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Cc: Subject: Executive - WA; DROs - WA; Marie Neilson; Ed Killesteyn; Phil Diak WA Senate Recount Arrangements Advice [DLM=For-Official-Use-Only]

Importance:

High

AECStatus:

process

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Dear Candidate

As advised in my previous email of 10 October 2013, a full recount of all the WA Senate Above The Line (ATL) ballot papers and informal ballot papers originally counted in the fifteen electoral divisions in accordance with section 278 of the Commonwealth Electoral Act, has been directed to occur by the Electoral Commissioner.

This email is to provide you with information on the recount process to be undertaken and is contained under the following headings:

Recount Timeframe:

- o Count preparation will commence on Wednesday 16 October from 1300h. Whilst there will not be any counting undertaken on this day, the process may be observed by scrutineers.
- o Commence count Thursday 17 October from 0900h
- Duration of count Monday to Friday daily, from 0900h 1630h (This allows packing and unpacking time at either end of the day)
- o As we need to repack counts at the end of the day, the indicated finish times are flexible
- o Completion of count intent is to complete prior to 8 November 2013
- Weekend counting will not take place initially, but may be considered pending progress of the recount. All candidates will be advised if this is to occur

Location:

- Beaufort St Northbridge (old Rick Hart building)
- o Carparking available in basement (Wilson paid parking)
- o Will be known as Northbridge Scrutiny Centre (NSC)
- o Toilets and limited amenities will be available on site
- o Please note that we will for the first 2 days of counting be sharing the facility with the WA Electoral Commission count of the Local Government Election. They will be moving out during the Saturday and this will enable an expansion of our activities from Monday 21 October.

Count Arrangements:

- o Initially commencing with 12 count tables
- o Four (4) counters per table total of 48 counters
- o Expanding from Monday 21 October to maximum of 30 tables and 120 counters (candidates will be advised as appropriate)
- o Counts will be undertaken by division, commencing with the Division of Cowan
- o Daily briefing will include a 3 day forecast of divisions to be counted
- Daily debrief will occur immediately following the completion of the days counting

Scrutineer Arrangements:

- o One scrutineer per candidate per counter is maximum authorised
- o All scrutineers to have an Appointment Form (available from our website at <u>Scrutineers-appointment-form.pdf</u>) signed by the candidate.
- o Initial scrutineer briefing session will be conducted on Wednesday 16 October at 1200h at the NSC
- o Daily accreditation will occur at 0830h and be followed by a daily briefing at 0850h

- o The AEC Scrutineer Handbook and Formality Guidelines will be available on site. Links are Scrutineers-handbook.pdf and Ballot-paper-formality-guidelines.pdf
- o Please note that in accordance with Section 219 of the Commonwealth Electoral Act, a candidate is not permitted to be a scrutineer
- Key AEC Appointments:
 - o Australian Electoral Officer for WA (Senate Returning Officer) Peter Kramer
 - o Recount Manager Robert Webb, Mob 0413 271 705
 - o Assistant Recount Manager/Media Liaison Brendon Barlow, Mob 0413 271 869
 - o Scrutineer Manager Carl Binning, Mobile 0413 271 933

If you require any further information please don't hesitate to contact either Rob Webb on Mob 0413 271 705 or Brendon Barlow on Mob 0413 271 869.

Yours sincerely

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