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)*[[1]](#footnote-1)*, 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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| **The Commonwealth**[[2]](#footnote-2) | 22,793,303 |
|  |  |
| **The States** |  |
| 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** [[3]](#footnote-3) |  |
| Australian Capital Territory[[4]](#footnote-4) [[5]](#footnote-5) | 386,092 |
| Northern Territory5 | 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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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:

|  |  |
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| State/Territory | Number of members of the House of Representatives to be chosen in the State or Territory |
|  |  |
| **The States** |  |
| New South Wales | 47 |
| Victoria | 37 |
| Queensland | 30 |
| Western Australia | 16 |
| South Australia | 11 |
| Tasmania[[6]](#footnote-6) | 5 |
|  |  |
| **The Territories** |  |
| 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 |
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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:**

|  |  |  |
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|  |  |  |
| 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[[7]](#footnote-7) 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 Territory7 s46(2) | Population as ascertained by the Electoral Commissioner |
| Northern Territory | 243,668 |  | 21 | 243,689 |

**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

13 November 2014

1. 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. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. Pursuant to section 45 of the Electoral Act, the number of the people of the Commonwealth does not include the people of the Territories. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. 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. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. 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. [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
5. 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. [↑](#footnote-ref-5)
6. Tasmania is guaranteed a minimum of five members under section 24 of the Constitution. [↑](#footnote-ref-6)
7. Source: Australian Electoral Commission enrolment data. [↑](#footnote-ref-7)