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1 Introduction

1.1 This booklet is designed to assist (Acting) Returning Officers and their deputies¹ in adjudicating doubtful ballot papers at UK Parliamentary elections. The (Acting) Returning Officer may delegate the final decision on adjudication to one or more deputies,² but this should be done explicitly in writing.

1.2 Because the (Acting) Returning Officer discharges a statutory function in adjudicating doubtful votes, the (Acting) Returning Officer or authorised Deputy (Acting) Returning Officer, and not other staff employed by the (Acting) Returning Officer at the count, should carry out this function.

1.3 One of the aims of this booklet is to help to ensure consistency of approach across the whole of Great Britain.

1.4 This booklet has been developed in consultation with representatives of the electoral community on the Elections and Registration Working Group and the Electoral Coordination Group,³ and the Electoral Commission is grateful for their assistance throughout this process.

1.5 When undertaking the adjudication of ballot papers it is important to ensure that the process is carried out in full view of all candidates present and their agents, as well as in the presence of any Commission representatives and accredited observers in attendance.

1 Throughout this booklet, all references made to 'deputies' or 'deputy' should be read as 'deputes' or 'depute' in respect of Scotland.

2 Section 28(5), Representation of the People Act 1983.

3 For further information on both groups, please visit www.electoralcommission.org.uk/guidance/resources-for-electoral-administrators/uk-parliamentary-elections.

1.6 (Acting) Returning Officers should not wait until towards the end of the count before starting the adjudication process; this should be carried out regularly throughout the count process.

1.7 Once any doubtful ballot papers have been dealt with, those deemed to be allowed must be included in the count. Those ballot papers that have been rejected should be stamped with the word 'rejected' and placed in the appropriate package. In addition, it should be remembered that a statement must be prepared showing the number of ballot papers rejected under each of the following headings:⁴

- want of official mark
- voting for more than one candidate
- writing or mark by which the voter could be identified
- unmarked or void for uncertainty

⁴ Rule 47(4), Schedule 1, Representation of the People Act 1983.

2 Legislation

Decisions of the (Acting) Returning Officer

2.1 The decision of the (Acting) Returning Officer is final, subject only to review on election petition.⁵

2.2 The discretion of the (Acting) Returning Officer is limited to rejecting votes solely on the grounds listed in the UK Parliamentary election rules.

The election rules

2.3 The relevant rules for UK Parliamentary elections are contained in Schedule 1 of the Representation of the People Act 1983 and are as follows:

Rejected ballot papers

Rule 47 – (1) Any ballot paper –

- (a) which does not bear the official mark, or
- (b) on which votes are given for more than one candidate, or
- (c) on which anything is written or marked by which the voter can be identified except the printed number and other unique identifying mark on the back, or
- (d) which is unmarked or void for uncertainty,

shall, subject to the provisions of the next following paragraph, be void and not counted.

(2) A ballot paper on which the vote is marked –

- (a) elsewhere than in the proper place, or

⁵ Rule 48, Schedule 1, Representation of the People Act 1983.

- (b) otherwise than by means of a cross, or
- (c) by more than one mark,

shall not for such reason be deemed to be void if an intention that the vote shall be for one or other of the candidates clearly appears, and the way the paper is marked does not itself identify the voter and it is not shown that he can be identified by it.

(3) The returning officer shall endorse the word “rejected” on any ballot paper which under this rule is not to be counted, and shall add to the endorsement the words “rejection objected to” if any objection is made by a counting agent to his decision.

(4) The returning officer shall draw up a statement showing the number of ballot papers rejected under the several heads of –

- (a) want of official mark;
- (b) voting for more than one candidate;
- (c) writing or mark by which voter could be identified; and
- (d) unmarked or void for uncertainty.

Decisions on ballot papers

Rule 48 – The decision of the (Acting) Returning Officer on any question arising in respect of a ballot paper is final, but may be subject to review on an election petition.

3 Principles of adjudication

3.1 Any doubtful ballot papers should be placed in a tray for the supervisor to take to the (Acting) Returning Officer for adjudication. The front of ballot papers should be carefully checked for any marks in case the voter has made any marks outside of the voting boxes. The following ballot papers require further consideration:

- want of official mark (not the unique identifying mark)
- voting for more than one candidate
- those where the voter's intention is uncertain
- having any writing or mark by which the voter can be identified
- any paper torn or mutilated in any way
- any paper with anything unusual about it (for example, any paper that appears to have been altered, either with a clearly different writing instrument or with correction fluid)

3.2 In the case of ballot papers that appear to have been altered, (Acting) Returning Officers may consider packaging them separately in case of later challenge or investigation.

3.3 Unless the marked ballot paper identifies the voter, a ballot paper should not be rejected if the voter's intention is clear – even if the ballot paper is:⁶

- not marked in the proper place
- marked other than by a cross
- marked by more than one mark

⁶ Rule 47(2), Schedule 1, Representation of the People Act 1983.

Want of official mark

3.4 Absence of the official mark must lead to an automatic rejection. The (Acting) Returning Officer has no discretion.

3.5 However, where instead of a pre-printed official mark a stamping instrument has been used, a partial piercing or embossing of the ballot paper should not in itself result in a rejection.⁷ As long as it is clear that the ballot paper has been stamped by polling station staff, the fact that not all the pins have stamped through the ballot paper or that the perforation is not wholly on the paper is immaterial.

Ballot papers with more than one mark

3.6 This is a matter for the (Acting) Returning Officer's judgment.

3.7 Additional marks must not lead to a rejection if it is clear that those marks were not intended as a vote.⁸

3.8 A paper marked 1, 2, 3 etc instead of with a cross should be rejected.⁹ In Scotland, however, it is noted that consideration will be given to allowing the ballot paper as a valid vote for the candidate against whom the number 1 is marked. This is because of the use of STV at Scottish local government elections and because legislation for the Scottish Parliamentary elections specifically allows for a ballot paper marked 1, 2, 3 etc to be counted as a valid vote for the voter's first choice.¹⁰ The Scottish Parliamentary election rules therefore

7 *Cirencester case*, *Lawson v. Chester-Master* (1893) 4 O'M & H 194 and *Newington case*, *Lewis v. Shepperdson* (1948) 2 All ER 503.

8 *Woodward v. Sarsons* (1875), LR 10, CP74 and *Cirencester case* (1893).

9 *Cornwell v. Marshall* (1977), 75 LGR 676, DC.

10 Rule 58(5), Scottish Parliamentary Election Rules, Schedule 2, The Scottish Parliament (Elections etc.) Order 2007.

account for possible confusion between the different electoral systems used. The same principle could be read across to UK Parliamentary elections to accept ballot papers marked with the number 1.

Writing or mark by which the voter can be identified

3.9 There are two aspects to this:

- either any writing or mark on the ballot paper which, of itself, identifies the voter, or
- the voter can be identified by such writing or mark

3.10 It is important to bear in mind that the legislation states that the voter **can be**, not may be or might possibly be, identified.

Writing or mark which, of itself, identifies the voter

3.11 A ballot paper should be rejected if:

- the electoral number of the voter written on the ballot paper unequivocally identifies the voter
- it may reasonably be held to bear the name (or signature) or unique address of the voter on its front

The voter can be indirectly identified by any writing or mark on the ballot paper

3.12 The (Acting) Returning Officer is not required to investigate the matter or require evidence to be produced to identify the writing or mark. But, the (Acting) Returning Officer should consider any evidence that is given to them at the time.

3.13 Where there is doubt about the identity of the person who marked the ballot paper, the (Acting) Returning Officer should allow rather than reject the ballot paper.

Unmarked ballot papers

3.14 Unmarked ballot papers should be rejected, even if a mark on the back of the ballot paper shows through on the front.

3.15 A ballot paper marked by means other than a pencil should not be rejected simply because of that.

3.16 Marks other than a cross, however faint, may still be valid.

Void for uncertainty

3.17 Establishing voter intention is crucial when determining doubtful ballot papers.

3.18 The key phrase in the rules is: 'A ballot paper [...] shall not [...] be deemed to be void if an intention that the vote shall be for one of the candidates **clearly** appears'.¹¹

3.19 Each ballot paper should be considered on its own merits and decisions should be taken on a case-by-case basis.

3.20 The key question an (Acting) Returning Officer should ask is whether the voter has, on the face of the paper, indicated a reasonably clear intention to vote for a candidate.

¹¹ Rule 47(2), Schedule 1, Representation of the People Act 1983.

4 Summary

4.1 The principles to be applied are set out on pp.5-8. In practical terms, the **general approach** can be summarised as follows:

- always be clear and consistent
- take time to ensure that a considered decision is given in every case
- attempt to allow, not reject
- when considering the refusal grounds of voting for more than one candidate or void for uncertainty:
 - endeavour, wherever possible, to discern the intention of the voter and to give effect to it
 - attempt to allow where the voter's intention is reasonably clear, rather than reject the ballot paper

5 Examples

5.1 The examples provided here are based on previous case law or taken from the specific rules for UK Parliamentary elections. Ultimately, the decision on any particular ballot paper rests with the (Acting) Returning Officer and it is for them to determine their own view of the application of the law. References are made to the UK Parliamentary election rules in Schedule 1 of the Representation of the People Act 1983.







Case law references

Abbreviated case law references have been used throughout this booklet. The following table lists the full case law references.






Abbreviation	Full reference
Berwick-upon-Tweed case	Berwick-upon-Tweed case [1880] 3 O'M&H 178
Buckrose case	Buckrose case, <i>Sykes v. McArthur</i> [1886] 5 O'M&H 110
Cirencester case	<i>Lawson v. Chester Master</i> [1893]
Cornwell v Marshall	<i>Cornwell v. Marshall</i> [1977] 75 LGR 676 DC
Eley v Durant	<i>Eley v. Durant</i> [1900] 4SJ 430
Levers v Morris	<i>Levers v. Morris</i> [1971] 3 All ER QBD
Rowe v Cox	<i>Rowe v. Cox</i> [2001] QBD, Case M/294/01
Ruffle v Rogers	<i>Ruffle v. Rogers</i> [1982] QB 1220
South Newington case	South Newington case, <i>Lewis v. Shepperdson</i> [1948] 2 All ER 503
West Bromwich case	West Bromwich case, <i>Hazel v. Viscount Lewisham</i> [1911] 6 O'M&H 256
Woodward v Sarsons	<i>Woodward v. Sarsons</i> [1875] LR10 CP 733

Allowed votes






The following are suggested examples of allowed votes.

VOTE FOR ONE CANDIDATE ONLY		
1	BARBER Ali Barber 46 Anytown Close, Anytown AT34 BCY Independent	
2	BOOTS Dusty Boots 83 Acacia Avenue, Anytown AT33 5XZ League of Line Dancers	 
3	CLOVER Elizabeth Mary Clover (address in the Any Town Constituency) Independent	
4	GREY Earl Grey (address in the Any Town Constituency) Mad Hatter's Tea Party	 
5	HOOD Robin Hood (address in the Any Town Constituency) The Forest Party	
6	MILLER Windy Miller 7 Daisy Drive, Anytown AT12 7EY Alternative Power Forum	





Allow for Boots – Cirencester case, *Eley v. Durant* and Rule 47(2)(c).

VOTE FOR ONE CANDIDATE ONLY		
1	BARBER Ali Barber 46 Anytown Close, Anytown AT34 BCY Independent	
2	BOOTS Dusty Boots 83 Acacia Avenue, Anytown AT33 5XZ League of Line Dancers	
3	 CLOVER Elizabeth Mary Clover (address in the Any Town Constituency) Independent 	
4	GREY Earl Grey (address in the Any Town Constituency) Mad Hatter's Tea Party	
5	HOOD Robin Hood (address in the Any Town Constituency) The Forest Party	
6	MILLER Windy Miller 7 Daisy Drive, Anytown AT12 7EY Alternative Power Forum	 





Allow for Miller – *Woodward v. Sarsons* and Rule 47(2)(c).

VOTE FOR ONE CANDIDATE ONLY		
1	BARBER Ali Barber 46 Anytown Close, Anytown AT34 BCY Independent	
2	BOOTS Dusty Boots 83 Acacia Avenue, Anytown AT33 5XZ League of Line Dancers	 
3	CLOVER Elizabeth Mary Clover (address in the Any Town Constituency) Independent	
4	GREY Earl Grey (address in the Any Town Constituency) Mad Hatter's Tea Party	
5	HOOD Robin Hood (address in the Any Town Constituency) The Forest Party	
6	MILLER Windy Miller 7 Daisy Drive, Anytown AT12 7EY Alternative Power Forum	

Allow for Boots – Rule 47(2)(b) and (c).






VOTE FOR ONE CANDIDATE ONLY			
1	BARBER Ali Barber 46 Anytown Close, Anytown AT34 BCY Independent		
2	BOOTS Dusty Boots 83 Acacia Avenue, Anytown AT33 5XZ League of Line Dancers		
3	CLOVER Elizabeth Mary Clover (address in the Any Town Constituency) Independent		
4	GREY Earl Grey (address in the Any Town Constituency) Mad Hatter's Tea Party		
5	HOOD Robin Hood (address in the Any Town Constituency) The Forest Party		<i>Head The forest Party!</i>
6	MILLER Windy Miller 7 Daisy Drive, Anytown AT12 7EY Alternative Power Forum		

Allow for Hood – *Ruffle v. Rogers* and Rule 47(2)(b).






VOTE FOR ONE CANDIDATE ONLY		
1	<p>BARBER Ali Barber 46 Anytown Close, Anytown AT34 BCY Independent</p>	
2	<p>BOOTS Dusty Boots 83 Acacia Avenue, Anytown AT33 5XZ League of Line Dancers</p>	
3	<p>CLOVER Elizabeth Mary Clover (address in the Any Town Constituency) Independent</p>	
4	<p>GREY Earl Grey (address in the Any Town Constituency) Mad Hatter's Tea Party</p>	
5	<p>HOOD Robin Hood (address in the Any Town Constituency) The Forest Party</p>	
6	<p>MILLER Windy Miller 7 Daisy Drive, Anytown AT12 7EY Alternative Power Forum</p>	

Allow for Miller – West Bromwich case and Rule 47(2)(a).

VOTE FOR ONE CANDIDATE ONLY


1	<p style="text-align: center;">BARBER Ali Barber 46 Anytown Close, Anytown AT34 BCY Independent</p>		
2	<p style="text-align: center;">BOOTS Dusty Boots 83 Acacia Avenue, Anytown AT33 5XZ League of Line Dancers</p>		
3	<p style="text-align: center;">CLOVER Elizabeth Mary Clover (address in the Any Town Constituency) Independent</p>		
4	<p style="text-align: center;">GREY Earl Grey (address in the Any Town Constituency) Mad Hatter's Tea Party</p>		
5	<p style="text-align: center;">HOOD Robin Hood (address in the Any Town Constituency) The Forest Party</p>		
6	<p style="text-align: center;">MILLER Windy Miller 7 Daisy Drive, Anytown AT12 7EY Alternative Power Forum</p>		

Allow for Clover – Rule 47(2)(b).

VOTE FOR ONE CANDIDATE ONLY		
1	BARBER Ali Barber 46 Anytown Close, Anytown AT34 BCY Independent	
2	BOOTS Dusty Boots 83 Acacia Avenue, Anytown AT33 5XZ League of Line Dancers	
3	CLOVER Elizabeth Mary Clover (address in the Any Town Constituency) Independent	
4	GREY Earl Grey (address in the Any Town Constituency) Mad Hatter's Tea Party	
5	HOOD Robin Hood (address in the Any Town Constituency) The Forest Party	
6	MILLER Windy Miller 7 Daisy Drive, Anytown AT12 7EY Alternative Power Forum	





Allow for Barber – Berwick-upon-Tweed case and Rule 47(2)(a).

VOTE FOR ONE CANDIDATE ONLY






VOTE FOR ONE CANDIDATE ONLY		
1	<p>BARBER Ali Barber 46 Anytown Close, Anytown AT34 BCY Independent</p>	
2	<p>BOOTS Dusty Boots 83 Acacia Avenue, Anytown AT33 5XZ League of Line Dancers</p>	
3	<p>CLOVER Elizabeth Mary Clover (address in the Any Town Constituency) Independent</p>	
4	<p>GREY Earl Grey (address in the Any Town Constituency) Mad Hatter's Tea Party</p>	
5	<p>HOOD Robin Hood (address in the Any Town Constituency) The Forest Party</p>	
6	<p>MILLER Windy Miller 7 Daisy Drive, Anytown AT12 7EY Alternative Power Forum</p>	

yes





Allow for Grey – Rule 47(2)(b).

VOTE FOR ONE CANDIDATE ONLY		
1	BARBER Ali Barber 46 Anytown Close, Anytown AT34 BCY Independent	
2	BOOTS Dusty Boots 83 Acacia Avenue, Anytown AT33 5XZ League of Line Dancers	
3	CLOVER Elizabeth Mary Clover (address in the Any Town Constituency) Independent	
4	GREY Earl Grey (address in the Any Town Constituency) Mad Hatter's Tea Party	
5	HOOD Robin Hood (address in the Any Town Constituency) The Forest Party	
6	MILLER Windy Miller 7 Daisy Drive, Anytown AT12 7EY Alternative Power Forum	

Allow for Miller – Rule 47(a) and (b).

VOTE FOR ONE CANDIDATE ONLY		
1	<p>BARBER Ali Barber 46 Anytown Close, Anytown AT34 BCY Independent</p>	
2	<p>BOOTS Dusty Boots 83 Acacia Avenue, Anytown AT33 5XZ League of Line Dancers</p>	 
3	<p>CLOVER Elizabeth Mary Clover (address in the Any Town Constituency) Independent</p>	
4	<p>GREY Earl Grey (address in the Any Town Constituency) Mad Hatter's Tea Party</p>	
5	<p>HOOD Robin Hood (address in the Any Town Constituency) The Forest Party</p>	
6	<p>MILLER Windy Miller 7 Daisy Drive, Anytown AT12 7EY Alternative Power Forum</p>	





Allow for Boots – Rule 47(2)(b).

VOTE FOR ONE CANDIDATE ONLY		
1	BARBER Ali Barber 46 Anytown Close, Anytown AT34 BCY Independent	
2	BOOTS Dusty Boots 83 Acacia Avenue, Anytown AT33 5XZ League of Line Dancers	
3	CLOVER Elizabeth Mary Clover (address in the Any Town Constituency) Independent	
4	GREY Earl Grey (address in the Any Town Constituency) Mad Hatter's Tea Party	
5	HOOD Robin Hood (address in the Any Town Constituency) The Forest Party	
6	MILLER Windy Miller 7 Daisy Drive, Anytown AT12 7EY Alternative Power Forum	

ELECT BARBER





Allow for Barber – *Ruffle v. Rogers* and Rule 47(2)(a) and (b) [provided there is no other candidate by the name of Barber].

VOTE FOR ONE CANDIDATE ONLY





1	<p style="text-align: center;">BARBER Ali Barber 46 Anytown Close, Anytown AT34 BCY Independent</p>	
2	<p style="text-align: center;">BOOTS Dusty Boots 83 Acacia Avenue, Anytown AT33 5XZ League of Line Dancers</p>	
3	<p style="text-align: center;">CLOVER Elizabeth Mary Clover (address in the Any Town Constituency) Independent</p>	
4	<p style="text-align: center;">GREY Earl Grey (address in the Any Town Constituency) Mad Hatter's Tea Party</p>	
5	<p style="text-align: center;">HOOD Robin Hood (address in the Any Town Constituency) The Forest Party</p>	
6	<p style="text-align: center;">MILLER Windy Miller 7 Daisy Drive, Anytown AT12 7EY Alternative Power Forum</p>	

Allow for Miller – Rule 47(2)(a) and (b).





VOTE FOR ONE CANDIDATE ONLY

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1	<p>BARBER Al Barber 46 Anytown Close, Anytown AT34 BC1 Independent</p>	
2	<p>BOOTS Dusty Boots 83 Acacia Avenue, Anytown AT33 5XZ League of Line Dancers</p>	
3	<p>CLOVER Elizabeth Mary Clover (address in the Any Town Constituency) Independent</p>	
4	<p>GREY Earl Grey (address in the Any Town Constituency) Mad Hatter's Tea Party</p>	
5	<p>HOOD Robin Hood (address in the Any Town Constituency) The Forest Party</p>	
6	<p>MILLER Windy Miller 7 Daisy Drive, Anytown AT12 7EY Alternative Power Forum</p>	

Allow for Barber – *Levers v. Morris* and Rule 47(2)(a).

VOTE FOR ONE CANDIDATE ONLY	
1	<p>BARBER All Barber 48 Anytown Close, Anytown AT34 6CY Independent</p>
2	<p>BOOTS Dusty Boots 22 Justice Avenue, Anytown AT33 5XZ League of Lime Concerns</p> 
3	<p>CLOVER Elizabeth Mary Clover (address in the Any Town Constituency) Independent</p>
4	<p>GREY Earl Grey (address in the Any Town Constituency) 44 Water's Tea Party</p> 
5	<p>HOOD Robin Hood (address in the Any Town Constituency) The Forest Party</p> 
6	<p>MILLER Windy Miller 7 Daisy Drive, Anytown AT12 7EY Alternative Power Forum</p> 






Allow for Clover – *Levers v. Morris* and Rule 47(2)(b). See also *Schofield's Election Law*, Volume 5, Appendix E, E20, (Shaw & Sons, 2008 as updated by supplement issue no.1).

VOTE FOR ONE CANDIDATE ONLY		
1	BARBER Ali Barber 46 Anytown Close, Anytown AT54 8CY Independent	_____
2	BOOTS Dusty Boots 83 Acacia Avenue, Anytown AT33 5XZ League of Line Dancers	 
3	CLOVER Elizabeth Mary Clover (address in the Any Town Constituency) Independent	_____
4	GREY Earl Grey (address in the Any Town Constituency) with Hatter's Tea Party	_____
5	HOOD Robin Hood (address in the Any Town Constituency) The Forest Party	
6	MILLER Windy Miller 7 Daisy Drive, Anytown AT12 7EY Alternative Power Forum	





Allow for Boots – *Levers v. Morris* and Rule 47(2)(b). See also *Schofield's Election Law*, Volume 5, Appendix E, E20, (Shaw & Sons, 2008 as updated by supplement issue no.1).

Rejected votes






The following are suggested examples of rejected votes.

VOTE FOR ONE CANDIDATE ONLY		
1	BARBER Ali Barber 46 Anytown Close, Anytown AT34 BCY Independent	
2	BOOTS Dusty Boots 83 Acacia Avenue, Anytown AT33 5XZ League of Line Dancers	
3	CLOVER Elizabeth Mary Clover (address in the Any Town Constituency) Independent	
4	GREY Earl Grey (address in the Any Town Constituency) Mad Hatter's Tea Party	 
5	HOOD Robin Hood (address in the Any Town Constituency) The Forest Party	
6	MILLER Windy Miller 7 Daisy Drive, Anytown AT12 7EY Alternative Power Forum	






Reject – voting for more than one candidate. Rule 47(1)(b).

VOTE FOR ONE CANDIDATE ONLY		
1	BARBER Ali Barber 46 Anytown Close, Anytown AT34 BCY Independent	
2	BOOTS Dusty Boots 83 Acacia Avenue, Anytown AT33 5XZ League of Line Dancers	
3	CLOVER Elizabeth Mary Clover (address in the Any Town Constituency) Independent	
4	GREY Earl Grey (address in the Any Town Constituency) Mad Hatter's Tea Party	
5	HOOD Robin Hood (address in the Any Town Constituency) The Forest Party	
6	MILLER Windy Miller 7 Daisy Drive, Anytown AT12 7EY Alternative Power Forum	





Reject – voter’s intention uncertain. Buckrose case and Rule 47(1)(d).

VOTE FOR ONE CANDIDATE ONLY		
1	BARBER Ali Barber 46 Anytown Close, Anytown AT34 BCY Independent	
2	BOOTS Dusty Boots 83 Acacia Avenue, Anytown AT33 5XZ League of Line Dancers	 <i>F. Brown</i> <i>99 Pappy</i> <i>Drive</i>
3	CLOVER Elizabeth Mary Clover (address in the Any Town Constituency) Independent	
4	GREY Earl Grey (address in the Any Town Constituency) Mad Hatter's Tea Party	
5	HOOD Robin Hood (address in the Any Town Constituency) The Forest Party	
6	MILLER Windy Miller 7 Daisy Drive, Anytown AT12 7EY Alternative Power Forum	






Reject – voter can be identified. *Woodward v. Sarsons*, South Newington case and Rule 47(1)(c).

VOTE FOR ONE CANDIDATE ONLY		
1	BARBER Ali Barber 46 Anytown Close, Anytown AT34 BCY Independent	
2	BOOTS Dusty Boots 83 Acacia Avenue, Anytown AT33 5XZ League of Mad Doctors	
3	CLOVER Elizabeth Mary Clover (address in the Any Town Constituency) Independent	
4	GREY Earl Grey (address in the Any Town Constituency) Mad Hatter's Tea Party	 
5	HOOD Robin Hood (address in the Any Town Constituency) The Forest Party	
6	MILLER Windy Miller 7 Daisy Drive, Anytown AT12 7EY Alternative Power Forum	






Reject – voting for more than one candidate. Rule 47(1)(b).

VOTE FOR ONE CANDIDATE ONLY		
1	BARBER Ali Barber 46 Anytown Close, Anytown AT34 BCY Independent	
2	BOOTS Rusty Boots 83 Acacia Avenue, Anytown AT13 5XZ League of Dope Dancers	
3	CLOVER Elizabeth Mary Clover (address in the Any Town Constituency) Independent	
4	GREY Erin Grey (address in the Any Town Constituency) Mad Hatter's Tea Party	
5	HOOD Robin Hood (address in the Any Town Constituency) The Forest Party	
	MILLER Windy Miller 7 Daisy Drive, Anytown AT12 7EY Alternative Power Forum	





Reject – voter’s intention uncertain. *Rowe v. Cox* and Rule 47(1)(d).

VOTE FOR ONE CANDIDATE ONLY		
1	BARBER Ali Barber 46 Anytown Close, Anytown AT34 BCY Independent	
2	BOOTS Dusty Boots 83 Acacia Avenue, Anytown AT33 5XZ League of Line Dancers	
3	CLOVER Elizabeth Mary Clover (address in the Any Town Constituency) Independent	
4	GREY Earl Grey (address in the Any Town Constituency) Mad Hatter's Tea Party	
5	HOOD Robin Hood (address in the Any Town Constituency) The Forest Party	
6	MILLER Windy Miller 7 Daisy Drive, Anytown AT12 7EY Alternative Power Forum	

Reject – voting for more than one candidate. Rule 47(1)(b).

VOTE FOR ONE CANDIDATE ONLY		
1	BARBER Ali Barber 46 Anytown Close, Anytown AT34 BCY Independent	
2	BOOTS Dusty Boots 83 Acacia Avenue, Anytown AT33 5XZ League of Line Dancers	 
3	CLOVER Elizabeth Mary Clover (address in the Any Town Constituency) Independent	
4	GREY Earl Grey (address in the Any Town Constituency) Mad Hatter's Tea Party	
5	HOOD Robin Hood (address in the Any Town Constituency) The Forest Party	
6	MILLER Windy Miller 7 Daisy Drive, Anytown AT12 7EY Alternative Power Forum	

Reject – voter can be identified. *Woodward v. Sarsons* and Rule 47(1)(c).

VOTE FOR ONE CANDIDATE ONLY		
1	BARBER Ali Barber 46 Anytown Close, Anytown AT34 BCY Independent	
2	BOOTS Dusty Boots 83 Acacia Avenue, Anytown AT33 5XZ League of Line Dancers	
3	CLOVER Elizabeth Mary Clover (address in the Any Town Constituency) Independent	
4	GREY Earl Grey (address in the Any Town Constituency) Mad Hatter's Tea Party	
5	HOOD Robin Hood (address in the Any Town Constituency) The Forest Party	
6	MILLER Windy Miller 7 Daisy Drive, Anytown AT12 7EY Alternative Power Forum	 <i>No one of the above</i> ✓

Reject – voter’s intention uncertain. Rule 47(1)(d).

VOTE FOR ONE CANDIDATE ONLY		
1	BARBER Ali Barber 46 Anytown Close, Anytown AT34 6CY Independent	2
2	BOOTS Dusty Boots 83 Acacia Avenue, Anytown AT32 5XZ League of Line Dancers	 1
3	CLOVER Elizabeth Mary Clover (address in the Any Town Constituency) Independent	4
4	GREY Earl Grey (address in the Any Town Constituency) Mad Haller's Tea Party	 3
5	HOOD Robin Hood (address in the Any Town Constituency) The Forest Party	
6	MILLER Windy Miller 7 Daisy Drive, Anytown AT12 7EY Alternative Power Forum	

Reject – voting for more than one candidate. *Cornwell v. Marshall* and Rule 47(1)(b). **Note:** in Scotland, consideration will be given to allowing the ballot paper as a valid vote for the candidate against which the number 1 is marked.

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