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ADDENDUM to the
Print specifications
for members of Parliament preparing the Yes and No cases

This addendum, dated 6 July 2023, supplements the *Print specifications for members of Parliament preparing the Yes and No cases*, which was sent to parliamentarians on 20 June 2023. The addendum outlines the approach the AEC will take to the use of URLs and text boxes included in the authorised Yes and No cases.

URLs

URLs may be included, and each URL will be counted as one word. URLs will not be hyperlinked in digital versions of the pamphlet and will appear as text only.

Text boxes

The AEC will print up to four text boxes which are included in an argument. The purpose of doing so is to enable members to emphasise critical information for the benefit of readers. The number of text boxes is limited to avoid visual crowding, to assist with overall legibility of the cases and to help achieve some consistency across both cases.

The AEC will print text boxes if they meet the specifications set out below.

1. Up to a maximum of four text boxes may be included.

2. Only one paragraph style, 'Text box', is to be used in text boxes (see below for instructions).

3. No **bolding** or *italicising* text for emphasis within a text box is to be included. In line with previous advice, *italics* may only be used for referencing/citation.

4. Each text box is limited to containing one paragraph. All words contained in the text boxes will be counted in line with 'Counting of words' criteria in the print specifications dated 20 June 2023.

How to use the text box function

- To insert a text box, apply the paragraph style 'Text box' in the attached Microsoft Word template and the text box will be applied automatically.

- Text boxes will be placed in line with the text and will be formatted to extend across the width of the text area.

Sample pamphlet pages demonstrating how text boxes will be represented are included below.