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## Dear Candidate

The Australian Electoral Commission (AEC) has deferred the formal declaration for the six Senators for Western Australia.

The deferral of the declaration follows formal requests for a recount made to the Australian Electoral Officer for Western Australia, Peter Kramer, by the Australian Sports Party candidate Wayne Dropulich and Greens (WA) candidate Scott Ludlam this afternoon.

The AEC was originally due to formally declare the result at 3:00pm (AWST) this afternoon following the distribution of preferences for the Western Australia Senate contest that occurred at 11:00am (AWST) today.

Section 278 of the *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918* states that at any time before the declaration of the result of a Senate election the Australian Electoral Officer may, on the written request of any candidate setting forth the reasons for the request, or of the officer's own motion, direct or conduct a recount of the ballot papers contained in any parcel or in any other category determined by the Australian electoral Officer.

As with all aspects of the count, the automated distribution of preferences undertaken this morning was open to scrutineers appointed by the candidates.

The AEC will provide further advice when it is available.

Kind regards

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