AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

Electoral Act 1992

METHODS FOR DETERMINATION OF MATTERS BY LOT

NO. 153 OF 1994

Pursuant to section 125 of the *Electoral Act 1992*, the ACT Electoral Commission hereby APPROVES the following methods for determination of matters by lot as set out in Schedules 1 and 2.

SCHEDULE 1

DETERMINATION OF ORDER OF CANDIDATES OR GROUPS

Where, under section 116 or Schedule 4 of the *Electoral Act 1992,* the Electoral Commissioner (the Commissioner) is required to determine, by lot, the order of names of candidates or groups for an election, the method used shall be as follows.

The Commissioner shall cause an officer of the Electoral Commission to:

a) prepare a list of the candidates or groups, as the case may be, in the order the Commissioner considers appropriate;

b) display that list to the persons entitled to be present;

c) enter a range of numbers, the first being 1 and the second being equal to the number of candidates or groups, into an electronic device capable of generating random numbers within that set range;

d) cause the electronic device to generate at random, one by one, each of the numbers within the range entered;

e) as each number is generated write the number opposite to a candidate or group in the list prepared in accordance with paragraph (a) so that the number generated first is opposite to the first candidate or group in the list and the subsequent order of the numbers in the list is the order in which they are generated;

f) re-enter a range of numbers, the first being 1 and the second being equal to the number of candidates or groups, into an electronic device capable of generating random numbers within that set range;

g) cause the electronic device to generate at random, one by one, each of the numbers within the range entered;

h) as each number is generated, prepare a list of the numbers in the order in which they are generated;

i) enter on the list prepared in accordance with paragraph (h) opposite to each number the name of the candidate or group set out opposite to that number in the list prepared in accordance with paragraph (a) and (e);

j) the order in which the candidates or groups are set out in the list prepared in accordance with paragraphs (h) and (i) is the order of the candidates or groups determined by the Commissioner.
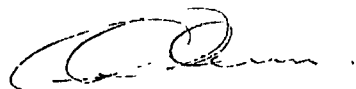
SCHEDULE 2

DETERMINATION OF ORDER OF CANDIDATES IN COLUMNS ON BALLOT PAPERS

Where, under paragraph 2(1) (b) of Schedule 2 of the *Electoral Act 1992,* the Commissioner is required to determine, by lot, the order of candidates within a column on a ballot paper for an election, the method used shall be as follows.

The Commissioner shall cause an officer of the Electoral Commission to:

a) prepare a list of the candidates in the column in alphabetical order;

b) display that list to the persons entitled to be present;

c) enter a range of numbers, the first being 1 and the second being equal to the number of candidates within the column into an electronic device capable of generating random numbers within that set range;

d) cause the electronic device to generate at random, one by one, each of the numbers within the range entered;

e) as each number is generated write the number opposite to a candidate in the list prepared in accordance with paragraph (a) so that the number generated first is opposite to the first candidate in the list and the subsequent order of the numbers in the list is the order in which they are generated;

f) the candidate to whom the number 1 is allocated shall be placed first in the order of candidates in the column, the candidate to whom the number 2 is allocated shall be placed second; and so on for each candidate in the column.

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Member

27 November 1994

29 November 1994

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