll centres, and 425 votes cast through three Special Hospital Teams.

Informal votes by category

Category	No.	%
Totally blank	972	31.2
Incomplete numbering – Number '1' only	599	19.2
Incomplete numbering – Other	72	2.3
Ticks and crosses	191	6.1
Other symbols	12	0.4
Non-sequential numbering	487	15.6
Scribbles, slogans and other protest vote marks	687	22.0
Illegible numbering	35	1.1
Voter identified	0	0.0
Other	62	2.0
Total	3 117	100.0

Polling places with highest and lowest informality ^(a)

	Polling Place	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Highest % informal	Dereel	20	255	7.84
Lowest % informal	Aireys Inlet	9	637	1.41

(a) Excludes polling places with less than 100 total ordinary votes recorded.

Corio (Demographic rating: Provincial)

Key statistics

	No.	%	Swing from 2007 (%)
Enrolled	91 924	..	..
Turnout	86 566	94.17	-1.25
Informal votes	3 905	4.51	0.78

Type of vote cast

	Formal votes (no.)	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Ordinary ^(a)	69 956	3 512	73 468	4.78
Absent	3 265	175	3 440	5.09
Postal	6 085	127	6 212	2.04
Pre-poll	3 130	79	3 209	2.46
Provisional	225	12	237	5.06
Total	82 661	3 905	86 566	4.51

(a) Comprises 66 360 votes cast at 41 static polling places, 6 634 votes cast at two pre-poll centres, and 474 votes cast through three Special Hospital Teams.

Informal votes by category

Category	No.	%
Totally blank	1 334	34.2
Incomplete numbering – Number '1' only	814	20.8
Incomplete numbering – Other	44	1.1
Ticks and crosses	270	6.9
Other symbols	11	0.3
Non-sequential numbering	379	9.7
Scribbles, slogans and other protest vote marks	993	25.4
Illegible numbering	13	0.3
Voter identified	0	0.0
Other	47	1.2
Total	3 905	100.0

Polling places with highest and lowest informality ^(a)

	Polling Place	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Highest % informal	Norlane	287	3 265	8.79
Lowest % informal	Batesford	3	206	1.46

(a) Excludes polling places with less than 100 total ordinary votes recorded.

Deakin (Demographic rating: Outer Metropolitan)

Key statistics

	No.	%	Swing from 2007 (%)
Enrolled	87 710	..	..
Turnout	82 967	94.59	-1.30
Informal votes	2 967	3.58	1.49

Type of vote cast

	Formal votes (no.)	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Ordinary ^(a)	65 569	2 498	68 067	3.67
Absent	4 530	240	4 770	5.03
Postal	7 071	142	7 213	1.97
Pre-poll	2 691	80	2 771	2.89
Provisional	139	7	146	4.79
Total	80 000	2 967	82 967	3.58

(a) Comprises 62 252 votes cast at 38 static polling places, 5 471 votes cast at three pre-poll centres, and 344 votes cast through two Special Hospital Teams.

Informal votes by category

Category	No.	%
Totally blank	908	30.6
Incomplete numbering – Number '1' only	517	17.4
Incomplete numbering – Other	111	3.7
Ticks and crosses	186	6.3
Other symbols	43	1.4
Non-sequential numbering	425	14.3
Scribbles, slogans and other protest vote marks	704	23.7
Illegible numbering	7	0.2
Voter identified	1	0.0
Other	65	2.2
Total	2 967	100.0

Polling places with highest and lowest informality ^(a)

	Polling Place	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Highest % informal	Special Hospital Team 2	12	149	8.05
Lowest % informal	Special Hospital Team 1	2	195	1.03

(a) Excludes polling places with less than 100 total ordinary votes recorded.

Dunkley (Demographic rating: Outer Metropolitan)

Key statistics

	No.	%	Swing from 2007 (%)
Enrolled	95 299	..	..
Turnout	89 298	93.70	-1.53
Informal votes	3 498	3.92	1.30

Type of vote cast

	Formal votes (no.)	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Ordinary ^(a)	71 414	3 000	74 414	4.03
Absent	4 019	227	4 246	5.35
Postal	7 174	173	7 347	2.35
Pre-poll	2 976	87	3 063	2.84
Provisional	217	11	228	4.82
Total	85 800	3 498	89 298	3.92

(a) Comprises 67 468 votes cast at 35 static polling places, 6 356 votes cast at two pre-poll centres, and 590 votes cast through three Special Hospital Teams.

Informal votes by category

Category	No.	%
Totally blank	1 167	33.4
Incomplete numbering – Number '1' only	727	20.8
Incomplete numbering – Other	32	0.9
Ticks and crosses	367	10.5
Other symbols	31	0.9
Non-sequential numbering	202	5.8
Scribbles, slogans and other protest vote marks	882	25.2
Illegible numbering	28	0.8
Voter identified	1	0.0
Other	61	1.7
Total	3 498	100.0

Polling places with highest and lowest informality ^(a)

	Polling Place	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Highest % informal	Frankston Monterey	56	808	6.93
Lowest % informal	Mt Eliza Central	17	1 184	1.44

(a) Excludes polling places with less than 100 total ordinary votes recorded.

Flinders (Demographic rating: Rural)

Key statistics

	No.	%	Swing from 2007 (%)
Enrolled	100 852	..	..
Turnout	94 396	93.60	-1.84
Informal votes	3 895	4.13	1.35

Type of vote cast

	Formal votes (no.)	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Ordinary ^(a)	72 400	3 314	75 714	4.38
Absent	4 648	240	4 888	4.91
Postal	8 080	187	8 267	2.26
Pre-poll	5 192	145	5 337	2.72
Provisional	181	9	190	4.74
Total	90 501	3 895	94 396	4.13

(a) Comprises 62 186 votes cast at 57 static polling places, 12 195 votes cast at four pre-poll centres, and 1 333 votes cast through two Special Hospital Teams.

Informal votes by category

Category	No.	%
Totally blank	1 201	30.8
Incomplete numbering – Number '1' only	1 048	26.9
Incomplete numbering – Other	23	0.6
Ticks and crosses	363	9.3
Other symbols	32	0.8
Non-sequential numbering	285	7.3
Scribbles, slogans and other protest vote marks	876	22.5
Illegible numbering	12	0.3
Voter identified	9	0.2
Other	46	1.2
Total	3 895	100.0

Polling places with highest and lowest informality ^(a)

	Polling Place	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Highest % informal	Lang Lang	68	957	7.11
Lowest % informal	Merricks North	0	249	0.00

(a) Excludes polling places with less than 100 total ordinary votes recorded.

Gellibrand (*Demographic rating: Inner Metropolitan*)

Key statistics

	No.	%	Swing from 2007 (%)
Enrolled	95 571	..	..
Turnout	87 641	91.70	-2.46
Informal votes	4 378	5.00	0.78

Type of vote cast

	Formal votes (no.)	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Ordinary ^(a)	66 992	3 773	70 765	5.33
Absent	4 134	253	4 387	5.77
Postal	7 397	163	7 560	2.16
Pre-poll	4 442	170	4 612	3.69
Provisional	298	19	317	5.99
Total	83 263	4 378	87 641	5.00

(a) Comprises 66 165 votes cast at 40 static polling places, 4 340 votes cast at three pre-poll centres, and 260 votes cast through a Special Hospital Team.

Informal votes by category

Category	No.	%
Totally blank	1 321	30.2
Incomplete numbering – Number '1' only	811	18.5
Incomplete numbering – Other	116	2.6
Ticks and crosses	325	7.4
Other symbols	14	0.3
Non-sequential numbering	592	13.5
Scribbles, slogans and other protest vote marks	1 052	24.0
Illegible numbering	50	1.1
Voter identified	1	0.0
Other	96	2.2
Total	4 378	100.0

Polling places with highest and lowest informality ^(a)

	Polling Place	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Highest % informal	Sunshine GELLIBRAND PPVC	73	772	9.46
Lowest % informal	Maribyrnong South	16	813	1.97

(a) Excludes polling places with less than 100 total ordinary votes recorded.

Gippsland (*Demographic rating: Rural*)

Key statistics

	No.	%	Swing from 2007 (%)
Enrolled	97 521	..	..
Turnout	92 208	94.55	-1.12
Informal votes	3 496	3.79	0.81

Type of vote cast

	Formal votes (no.)	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Ordinary ^(a)	78 891	3 240	82 131	3.94
Absent	2 711	92	2 803	3.28
Postal	3 280	66	3 346	1.97
Pre-poll	3 673	93	3 766	2.47
Provisional	157	5	162	3.09
Total	88 712	3 496	92 208	3.79

(a) Comprises 66 464 votes cast at 86 static polling places, 15 094 votes cast at six pre-poll centres, and 573 votes cast through five Special Hospital Teams.

Informal votes by category

Category	No.	%
Totally blank	1 222	35.0
Incomplete numbering – Number '1' only	716	20.5
Incomplete numbering – Other	49	1.4
Ticks and crosses	83	2.4
Other symbols	0	0.0
Non-sequential numbering	286	8.2
Scribbles, slogans and other protest vote marks	887	25.4
Illegible numbering	13	0.4
Voter identified	1	0.0
Other	239	6.8
Total	3 496	100.0

Polling places with highest and lowest informality ^(a)

	Polling Place	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Highest % informal	Bairnsdale East	30	406	7.39
Lowest % informal	Coongulla	0	101	0.00

(a) Excludes polling places with less than 100 total ordinary votes recorded.

Goldstein (Demographic rating: Inner Metropolitan)

Key statistics

	No.	%	Swing from 2007 (%)
Enrolled	93 918	..	..
Turnout	87 293	92.95	-2.01
Informal votes	2 735	3.13	0.71

Type of vote cast

	Formal votes (no.)	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Ordinary ^(a)	67 461	2 165	69 626	3.11
Absent	4 834	265	5 099	5.20
Postal	7 205	159	7 364	2.16
Pre-poll	4 911	135	5 046	2.68
Provisional	147	11	158	6.96
Total	84 558	2 735	87 293	3.13

(a) Comprises 65 373 votes cast at 38 static polling places, 4 025 votes cast at two pre-poll centres, and 228 votes cast through two Special Hospital Teams.

Informal votes by category

Category	No.	%
Totally blank	723	26.4
Incomplete numbering – Number '1' only	760	27.8
Incomplete numbering – Other	22	0.8
Ticks and crosses	296	10.8
Other symbols	36	1.3
Non-sequential numbering	178	6.5
Scribbles, slogans and other protest vote marks	632	23.1
Illegible numbering	10	0.4
Voter identified	2	0.1
Other	76	2.8
Total	2 735	100.0

Polling places with highest and lowest informality ^(a)

	Polling Place	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Highest % informal	Special Hospital Team 2	8	128	6.25
Lowest % informal	Brighton Beach	28	1 709	1.64

(a) Excludes polling places with less than 100 total ordinary votes recorded.

Gorton (Demographic rating: Outer Metropolitan)

Key statistics

	No.	%	Swing from 2007 (%)
Enrolled	113 675	..	..
Turnout	105 033	92.40	-2.52
Informal votes	7 048	6.71	2.27

Type of vote cast

	Formal votes (no.)	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Ordinary ^(a)	83 461	6 275	89 736	6.99
Absent	4 521	375	4 896	7.66
Postal	6 064	161	6 225	2.59
Pre-poll	3 368	193	3 561	5.42
Provisional	571	44	615	7.15
Total	97 985	7 048	105 033	6.71

(a) Comprises 75 994 votes cast at 37 static polling places, 13 700 votes cast at four pre-poll centres, and 42 votes cast through a Special Hospital Team.

Informal votes by category

Category	No.	%
Totally blank	2 145	30.4
Incomplete numbering – Number '1' only	1 558	22.1
Incomplete numbering – Other	56	0.8
Ticks and crosses	740	10.5
Other symbols	23	0.3
Non-sequential numbering	553	7.8
Scribbles, slogans and other protest vote marks	1 834	26.0
Illegible numbering	35	0.5
Voter identified	2	0.0
Other	102	1.4
Total	7 048	100.0

Polling places with highest and lowest informality ^(a)

	Polling Place	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Highest % informal	Albion (Gorton)	57	486	11.73
Lowest % informal	Derrimut	64	1 395	4.59

(a) Excludes polling places with less than 100 total ordinary votes recorded.

Higgins (Demographic rating: Inner Metropolitan)

Key statistics

	No.	%	Swing from 2007 (%)
Enrolled	90 409	..	..
Turnout	83 690	92.57	-1.20
Informal votes	2 343	2.80	0.23

Type of vote cast

	Formal votes (no.)	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Ordinary ^(a)	62 862	1 880	64 742	2.90
Absent	5 672	226	5 898	3.83
Postal	7 634	123	7 757	1.59
Pre-poll	4 959	107	5 066	2.11
Provisional	220	7	227	3.08
Total	81 347	2 343	83 690	2.80

(a) Comprises 58 413 votes cast at 38 static polling places, 6 211 votes cast at three pre-poll centres, and 118 votes cast through two Special Hospital Teams.

Informal votes by category

Category	No.	%
Totally blank	676	28.9
Incomplete numbering – Number '1' only	566	24.2
Incomplete numbering – Other	44	1.9
Ticks and crosses	266	11.4
Other symbols	1	0.0
Non-sequential numbering	135	5.8
Scribbles, slogans and other protest vote marks	600	25.6
Illegible numbering	11	0.5
Voter identified	0	0.0
Other	44	1.9
Total	2 343	100.0

Polling places with highest and lowest informality ^(a)

	Polling Place	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Highest % informal	Melbourne (Higgins)	8	157	5.10
Lowest % informal	Ferndale	10	850	1.18

(a) Excludes polling places with less than 100 total ordinary votes recorded.

Holt (Demographic rating: Outer Metropolitan)

Key statistics

	No.	%	Swing from 2007 (%)
Enrolled	108 891	..	..
Turnout	101 309	93.04	-2.39
Informal votes	5 764	5.69	2.13

Type of vote cast

	Formal votes (no.)	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Ordinary ^(a)	78 761	4 990	83 751	5.96
Absent	5 924	435	6 359	6.84
Postal	8 101	194	8 295	2.34
Pre-poll	2 339	108	2 447	4.41
Provisional	420	37	457	8.10
Total	95 545	5 764	101 309	5.69

(a) Comprises 76 829 votes cast at 33 static polling places, 6 879 votes cast at three pre-poll centres, and 43 votes cast through a Special Hospital Team.

Informal votes by category

Category	No.	%
Totally blank	2 176	37.8
Incomplete numbering – Number '1' only	1 045	18.1
Incomplete numbering – Other	89	1.5
Ticks and crosses	536	9.3
Other symbols	32	0.6
Non-sequential numbering	584	10.1
Scribbles, slogans and other protest vote marks	1 237	21.5
Illegible numbering	30	0.5
Voter identified	0	0.0
Other	35	0.6
Total	5 764	100.0

Polling places with highest and lowest informality ^(a)

	Polling Place	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Highest % informal	Doveton West	108	1 206	8.96
Lowest % informal	Hallam East	33	999	3.30

(a) Excludes polling places with less than 100 total ordinary votes recorded.

Hotham (Demographic rating: Outer Metropolitan)

Key statistics

	No.	%	Swing from 2007 (%)
Enrolled	89 529	..	..
Turnout	83 044	92.76	-2.03
Informal votes	3 684	4.44	1.14

Type of vote cast

	Formal votes (no.)	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Ordinary ^(a)	64 213	3 180	67 393	4.72
Absent	4 813	251	5 064	4.96
Postal	6 511	136	6 647	2.05
Pre-poll	3 544	98	3 642	2.69
Provisional	279	19	298	6.38
Total	79 360	3 684	83 044	4.44

(a) Comprises 62 414 votes cast at 35 static polling places, 4 683 votes cast at three pre-poll centres, and 296 votes cast through two Special Hospital Teams.

Informal votes by category

Category	No.	%
Totally blank	1 084	29.4
Incomplete numbering – Number '1' only	803	21.8
Incomplete numbering – Other	65	1.8
Ticks and crosses	343	9.3
Other symbols	6	0.2
Non-sequential numbering	407	11.0
Scribbles, slogans and other protest vote marks	909	24.7
Illegible numbering	17	0.5
Voter identified	0	0.0
Other	50	1.4
Total	3 684	100.0

Polling places with highest and lowest informality ^(a)

	Polling Place	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Highest % informal	Southvale (Hotham)	39	469	8.32
Lowest % informal	Clayton West	10	400	2.50

(a) Excludes polling places with less than 100 total ordinary votes recorded.

Indi (Demographic rating: Rural)

Key statistics

	No.	%	Swing from 2007 (%)
Enrolled	92 914	..	..
Turnout	88 120	94.84	-0.96
Informal votes	3 449	3.91	1.23

Type of vote cast

	Formal votes (no.)	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Ordinary ^(a)	71 178	3 054	74 232	4.11
Absent	2 667	127	2 794	4.55
Postal	6 244	144	6 388	2.25
Pre-poll	4 443	118	4 561	2.59
Provisional	139	6	145	4.14
Total	84 671	3 449	88 120	3.91

(a) Comprises 56 736 votes cast at 83 static polling places, 17 032 votes cast at nine pre-poll centres, and 464 votes cast through three Special Hospital Teams.

Informal votes by category

Category	No.	%
Totally blank	1 275	37.0
Incomplete numbering – Number '1' only	647	18.8
Incomplete numbering – Other	63	1.8
Ticks and crosses	237	6.9
Other symbols	2	0.1
Non-sequential numbering	330	9.6
Scribbles, slogans and other protest vote marks	818	23.7
Illegible numbering	25	0.7
Voter identified	2	0.1
Other	50	1.4
Total	3 449	100.0

Polling places with highest and lowest informality ^(a)

	Polling Place	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Highest % informal	Strathbogie	17	233	7.30
Lowest % informal	Tatong	1	147	0.68

(a) Excludes polling places with less than 100 total ordinary votes recorded.

Isaacs (Demographic rating: Outer Metropolitan)

Key statistics

	No.	%	Swing from 2007 (%)
Enrolled	102 769	..	..
Turnout	95 831	93.25	-1.93
Informal votes	4 516	4.71	1.40

Type of vote cast

	Formal votes (no.)	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Ordinary ^(a)	73 645	3 824	77 469	4.94
Absent	5 649	353	6 002	5.88
Postal	6 885	149	7 034	2.12
Pre-poll	4 776	168	4 944	3.40
Provisional	360	22	382	5.76
Total	91 315	4 516	95 831	4.71

(a) Comprises 73 782 votes cast at 36 static polling places, 3 297 votes cast at three pre-poll centres, and 390 votes cast through three Special Hospital Teams.

Informal votes by category

Category	No.	%
Totally blank	1 515	33.5
Incomplete numbering – Number '1' only	955	21.1
Incomplete numbering – Other	50	1.1
Ticks and crosses	442	9.8
Other symbols	7	0.2
Non-sequential numbering	354	7.8
Scribbles, slogans and other protest vote marks	1 096	24.3
Illegible numbering	15	0.3
Voter identified	2	0.0
Other	80	1.8
Total	4 516	100.0

Polling places with highest and lowest informality ^(a)

	Polling Place	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Highest % informal	Dandenong South	163	1 757	9.28
Lowest % informal	Aspendale North	16	650	2.46

(a) Excludes polling places with less than 100 total ordinary votes recorded.

Jagajaga (Demographic rating: Outer Metropolitan)

Key statistics

	No.	%	Swing from 2007 (%)
Enrolled	95 146	..	..
Turnout	89 499	94.06	-1.66
Informal votes	3 556	3.97	1.52

Type of vote cast

	Formal votes (no.)	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Ordinary ^(a)	72 091	3 123	75 214	4.15
Absent	4 214	208	4 422	4.70
Postal	6 508	136	6 644	2.05
Pre-poll	2 983	83	3 066	2.71
Provisional	147	6	153	3.92
Total	85 943	3 556	89 499	3.97

(a) Comprises 66 329 votes cast at 36 static polling places, 8 535 votes cast at three pre-poll centres, and 350 votes cast through two Special Hospital Teams.

Informal votes by category

Category	No.	%
Totally blank	1 127	31.7
Incomplete numbering – Number '1' only	839	23.6
Incomplete numbering – Other	52	1.5
Ticks and crosses	286	8.0
Other symbols	80	2.2
Non-sequential numbering	284	8.0
Scribbles, slogans and other protest vote marks	812	22.8
Illegible numbering	27	0.8
Voter identified	0	0.0
Other	49	1.4
Total	3 556	100.0

Polling places with highest and lowest informality ^(a)

	Polling Place	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Highest % informal	Olympic Village	188	2 144	8.77
Lowest % informal	Fairy Hills	33	1 551	2.13

(a) Excludes polling places with less than 100 total ordinary votes recorded.

Kooyong (Demographic rating: Inner Metropolitan)

Key statistics

	No.	%	Swing from 2007 (%)
Enrolled	89 626	..	..
Turnout	83 613	93.29	-1.51
Informal votes	2 326	2.78	0.68

Type of vote cast

	Formal votes (no.)	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Ordinary ^(a)	64 691	1 927	66 618	2.89
Absent	5 346	183	5 529	3.31
Postal	6 536	125	6 661	1.88
Pre-poll	4 610	87	4 697	1.85
Provisional	104	4	108	3.70
Total	81 287	2 326	83 613	2.78

(a) Comprises 61 844 votes cast at 33 static polling places, 4 429 votes cast at three pre-poll centres, and 345 votes cast through three Special Hospital Teams.

Informal votes by category

Category	No.	%
Totally blank	637	27.4
Incomplete numbering – Number '1' only	663	28.5
Incomplete numbering – Other	30	1.3
Ticks and crosses	291	12.5
Other symbols	74	3.2
Non-sequential numbering	194	8.3
Scribbles, slogans and other protest vote marks	361	15.5
Illegible numbering	4	0.2
Voter identified	1	0.0
Other	71	3.1
Total	2 326	100.0

Polling places with highest and lowest informality ^(a)

	Polling Place	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Highest % informal	Special Hospital Team 3	6	109	5.50
Lowest % informal	Box Hill KOOYONG PPVC	0	418	0.00

(a) Excludes polling places with less than 100 total ordinary votes recorded.

La Trobe (Demographic rating: Outer Metropolitan)

Key statistics

	No.	%	Swing from 2007 (%)
Enrolled	97 956	..	..
Turnout	92 770	94.71	-1.13
Informal votes	3 773	4.07	0.79

Type of vote cast

	Formal votes (no.)	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Ordinary ^(a)	71 443	3 161	74 604	4.24
Absent	5 389	284	5 673	5.01
Postal	7 793	177	7 970	2.22
Pre-poll	4 138	134	4 272	3.14
Provisional	234	17	251	6.77
Total	88 997	3 773	92 770	4.07

(a) Comprises 70 457 votes cast at 45 static polling places, 3 884 votes cast at three pre-poll centres, and 263 votes cast through two Special Hospital Teams.

Informal votes by category

Category	No.	%
Totally blank	1 362	36.1
Incomplete numbering – Number '1' only	703	18.6
Incomplete numbering – Other	92	2.4
Ticks and crosses	307	8.1
Other symbols	24	0.6
Non-sequential numbering	298	7.9
Scribbles, slogans and other protest vote marks	900	23.9
Illegible numbering	19	0.5
Voter identified	0	0.0
Other	68	1.8
Total	3 773	100.0

Polling places with highest and lowest informality ^(a)

	Polling Place	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Highest % informal	Fairhills	136	1 948	6.98
Lowest % informal	Sassafras	16	783	2.04

(a) Excludes polling places with less than 100 total ordinary votes recorded.

Lalor (Demographic rating: Outer Metropolitan)

Key statistics

	No.	%	Swing from 2007 (%)
Enrolled	116 976	..	..
Turnout	110 052	94.08	-1.34
Informal votes	6 864	6.24	2.75

Type of vote cast

	Formal votes (no.)	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Ordinary ^(a)	88 052	6 120	94 172	6.50
Absent	3 896	337	4 233	7.96
Postal	7 781	224	8 005	2.80
Pre-poll	3 081	155	3 236	4.79
Provisional	378	28	406	6.90
Total	103 188	6 864	110 052	6.24

(a) Comprises 79 727 votes cast at 36 static polling places, 14 382 votes cast at three pre-poll centres, and 63 votes cast through a Special Hospital Team.

Informal votes by category

Category	No.	%
Totally blank	2 117	30.8
Incomplete numbering – Number '1' only	1 321	19.2
Incomplete numbering – Other	352	5.1
Ticks and crosses	412	6.0
Other symbols	27	0.4
Non-sequential numbering	1 038	15.1
Scribbles, slogans and other protest vote marks	1 348	19.6
Illegible numbering	123	1.8
Voter identified	0	0.0
Other	126	1.8
Total	6 864	100.0

Polling places with highest and lowest informality ^(a)

	Polling Place	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Highest % informal	Diggers Rest	103	987	10.44
Lowest % informal	Point Cook	101	3 141	3.22

(a) Excludes polling places with less than 100 total ordinary votes recorded.

Mallee (Demographic rating: Rural)

Key statistics

	No.	%	Swing from 2007 (%)
Enrolled	89 824	..	..
Turnout	85 047	94.68	-1.21
Informal votes	3 594	4.23	0.64

Type of vote cast

	Formal votes (no.)	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Ordinary ^(a)	71 217	3 289	74 506	4.41
Absent	2 705	116	2 821	4.11
Postal	4 541	89	4 630	1.92
Pre-poll	2 876	90	2 966	3.03
Provisional	114	10	124	8.06
Total	81 453	3 594	85 047	4.23

(a) Comprises 59 918 votes cast at 101 static polling places, 13 917 votes cast at four pre-poll centres, and 671 votes cast through four Special Hospital Teams.

Informal votes by category

Category	No.	%
Totally blank	1 124	31.3
Incomplete numbering – Number '1' only	852	23.7
Incomplete numbering – Other	25	0.7
Ticks and crosses	355	9.9
Other symbols	36	1.0
Non-sequential numbering	230	6.4
Scribbles, slogans and other protest vote marks	829	23.1
Illegible numbering	17	0.5
Voter identified	0	0.0
Other	126	3.5
Total	3 594	100.0

Polling places with highest and lowest informality ^(a)

	Polling Place	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Highest % informal	Mildura	172	2 450	7.02
Lowest % informal	Antwerp	1	101	0.99

(a) Excludes polling places with less than 100 total ordinary votes recorded.

Maribyrnong (Demographic rating: Outer Metropolitan)

Key statistics

	No.	%	Swing from 2007 (%)
Enrolled	88 413	..	..
Turnout	81 179	91.82	-2.33
Informal votes	4 607	5.68	1.70

Type of vote cast

	Formal votes (no.)	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Ordinary ^(a)	63 644	4 027	67 671	5.95
Absent	4 072	269	4 341	6.20
Postal	5 395	136	5 531	2.46
Pre-poll	3 189	156	3 345	4.66
Provisional	272	19	291	6.53
Total	76 572	4 607	81 179	5.68

(a) Comprises 56 792 votes cast at 32 static polling places, 10 855 votes cast at four pre-poll centres, and 24 votes cast through a Special Hospital Team.

Informal votes by category

Category	No.	%
Totally blank	1 307	28.4
Incomplete numbering – Number '1' only	971	21.1
Incomplete numbering – Other	73	1.6
Ticks and crosses	534	11.6
Other symbols	138	3.0
Non-sequential numbering	735	16.0
Scribbles, slogans and other protest vote marks	705	15.3
Illegible numbering	24	0.5
Voter identified	2	0.0
Other	118	2.6
Total	4 607	100.0

Polling places with highest and lowest informality ^(a)

	Polling Place	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Highest % informal	Albion North	146	1 600	9.13
Lowest % informal	Aberfeldie	44	1 724	2.55

(a) Excludes polling places with less than 100 total ordinary votes recorded.

McEwen (Demographic rating: Rural)

Key statistics

	No.	%	Swing from 2007 (%)
Enrolled	115 811	..	..
Turnout	109 950	94.94	-1.30
Informal votes	4 843	4.40	0.44

Type of vote cast

	Formal votes (no.)	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Ordinary ^(a)	84 491	4 029	88 520	4.55
Absent	7 177	441	7 618	5.79
Postal	8 276	195	8 471	2.30
Pre-poll	4 910	155	5 065	3.06
Provisional	253	23	276	8.33
Total	105 107	4 843	109 950	4.40

(a) Comprises 82 301 votes cast at 77 static polling places, 6 126 votes cast at five pre-poll centres, and 93 votes cast through two Special Hospital Teams.

Informal votes by category

Category	No.	%
Totally blank	1 708	35.3
Incomplete numbering – Number '1' only	905	18.7
Incomplete numbering – Other	133	2.7
Ticks and crosses	311	6.4
Other symbols	40	0.8
Non-sequential numbering	473	9.8
Scribbles, slogans and other protest vote marks	1 150	23.7
Illegible numbering	21	0.4
Voter identified	2	0.0
Other	100	2.1
Total	4 843	100.0

Polling places with highest and lowest informality ^(a)

	Polling Place	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Highest % informal	Warburton PPVC	22	304	7.24
Lowest % informal	Kangaroo Ground	10	876	1.14

(a) Excludes polling places with less than 100 total ordinary votes recorded.

McMillan (Demographic rating: Rural)

Key statistics

	No.	%	Swing from 2007 (%)
Enrolled	93 285	..	..
Turnout	88 471	94.84	-1.04
Informal votes	3 511	3.97	0.54

Type of vote cast

	Formal votes (no.)	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Ordinary ^(a)	72 617	3 142	75 759	4.15
Absent	3 422	175	3 597	4.87
Postal	5 886	110	5 996	1.83
Pre-poll	2 859	70	2 929	2.39
Provisional	176	14	190	7.37
Total	84 960	3 511	88 471	3.97

(a) Comprises 59 610 votes cast at 82 static polling places, 15 519 votes cast at seven pre-poll centres, and 630 votes cast through four Special Hospital Teams.

Informal votes by category

Category	No.	%
Totally blank	1 324	37.7
Incomplete numbering – Number '1' only	589	16.8
Incomplete numbering – Other	39	1.1
Ticks and crosses	318	9.1
Other symbols	96	2.7
Non-sequential numbering	301	8.6
Scribbles, slogans and other protest vote marks	740	21.1
Illegible numbering	24	0.7
Voter identified	0	0.0
Other	80	2.3
Total	3 511	100.0

Polling places with highest and lowest informality ^(a)

	Polling Place	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Highest % informal	Noojee	8	116	6.90
Lowest % informal	Yanakie	0	159	0.00

(a) Excludes polling places with less than 100 total ordinary votes recorded.

Melbourne (Demographic rating: Inner Metropolitan)

Key statistics

	No.	%	Swing from 2007 (%)
Enrolled	102 881	..	..
Turnout	92 683	90.09	-1.41
Informal votes	3 356	3.62	0.82

Type of vote cast

	Formal votes (no.)	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Ordinary ^(a)	70 413	2 684	73 097	3.67
Absent	7 175	348	7 523	4.63
Postal	5 777	139	5 916	2.35
Pre-poll	5 502	161	5 663	2.84
Provisional	460	24	484	4.96
Total	89 327	3 356	92 683	3.62

(a) Comprises 65 600 votes cast at 36 static polling places, 7 410 votes cast at six pre-poll centres, and 87 votes cast through seven Special Hospital Teams.

Informal votes by category

Category	No.	%
Totally blank	827	24.6
Incomplete numbering – Number '1' only	532	15.9
Incomplete numbering – Other	154	4.6
Ticks and crosses	267	8.0
Other symbols	21	0.6
Non-sequential numbering	678	20.2
Scribbles, slogans and other protest vote marks	582	17.3
Illegible numbering	79	2.4
Voter identified	0	0.0
Other	216	6.4
Total	3 356	100.0

Polling places with highest and lowest informality ^(a)

	Polling Place	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Highest % informal	Richmond North	71	911	7.79
Lowest % informal	Parkville	22	1 512	1.46

(a) Excludes polling places with less than 100 total ordinary votes recorded.

Melbourne Ports (Demographic rating: Inner Metropolitan)

Key statistics

	No.	%	Swing from 2007 (%)
Enrolled	97 766	..	..
Turnout	87 669	89.67	-2.05
Informal votes	2 848	3.25	1.09

Type of vote cast

	Formal votes (no.)	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Ordinary ^(a)	63 694	2 166	65 860	3.29
Absent	6 618	327	6 945	4.71
Postal	9 434	193	9 627	2.00
Pre-poll	4 759	154	4 913	3.13
Provisional	316	8	324	2.47
Total	84 821	2 848	87 669	3.25

(a) Comprises 57 563 votes cast at 32 static polling places, 8 144 votes cast at five pre-poll centres, and 153 votes cast through two Special Hospital Teams.

Informal votes by category

Category	No.	%
Totally blank	805	28.3
Incomplete numbering – Number '1' only	686	24.1
Incomplete numbering – Other	126	4.4
Ticks and crosses	287	10.1
Other symbols	35	1.2
Non-sequential numbering	242	8.5
Scribbles, slogans and other protest vote marks	520	18.3
Illegible numbering	22	0.8
Voter identified	1	0.0
Other	124	4.4
Total	2 848	100.0

Polling places with highest and lowest informality ^(a)

	Polling Place	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Highest % informal	Special Hospital Team 1	6	117	5.13
Lowest % informal	Domain	14	1 189	1.18

(a) Excludes polling places with less than 100 total ordinary votes recorded.

Menzies (Demographic rating: Outer Metropolitan)

Key statistics

	No.	%	Swing from 2007 (%)
Enrolled	90 931	..	..
Turnout	85 410	93.93	-2.22
Informal votes	3 497	4.09	1.33

Type of vote cast

	Formal votes (no.)	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Ordinary ^(a)	67 027	2 972	69 999	4.25
Absent	4 407	240	4 647	5.16
Postal	6 362	132	6 494	2.03
Pre-poll	3 887	141	4 028	3.50
Provisional	230	12	242	4.96
Total	81 913	3 497	85 410	4.09

(a) Comprises 64 102 votes cast at 34 static polling places, 4 959 votes cast at three pre-poll centres, and 1 028 votes cast through three Special Hospital Teams.

Informal votes by category

Category	No.	%
Totally blank	1 125	32.2
Incomplete numbering – Number '1' only	810	23.2
Incomplete numbering – Other	32	0.9
Ticks and crosses	367	10.5
Other symbols	0	0.0
Non-sequential numbering	272	7.8
Scribbles, slogans and other protest vote marks	842	24.1
Illegible numbering	4	0.1
Voter identified	2	0.1
Other	43	1.2
Total	3 497	100.0

Polling places with highest and lowest informality ^(a)

	Polling Place	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Highest % informal	Melbourne (Menzies)	9	115	7.83
Lowest % informal	Divisional Office (PREPOLL)	7	318	2.20

(a) Excludes polling places with less than 100 total ordinary votes recorded.

Murray (Demographic rating: Rural)

Key statistics

	No.	%	Swing from 2007 (%)
Enrolled	90 182	..	..
Turnout	85 534	94.85	-0.87
Informal votes	4 986	5.83	0.59

Type of vote cast

	Formal votes (no.)	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Ordinary ^(a)	70 013	4 552	74 565	6.10
Absent	2 972	188	3 160	5.95
Postal	4 603	130	4 733	2.75
Pre-poll	2 831	101	2 932	3.44
Provisional	129	15	144	10.42
Total	80 548	4 986	85 534	5.83

(a) Comprises 63 685 votes cast at 88 static polling places, 10 090 votes cast at four pre-poll centres, and 790 votes cast through five Special Hospital Teams.

Informal votes by category

Category	No.	%
Totally blank	1 436	28.8
Incomplete numbering – Number '1' only	784	15.7
Incomplete numbering – Other	103	2.1
Ticks and crosses	325	6.5
Other symbols	44	0.9
Non-sequential numbering	1 002	20.1
Scribbles, slogans and other protest vote marks	895	18.0
Illegible numbering	318	6.4
Voter identified	1	0.0
Other	78	1.6
Total	4 986	100.0

Polling places with highest and lowest informality ^(a)

	Polling Place	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Highest % informal	Special Hospital Team 4	26	220	11.82
Lowest % informal	Waaia	3	249	1.20

(a) Excludes polling places with less than 100 total ordinary votes recorded.

Scullin (*Demographic rating: Outer Metropolitan*)

Key statistics

	No.	%	Swing from 2007 (%)
Enrolled	90 811	..	..
Turnout	84 435	92.98	-2.72
Informal votes	5 055	5.99	1.93

Type of vote cast

	Formal votes (no.)	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Ordinary ^(a)	67 586	4 484	72 070	6.22
Absent	4 776	351	5 127	6.85
Postal	4 777	132	4 909	2.69
Pre-poll	1 931	69	2 000	3.45
Provisional	310	19	329	5.78
Total	79 380	5 055	84 435	5.99

(a) Comprises 67 110 votes cast at 29 static polling places, 4 890 votes cast at three pre-poll centres, and 70 votes cast through two Special Hospital Teams.

Informal votes by category

Category	No.	%
Totally blank	1 632	32.3
Incomplete numbering – Number '1' only	1 173	23.2
Incomplete numbering – Other	29	0.6
Ticks and crosses	520	10.3
Other symbols	79	1.6
Non-sequential numbering	497	9.8
Scribbles, slogans and other protest vote marks	1 000	19.8
Illegible numbering	15	0.3
Voter identified	1	0.0
Other	109	2.2
Total	5 055	100.0

Polling places with highest and lowest informality ^(a)

	Polling Place	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Highest % informal	Lalor Park	202	2 183	9.25
Lowest % informal	St Helena (Scullin)	38	1 050	3.62

(a) Excludes polling places with less than 100 total ordinary votes recorded.

Wannon (Demographic rating: Rural)

Key statistics

	No.	%	Swing from 2007 (%)
Enrolled	92 236	..	..
Turnout	87 927	95.33	-1.07
Informal votes	4 676	5.32	2.73

Type of vote cast

	Formal votes (no.)	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Ordinary ^(a)	70 823	4 219	75 042	5.62
Absent	3 241	170	3 411	4.98
Postal	5 610	157	5 767	2.72
Pre-poll	3 508	122	3 630	3.36
Provisional	69	8	77	10.39
Total	83 251	4 676	87 927	5.32

(a) Comprises 62 777 votes cast at 94 static polling places, 11 764 votes cast at seven pre-poll centres, and 501 votes cast through four Special Hospital Teams.

Informal votes by category

Category	No.	%
Totally blank	1 415	30.3
Incomplete numbering – Number '1' only	671	14.3
Incomplete numbering – Other	151	3.2
Ticks and crosses	237	5.1
Other symbols	34	0.7
Non-sequential numbering	1 151	24.6
Scribbles, slogans and other protest vote marks	866	18.5
Illegible numbering	88	1.9
Voter identified	9	0.2
Other	54	1.2
Total	4 676	100.0

Polling places with highest and lowest informality ^(a)

	Polling Place	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Highest % informal	Stawell West	136	1 505	9.04
Lowest % informal	Tyrendarra	0	133	0.00

(a) Excludes polling places with less than 100 total ordinary votes recorded.

Wills (Demographic rating: Inner Metropolitan)

Key statistics

	No.	%	Swing from 2007 (%)
Enrolled	98 588	..	..
Turnout	89 791	91.08	-2.59
Informal votes	5 403	6.02	1.69

Type of vote cast

	Formal votes (no.)	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Ordinary ^(a)	69 343	4 816	74 159	6.49
Absent	5 189	304	5 493	5.53
Postal	5 553	136	5 689	2.39
Pre-poll	4 090	130	4 220	3.08
Provisional	213	17	230	7.39
Total	84 388	5 403	89 791	6.02

(a) Comprises 68 887 votes cast at 41 static polling places, 5 246 votes cast at three pre-poll centres, and 26 votes cast through a Special Hospital Team.

Informal votes by category

Category	No.	%
Totally blank	1 536	28.4
Incomplete numbering – Number '1' only	1 018	18.8
Incomplete numbering – Other	174	3.2
Ticks and crosses	329	6.1
Other symbols	24	0.4
Non-sequential numbering	805	14.9
Scribbles, slogans and other protest vote marks	1 188	22.0
Illegible numbering	56	1.0
Voter identified	0	0.0
Other	273	5.1
Total	5 403	100.0

Polling places with highest and lowest informality ^(a)

	Polling Place	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Highest % informal	Glenroy North	178	1 481	12.02
Lowest % informal	Strathmore South	21	724	2.90

(a) Excludes polling places with less than 100 total ordinary votes recorded.

Queensland

Blair (*Demographic rating: Rural*)

Key statistics

	No.	%	Swing from 2007 (%)
Enrolled	83 045	..	..
Turnout	77 998	93.92	-1.07
Informal votes	4 589	5.88	2.03

Type of vote cast

	Formal votes (no.)	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Ordinary ^(a)	62 387	4 096	66 483	6.16
Absent	3 783	254	4 037	6.29
Postal	5 701	174	5 875	2.96
Pre-poll	1 343	50	1 393	3.59
Provisional	195	15	210	7.14
Total	73 409	4 589	77 998	5.88

(a) Comprises 62 322 votes cast at 51 static polling places, 3 797 votes cast at two pre-poll centres, and 364 votes cast through three Special Hospital Teams.

Informal votes by category

Category	No.	%
Totally blank	1 345	29.3
Incomplete numbering – Number '1' only	1 440	31.4
Incomplete numbering – Other	83	1.8
Ticks and crosses	437	9.5
Other symbols	14	0.3
Non-sequential numbering	194	4.2
Scribbles, slogans and other protest vote marks	968	21.1
Illegible numbering	3	0.1
Voter identified	1	0.0
Other	104	2.3
Total	4 589	100.0

Polling places with highest and lowest informality ^(a)

	Polling Place	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Highest % informal	Redbank Plains (Blair)	168	1 698	9.89
Lowest % informal	Special Hospital Team 3	0	114	0.00

(a) Excludes polling places with less than 100 total ordinary votes recorded.

Bonner (*Demographic rating: Outer Metropolitan*)

Key statistics

	No.	%	Swing from 2007 (%)
Enrolled	92 661	..	..
Turnout	86 594	93.45	-1.88
Informal votes	4 429	5.11	2.14

Type of vote cast

	Formal votes (no.)	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Ordinary ^(a)	66 041	3 726	69 767	5.34
Absent	5 560	356	5 916	6.02
Postal	7 182	205	7 387	2.78
Pre-poll	3 242	127	3 369	3.77
Provisional	140	15	155	9.68
Total	82 165	4 429	86 594	5.11

(a) Comprises 66 386 votes cast at 33 static polling places, 3 010 votes cast at three pre-poll centres, and 371 votes cast through two Special Hospital Teams.

Informal votes by category

Category	No.	%
Totally blank	1 032	23.3
Incomplete numbering – Number '1' only	1 494	33.7
Incomplete numbering – Other	182	4.1
Ticks and crosses	430	9.7
Other symbols	16	0.4
Non-sequential numbering	345	7.8
Scribbles, slogans and other protest vote marks	754	17.0
Illegible numbering	12	0.3
Voter identified	6	0.1
Other	158	3.6
Total	4 429	100.0

Polling places with highest and lowest informality ^(a)

	Polling Place	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Highest % informal	Special Hospital Team 2	16	183	8.74
Lowest % informal	Divisional Office (PREPOLL)	3	161	1.86

(a) Excludes polling places with less than 100 total ordinary votes recorded.

Bowman (Demographic rating: Outer Metropolitan)

Key statistics

	No.	%	Swing from 2007 (%)
Enrolled	91 856	..	..
Turnout	86 617	94.30	-0.94
Informal votes	4 672	5.39	2.01

Type of vote cast

	Formal votes (no.)	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Ordinary ^(a)	70 120	4 161	74 281	5.60
Absent	3 254	222	3 476	6.39
Postal	6 296	205	6 501	3.15
Pre-poll	2 152	69	2 221	3.11
Provisional	123	15	138	10.87
Total	81 945	4 672	86 617	5.39

(a) Comprises 66 260 votes cast at 31 static polling places, 7 830 votes cast at two pre-poll centres, and 191 votes cast through a Special Hospital Team.

Informal votes by category

Category	No.	%
Totally blank	1 218	26.1
Incomplete numbering – Number '1' only	1 504	32.2
Incomplete numbering – Other	162	3.5
Ticks and crosses	439	9.4
Other symbols	8	0.2
Non-sequential numbering	324	6.9
Scribbles, slogans and other protest vote marks	887	19.0
Illegible numbering	10	0.2
Voter identified	1	0.0
Other	119	2.5
Total	4 672	100.0

Polling places with highest and lowest informality ^(a)

	Polling Place	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Highest % informal	Lamb Island	19	210	9.05
Lowest % informal	Ormiston	100	3 121	3.20

(a) Excludes polling places with less than 100 total ordinary votes recorded.

Brisbane (Demographic rating: Inner Metropolitan)

Key statistics

	No.	%	Swing from 2007 (%)
Enrolled	92 197	..	..
Turnout	84 218	91.35	-3.86
Informal votes	3 169	3.76	0.88

Type of vote cast

	Formal votes (no.)	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Ordinary ^(a)	62 976	2 534	65 510	3.87
Absent	6 967	312	7 279	4.29
Postal	5 683	170	5 853	2.90
Pre-poll	5 216	138	5 354	2.58
Provisional	207	15	222	6.76
Total	81 049	3 169	84 218	3.76

(a) Comprises 62 450 votes cast at 38 static polling places, 2 821 votes cast at two pre-poll centres, and 239 votes cast through two Special Hospital Teams.

Informal votes by category

Category	No.	%
Totally blank	719	22.7
Incomplete numbering – Number '1' only	1 071	33.8
Incomplete numbering – Other	118	3.7
Ticks and crosses	362	11.4
Other symbols	4	0.1
Non-sequential numbering	195	6.2
Scribbles, slogans and other protest vote marks	531	16.8
Illegible numbering	12	0.4
Voter identified	4	0.1
Other	153	4.8
Total	3 169	100.0

Polling places with highest and lowest informality ^(a)

	Polling Place	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Highest % informal	Stafford West (Brisbane)	32	419	7.64
Lowest % informal	Ashgrove West (Brisbane)	20	1 283	1.56

(a) Excludes polling places with less than 100 total ordinary votes recorded.

Capricornia (Demographic rating: Provincial)

Key statistics

	No.	%	Swing from 2007 (%)
Enrolled	91 961	..	..
Turnout	85 643	93.13	-2.27
Informal votes	5 263	6.15	2.83

Type of vote cast

	Formal votes (no.)	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Ordinary ^(a)	67 480	4 665	72 145	6.47
Absent	4 240	333	4 573	7.28
Postal	5 991	151	6 142	2.46
Pre-poll	2 565	104	2 669	3.90
Provisional	104	10	114	8.77
Total	80 380	5 263	85 643	6.15

(a) Comprises 62 546 votes cast at 65 static polling places, 9 049 votes cast at 14 pre-poll centres, and 550 votes cast through five Special Hospital Teams.

Informal votes by category

Category	No.	%
Totally blank	1 568	29.8
Incomplete numbering – Number '1' only	1 435	27.3
Incomplete numbering – Other	131	2.5
Ticks and crosses	457	8.7
Other symbols	4	0.1
Non-sequential numbering	428	8.1
Scribbles, slogans and other protest vote marks	1 039	19.7
Illegible numbering	18	0.3
Voter identified	0	0.0
Other	183	3.5
Total	5 263	100.0

Polling places with highest and lowest informality ^(a)

	Polling Place	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Highest % informal	Port Curtis	22	174	12.64
Lowest % informal	Sarina Range	3	109	2.75

(a) Excludes polling places with less than 100 total ordinary votes recorded.

Dawson (Demographic rating: Rural)

Key statistics

	No.	%	Swing from 2007 (%)
Enrolled	94 533	..	..
Turnout	88 019	93.11	-2.30
Informal votes	5 070	5.76	1.94

Type of vote cast

	Formal votes (no.)	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Ordinary ^(a)	71 206	4 577	75 783	6.04
Absent	4 530	264	4 794	5.51
Postal	5 207	154	5 361	2.87
Pre-poll	1 873	64	1 937	3.30
Provisional	133	11	144	7.64
Total	82 949	5 070	88 019	5.76

(a) Comprises 66 329 votes cast at 61 static polling places, 9 108 votes cast at 16 pre-poll centres, and 346 votes cast through four Special Hospital Teams.

Informal votes by category

Category	No.	%
Totally blank	1 600	31.6
Incomplete numbering – Number '1' only	1 449	28.6
Incomplete numbering – Other	84	1.7
Ticks and crosses	494	9.7
Other symbols	21	0.4
Non-sequential numbering	197	3.9
Scribbles, slogans and other protest vote marks	1 118	22.1
Illegible numbering	9	0.2
Voter identified	0	0.0
Other	98	1.9
Total	5 070	100.0

Polling places with highest and lowest informality ^(a)

	Polling Place	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Highest % informal	Wulguru	224	2 557	8.76
Lowest % informal	Mount Ossa	6	193	3.11

(a) Excludes polling places with less than 100 total ordinary votes recorded.

Dickson (Demographic rating: Outer Metropolitan)

Key statistics

	No.	%	Swing from 2007 (%)
Enrolled	90 130	..	..
Turnout	85 206	94.54	-0.83
Informal votes	3 755	4.41	1.62

Type of vote cast

	Formal votes (no.)	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Ordinary ^(a)	67 587	3 200	70 787	4.52
Absent	4 981	305	5 286	5.77
Postal	6 195	159	6 354	2.50
Pre-poll	2 548	82	2 630	3.12
Provisional	140	9	149	6.04
Total	81 451	3 755	85 206	4.41

(a) Comprises 65 924 votes cast at 27 static polling places, 4 775 votes cast at two pre-poll centres, and 88 votes cast through a Special Hospital Team.

Informal votes by category

Category	No.	%
Totally blank	1 021	27.2
Incomplete numbering – Number '1' only	1 139	30.3
Incomplete numbering – Other	151	4.0
Ticks and crosses	264	7.0
Other symbols	4	0.1
Non-sequential numbering	211	5.6
Scribbles, slogans and other protest vote marks	882	23.5
Illegible numbering	5	0.1
Voter identified	1	0.0
Other	77	2.1
Total	3 755	100.0

Polling places with highest and lowest informality ^(a)

	Polling Place	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Highest % informal	Brisbane City (Dickson)	9	109	8.26
Lowest % informal	Ferny Hills North	91	3 545	2.57

(a) Excludes polling places with less than 100 total ordinary votes recorded.

Fadden (*Demographic rating: Outer Metropolitan*)

Key statistics

	No.	%	Swing from 2007 (%)
Enrolled	85 225	..	..
Turnout	78 326	91.90	-0.34
Informal votes	4 734	6.04	1.73

Type of vote cast

	Formal votes (no.)	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Ordinary ^(a)	62 313	4 188	66 501	6.30
Absent	3 833	270	4 103	6.58
Postal	4 904	172	5 076	3.39
Pre-poll	2 335	89	2 424	3.67
Provisional	207	15	222	6.76
Total	73 592	4 734	78 326	6.04

(a) Comprises 56 347 votes cast at 33 static polling places, 9 949 votes cast at five pre-poll centres, and 205 votes cast through two Special Hospital Teams.

Informal votes by category

Category	No.	%
Totally blank	1 292	27.3
Incomplete numbering – Number '1' only	1 563	33.0
Incomplete numbering – Other	134	2.8
Ticks and crosses	460	9.7
Other symbols	9	0.2
Non-sequential numbering	180	3.8
Scribbles, slogans and other protest vote marks	1 012	21.4
Illegible numbering	11	0.2
Voter identified	2	0.0
Other	71	1.5
Total	4 734	100.0

Polling places with highest and lowest informality ^(a)

	Polling Place	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Highest % informal	Nerang West (Fadden)	16	123	13.01
Lowest % informal	Coomera Springs (Fadden)	5	142	3.52

(a) Excludes polling places with less than 100 total ordinary votes recorded.

Fairfax (Demographic rating: Rural)

Key statistics

	No.	%	Swing from 2007 (%)
Enrolled	89 726	..	..
Turnout	83 252	92.78	-0.34
Informal votes	4 186	5.03	1.64

Type of vote cast

	Formal votes (no.)	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Ordinary ^(a)	67 124	3 705	70 829	5.23
Absent	4 247	237	4 484	5.29
Postal	4 955	134	5 089	2.63
Pre-poll	2 620	101	2 721	3.71
Provisional	120	9	129	6.98
Total	79 066	4 186	83 252	5.03

(a) Comprises 59 901 votes cast at 37 static polling places, 10 583 votes cast at five pre-poll centres, and 345 votes cast through three Special Hospital Teams.

Informal votes by category

Category	No.	%
Totally blank	1 255	30.0
Incomplete numbering – Number '1' only	1 268	30.3
Incomplete numbering – Other	54	1.3
Ticks and crosses	524	12.5
Other symbols	5	0.1
Non-sequential numbering	93	2.2
Scribbles, slogans and other protest vote marks	928	22.2
Illegible numbering	5	0.1
Voter identified	2	0.0
Other	52	1.2
Total	4 186	100.0

Polling places with highest and lowest informality ^(a)

	Polling Place	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Highest % informal	Mooloolaba (Fairfax)	37	387	9.56
Lowest % informal	Montville (Fairfax)	5	245	2.04

(a) Excludes polling places with less than 100 total ordinary votes recorded.

Fisher (Demographic rating: Rural)

Key statistics

	No.	%	Swing from 2007 (%)
Enrolled	83 724	..	..
Turnout	77 665	92.76	-0.35
Informal votes	4 013	5.17	2.36

Type of vote cast

	Formal votes (no.)	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Ordinary ^(a)	61 485	3 502	64 987	5.39
Absent	4 465	262	4 727	5.54
Postal	4 779	133	4 912	2.71
Pre-poll	2 788	105	2 893	3.63
Provisional	135	11	146	7.53
Total	73 652	4 013	77 665	5.17

(a) Comprises 56 487 votes cast at 33 static polling places, 8 158 votes cast at four pre-poll centres, and 342 votes cast through two Special Hospital Teams.

Informal votes by category

Category	No.	%
Totally blank	1 123	28.0
Incomplete numbering – Number '1' only	1 165	29.0
Incomplete numbering – Other	54	1.3
Ticks and crosses	428	10.7
Other symbols	10	0.2
Non-sequential numbering	125	3.1
Scribbles, slogans and other protest vote marks	1 040	25.9
Illegible numbering	5	0.1
Voter identified	0	0.0
Other	63	1.6
Total	4 013	100.0

Polling places with highest and lowest informality ^(a)

	Polling Place	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Highest % informal	Beerburum	38	371	10.24
Lowest % informal	Montville (Fisher)	14	542	2.58

(a) Excludes polling places with less than 100 total ordinary votes recorded.

Flynn (Demographic rating: Rural)

Key statistics

	No.	%	Swing from 2007 (%)
Enrolled	91 349	..	..
Turnout	84 394	92.39	-2.72
Informal votes	4 502	5.33	1.38

Type of vote cast

	Formal votes (no.)	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Ordinary ^(a)	62 976	3 823	66 799	5.72
Absent	5 589	350	5 939	5.89
Postal	7 823	193	8 016	2.41
Pre-poll	3 287	119	3 406	3.49
Provisional	217	17	234	7.26
Total	79 892	4 502	84 394	5.33

(a) Comprises 61 501 votes cast at 91 static polling places, 5 179 votes cast at 16 pre-poll centres, and 119 votes cast through four Special Hospital Teams.

Informal votes by category

Category	No.	%
Totally blank	1 321	29.3
Incomplete numbering – Number '1' only	1 419	31.5
Incomplete numbering – Other	94	2.1
Ticks and crosses	393	8.7
Other symbols	11	0.2
Non-sequential numbering	281	6.2
Scribbles, slogans and other protest vote marks	887	19.7
Illegible numbering	18	0.4
Voter identified	0	0.0
Other	78	1.7
Total	4 502	100.0

Polling places with highest and lowest informality ^(a)

	Polling Place	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Highest % informal	Woorabinda	27	215	12.56
Lowest % informal	Bancroft	1	100	1.00

(a) Excludes polling places with less than 100 total ordinary votes recorded.

Forde (*Demographic rating: Outer Metropolitan*)

Key statistics

	No.	%	Swing from 2007 (%)
Enrolled	82 535	..	..
Turnout	75 655	91.66	-1.03
Informal votes	5 397	7.13	2.42

Type of vote cast

	Formal votes (no.)	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Ordinary ^(a)	56 470	4 713	61 183	7.70
Absent	4 554	325	4 879	6.66
Postal	5 853	209	6 062	3.45
Pre-poll	3 168	134	3 302	4.06
Provisional	213	16	229	6.99
Total	70 258	5 397	75 655	7.13

(a) Comprises 57 642 votes cast at 35 static polling places, 3 254 votes cast at two pre-poll centres, and 287 votes cast through three Special Hospital Teams.

Informal votes by category

Category	No.	%
Totally blank	1 506	27.9
Incomplete numbering – Number '1' only	1 687	31.3
Incomplete numbering – Other	73	1.4
Ticks and crosses	602	11.2
Other symbols	10	0.2
Non-sequential numbering	192	3.6
Scribbles, slogans and other protest vote marks	1 212	22.5
Illegible numbering	7	0.1
Voter identified	1	0.0
Other	107	2.0
Total	5 397	100.0

Polling places with highest and lowest informality ^(a)

	Polling Place	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Highest % informal	Pimpama	102	767	13.30
Lowest % informal	Kimberley Park	64	1 718	3.73

(a) Excludes polling places with less than 100 total ordinary votes recorded.

Griffith (Demographic rating: Outer Metropolitan)

Key statistics

	No.	%	Swing from 2007 (%)
Enrolled	92 573	..	..
Turnout	84 549	91.33	-2.29
Informal votes	4 137	4.89	2.01

Type of vote cast

	Formal votes (no.)	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Ordinary ^(a)	65 285	3 510	68 795	5.10
Absent	5 967	336	6 303	5.33
Postal	6 033	174	6 207	2.80
Pre-poll	2 960	98	3 058	3.20
Provisional	167	19	186	10.22
Total	80 412	4 137	84 549	4.89

(a) Comprises 64 228 votes cast at 40 static polling places, 4 315 votes cast at three pre-poll centres, and 252 votes cast through two Special Hospital Teams.

Informal votes by category

Category	No.	%
Totally blank	774	18.7
Incomplete numbering – Number '1' only	1 484	35.9
Incomplete numbering – Other	268	6.5
Ticks and crosses	385	9.3
Other symbols	12	0.3
Non-sequential numbering	424	10.2
Scribbles, slogans and other protest vote marks	667	16.1
Illegible numbering	15	0.4
Voter identified	1	0.0
Other	107	2.6
Total	4 137	100.0

Polling places with highest and lowest informality ^(a)

	Polling Place	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Highest % informal	Princess Alexandra Hospital	37	329	11.25
Lowest % informal	Bulimba Heights	28	1 226	2.28

(a) Excludes polling places with less than 100 total ordinary votes recorded.

Groom (*Demographic rating: Provincial*)

Key statistics

	No.	%	Swing from 2007 (%)
Enrolled	93 364	..	..
Turnout	88 156	94.42	-1.04
Informal votes	3 655	4.15	1.09

Type of vote cast

	Formal votes (no.)	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Ordinary ^(a)	71 526	3 260	74 786	4.36
Absent	4 183	184	4 367	4.21
Postal	6 947	163	7 110	2.29
Pre-poll	1 698	46	1 744	2.64
Provisional	147	2	149	1.34
Total	84 501	3 655	88 156	4.15

(a) Comprises 68 202 votes cast at 51 static polling places, 6 155 votes cast at two pre-poll centres, and 429 votes cast through three Special Hospital Teams.

Informal votes by category

Category	No.	%
Totally blank	999	27.3
Incomplete numbering – Number '1' only	1 192	32.6
Incomplete numbering – Other	61	1.7
Ticks and crosses	302	8.3
Other symbols	9	0.2
Non-sequential numbering	137	3.7
Scribbles, slogans and other protest vote marks	895	24.5
Illegible numbering	6	0.2
Voter identified	1	0.0
Other	53	1.5
Total	3 655	100.0

Polling places with highest and lowest informality ^(a)

	Polling Place	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Highest % informal	Rockville	94	1 192	7.89
Lowest % informal	Special Hospital Team 1	0	106	0.00

(a) Excludes polling places with less than 100 total ordinary votes recorded.

Herbert (Demographic rating: Provincial)

Key statistics

	No.	%	Swing from 2007 (%)
Enrolled	91 044	..	..
Turnout	84 299	92.59	-1.07
Informal votes	5 281	6.26	2.04

Type of vote cast

	Formal votes (no.)	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Ordinary ^(a)	69 110	4 765	73 875	6.45
Absent	3 290	252	3 542	7.11
Postal	4 330	152	4 482	3.39
Pre-poll	2 052	89	2 141	4.16
Provisional	236	23	259	8.88
Total	79 018	5 281	84 299	6.26

(a) Comprises 68 764 votes cast at 42 static polling places, 4 751 votes cast at two pre-poll centres, and 360 votes cast through two Special Hospital Teams.

Informal votes by category

Category	No.	%
Totally blank	1 474	27.9
Incomplete numbering – Number '1' only	1 755	33.2
Incomplete numbering – Other	41	0.8
Ticks and crosses	585	11.1
Other symbols	10	0.2
Non-sequential numbering	154	2.9
Scribbles, slogans and other protest vote marks	1 167	22.1
Illegible numbering	7	0.1
Voter identified	3	0.1
Other	85	1.6
Total	5 281	100.0

Polling places with highest and lowest informality ^(a)

	Polling Place	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Highest % informal	Palm Island	81	566	14.31
Lowest % informal	Pallarenda	12	421	2.85

(a) Excludes polling places with less than 100 total ordinary votes recorded.

Hinkler (Demographic rating: Provincial)

Key statistics

	No.	%	Swing from 2007 (%)
Enrolled	91 371	..	..
Turnout	85 528	93.61	-0.86
Informal votes	4 765	5.57	1.67

Type of vote cast

	Formal votes (no.)	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Ordinary ^(a)	68 918	4 295	73 213	5.87
Absent	3 298	217	3 515	6.17
Postal	6 241	170	6 411	2.65
Pre-poll	2 171	73	2 244	3.25
Provisional	135	10	145	6.90
Total	80 763	4 765	85 528	5.57

(a) Comprises 62 333 votes cast at 41 static polling places, 10 335 votes cast at three pre-poll centres, and 545 votes cast through four Special Hospital Teams.

Informal votes by category

Category	No.	%
Totally blank	1 450	30.4
Incomplete numbering – Number '1' only	1 276	26.8
Incomplete numbering – Other	74	1.6
Ticks and crosses	423	8.9
Other symbols	18	0.4
Non-sequential numbering	275	5.8
Scribbles, slogans and other protest vote marks	1 157	24.3
Illegible numbering	20	0.4
Voter identified	2	0.0
Other	70	1.5
Total	4 765	100.0

Polling places with highest and lowest informality ^(a)

	Polling Place	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Highest % informal	Booyal	12	102	11.76
Lowest % informal	Special Hospital Team 4	4	164	2.44

(a) Excludes polling places with less than 100 total ordinary votes recorded.

Kennedy (Demographic rating: Rural)

Key statistics

	No.	%	Swing from 2007 (%)
Enrolled	94 434	..	..
Turnout	86 370	91.46	-2.44
Informal votes	4 648	5.38	1.44

Type of vote cast

	Formal votes (no.)	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Ordinary ^(a)	68 193	4 005	72 198	5.55
Absent	4 980	387	5 367	7.21
Postal	5 365	126	5 491	2.29
Pre-poll	2 846	107	2 953	3.62
Provisional	338	23	361	6.37
Total	81 722	4 648	86 370	5.38

(a) Comprises 67 264 votes cast at 103 static polling places, 4 499 votes cast at 19 pre-poll centres, 282 votes cast through 12 Special Hospital Teams and 153 votes cast through a Remote Mobile Team.

Informal votes by category

Category	No.	%
Totally blank	948	20.4
Incomplete numbering – Number '1' only	1 720	37.0
Incomplete numbering – Other	129	2.8
Ticks and crosses	508	10.9
Other symbols	25	0.5
Non-sequential numbering	271	5.8
Scribbles, slogans and other protest vote marks	781	16.8
Illegible numbering	21	0.5
Voter identified	0	0.0
Other	245	5.3
Total	4 648	100.0

Polling places with highest and lowest informality ^(a)

	Polling Place	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Highest % informal	Doomadgee	63	333	18.92
Lowest % informal	Chillagoe	1	153	0.65

(a) Excludes polling places with less than 100 total ordinary votes recorded.

Leichhardt (Demographic rating: Rural)

Key statistics

	No.	%	Swing from 2007 (%)
Enrolled	93 113	..	..
Turnout	84 829	91.10	-1.36
Informal votes	5 017	5.91	0.89

Type of vote cast

	Formal votes (no.)	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Ordinary ^(a)	69 943	4 558	74 501	6.12
Absent	2 868	182	3 050	5.97
Postal	4 271	152	4 423	3.44
Pre-poll	2 450	105	2 555	4.11
Provisional	280	20	300	6.67
Total	79 812	5 017	84 829	5.91

(a) Comprises 63 427 votes cast at 50 static polling places, 8 675 votes cast at 12 pre-poll centres, 201 votes cast through two Special Hospital Teams and 2 198 votes cast through three Remote Mobile Teams.

Informal votes by category

Category	No.	%
Totally blank	1 367	27.2
Incomplete numbering – Number '1' only	1 478	29.5
Incomplete numbering – Other	183	3.6
Ticks and crosses	426	8.5
Other symbols	14	0.3
Non-sequential numbering	414	8.3
Scribbles, slogans and other protest vote marks	1 039	20.7
Illegible numbering	14	0.3
Voter identified	2	0.0
Other	80	1.6
Total	5 017	100.0

Polling places with highest and lowest informality ^(a)

	Polling Place	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Highest % informal	Lockhart River	39	248	15.73
Lowest % informal	Stratford	26	913	2.85

(a) Excludes polling places with less than 100 total ordinary votes recorded.

Lilley (Demographic rating: Inner Metropolitan)

Key statistics

	No.	%	Swing from 2007 (%)
Enrolled	97 407	..	..
Turnout	91 098	93.52	-2.33
Informal votes	4 153	4.56	1.61

Type of vote cast

	Formal votes (no.)	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Ordinary ^(a)	72 281	3 555	75 836	4.69
Absent	5 548	301	5 849	5.15
Postal	6 602	205	6 807	3.01
Pre-poll	2 362	80	2 442	3.28
Provisional	152	12	164	7.32
Total	86 945	4 153	91 098	4.56

(a) Comprises 71 166 votes cast at 43 static polling places, 4 385 votes cast at six pre-poll centres, and 285 votes cast through two Special Hospital Teams.

Informal votes by category

Category	No.	%
Totally blank	983	23.7
Incomplete numbering – Number '1' only	1 491	35.9
Incomplete numbering – Other	105	2.5
Ticks and crosses	418	10.1
Other symbols	11	0.3
Non-sequential numbering	226	5.4
Scribbles, slogans and other protest vote marks	850	20.5
Illegible numbering	11	0.3
Voter identified	0	0.0
Other	58	1.4
Total	4 153	100.0

Polling places with highest and lowest informality ^(a)

	Polling Place	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Highest % informal	Brighton East	58	910	6.37
Lowest % informal	Divisional Office (PREPOLL)	3	139	2.16

(a) Excludes polling places with less than 100 total ordinary votes recorded.

Longman (*Demographic rating: Provincial*)

Key statistics

	No.	%	Swing from 2007 (%)
Enrolled	87 046	..	..
Turnout	81 379	93.49	0.21
Informal votes	5 929	7.29	3.77

Type of vote cast

	Formal votes (no.)	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Ordinary ^(a)	63 600	5 282	68 882	7.67
Absent	3 708	315	4 023	7.83
Postal	5 839	222	6 061	3.66
Pre-poll	2 111	101	2 212	4.57
Provisional	192	9	201	4.48
Total	75 450	5 929	81 379	7.29

(a) Comprises 62 677 votes cast at 32 static polling places, 5 969 votes cast at three pre-poll centres, and 236 votes cast through two Special Hospital Teams.

Informal votes by category

Category	No.	%
Totally blank	1 681	28.4
Incomplete numbering – Number '1' only	1 367	23.1
Incomplete numbering – Other	248	4.2
Ticks and crosses	333	5.6
Other symbols	30	0.5
Non-sequential numbering	781	13.2
Scribbles, slogans and other protest vote marks	1 311	22.1
Illegible numbering	77	1.3
Voter identified	1	0.0
Other	100	1.7
Total	5 929	100.0

Polling places with highest and lowest informality ^(a)

	Polling Place	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Highest % informal	Special Hospital Team 1	15	134	11.19
Lowest % informal	Mount Mee	14	297	4.71

(a) Excludes polling places with less than 100 total ordinary votes recorded.

Maranoa (Demographic rating: Rural)

Key statistics

	No.	%	Swing from 2007 (%)
Enrolled	97 892	..	..
Turnout	91 675	93.65	-1.27
Informal votes	4 530	4.94	1.26

Type of vote cast

	Formal votes (no.)	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Ordinary ^(a)	68 670	4 002	72 672	5.51
Absent	5 534	282	5 816	4.85
Postal	10 938	180	11 118	1.62
Pre-poll	1 927	58	1 985	2.92
Provisional	76	8	84	9.52
Total	87 145	4 530	91 675	4.94

(a) Comprises 65 713 votes cast at 130 static polling places, 6 156 votes cast at 31 pre-poll centres, 385 votes cast through six Special Hospital Teams and 418 votes cast through a Remote Mobile Team.

Informal votes by category

Category	No.	%
Totally blank	1 099	24.3
Incomplete numbering – Number '1' only	1 665	36.8
Incomplete numbering – Other	71	1.6
Ticks and crosses	411	9.1
Other symbols	16	0.4
Non-sequential numbering	294	6.5
Scribbles, slogans and other protest vote marks	879	19.4
Illegible numbering	18	0.4
Voter identified	0	0.0
Other	77	1.7
Total	4 530	100.0

Polling places with highest and lowest informality ^(a)

	Polling Place	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Highest % informal	Stanthorpe West	62	616	10.06
Lowest % informal	Blackall PPVC	1	179	0.56

(a) Excludes polling places with less than 100 total ordinary votes recorded.

McPherson (Demographic rating: Provincial)

Key statistics

	No.	%	Swing from 2007 (%)
Enrolled	90 139	..	..
Turnout	82 938	92.01	-2.72
Informal votes	4 890	5.90	2.73

Type of vote cast

	Formal votes (no.)	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Ordinary ^(a)	66 685	4 366	71 051	6.14
Absent	2 958	186	3 144	5.92
Postal	4 697	178	4 875	3.65
Pre-poll	3 571	151	3 722	4.06
Provisional	137	9	146	6.16
Total	78 048	4 890	82 938	5.90

(a) Comprises 59 534 votes cast at 32 static polling places, 11 059 votes cast at five pre-poll centres, and 458 votes cast through four Special Hospital Teams.

Informal votes by category

Category	No.	%
Totally blank	1 353	27.7
Incomplete numbering – Number '1' only	1 841	37.6
Incomplete numbering – Other	65	1.3
Ticks and crosses	522	10.7
Other symbols	16	0.3
Non-sequential numbering	87	1.8
Scribbles, slogans and other protest vote marks	942	19.3
Illegible numbering	2	0.0
Voter identified	4	0.1
Other	58	1.2
Total	4 890	100.0

Polling places with highest and lowest informality ^(a)

	Polling Place	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Highest % informal	Varsity Lakes South	229	2 628	8.71
Lowest % informal	Special Hospital Team 3	3	167	1.80

(a) Excludes polling places with less than 100 total ordinary votes recorded.

Moncrieff (*Demographic rating: Provincial*)

Key statistics

	No.	%	Swing from 2007 (%)
Enrolled	89 150	..	..
Turnout	80 700	90.52	-4.05
Informal votes	4 985	6.18	2.37

Type of vote cast

	Formal votes (no.)	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Ordinary ^(a)	63 421	4 340	67 761	6.40
Absent	3 486	248	3 734	6.64
Postal	5 669	256	5 925	4.32
Pre-poll	2 938	130	3 068	4.24
Provisional	201	11	212	5.19
Total	75 715	4 985	80 700	6.18

(a) Comprises 57 351 votes cast at 33 static polling places, 10 002 votes cast at six pre-poll centres, and 408 votes cast through three Special Hospital Teams.

Informal votes by category

Category	No.	%
Totally blank	1 216	24.4
Incomplete numbering – Number '1' only	1 842	37.0
Incomplete numbering – Other	80	1.6
Ticks and crosses	652	13.1
Other symbols	19	0.4
Non-sequential numbering	120	2.4
Scribbles, slogans and other protest vote marks	938	18.8
Illegible numbering	4	0.1
Voter identified	8	0.2
Other	106	2.1
Total	4 985	100.0

Polling places with highest and lowest informality ^(a)

	Polling Place	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Highest % informal	Robina West (Moncrieff)	12	129	9.30
Lowest % informal	Special Hospital Team 2	2	104	1.92

(a) Excludes polling places with less than 100 total ordinary votes recorded.

Moreton (Demographic rating: Inner Metropolitan)

Key statistics

	No.	%	Swing from 2007 (%)
Enrolled	92 730	..	..
Turnout	85 187	91.87	-3.15
Informal votes	4 128	4.85	1.69

Type of vote cast

	Formal votes (no.)	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Ordinary ^(a)	65 950	3 484	69 434	5.02
Absent	5 608	306	5 914	5.17
Postal	6 431	203	6 634	3.06
Pre-poll	2 885	110	2 995	3.67
Provisional	185	25	210	11.90
Total	81 059	4 128	85 187	4.85

(a) Comprises 65 974 votes cast at 39 static polling places, 2 927 votes cast at four pre-poll centres, and 533 votes cast through three Special Hospital Teams.

Informal votes by category

Category	No.	%
Totally blank	930	22.5
Incomplete numbering – Number '1' only	1 336	32.4
Incomplete numbering – Other	123	3.0
Ticks and crosses	477	11.6
Other symbols	25	0.6
Non-sequential numbering	247	6.0
Scribbles, slogans and other protest vote marks	891	21.6
Illegible numbering	17	0.4
Voter identified	1	0.0
Other	81	2.0
Total	4 128	100.0

Polling places with highest and lowest informality ^(a)

	Polling Place	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Highest % informal	Acacia Ridge	111	1 215	9.14
Lowest % informal	Graceville West	11	814	1.35

(a) Excludes polling places with less than 100 total ordinary votes recorded.

Oxley (Demographic rating: Outer Metropolitan)

Key statistics

	No.	%	Swing from 2007 (%)
Enrolled	82 768	..	..
Turnout	76 657	92.62	-0.79
Informal votes	5 123	6.68	2.62

Type of vote cast

	Formal votes (no.)	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Ordinary ^(a)	60 539	4 556	65 095	7.00
Absent	4 271	301	4 572	6.58
Postal	4 004	159	4 163	3.82
Pre-poll	2 409	86	2 495	3.45
Provisional	311	21	332	6.33
Total	71 534	5 123	76 657	6.68

(a) Comprises 62 357 votes cast at 31 static polling places, 2 577 votes cast at three pre-poll centres, and 161 votes cast through two Special Hospital Teams.

Informal votes by category

Category	No.	%
Totally blank	1 256	24.5
Incomplete numbering – Number '1' only	1 885	36.8
Incomplete numbering – Other	87	1.7
Ticks and crosses	673	13.1
Other symbols	29	0.6
Non-sequential numbering	113	2.2
Scribbles, slogans and other protest vote marks	973	19.0
Illegible numbering	12	0.2
Voter identified	4	0.1
Other	91	1.8
Total	5 123	100.0

Polling places with highest and lowest informality ^(a)

	Polling Place	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Highest % informal	Serviceton South	244	2 191	11.14
Lowest % informal	Jindalee South	54	1 833	2.95

(a) Excludes polling places with less than 100 total ordinary votes recorded.

Petrie (*Demographic rating: Outer Metropolitan*)

Key statistics

	No.	%	Swing from 2007 (%)
Enrolled	86 651	..	..
Turnout	80 617	93.04	-1.06
Informal votes	4 253	5.28	2.06

Type of vote cast

	Formal votes (no.)	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Ordinary ^(a)	63 375	3 677	67 052	5.48
Absent	4 398	298	4 696	6.35
Postal	6 484	190	6 674	2.85
Pre-poll	1 966	74	2 040	3.63
Provisional	141	14	155	9.03
Total	76 364	4 253	80 617	5.28

(a) Comprises 61 623 votes cast at 35 static polling places, 5 021 votes cast at four pre-poll centres, and 408 votes cast through three Special Hospital Teams.

Informal votes by category

Category	No.	%
Totally blank	1 192	28.0
Incomplete numbering – Number '1' only	1 231	28.9
Incomplete numbering – Other	148	3.5
Ticks and crosses	364	8.6
Other symbols	14	0.3
Non-sequential numbering	173	4.1
Scribbles, slogans and other protest vote marks	1 043	24.5
Illegible numbering	13	0.3
Voter identified	6	0.1
Other	69	1.6
Total	4 253	100.0

Polling places with highest and lowest informality ^(a)

	Polling Place	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Highest % informal	Murrumba Downs (Petrie)	55	646	8.51
Lowest % informal	Special Hospital Team 3	2	149	1.34

(a) Excludes polling places with less than 100 total ordinary votes recorded.

Rankin (*Demographic rating: Outer Metropolitan*)

Key statistics

	No.	%	Swing from 2007 (%)
Enrolled	94 594	..	..
Turnout	86 404	91.34	-2.37
Informal votes	6 475	7.49	3.06

Type of vote cast

	Formal votes (no.)	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Ordinary ^(a)	66 808	5 684	72 492	7.84
Absent	4 822	369	5 191	7.11
Postal	6 037	284	6 321	4.49
Pre-poll	1 960	115	2 075	5.54
Provisional	302	23	325	7.08
Total	79 929	6 475	86 404	7.49

(a) Comprises 67 541 votes cast at 35 static polling places, 4 700 votes cast at four pre-poll centres, and 251 votes cast through three Special Hospital Teams.

Informal votes by category

Category	No.	%
Totally blank	1 542	23.8
Incomplete numbering – Number '1' only	2 257	34.9
Incomplete numbering – Other	103	1.6
Ticks and crosses	859	13.3
Other symbols	23	0.4
Non-sequential numbering	156	2.4
Scribbles, slogans and other protest vote marks	1 413	21.8
Illegible numbering	13	0.2
Voter identified	4	0.1
Other	105	1.6
Total	6 475	100.0

Polling places with highest and lowest informality ^(a)

	Polling Place	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Highest % informal	Runcorn Heights (Rankin)	115	1 015	11.33
Lowest % informal	Springwood East	21	684	3.07

(a) Excludes polling places with less than 100 total ordinary votes recorded.

Ryan (Demographic rating: Outer Metropolitan)

Key statistics

	No.	%	Swing from 2007 (%)
Enrolled	98 239	..	..
Turnout	91 665	93.31	-2.44
Informal votes	2 631	2.87	0.72

Type of vote cast

	Formal votes (no.)	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Ordinary ^(a)	73 069	2 126	75 195	2.83
Absent	6 179	253	6 432	3.93
Postal	6 455	160	6 615	2.42
Pre-poll	3 198	81	3 279	2.47
Provisional	133	11	144	7.64
Total	89 034	2 631	91 665	2.87

(a) Comprises 70 580 votes cast at 34 static polling places, 4 227 votes cast at four pre-poll centres, and 388 votes cast through three Special Hospital Teams.

Informal votes by category

Category	No.	%
Totally blank	593	22.5
Incomplete numbering – Number '1' only	934	35.5
Incomplete numbering – Other	117	4.4
Ticks and crosses	249	9.5
Other symbols	7	0.3
Non-sequential numbering	92	3.5
Scribbles, slogans and other protest vote marks	571	21.7
Illegible numbering	4	0.2
Voter identified	0	0.0
Other	64	2.4
Total	2 631	100.0

Polling places with highest and lowest informality ^(a)

	Polling Place	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Highest % informal	Grovely (Ryan)	56	883	6.34
Lowest % informal	Indooroopilly RYAN PPVC	33	2 989	1.10

(a) Excludes polling places with less than 100 total ordinary votes recorded.

Wide Bay (Demographic rating: Rural)

Key statistics

	No.	%	Swing from 2007 (%)
Enrolled	92 607	..	..
Turnout	86 032	92.90	-1.63
Informal votes	4 519	5.25	1.25

Type of vote cast

	Formal votes (no.)	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Ordinary ^(a)	68 402	4 045	72 447	5.58
Absent	4 430	236	4 666	5.06
Postal	5 700	135	5 835	2.31
Pre-poll	2 815	94	2 909	3.23
Provisional	166	9	175	5.14
Total	81 513	4 519	86 032	5.25

(a) Comprises 64 648 votes cast at 59 static polling places, 7 442 votes cast at seven pre-poll centres, and 357 votes cast through three Special Hospital Teams.

Informal votes by category

Category	No.	%
Totally blank	1 254	27.7
Incomplete numbering – Number '1' only	1 410	31.2
Incomplete numbering – Other	75	1.7
Ticks and crosses	396	8.8
Other symbols	12	0.3
Non-sequential numbering	248	5.5
Scribbles, slogans and other protest vote marks	1 007	22.3
Illegible numbering	24	0.5
Voter identified	0	0.0
Other	93	2.1
Total	4 519	100.0

Polling places with highest and lowest informality ^(a)

	Polling Place	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Highest % informal	Cherbourg	47	299	15.72
Lowest % informal	Tansey	0	116	0.00

(a) Excludes polling places with less than 100 total ordinary votes recorded.

Wright (Demographic rating: Rural)

Key statistics

	No.	%	Swing from 2007 (%)
Enrolled	85 296	..	..
Turnout	79 904	93.68	0.10
Informal votes	4 497	5.63	1.85

Type of vote cast

	Formal votes (no.)	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Ordinary ^(a)	59 060	3 806	62 866	6.05
Absent	6 197	385	6 582	5.85
Postal	6 297	173	6 470	2.67
Pre-poll	3 693	118	3 811	3.10
Provisional	160	15	175	8.57
Total	75 407	4 497	79 904	5.63

(a) Comprises 61 201 votes cast at 59 static polling places, 1 439 votes cast at three pre-poll centres, and 226 votes cast through four Special Hospital Teams.

Informal votes by category

Category	No.	%
Totally blank	1 335	29.7
Incomplete numbering – Number '1' only	1 449	32.2
Incomplete numbering – Other	65	1.4
Ticks and crosses	353	7.8
Other symbols	22	0.5
Non-sequential numbering	143	3.2
Scribbles, slogans and other protest vote marks	1 046	23.3
Illegible numbering	11	0.2
Voter identified	0	0.0
Other	73	1.6
Total	4 497	100.0

Polling places with highest and lowest informality ^(a)

	Polling Place	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Highest % informal	Pacific Pines (Wright)	26	283	9.19
Lowest % informal	Flagstone Creek	2	161	1.24

(a) Excludes polling places with less than 100 total ordinary votes recorded.

Western Australia

Brand (Demographic rating: Outer Metropolitan)

Key statistics

	No.	%	Swing from 2007 (%)
Enrolled	88 186	..	..
Turnout	82 332	93.36	0.09
Informal votes	4 304	5.23	1.36

Type of vote cast

	Formal votes (no.)	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Ordinary ^(a)	66 926	3 799	70 725	5.37
Absent	4 872	308	5 180	5.95
Postal	3 484	85	3 569	2.38
Pre-poll	2 503	91	2 594	3.51
Provisional	243	21	264	7.95
Total	78 028	4 304	82 332	5.23

(a) Comprises 59 770 votes cast at 32 static polling places, 10 636 votes cast at three pre-poll centres, and 319 votes cast through two Special Hospital Teams.

Informal votes by category

Category	No.	%
Totally blank	1 600	37.2
Incomplete numbering – Number '1' only	736	17.1
Incomplete numbering – Other	50	1.2
Ticks and crosses	512	11.9
Other symbols	9	0.2
Non-sequential numbering	262	6.1
Scribbles, slogans and other protest vote marks	1 017	23.6
Illegible numbering	1	0.0
Voter identified	2	0.0
Other	115	2.7
Total	4 304	100.0

Polling places with highest and lowest informality ^(a)

	Polling Place	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Highest % informal	Special Hospital Team 2	16	106	15.09
Lowest % informal	Special Hospital Team 1	5	213	2.35

(a) Excludes polling places with less than 100 total ordinary votes recorded.

Canning (Demographic rating: Outer Metropolitan)

Key statistics

	No.	%	Swing from 2007 (%)
Enrolled	90 079	..	..
Turnout	83 916	93.16	0.04
Informal votes	3 795	4.52	1.07

Type of vote cast

	Formal votes (no.)	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Ordinary ^(a)	65 462	3 153	68 615	4.60
Absent	6 776	373	7 149	5.22
Postal	4 818	144	4 962	2.90
Pre-poll	2 874	109	2 983	3.65
Provisional	191	16	207	7.73
Total	80 121	3 795	83 916	4.52

(a) Comprises 62 302 votes cast at 45 static polling places, 6 000 votes cast at three pre-poll centres, 310 votes cast through two Special Hospital Teams and three votes cast through a Prison Mobile Team.

Informal votes by category

Category	No.	%
Totally blank	1 335	35.2
Incomplete numbering – Number '1' only	874	23.0
Incomplete numbering – Other	79	2.1
Ticks and crosses	492	13.0
Other symbols	73	1.9
Non-sequential numbering	380	10.0
Scribbles, slogans and other protest vote marks	554	14.6
Illegible numbering	5	0.1
Voter identified	0	0.0
Other	3	0.1
Total	3 795	100.0

Polling places with highest and lowest informality ^(a)

	Polling Place	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Highest % informal	Westfield South	128	1 689	7.58
Lowest % informal	Greenfields CANNING PPVC	85	3 779	2.25

(a) Excludes polling places with less than 100 total ordinary votes recorded.

Cowan (Demographic rating: Outer Metropolitan)

Key statistics

	No.	%	Swing from 2007 (%)
Enrolled	89 536	..	..
Turnout	84 374	94.23	-0.36
Informal votes	4 320	5.12	0.96

Type of vote cast

	Formal votes (no.)	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Ordinary ^(a)	66 367	3 732	70 099	5.32
Absent	5 827	344	6 171	5.57
Postal	4 203	138	4 341	3.18
Pre-poll	3 382	91	3 473	2.62
Provisional	275	15	290	5.17
Total	80 054	4 320	84 374	5.12

(a) Comprises 67 226 votes cast at 33 static polling places, 2 646 votes cast at a pre-poll centre, and 227 votes cast through a Special Hospital Team.

Informal votes by category

Category	No.	%
Totally blank	1 357	31.4
Incomplete numbering – Number '1' only	1 039	24.1
Incomplete numbering – Other	86	2.0
Ticks and crosses	629	14.6
Other symbols	38	0.9
Non-sequential numbering	212	4.9
Scribbles, slogans and other protest vote marks	870	20.1
Illegible numbering	16	0.4
Voter identified	2	0.0
Other	71	1.6
Total	4 320	100.0

Polling places with highest and lowest informality ^(a)

	Polling Place	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Highest % informal	Marangaroo East	176	2 016	8.73
Lowest % informal	Divisional Office (PREPOLL)	70	2 646	2.65

(a) Excludes polling places with less than 100 total ordinary votes recorded.

Curtin (Demographic rating: Inner Metropolitan)

Key statistics

	No.	%	Swing from 2007 (%)
Enrolled	90 430	..	..
Turnout	84 298	93.22	-0.66
Informal votes	2 471	2.93	0.97

Type of vote cast

	Formal votes (no.)	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Ordinary ^(a)	66 394	2 029	68 423	2.97
Absent	5 728	191	5 919	3.23
Postal	4 351	107	4 458	2.40
Pre-poll	5 127	134	5 261	2.55
Provisional	227	10	237	4.22
Total	81 827	2 471	84 298	2.93

(a) Comprises 64 791 votes cast at 45 static polling places, 2 734 votes cast at a pre-poll centre, and 898 votes cast through eight Special Hospital Teams.

Informal votes by category

Category	No.	%
Totally blank	624	25.3
Incomplete numbering – Number '1' only	744	30.1
Incomplete numbering – Other	38	1.5
Ticks and crosses	411	16.6
Other symbols	16	0.6
Non-sequential numbering	106	4.3
Scribbles, slogans and other protest vote marks	532	21.5
Illegible numbering	0	0.0
Voter identified	0	0.0
Other	0	0.0
Total	2 471	100.0

Polling places with highest and lowest informality ^(a)

	Polling Place	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Highest % informal	Special Hospital Team 3	8	153	5.23
Lowest % informal	Special Hospital Team 2	1	129	0.78

(a) Excludes polling places with less than 100 total ordinary votes recorded.

Durack (Demographic rating: Rural)

Key statistics

	No.	%	Swing from 2007 (%)
Enrolled	85 811	..	..
Turnout	75 676	88.19	1.03
Informal votes	3 678	4.86	0.44

Type of vote cast

	Formal votes (no.)	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Ordinary ^(a)	61 483	3 326	64 809	5.13
Absent	5 058	197	5 255	3.75
Postal	2 680	56	2 736	2.05
Pre-poll	2 463	83	2 546	3.26
Provisional	314	16	330	4.85
Total	71 998	3 678	75 676	4.86

(a) Comprises 57 693 votes cast at 107 static polling places, 5 066 votes cast at 15 pre-poll centres, 102 votes cast through three Special Hospital Teams, 1 081 votes cast through five Remote Mobile Teams and 147 votes cast through two Prison Mobile Teams.

Informal votes by category

Category	No.	%
Totally blank	979	26.6
Incomplete numbering – Number '1' only	719	19.5
Incomplete numbering – Other	148	4.0
Ticks and crosses	643	17.5
Other symbols	67	1.8
Non-sequential numbering	390	10.6
Scribbles, slogans and other protest vote marks	543	14.8
Illegible numbering	62	1.7
Voter identified	32	0.9
Other	95	2.6
Total	3 678	100.0

Polling places with highest and lowest informality ^(a)

	Polling Place	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Highest % informal	Nullagine	15	107	14.02
Lowest % informal	Bencubbin	1	171	0.58

(a) Excludes polling places with less than 100 total ordinary votes recorded.

Forrest (Demographic rating: Rural)

Key statistics

	No.	%	Swing from 2007 (%)
Enrolled	89 649	..	..
Turnout	84 444	94.19	-0.31
Informal votes	3 844	4.55	1.27

Type of vote cast

	Formal votes (no.)	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Ordinary ^(a)	69 260	3 466	72 726	4.77
Absent	5 657	217	5 874	3.69
Postal	2 861	60	2 921	2.05
Pre-poll	2 672	88	2 760	3.19
Provisional	150	13	163	7.98
Total	80 600	3 844	84 444	4.55

(a) Comprises 65 194 votes cast at 59 static polling places, 7 087 votes cast at 8 pre-poll centres, and 445 votes cast through five Special Hospital Teams.

Informal votes by category

Category	No.	%
Totally blank	1 315	34.2
Incomplete numbering – Number '1' only	855	22.2
Incomplete numbering – Other	56	1.5
Ticks and crosses	419	10.9
Other symbols	4	0.1
Non-sequential numbering	332	8.6
Scribbles, slogans and other protest vote marks	808	21.0
Illegible numbering	9	0.2
Voter identified	0	0.0
Other	46	1.2
Total	3 844	100.0

Polling places with highest and lowest informality ^(a)

	Polling Place	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Highest % informal	Allanson	31	378	8.20
Lowest % informal	Yoongarillup	2	295	0.68

(a) Excludes polling places with less than 100 total ordinary votes recorded.

Fremantle (*Demographic rating: Inner Metropolitan*)

Key statistics

	No.	%	Swing from 2007 (%)
Enrolled	93 378	..	..
Turnout	87 060	93.23	-0.55
Informal votes	4 724	5.43	1.18

Type of vote cast

	Formal votes (no.)	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Ordinary ^(a)	68 160	4 195	72 355	5.80
Absent	5 511	312	5 823	5.36
Postal	4 782	105	4 887	2.15
Pre-poll	3 661	101	3 762	2.68
Provisional	222	11	233	4.72
Total	82 336	4 724	87 060	5.43

(a) Comprises 68 049 votes cast at 39 static polling places, 3 999 votes cast at three pre-poll centres, and 307 votes cast through five Special Hospital Teams.

Informal votes by category

Category	No.	%
Totally blank	1 485	31.4
Incomplete numbering – Number '1' only	923	19.5
Incomplete numbering – Other	119	2.5
Ticks and crosses	590	12.5
Other symbols	67	1.4
Non-sequential numbering	676	14.3
Scribbles, slogans and other protest vote marks	718	15.2
Illegible numbering	75	1.6
Voter identified	3	0.1
Other	68	1.4
Total	4 724	100.0

Polling places with highest and lowest informality ^(a)

	Polling Place	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Highest % informal	Spearwood West	284	2 746	10.34
Lowest % informal	Richmond	33	1 655	1.99

(a) Excludes polling places with less than 100 total ordinary votes recorded.

Hasluck (*Demographic rating: Outer Metropolitan*)

Key statistics

	No.	%	Swing from 2007 (%)
Enrolled	93 930	..	..
Turnout	87 423	93.07	-0.60
Informal votes	4 927	5.64	1.31

Type of vote cast

	Formal votes (no.)	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Ordinary ^(a)	65 993	4 130	70 123	5.89
Absent	6 712	474	7 186	6.60
Postal	4 950	118	5 068	2.33
Pre-poll	4 564	184	4 748	3.88
Provisional	277	21	298	7.05
Total	82 496	4 927	87 423	5.64

(a) Comprises 67 055 votes cast at 36 static polling places, 2 712 votes cast at two pre-poll centres, and 356 votes cast through three Special Hospital Teams.

Informal votes by category

Category	No.	%
Totally blank	1 638	33.2
Incomplete numbering – Number '1' only	843	17.1
Incomplete numbering – Other	119	2.4
Ticks and crosses	397	8.1
Other symbols	27	0.5
Non-sequential numbering	603	12.2
Scribbles, slogans and other protest vote marks	1 085	22.0
Illegible numbering	38	0.8
Voter identified	1	0.0
Other	176	3.6
Total	4 927	100.0

Polling places with highest and lowest informality ^(a)

	Polling Place	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Highest % informal	Special Hospital Team 2	23	159	14.47
Lowest % informal	Lesmurdie	56	2 319	2.41

(a) Excludes polling places with less than 100 total ordinary votes recorded.

Moore (Demographic rating: Outer Metropolitan)

Key statistics

	No.	%	Swing from 2007 (%)
Enrolled	92 340	..	..
Turnout	85 937	93.07	-0.69
Informal votes	3 734	4.35	1.26

Type of vote cast

	Formal votes (no.)	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Ordinary ^(a)	68 483	3 199	71 682	4.46
Absent	6 071	331	6 402	5.17
Postal	3 356	71	3 427	2.07
Pre-poll	4 082	115	4 197	2.74
Provisional	211	18	229	7.86
Total	82 203	3 734	85 937	4.35

(a) Comprises 67 801 votes cast at 32 static polling places, 3 663 votes cast at a pre-poll centre, and 218 votes cast through two Special Hospital Teams.

Informal votes by category

Category	No.	%
Totally blank	1 269	34.0
Incomplete numbering – Number '1' only	780	20.9
Incomplete numbering – Other	77	2.1
Ticks and crosses	536	14.4
Other symbols	192	5.1
Non-sequential numbering	216	5.8
Scribbles, slogans and other protest vote marks	615	16.5
Illegible numbering	1	0.0
Voter identified	1	0.0
Other	47	1.3
Total	3 734	100.0

Polling places with highest and lowest informality ^(a)

	Polling Place	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Highest % informal	Special Hospital Team 1	18	192	9.38
Lowest % informal	Duncraig South	40	2 003	2.00

(a) Excludes polling places with less than 100 total ordinary votes recorded.

O'Connor (*Demographic rating: Rural*)

Key statistics

	No.	%	Swing from 2007 (%)
Enrolled	92 902	..	..
Turnout	86 216	92.80	-0.25
Informal votes	4 632	5.37	1.11

Type of vote cast

	Formal votes (no.)	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Ordinary ^(a)	68 101	4 145	72 246	5.74
Absent	6 945	325	7 270	4.47
Postal	3 358	63	3 421	1.84
Pre-poll	3 017	86	3 103	2.77
Provisional	163	13	176	7.39
Total	81 584	4 632	86 216	5.37

(a) Comprises 66 371 votes cast at 128 static polling places, 4 896 votes cast at 11 pre-poll centres, 456 votes cast through nine Special Hospital Teams, 481 votes cast through a Remote Mobile Team and 42 votes cast through two Prison Mobile Teams.

Informal votes by category

Category	No.	%
Totally blank	1 326	28.6
Incomplete numbering – Number '1' only	960	20.7
Incomplete numbering – Other	204	4.4
Ticks and crosses	453	9.8
Other symbols	60	1.3
Non-sequential numbering	1 012	21.8
Scribbles, slogans and other protest vote marks	541	11.7
Illegible numbering	35	0.8
Voter identified	2	0.0
Other	39	0.8
Total	4 632	100.0

Polling places with highest and lowest informality ^(a)

	Polling Place	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Highest % informal	Special Hospital Team 1	20	136	14.71
Lowest % informal	Redmond	0	132	0.00

(a) Excludes polling places with less than 100 total ordinary votes recorded.

Pearce (Demographic rating: Outer Metropolitan)

Key statistics

	No.	%	Swing from 2007 (%)
Enrolled	89 562	..	..
Turnout	83 403	93.12	-0.06
Informal votes	4 762	5.71	1.72

Type of vote cast

	Formal votes (no.)	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Ordinary ^(a)	62 894	3 906	66 800	5.85
Absent	8 236	590	8 826	6.68
Postal	3 726	123	3 849	3.20
Pre-poll	3 528	122	3 650	3.34
Provisional	257	21	278	7.55
Total	78 641	4 762	83 403	5.71

(a) Comprises 62 341 votes cast at 53 static polling places, 4 235 votes cast at three pre-poll centres, 202 votes cast through three Special Hospital Teams and 22 votes cast through a Prison Mobile Team.

Informal votes by category

Category	No.	%
Totally blank	1 472	30.9
Incomplete numbering – Number '1' only	1 083	22.7
Incomplete numbering – Other	105	2.2
Ticks and crosses	390	8.2
Other symbols	12	0.3
Non-sequential numbering	540	11.3
Scribbles, slogans and other protest vote marks	968	20.3
Illegible numbering	51	1.1
Voter identified	0	0.0
Other	141	3.0
Total	4 762	100.0

Polling places with highest and lowest informality ^(a)

	Polling Place	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Highest % informal	Muchea	52	531	9.79
Lowest % informal	Helena Valley (Pearce)	10	361	2.77

(a) Excludes polling places with less than 100 total ordinary votes recorded.

Perth (Demographic rating: Inner Metropolitan)

Key statistics

	No.	%	Swing from 2007 (%)
Enrolled	91 907	..	..
Turnout	84 594	92.04	-1.15
Informal votes	4 400	5.20	0.61

Type of vote cast

	Formal votes (no.)	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Ordinary ^(a)	64 906	3 769	68 675	5.49
Absent	6 574	377	6 951	5.42
Postal	4 209	102	4 311	2.37
Pre-poll	4 213	131	4 344	3.02
Provisional	292	21	313	6.71
Total	80 194	4 400	84 594	5.20

(a) Comprises 67 120 votes cast at 42 static polling places, 1 307 votes cast at three pre-poll centres, and 248 votes cast through three Special Hospital Teams.

Informal votes by category

Category	No.	%
Totally blank	1 389	31.6
Incomplete numbering – Number '1' only	963	21.9
Incomplete numbering – Other	138	3.1
Ticks and crosses	652	14.8
Other symbols	127	2.9
Non-sequential numbering	414	9.4
Scribbles, slogans and other protest vote marks	571	13.0
Illegible numbering	28	0.6
Voter identified	0	0.0
Other	118	2.7
Total	4 400	100.0

Polling places with highest and lowest informality ^(a)

	Polling Place	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Highest % informal	Special Hospital Team 2	14	106	13.21
Lowest % informal	Special Hospital Team 1	2	105	1.90

(a) Excludes polling places with less than 100 total ordinary votes recorded.

Stirling (Demographic rating: Inner Metropolitan)

Key statistics

	No.	%	Swing from 2007 (%)
Enrolled	91 775	..	..
Turnout	84 866	92.47	-1.13
Informal votes	4 259	5.02	0.11

Type of vote cast

	Formal votes (no.)	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Ordinary ^(a)	66 099	3 682	69 781	5.28
Absent	6 225	337	6 562	5.14
Postal	5 141	126	5 267	2.39
Pre-poll	2 830	89	2 919	3.05
Provisional	312	25	337	7.42
Total	80 607	4 259	84 866	5.02

(a) Comprises 65 632 votes cast at 42 static polling places, 3 442 votes cast at a pre-poll centre, and 707 votes cast through two Special Hospital Teams.

Informal votes by category

Category	No.	%
Totally blank	1 575	37.0
Incomplete numbering – Number '1' only	1 573	36.9
Incomplete numbering – Other	90	2.1
Ticks and crosses	172	4.0
Other symbols	151	3.5
Non-sequential numbering	396	9.3
Scribbles, slogans and other protest vote marks	131	3.1
Illegible numbering	35	0.8
Voter identified	4	0.1
Other	132	3.1
Total	4 259	100.0

Polling places with highest and lowest informality ^(a)

	Polling Place	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Highest % informal	Mirrabooka East	205	1 763	11.63
Lowest % informal	Doubleview (Stirling)	19	913	2.08

(a) Excludes polling places with less than 100 total ordinary votes recorded.

Swan (Demographic rating: Inner Metropolitan)

Key statistics

	No.	%	Swing from 2007 (%)
Enrolled	90 817	..	..
Turnout	83 528	91.97	-1.03
Informal votes	4 089	4.90	0.36

Type of vote cast

	Formal votes (no.)	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Ordinary ^(a)	65 038	3 507	68 545	5.12
Absent	6 134	346	6 480	5.34
Postal	5 027	118	5 145	2.29
Pre-poll	2 978	99	3 077	3.22
Provisional	262	19	281	6.76
Total	79 439	4 089	83 528	4.90

(a) Comprises 63 600 votes cast at 43 static polling places, 4 363 votes cast at nine pre-poll centres, and 582 votes cast through three Special Hospital Teams.

Informal votes by category

Category	No.	%
Totally blank	1 105	27.0
Incomplete numbering – Number '1' only	853	20.9
Incomplete numbering – Other	150	3.7
Ticks and crosses	417	10.2
Other symbols	29	0.7
Non-sequential numbering	617	15.1
Scribbles, slogans and other protest vote marks	786	19.2
Illegible numbering	16	0.4
Voter identified	5	0.1
Other	111	2.7
Total	4 089	100.0

Polling places with highest and lowest informality ^(a)

	Polling Place	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Highest % informal	Special Hospital Team 3	23	251	9.16
Lowest % informal	Domestic Terminal 3 PPVC	4	284	1.41

(a) Excludes polling places with less than 100 total ordinary votes recorded.

Tangney (*Demographic rating: Inner Metropolitan*)

Key statistics

	No.	%	Swing from 2007 (%)
Enrolled	92 232	..	..
Turnout	86 901	94.22	-0.86
Informal votes	3 028	3.48	0.83

Type of vote cast

	Formal votes (no.)	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Ordinary ^(a)	70 158	2 540	72 698	3.49
Absent	5 580	266	5 846	4.55
Postal	3 850	90	3 940	2.28
Pre-poll	4 106	117	4 223	2.77
Provisional	179	15	194	7.73
Total	83 873	3 028	86 901	3.48

(a) Comprises 68 256 votes cast at 33 static polling places, 3 637 votes cast at a pre-poll centre, 802 votes cast through two Special Hospital Teams and three votes cast through a Prison Mobile Team.

Informal votes by category

Category	No.	%
Totally blank	879	29.0
Incomplete numbering – Number ‘1’ only	841	27.8
Incomplete numbering – Other	59	1.9
Ticks and crosses	348	11.5
Other symbols	12	0.4
Non-sequential numbering	245	8.1
Scribbles, slogans and other protest vote marks	600	19.8
Illegible numbering	2	0.1
Voter identified	4	0.1
Other	38	1.3
Total	3 028	100.0

Polling places with highest and lowest informality ^(a)

	Polling Place	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Highest % informal	Parkwood (Tangney)	149	2 696	5.53
Lowest % informal	Ardross	21	1 065	1.97

(a) Excludes polling places with less than 100 total ordinary votes recorded.

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Adelaide (Demographic rating: Inner Metropolitan)

Key statistics

	No.	%	Swing from 2007 (%)
Enrolled	98 519	..	..
Turnout	91 351	92.72	-1.87
Informal votes	4 394	4.81	1.70

Type of vote cast

	Formal votes (no.)	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Ordinary ^(a)	69 755	3 668	73 423	5.00
Absent	6 404	384	6 788	5.66
Postal	6 822	197	7 019	2.81
Pre-poll	3 671	120	3 791	3.17
Provisional	305	25	330	7.58
Total	86 957	4 394	91 351	4.81

(a) Comprises 71 006 votes cast at 55 static polling places, 1 881 votes cast at three pre-poll centres, and 536 votes cast through six Special Hospital Teams.

Informal votes by category

Category	No.	%
Totally blank	1 136	25.9
Incomplete numbering – Number '1' only	1 021	23.2
Incomplete numbering – Other	161	3.7
Ticks and crosses	437	9.9
Other symbols	12	0.3
Non-sequential numbering	844	19.2
Scribbles, slogans and other protest vote marks	697	15.9
Illegible numbering	9	0.2
Voter identified	4	0.1
Other	73	1.7
Total	4 394	100.0

Polling places with highest and lowest informality ^(a)

	Polling Place	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Highest % informal	Croydon Park	177	1 649	10.73
Lowest % informal	Rose Park	33	1 852	1.78

(a) Excludes polling places with less than 100 total ordinary votes recorded.

Barker (Demographic rating: Rural)

Key statistics

	No.	%	Swing from 2007 (%)
Enrolled	104 845	..	..
Turnout	99 713	95.11	-0.86
Informal votes	5 443	5.46	1.61

Type of vote cast

	Formal votes (no.)	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Ordinary ^(a)	80 328	4 912	85 240	5.76
Absent	4 807	235	5 042	4.66
Postal	5 906	148	6 054	2.44
Pre-poll	3 001	134	3 135	4.27
Provisional	228	14	242	5.79
Total	94 270	5 443	99 713	5.46

(a) Comprises 77 530 votes cast at 101 static polling places, 6 923 votes cast at 11 pre-poll centres, 717 votes cast through nine Special Hospital Teams, and 70 votes cast through a Remote Mobile Team.

Informal votes by category

Category	No.	%
Totally blank	2 008	36.9
Incomplete numbering – Number '1' only	1 071	19.7
Incomplete numbering – Other	60	1.1
Ticks and crosses	776	14.3
Other symbols	101	1.9
Non-sequential numbering	425	7.8
Scribbles, slogans and other protest vote marks	824	15.1
Illegible numbering	16	0.3
Voter identified	0	0.0
Other	162	3.0
Total	5 443	100.0

Polling places with highest and lowest informality ^(a)

	Polling Place	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Highest % informal	Wellington	22	167	13.17
Lowest % informal	Jervois	0	124	0.00
	Walker Flat	0	132	0.00
	Willalooka	0	110	0.00

(a) Excludes polling places with less than 100 total ordinary votes recorded.

Boothby (Demographic rating: Outer Metropolitan)

Key statistics

	No.	%	Swing from 2007 (%)
Enrolled	97 860	..	..
Turnout	89 507	91.46	-4.22
Informal votes	4 148	4.63	1.76

Type of vote cast

	Formal votes (no.)	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Ordinary ^(a)	69 820	3 466	73 286	4.73
Absent	5 878	396	6 274	6.31
Postal	6 880	178	7 058	2.52
Pre-poll	2 525	83	2 608	3.18
Provisional	256	25	281	8.90
Total	85 359	4 148	89 507	4.63

(a) Comprises 71 713 votes cast at 43 static polling places, 973 votes cast at three pre-poll centres, and 600 votes cast through five Special Hospital Teams.

Informal votes by category

Category	No.	%
Totally blank	1 198	28.9
Incomplete numbering – Number '1' only	839	20.2
Incomplete numbering – Other	239	5.8
Ticks and crosses	254	6.1
Other symbols	8	0.2
Non-sequential numbering	778	18.8
Scribbles, slogans and other protest vote marks	682	16.4
Illegible numbering	59	1.4
Voter identified	2	0.0
Other	89	2.1
Total	4 148	100.0

Polling places with highest and lowest informality ^(a)

	Polling Place	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Highest % informal	Ascot Park South	78	825	9.45
Lowest % informal	Hawthorn	8	407	1.97

(a) Excludes polling places with less than 100 total ordinary votes recorded.

Grey (Demographic rating: Rural)

Key statistics

	No.	%	Swing from 2007 (%)
Enrolled	99 775	..	..
Turnout	93 489	93.70	-1.25
Informal votes	4 997	5.35	1.10

Type of vote cast

	Formal votes (no.)	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Ordinary ^(a)	75 239	4 538	79 777	5.69
Absent	4 280	191	4 471	4.27
Postal	6 239	141	6 380	2.21
Pre-poll	2 568	119	2 687	4.43
Provisional	166	8	174	4.60
Total	88 492	4 997	93 489	5.35

(a) Comprises 71 281 votes cast at 107 static polling places, 6 451 votes cast at 11 pre-poll centres, 918 votes cast through eight Special Hospital Teams, and 1 217 votes cast through three Remote Mobile Teams.

Informal votes by category

Category	No.	%
Totally blank	1 642	32.9
Incomplete numbering – Number '1' only	1 250	25.0
Incomplete numbering – Other	26	0.5
Ticks and crosses	981	19.6
Other symbols	46	0.9
Non-sequential numbering	344	6.9
Scribbles, slogans and other protest vote marks	699	14.0
Illegible numbering	2	0.0
Voter identified	0	0.0
Other	7	0.1
Total	4 997	100.0

Polling places with highest and lowest informality ^(a)

	Polling Place	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Highest % informal	Coober Pedy	81	823	9.84
Lowest % informal	Special Hospital Team 4	1	108	0.93

(a) Excludes polling places with less than 100 total ordinary votes recorded.

Hindmarsh (Demographic rating: Inner Metropolitan)

Key statistics

	No.	%	Swing from 2007 (%)
Enrolled	100 216	..	..
Turnout	94 092	93.89	-1.48
Informal votes	4 868	5.17	1.33

Type of vote cast

	Formal votes (no.)	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Ordinary ^(a)	72 562	4 134	76 696	5.39
Absent	6 558	433	6 991	6.19
Postal	6 791	157	6 948	2.26
Pre-poll	3 068	116	3 184	3.64
Provisional	245	28	273	10.26
Total	89 224	4 868	94 092	5.17

(a) Comprises 73 313 votes cast at 46 static polling places, 2 884 votes cast at four pre-poll centres, and 499 votes cast through three Special Hospital Teams.

Informal votes by category

Category	No.	%
Totally blank	1 497	30.8
Incomplete numbering – Number '1' only	1 462	30.0
Incomplete numbering – Other	118	2.4
Ticks and crosses	541	11.1
Other symbols	14	0.3
Non-sequential numbering	369	7.6
Scribbles, slogans and other protest vote marks	789	16.2
Illegible numbering	14	0.3
Voter identified	1	0.0
Other	63	1.3
Total	4 868	100.0

Polling places with highest and lowest informality ^(a)

	Polling Place	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Highest % informal	Mile End (Hindmarsh)	52	656	7.93
Lowest % informal	Divisional Office (PREPOLL)	1	163	0.61

(a) Excludes polling places with less than 100 total ordinary votes recorded.

Kingston (Demographic rating: Outer Metropolitan)

Key statistics

	No.	%	Swing from 2007 (%)
Enrolled	102 281	..	..
Turnout	96 759	94.60	-1.37
Informal votes	4 925	5.09	1.36

Type of vote cast

	Formal votes (no.)	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Ordinary ^(a)	77 235	4 360	81 595	5.34
Absent	4 945	290	5 235	5.54
Postal	6 715	174	6 889	2.53
Pre-poll	2 699	86	2 785	3.09
Provisional	240	15	255	5.88
Total	91 834	4 925	96 759	5.09

(a) Comprises 77 847 votes cast at 41 static polling places, 3 272 votes cast at three pre-poll centres, and 476 votes cast through three Special Hospital Teams.

Informal votes by category

Category	No.	%
Totally blank	1 860	37.8
Incomplete numbering – Number '1' only	1 042	21.2
Incomplete numbering – Other	52	1.1
Ticks and crosses	718	14.6
Other symbols	98	2.0
Non-sequential numbering	389	7.9
Scribbles, slogans and other protest vote marks	732	14.9
Illegible numbering	4	0.1
Voter identified	2	0.0
Other	28	0.6
Total	4 925	100.0

Polling places with highest and lowest informality ^(a)

	Polling Place	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Highest % informal	Hackham South	140	1 676	8.35
Lowest % informal	Divisional Office (PREPOLL)	3	183	1.64

(a) Excludes polling places with less than 100 total ordinary votes recorded.

Makin (*Demographic rating: Outer Metropolitan*)

Key statistics

	No.	%	Swing from 2007 (%)
Enrolled	96 233	..	..
Turnout	90 765	94.32	-1.35
Informal votes	5 532	6.09	2.02

Type of vote cast

	Formal votes (no.)	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Ordinary ^(a)	72 059	4 884	76 943	6.35
Absent	5 352	397	5 749	6.91
Postal	5 761	163	5 924	2.75
Pre-poll	1 892	72	1 964	3.67
Provisional	169	16	185	8.65
Total	85 233	5 532	90 765	6.09

(a) Comprises 73 239 votes cast at 38 static polling places, 3 472 votes cast at three pre-poll centres, 230 votes cast through two Special Hospital Teams and two votes cast through a Prison Mobile Team.

Informal votes by category

Category	No.	%
Totally blank	1 882	34.0
Incomplete numbering – Number '1' only	1 170	21.1
Incomplete numbering – Other	219	4.0
Ticks and crosses	539	9.7
Other symbols	21	0.4
Non-sequential numbering	712	12.9
Scribbles, slogans and other protest vote marks	919	16.6
Illegible numbering	22	0.4
Voter identified	2	0.0
Other	46	0.8
Total	5 532	100.0

Polling places with highest and lowest informality ^(a)

	Polling Place	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Highest % informal	Special Hospital Team 1	14	117	11.97
Lowest % informal	Golden Grove	26	761	3.42

(a) Excludes polling places with less than 100 total ordinary votes recorded.

Mayo (Demographic rating: Rural)

Key statistics

	No.	%	Swing from 2007 (%)
Enrolled	101 510	..	..
Turnout	96 317	94.88	-1.00
Informal votes	4 414	4.58	1.82

Type of vote cast

	Formal votes (no.)	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Ordinary ^(a)	76 925	3 886	80 811	4.81
Absent	5 209	307	5 516	5.57
Postal	6 479	139	6 618	2.10
Pre-poll	3 154	75	3 229	2.32
Provisional	136	7	143	4.90
Total	91 903	4 414	96 317	4.58

(a) Comprises 74 861 votes cast at 80 static polling places, 5 547 votes cast at seven pre-poll centres, and 403 votes cast through four Special Hospital Teams.

Informal votes by category

Category	No.	%
Totally blank	1 621	36.7
Incomplete numbering – Number '1' only	890	20.2
Incomplete numbering – Other	149	3.4
Ticks and crosses	348	7.9
Other symbols	4	0.1
Non-sequential numbering	449	10.2
Scribbles, slogans and other protest vote marks	828	18.8
Illegible numbering	50	1.1
Voter identified	0	0.0
Other	75	1.7
Total	4 414	100.0

Polling places with highest and lowest informality ^(a)

	Polling Place	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Highest % informal	Special Hospital Team 1	14	106	13.21
Lowest % informal	Adelaide MAYO PPVC	1	230	0.43

(a) Excludes polling places with less than 100 total ordinary votes recorded.

Port Adelaide (Demographic rating: Inner Metropolitan)

Key statistics

	No.	%	Swing from 2007 (%)
Enrolled	104 280	..	..
Turnout	97 370	93.37	-1.50
Informal votes	6 991	7.18	2.22

Type of vote cast

	Formal votes (no.)	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Ordinary ^(a)	76 546	6 221	82 767	7.52
Absent	5 866	462	6 328	7.30
Postal	5 449	176	5 625	3.13
Pre-poll	2 198	99	2 297	4.31
Provisional	320	33	353	9.35
Total	90 379	6 991	97 370	7.18

(a) Comprises 79 854 votes cast at 48 static polling places, 2 510 votes cast at three pre-poll centres, and 403 votes cast through six Special Hospital Teams.

Informal votes by category

Category	No.	%
Totally blank	2 102	30.1
Incomplete numbering – Number '1' only	1 871	26.8
Incomplete numbering – Other	69	1.0
Ticks and crosses	1 317	18.8
Other symbols	93	1.3
Non-sequential numbering	618	8.8
Scribbles, slogans and other protest vote marks	831	11.9
Illegible numbering	8	0.1
Voter identified	8	0.1
Other	74	1.1
Total	6 991	100.0

Polling places with highest and lowest informality ^(a)

	Polling Place	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Highest % informal	Virginia (Port Adelaide)	79	669	11.81
Lowest % informal	Adelaide PORT ADELAIDE PPVC	7	327	2.14

(a) Excludes polling places with less than 100 total ordinary votes recorded.

Sturt (Demographic rating: Inner Metropolitan)

Key statistics

	No.	%	Swing from 2007 (%)
Enrolled	99 023	..	..
Turnout	93 301	94.22	-1.36
Informal votes	5 016	5.38	1.92

Type of vote cast

	Formal votes (no.)	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Ordinary ^(a)	72 382	4 415	76 797	5.75
Absent	6 118	352	6 470	5.44
Postal	7 164	156	7 320	2.13
Pre-poll	2 384	76	2 460	3.09
Provisional	237	17	254	6.69
Total	88 285	5 016	93 301	5.38

(a) Comprises 71 516 votes cast at 42 static polling places, 4 854 votes cast at four pre-poll centres, and 427 votes cast through three Special Hospital Teams.

Informal votes by category

Category	No.	%
Totally blank	1 293	25.8
Incomplete numbering – Number '1' only	1 198	23.9
Incomplete numbering – Other	153	3.1
Ticks and crosses	487	9.7
Other symbols	7	0.1
Non-sequential numbering	998	19.9
Scribbles, slogans and other protest vote marks	780	15.6
Illegible numbering	35	0.7
Voter identified	0	0.0
Other	65	1.3
Total	5 016	100.0

Polling places with highest and lowest informality ^(a)

	Polling Place	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Highest % informal	Newton	123	1 354	9.08
Lowest % informal	Linden Park	35	1 634	2.14

(a) Excludes polling places with less than 100 total ordinary votes recorded.

Wakefield (Demographic rating: Rural)

Key statistics

	No.	%	Swing from 2007 (%)
Enrolled	100 156	..	..
Turnout	93 850	93.70	-1.43
Informal votes	5 837	6.22	1.56

Type of vote cast

	Formal votes (no.)	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Ordinary ^(a)	74 627	5 230	79 857	6.55
Absent	5 474	383	5 857	6.54
Postal	5 864	129	5 993	2.15
Pre-poll	1 666	59	1 725	3.42
Provisional	382	36	418	8.61
Total	88 013	5 837	93 850	6.22

(a) Comprises 76 962 votes cast at 59 static polling places, 2 412 votes cast at four pre-poll centres, and 483 votes cast through three Special Hospital Teams.

Informal votes by category

Category	No.	%
Totally blank	2 074	35.5
Incomplete numbering – Number '1' only	1 310	22.4
Incomplete numbering – Other	69	1.2
Ticks and crosses	860	14.7
Other symbols	74	1.3
Non-sequential numbering	368	6.3
Scribbles, slogans and other protest vote marks	1 005	17.2
Illegible numbering	11	0.2
Voter identified	5	0.1
Other	61	1.0
Total	5 837	100.0

Polling places with highest and lowest informality ^(a)

	Polling Place	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Highest % informal	Special Hospital Team 1	27	179	15.08
Lowest % informal	Special Hospital Team 3	1	133	0.75

(a) Excludes polling places with less than 100 total ordinary votes recorded.

Tasmania

Bass (Demographic rating: Provincial)

Key statistics

	No.	%	Swing from 2007 (%)
Enrolled	71 686	..	..
Turnout	68 216	95.16	-1.14
Informal votes	2 714	3.98	0.75

Type of vote cast

	Formal votes (no.)	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Ordinary ^(a)	56 302	2 468	58 770	4.20
Absent	2 300	84	2 384	3.52
Postal	5 070	103	5 173	1.99
Pre-poll	1 757	51	1 808	2.82
Provisional	73	8	81	9.88
Total	65 502	2 714	68 216	3.98

(a) Comprises 54 716 votes cast at 51 static polling places, 3 082 votes cast at two pre-poll centres, and 972 votes cast through five Special Hospital Teams.

Informal votes by category

Category	No.	%
Totally blank	936	34.5
Incomplete numbering – Number '1' only	551	20.3
Incomplete numbering – Other	35	1.3
Ticks and crosses	289	10.6
Other symbols	9	0.3
Non-sequential numbering	113	4.2
Scribbles, slogans and other protest vote marks	747	27.5
Illegible numbering	7	0.3
Voter identified	1	0.0
Other	26	1.0
Total	2 714	100.0

Polling places with highest and lowest informality ^(a)

	Polling Place	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Highest % informal	Ravenswood	173	2 041	8.48
Lowest % informal	Windmill Hill	9	873	1.03

(a) Excludes polling places with less than 100 total ordinary votes recorded.

Braddon (*Demographic rating: Rural*)

Key statistics

	No.	%	Swing from 2007 (%)
Enrolled	71 576	..	..
Turnout	68 466	95.65	-0.63
Informal votes	2 961	4.32	1.14

Type of vote cast

	Formal votes (no.)	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Ordinary ^(a)	57 232	2 743	59 975	4.57
Absent	2 068	90	2 158	4.17
Postal	4 160	65	4 225	1.54
Pre-poll	1 970	54	2 024	2.67
Provisional	75	9	84	10.71
Total	65 505	2 961	68 466	4.32

(a) Comprises 55 837 votes cast at 74 static polling places, 3 602 votes cast at five pre-poll centres, and 536 votes cast through four Special Hospital Teams.

Informal votes by category

Category	No.	%
Totally blank	984	33.2
Incomplete numbering – Number '1' only	591	20.0
Incomplete numbering – Other	0	0.0
Ticks and crosses	396	13.4
Other symbols	3	0.1
Non-sequential numbering	81	2.7
Scribbles, slogans and other protest vote marks	854	28.8
Illegible numbering	12	0.4
Voter identified	1	0.0
Other	39	1.3
Total	2 961	100.0

Polling places with highest and lowest informality ^(a)

	Polling Place	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Highest % informal	Rosebery	43	445	9.66
Lowest % informal	Divisional Office (PREPOLL)	1	330	0.30

(a) Excludes polling places with less than 100 total ordinary votes recorded.

Denison (*Demographic rating: Inner Metropolitan*)

Key statistics

	No.	%	Swing from 2007 (%)
Enrolled	71 350	..	..
Turnout	67 294	94.32	-1.21
Informal votes	2 435	3.62	1.12

Type of vote cast

	Formal votes (no.)	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Ordinary ^(a)	55 584	2 217	57 801	3.84
Absent	2 867	101	2 968	3.40
Postal	4 290	81	4 371	1.85
Pre-poll	1 920	29	1 949	1.49
Provisional	198	7	205	3.41
Total	64 859	2 435	67 294	3.62

(a) Comprises 52 612 votes cast at 47 static polling places, 4 574 votes cast at five pre-poll centres, and 615 votes cast through four Special Hospital Teams.

Informal votes by category

Category	No.	%
Totally blank	864	35.5
Incomplete numbering – Number '1' only	333	13.7
Incomplete numbering – Other	78	3.2
Ticks and crosses	169	6.9
Other symbols	18	0.7
Non-sequential numbering	211	8.7
Scribbles, slogans and other protest vote marks	661	27.1
Illegible numbering	55	2.3
Voter identified	0	0.0
Other	46	1.9
Total	2 435	100.0

Polling places with highest and lowest informality ^(a)

	Polling Place	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Highest % informal	Abbotsfield	109	1 596	6.83
Lowest % informal	Special Hospital Team 4	2	191	1.05

(a) Excludes polling places with less than 100 total ordinary votes recorded.

Franklin (Demographic rating: Outer Metropolitan)

Key statistics

	No.	%	Swing from 2007 (%)
Enrolled	71 122	..	..
Turnout	67 896	95.46	-0.40
Informal votes	2 365	3.48	0.83

Type of vote cast

	Formal votes (no.)	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Ordinary ^(a)	55 266	2 109	57 375	3.68
Absent	3 513	135	3 648	3.70
Postal	4 706	72	4 778	1.51
Pre-poll	1 924	43	1 967	2.19
Provisional	122	6	128	4.69
Total	65 531	2 365	67 896	3.48

(a) Comprises 53 734 votes cast at 48 static polling places, 3 282 votes cast at four pre-poll centres, and 359 votes cast through two Special Hospital Teams.

Informal votes by category

Category	No.	%
Totally blank	842	35.6
Incomplete numbering – Number '1' only	428	18.1
Incomplete numbering – Other	22	0.9
Ticks and crosses	241	10.2
Other symbols	7	0.3
Non-sequential numbering	99	4.2
Scribbles, slogans and other protest vote marks	650	27.5
Illegible numbering	18	0.8
Voter identified	0	0.0
Other	58	2.5
Total	2 365	100.0

Polling places with highest and lowest informality ^(a)

	Polling Place	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Highest % informal	Clarendon Vale	62	669	9.27
Lowest % informal	Barnes Bay	0	116	0.00

(a) Excludes polling places with less than 100 total ordinary votes recorded.

Lyons (Demographic rating: Rural)

Key statistics

	No.	%	Swing from 2007 (%)
Enrolled	72 875	..	..
Turnout	69 071	94.78	-0.06
Informal votes	3 316	4.80	1.74

Type of vote cast

	Formal votes (no.)	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Ordinary ^(a)	54 323	2 949	57 272	5.15
Absent	4 533	215	4 748	4.53
Postal	4 445	87	4 532	1.92
Pre-poll	2 360	58	2 418	2.40
Provisional	94	7	101	6.93
Total	65 755	3 316	69 071	4.80

(a) Comprises 55 002 votes cast at 91 static polling places, 1 924 votes cast at six pre-poll centres, and 346 votes cast through four Special Hospital Teams.

Informal votes by category

Category	No.	%
Totally blank	1 070	32.3
Incomplete numbering – Number '1' only	692	20.9
Incomplete numbering – Other	36	1.1
Ticks and crosses	345	10.4
Other symbols	25	0.8
Non-sequential numbering	153	4.6
Scribbles, slogans and other protest vote marks	908	27.4
Illegible numbering	29	0.9
Voter identified	0	0.0
Other	58	1.7
Total	3 316	100.0

Polling places with highest and lowest informality ^(a)

	Polling Place	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Highest % informal	Mole Creek	37	356	10.39
Lowest % informal	Glengarry	4	327	1.22

(a) Excludes polling places with less than 100 total ordinary votes recorded.

Australian Capital Territory

Canberra (Demographic rating: Inner Metropolitan)

Key statistics

	No.	%	Swing from 2007 (%)
Enrolled	124 294	..	..
Turnout	117 911	94.86	-1.15
Informal votes	5 755	4.88	2.62

Type of vote cast

	Formal votes (no.)	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Ordinary ^(a)	100 083	5 275	105 358	5.01
Absent	1 567	121	1 688	7.17
Postal	4 241	121	4 362	2.77
Pre-poll	5 951	223	6 174	3.61
Provisional	314	15	329	4.56
Total	112 156	5 755	117 911	4.88

(a) Comprises 86 407 votes cast at 38 static polling places, 18 548 votes cast at five pre-poll centres, 391 votes cast through three Special Hospital Teams, and 12 votes cast through a Prison Mobile Team.

Informal votes by category

Category	No.	%
Totally blank	1 597	27.7
Incomplete numbering – Number '1' only	1 708	29.7
Incomplete numbering – Other	0	0.0
Ticks and crosses	917	15.9
Other symbols	2	0.0
Non-sequential numbering	109	1.9
Scribbles, slogans and other protest vote marks	1 236	21.5
Illegible numbering	5	0.1
Voter identified	1	0.0
Other	180	3.1
Total	5 755	100.0

Polling places with highest and lowest informality ^(a)

	Polling Place	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Highest % informal	Oaks Estate	20	157	12.74
Lowest % informal	Tharwa	3	129	2.33

(a) Excludes polling places with less than 100 total ordinary votes recorded.

Fraser (Demographic rating: Inner Metropolitan)

Key statistics

	No.	%	Swing from 2007 (%)
Enrolled	123 647	..	..
Turnout	116 712	94.39	-1.28
Informal votes	5 171	4.43	2.07

Type of vote cast

	Formal votes (no.)	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Ordinary ^(a)	98 921	4 707	103 628	4.54
Absent	1 604	104	1 708	6.09
Postal	4 078	126	4 204	3.00
Pre-poll	6 543	202	6 745	2.99
Provisional	395	32	427	7.49
Total	111 541	5 171	116 712	4.43

(a) Comprises 84 977 votes cast at 41 static polling places, 18 391 votes cast at four pre-poll centres, and 293 votes cast through two Special Hospital Teams.

Informal votes by category

Category	No.	%
Totally blank	1 669	32.3
Incomplete numbering – Number '1' only	1 261	24.4
Incomplete numbering – Other	83	1.6
Ticks and crosses	618	12.0
Other symbols	3	0.1
Non-sequential numbering	164	3.2
Scribbles, slogans and other protest vote marks	1 230	23.8
Illegible numbering	3	0.1
Voter identified	1	0.0
Other	139	2.7
Total	5 171	100.0

Polling places with highest and lowest informality ^(a)

	Polling Place	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Highest % informal	Special Hospital Team 2	14	115	12.17
Lowest % informal	Reid	12	723	1.66

(a) Excludes polling places with less than 100 total ordinary votes recorded.

Northern Territory

Lingiari (Demographic rating: Rural)

Key statistics

	No.	%	Swing from 2007 (%)
Enrolled	61 168	..	..
Turnout	46 409	75.87	-5.39
Informal votes	3 482	7.50	2.65

Type of vote cast

	Formal votes (no.)	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Ordinary ^(a)	38 950	3 307	42 257	7.83
Absent	868	56	924	6.06
Postal	1 213	29	1 242	2.33
Pre-poll	1 784	76	1 860	4.09
Provisional	112	14	126	11.11
Total	42 927	3 482	46 409	7.50

(a) Comprises 21 199 votes cast at 24 static polling places, 8 304 votes cast at 16 pre-poll centres, 159 votes cast through four Special Hospital Teams, 12 391 votes cast through 21 Remote Mobile Teams and 204 votes cast through a Prison Mobile Team.

Informal votes by category

Category	No.	%
Totally blank	784	22.5
Incomplete numbering – Number '1' only	744	21.4
Incomplete numbering – Other	205	5.9
Ticks and crosses	361	10.4
Other symbols	55	1.6
Non-sequential numbering	885	25.4
Scribbles, slogans and other protest vote marks	382	11.0
Illegible numbering	17	0.5
Voter identified	2	0.1
Other	47	1.3
Total	3 482	100.0

Polling places with highest and lowest informality ^(a)

	Polling Place	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Highest % informal	Remote Mobile Team 2	128	514	24.90
Lowest % informal	Tindal	10	280	3.57

(a) Excludes polling places with less than 100 total ordinary votes recorded.

Solomon (Demographic rating: Inner Metropolitan)

Key statistics

	No.	%	Swing from 2007 (%)
Enrolled	59 891	..	..
Turnout	53 672	89.62	-2.44
Informal votes	2 716	5.06	2.13

Type of vote cast

	Formal votes (no.)	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Ordinary ^(a)	45 367	2 514	47 881	5.25
Absent	751	40	791	5.06
Postal	2 002	47	2 049	2.29
Pre-poll	2 685	108	2 793	3.87
Provisional	151	7	158	4.43
Total	50 956	2 716	53 672	5.06

(a) Comprises 38 045 votes cast at 24 static polling places, 9 717 votes cast at six pre-poll centres, 109 votes cast through a Special Hospital Team and 10 votes cast through a Prison Mobile Team.

Informal votes by category

Category	No.	%
Totally blank	813	29.9
Incomplete numbering – Number '1' only	475	17.5
Incomplete numbering – Other	87	3.2
Ticks and crosses	432	15.9
Other symbols	9	0.3
Non-sequential numbering	204	7.5
Scribbles, slogans and other protest vote marks	653	24.0
Illegible numbering	42	1.5
Voter identified	1	0.0
Other	0	0.0
Total	2 716	100.0

Polling places with highest and lowest informality ^(a)

	Polling Place	Informal votes (no.)	Total votes (no.)	% informal
Highest % informal	Driver	169	2 149	7.86
Lowest % informal	Larrakeyah	27	1 106	2.44

(a) Excludes polling places with less than 100 total ordinary votes recorded.