



To the Special Minister of State

## Notification of Determination Section 49 Certificate – *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918*

I, Tom Rogers, Acting Electoral Commissioner, **hereby certify that:**

Pursuant to section 46 of the *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918* (the Electoral Act)<sup>1</sup>, I have this day ascertained the number of the people of the Commonwealth, States and Territories, and those numbers are as follows:

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<b>The Commonwealth</b> <sup>2</sup>	22,793,303
<b>The States</b>	
New South Wales	7,500,617
Victoria	5,821,269
Queensland	4,708,510
Western Australia	2,565,588
South Australia	1,682,635
Tasmania	514,684
<b>The Territories</b> <sup>3</sup>	
Australian Capital Territory <sup>4 5</sup>	386,092
Northern Territory <sup>5</sup>	243,689
The Territory of Cocos (Keeling) Islands	572
The Territory of Christmas Island	2,217
Australian Antarctic Territory	102
Territory of Heard Island and McDonald Islands	0
Coral Sea Islands Territory	4
Territory of Ashmore and Cartier Islands	0

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<sup>1</sup> This ascertainment has been made using statistics supplied to the Electoral Commissioner by the Australian Statistician on 22 October 2014 in accordance with section 47 of the Electoral Act and published in the *Australian Demographic Statistics, March 2014 Quarter* (ABS Cat. no. 3101.0) – Table 8 on 25 September 2014.

<sup>2</sup> Pursuant to section 45 of the Electoral Act, the number of the people of the Commonwealth does not include the people of the Territories.

<sup>3</sup> Pursuant to section 38A of the Electoral Act, the Territory of Norfolk Island is not taken to be a Territory for the purposes of this ascertainment.

<sup>4</sup> Pursuant to section 4(1) of the Electoral Act, the Jervis Bay Territory is taken to be part of the Australian Capital Territory for the purposes of this ascertainment.

<sup>5</sup> Pursuant to section 46(2) of the Electoral Act, a Norfolk Island resident who is enrolled in a Territory under section 95AA(3) of the Electoral Act is included in the count of the population of that Territory for the purposes of this ascertainment.

Pursuant to section 48 of the Electoral Act, I have this day determined the number of members of the House of Representatives to be chosen in the States and Territories at a general election to be as follows:

State/Territory	Number of members of the House of Representatives to be chosen in the State or Territory
<b>The States</b>	
New South Wales	47
Victoria	37
Queensland	30
Western Australia	16
South Australia	11
Tasmania <sup>6</sup>	5
<b>The Territories</b>	
Australian Capital Territory	2
Northern Territory	2
Australian Antarctic Territory	0
Territory of Heard Island and McDonald Islands	0
Coral Sea Islands Territory	0
Territory of Ashmore and Cartier Islands	0

<sup>6</sup> Tasmania is guaranteed a minimum of five members under section 24 of the Constitution.

As required by section 49 of the Electoral Act, the following tables provide details of the statistical information supplied by the Australian Statistician, the adjustments made to the statistical information supplied by the Australian Statistician, calculations involved in arriving at those adjusted numbers, and the calculations involved in the making of the determination of the number of members of the House of Representatives to be chosen in the States and Territories at a general election.

**Table 1: Population statistics supplied by the Australian Statistician in accordance with section 47 of the Electoral Act:**

The States	Population
New South Wales	7,500,617
Victoria	5,821,269
Queensland	4,708,510
Western Australia	2,565,588
South Australia	1,682,635
Tasmania	514,684
The Territories	Population
Australian Capital Territory (excluding Jervis Bay)	385,573
Northern Territory	243,668
Jervis Bay Territory	408
The Territory of Cocos (Keeling) Islands	572
The Territory of Christmas Island	2,217
Australian Antarctic Territory	102
Territory of Heard Island and McDonald Islands	0
Coral Sea Islands Territory	4
Territory of Ashmore and Cartier Islands	0

**Table 1A: Other statistics relating to the Australian Capital Territory and the Northern Territory supplied by the Australian Statistician in accordance with section 47 of the Electoral Act:**

	Australian Statistician's estimate of the net undercount 2011 Census	Standard Error of the estimate of net undercount 2011 Census	Two Standard Errors of the net undercount 2011 Census	Upper limit of the 95% confidence interval of the estimate of net undercount	Lower limit of the 95% confidence interval of the estimate of net undercount
Australian Capital Territory	2,595	3,055	6,110	8,705	-3,515
Northern Territory	15,716	3,074	6,148	21,864	9,568

**Table 2: Details of adjustments made to the statistical information supplied by the Australian Statistician in arriving at the number of the people of the States in accordance with section 46 of the Electoral Act:**

State	Population statistics supplied by Australian Statistician	Adjustments	Population as ascertained by the Electoral Commissioner
New South Wales	7,500,617	0	7,500,617
Victoria	5,821,269	0	5,821,269
Queensland	4,708,510	0	4,708,510
Western Australia	2,565,588	0	2,565,588
South Australia	1,682,635	0	1,682,635
Tasmania	514,684	0	514,684

**Table 3: Details of the adjustments made to the statistical information supplied by the Australian Statistician in arriving at the number of the people of the Australian Capital Territory in accordance with section 46 of the Electoral Act:**

	Population statistics supplied by Australian Statistician	Jervis Bay population statistics supplied by Australian Statistician	Norfolk Island residents enrolled in the ACT <sup>7</sup> s46(2)	Population as ascertained by the Electoral Commissioner
Australian Capital Territory	385,573	408	111	386,092

**Table 4: Details of the adjustments made to the statistical information supplied by the Australian Statistician in arriving at the number of the people of the Northern Territory in accordance with section 46 of the Electoral Act:**

	Population statistics supplied by Australian Statistician	Norfolk Island residents enrolled in the Northern Territory <sup>7</sup> s46(2)	Population as ascertained by the Electoral Commissioner
Northern Territory	243,668	21	243,689

<sup>7</sup> Source: Australian Electoral Commission enrolment data.

**Table 5: Details of the adjustments made to the statistical information supplied by the Australian Statistician in arriving at the number of the people of the other Territories in accordance with section 46 of the Electoral Act:**

Territory	Population statistics supplied by Australian Statistician	Adjustment	Number of the people as ascertained by the Electoral Commissioner
Territory of Cocos (Keeling) Islands	572	0	572
Territory of Christmas Island	2,217	0	2,217
Australian Antarctic Territory	102	0	102
Territory of Heard Island and McDonald Islands	0	0	0
Coral Sea Islands Territory	4	0	4
Territory of Ashmore and Cartier Islands	0	0	0

**Table 6: Details of the calculations performed in determining the quota in accordance with paragraph 48(2)(a) of the Electoral Act:**

Number of the people of the Commonwealth as ascertained by the Electoral Commissioner	Divided by twice the number of Senators for the States (72 x 2)	Quota
22,793,303	144	158,286.8264

**Table 7: Details of the calculations performed in determining the number of members of the House of Representatives to be chosen in each State in accordance with paragraph 48(1)(a) of the Electoral Act:**

State	Number of the people of the State as ascertained by the Electoral Commissioner	Divided by the Quota	Result of the division	Number of Members to be chosen
New South Wales	7,500,617	158,286.8264	47.3862	47
Victoria	5,821,269	158,286.8264	36.7767	37
Queensland	4,708,510	158,286.8264	29.7467	30
Western Australia	2,565,588	158,286.8264	16.2085	16
South Australia	1,682,635	158,286.8264	10.6303	11
Tasmania	514,684	158,286.8264	3.2516	5

**Table 8: Details of the calculations performed in determining whether subsection 48(2E) applies to the Australian Capital Territory:**

Number of the people of the ACT as ascertained by the Electoral Commissioner	Number of people required to achieve 2.5 quotas	Difference	Twice the Standard Error of the estimated net undercount for the ACT (2 x 3,055)	Is the difference less than twice the Standard Error?	Does section 48(2E) apply to the ACT?
386,092	395,717	9,625	6,110	No	No

**Table 9: Details of the calculations performed in determining the number of members of the House of Representatives to be chosen in the Australian Capital Territory in accordance with paragraph 48(2A)(c):**

	Number of the people of the ACT as ascertained by the Electoral Commissioner	Divided by the Quota	Result of the division	Number of Members to be chosen
Australian Capital Territory	386,092	158,286.8264	2.4392	2

**Table 10: Details of the calculations to determine the number of members of the House of Representatives to be chosen in the Territory of Cocos (Keeling) Islands and the Territory of Christmas Island:**

Territory	Number of the people as ascertained by the Electoral Commissioner	Divided by the Quota	Result of the division	Number of Members to be chosen
Territory of Cocos (Keeling) Islands	572	158,286.8264	0.0036	0
Territory of Christmas Island	2,217	158,286.8264	0.0140	0

**Table 11: Details of the calculations performed in ascertaining the number of people of the Northern Territory in accordance with subparagraph 48(2C)(e)(i):**

	Number of the people of the Northern Territory as ascertained by the Electoral Commissioner	Number of the people of the Territory of Cocos (Keeling) Islands as ascertained by the Electoral Commissioner	Number of the people of the Territory of Christmas Island as ascertained by the Electoral Commissioner	New ascertainment of the number of the people of the Northern Territory in accordance with subparagraph 48 (2C)(e)(i)
Northern Territory	243,689	572	2,217	246,478

**Table 12: Details of the calculations performed in determining the number of members of the House of Representatives to be chosen in the Northern Territory in accordance with subsection 48(2C):**

	Number of the people of the Northern Territory as ascertained by the Electoral Commissioner	Divided by the Quota	Result of the division	Number of members to be chosen
Northern Territory	246,478	158,286.8264	1.5572	2

Signed

Tom Rogers  
Acting Electoral Commissioner

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