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Hi Irma

See below.

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From: Irma Lachmund [mailto:campaigncoordinator@wa.greens.org.au]

**Sent:** Monday, 14 October 2013 1:22 PM **To:** Peter Kramer; Tim O'Shaughnessy

**Cc:** Rachel Pemberton

**Subject:** Scrutineer potential conflict of interest

Dear Peter,

I received a query from one of our volunteer scrutineers whose partner is one of the supervisors of the recount as AEC official. He wondered whether there would be any potential conflict of interest if he volunteered as scrutineer for Scott. Irma, we would get from each of our staff a statement of political neutrality and this is how we satisfy ourselves with regard to our staff so I would expect the supervisor to be mentioning this to us when he/she is confirming employment details. However, we must and should avoid any perceived or actual conflict of interest and the "optics" of this situation would be something that we might take into consideration. We will also actively discourage the scrutineers and counters from mixing at any time during the working day.

## Also I have a few questions:

- Will provisional votes, postal votes and early votes be counted separately per division? Each Declaration vote batch for the division will be tabled and counted separately.
- Will all decisions about formality and informality that were made regarding a
  particular vote revisited, or it just the actual counting process repeated? All of the
  votes <u>not</u> sent to the Central Senate Scrutiny teams will be recounted. Obvious
  informals, will be reviewed as part of the recount process.

And of course the recount reintegrates the BTL data as part of the distribution of preferences which is the final phase of the recount.

If you had any written guidelines for scrutineers with a special focus on the recount to assist us in the training of our scrutineers that would be much appreciated.

Our scrutineer team leaders will attend the briefing on Wednesday including myself.

Many thanks for your response.

Irma

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