

Dealing with doubtful ballot papers

Supporting the Senedd Cymru election

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1 Introduction

1.1 This booklet is designed to assist Constituency Returning Officers (CROs) in adjudicating doubtful ballot papers at Senedd Cymru election.

This booklet should also be read in conjunction with our general guidance on managing the verification and count which can be found on [our website](#).

1.2 The CRO may delegate the final decision on adjudication to one or more deputies, but this should be done explicitly in writing.

1.3 Because the CRO discharges a statutory function in adjudicating doubtful votes, the CRO or your authorised Deputy CRO, and not any other staff employed by the CRO at the count, should carry out this function.

1.4 One of the aims of this booklet is to help to ensure consistency of approach across Wales.

1.5 The booklet is based on existing doubtful ballot paper guidance for other elections, which has been developed in consultation with representatives from across the electoral community, including members of the Elections, Referendums and Registration Working Group. The Electoral Commission is grateful for their assistance throughout this process.

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

Managing the adjudication at Senedd Cymru elections

1.7 CROs should not wait until towards the end before starting the adjudication process; this should be carried out regularly throughout the count process in clear view of those entitled to be present.

1.8 Those ballot papers that have been rejected should be stamped with the word 'rejected' and placed in the appropriate package.¹ All other ballot papers must be counted.

¹ Rule 58(4), Schedule 5, The National Assembly for Wales (Representation of the People) Order 2007.

1.9 A statement must be prepared showing the number of ballot papers rejected under each of the following headings:²

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

² Rule 58(5), Schedule 5, The National Assembly for Wales (Representation of the People) Order 2007.

2 Principles of adjudication

2.1 Any doubtful ballot papers should be placed in a tray for the supervisor to take to the CRO for adjudication. The whole of the ballot paper needs to be considered when adjudicating doubtful votes and the front of the ballot papers should be carefully checked for any marks, in case the voter has made any marks outside of the voting boxes.

2.2 The CRO may only reject a ballot paper on the following grounds:

- want of official mark
- those giving of more than one vote
- those where the voter's intention is uncertain
- having any writing or mark by which the voter can be identified

2.3 A ballot paper must not be rejected because the vote is

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

if an intention to give a vote for not more than one candidate clearly appears on the ballot paper.

2.4 Therefore, the following ballot papers will need to be passed to the CRO for adjudication:

- those that appear to have no official mark
- those appearing to contain more than one vote
- those with any writing or mark by which the voter may be identified
- those where there is no mark or uncertainty as to the vote

2.5 In addition, in order to help maintain the integrity of the election, the following ballot papers should be passed to the CRO for further consideration:

- any paper torn or damaged 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).

2.6 In the case of ballot papers that appear to have been altered, CROs may consider packaging them separately in case of later challenge of investigation.

2.7 At a regional election, a ballot paper on which a vote is marked for a particular party list candidate on the party list of a registered political party shall, if otherwise valid, be treated as a vote for that party, whether or not there is also a vote marked for that party (see example on page 30).

Want of official mark

2.8 Absence of the official mark must lead to an automatic rejection. The CRO has no discretion in this regard.

2.9 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.³ 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

2.10 This is a matter for the CRO's judgement.

2.11 Additional marks must not lead to a rejection if it is clear that those marks were not intended as a vote.⁴

2.12 A paper on which each of the candidates, or parties on the regional ballot paper, is marked 1, 2, 3, 4 etc instead of with a cross should not be rejected on the grounds of voting for more than one registered party or candidate. It is reasonable to conclude that in ranking the candidates / parties the voter is putting them into order of preference and a ballot paper marked in this way should therefore be accepted as a valid vote for the candidate / party against which the number 1 is marked. This position is consistent with the position set out in the legislation for Scottish Parliamentary elections which states that a paper marked 1,2,3 etc instead of a cross must be allowed as a good vote for the candidate against which the number 1 is marked.

Writing or mark by which voter can be identified

2.13 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

2.14 It is important to bear in mind that the legislation states that the voter **can be**, not may be or might possibly be, identified (which does not include the ballot paper number and unique identifying mark on the back of the ballot paper).

Writing or mark which, of itself, identifies the voter

³ Cirencester case, *Lawson v. Chester-Master* (1893) 4 O'M & H 194 and *Newington case*, *Lewis v. Shepperdson* (1948) 2 All ER 503.

⁴ *Woodward v Sarsons* (1875), LR 10, CP74 and *Cirencester case* (1893).

2.15 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

2.16 The CRO is not required to investigate the matter or require evidence to be produced to identify the writing or mark. But the CRO should consider any evidence that is given to them at the time.

2.17 Where there is doubt about the identity of the person who marked the ballot paper, the CRO should allow rather than reject the ballot paper.

Unmarked ballot papers

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

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

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

Decisions on ballot papers

2.21 The decision of the CRO is final, but may be subject to review on an election petition.

Void for uncertainty

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

2.23 The key phrase in the Rules is: 'A ballot paper [...] shall not [...] be deemed to be void if an intention how the vote is to be given **clearly** appears.'

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

2.25 The key question you should ask is whether the voter has, on the face of the paper, indicated a reasonably clear intention to vote for a candidate or party.

3 Summary

3.1 The principles to be applied are set out above. 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
- determine whether the intention of the voter clearly appears on the ballot paper. As part of this, CROs will need to:
 - consider the whole of the ballot paper
 - consider whether the way a ballot paper has been marked means that a vote for one candidate or party is clearly apparent

4 Examples

4.1 The examples provided here under ‘allowed’ and ‘rejected’ headings are based on previous case law or taken from the specific rules for the elections. Ultimately, the decision on any particular ballot paper, including the question as to whether an intention to vote for a particular candidate or party appears, rests with the CRO.

4.2 To avoid repetition, most of the examples provided in this booklet are of the constituency ballot paper only. The same principles apply to regional ballot papers and the examples should be read across to any regional doubtful ballot papers you may need to adjudicate. There are, however, a number of regional doubtful examples that have been included in the booklet that relate to markings against the names on a party list.





Case law references

4.3 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] 3O'M&H 178
Buckrose case	Buckrose case, Sykes v. McArthur[1886] 5 O'M&H 110
Cirencester case	Lawson v. Chester Master [1893]
Cornwell v Marshall	Cornwell v. Marshall [1977] 75 LGR 676 DC
Eley v Durant	Eley v. Durant [1900] 4SJ 430
Levers v Morris	Levers v. Morris [1971] 3 All ER QBD
Rowe v Cox	Rowe v. Cox [2001] QBD, Case M/294/01
Ruffle v Rogers	Ruffle v. Rogers [1982] QB 1220
South Newington case	South Newington case, Lewis v. Shepperdson [1948] 2 All ER 503
West Bromwich case	West Bromwich case, Hazel v. Viscount Lewisham [1911] 6 O'M&H 256
Woodward v Sarsons	Woodward v. Sarsons [1875] LR10 CP 733

Constituency ballot paper: Allowed votes






The following are suggested examples of allowed votes.

Senedd Cymru election Ballot paper to elect the Member of the Senedd for the.....constituency		Etholiad Senedd Cymru Papur pleidleisio i ethol Aelod o'r Senedd ar gyfer etholaeth.....	
Vote for only one candidate by putting a cross <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> in the box next to your choice		Pleidleisiwch ar gyfer un ymgeisydd yn unig trwy roi croes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yn y blwch wrth ochr eich dewis	
Candidate A - Ymgeisydd A Party A - Plaid A		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Candidate B - Ymgeisydd B Party B - Plaid B		<input type="checkbox"/>	
Candidate C - Ymgeisydd C Party C - Plaid C		<input type="checkbox"/>	
Candidate D - Ymgeisydd D Party D - Plaid D		<input type="checkbox"/>	
Candidate E - Ymgeisydd E Independent / Annibynnol		<input type="checkbox"/>	
Candidate F - Ymgeisydd F Independent / Annibynnol		<input type="checkbox"/>	
Candidate G - Ymgeisydd G Independent / Annibynnol		<input type="checkbox"/>	





Allow for candidate A – Berwick-upon-Tweed case and Rule 58(2)(a).

Senedd Cymru election Ballot paper to elect the Member of the Senedd for theconstituency	Etholiad Senedd Cymru Papur pleidleisio i ethol Aelod o'r Senedd ar gyfer etholaeth.....
Vote for only one candidate by putting a cross <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> in the box next to your choice	Pleidleisiwch ar gyfer un ymgeisydd yn unig trwy roi croes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yn y blwch wrth ochr eich dewis
Candidate A - Ymgeisydd A Party A - Plaid A	 
Candidate B - Ymgeisydd B Party B - Plaid B	 
Candidate C - Ymgeisydd C Party C - Plaid C	 
Candidate D - Ymgeisydd D Party D - Plaid D	 
Candidate E - Ymgeisydd E Independent / Annibynnol	
Candidate F - Ymgeisydd F Independent / Annibynnol	
Candidate G - Ymgeisydd G Independent / Annibynnol	





Allow for Candidate G – Cirencester case, *Eley v Durant* and Rule 58(2)(c).

Senedd Cymru election Ballot paper to elect the Member of the Senedd for the.....constituency	Etholiad Senedd Cymru Papur pleidleisio i ethol Aelod o'r Senedd ar gyfer etholaeth.....
Vote for only one candidate by putting a cross <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> in the box next to your choice	Pleidleisiwch ar gyfer un ymgeisydd yn unig trwy roi croes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yn y blwch wrth ochr eich dewis
Candidate A - Ymgeisydd A Party A - Plaid A	 <input type="checkbox"/>
Candidate B - Ymgeisydd B Party B - Plaid B	 <input type="checkbox"/>
Candidate C - Ymgeisydd C Party C - Plaid C	 <input type="checkbox"/>
Candidate D - Ymgeisydd D Party D - Plaid D	 <input type="checkbox"/>
Candidate E - Ymgeisydd E Independent / Annibynnol	<input type="checkbox"/>
Candidate F - Ymgeisydd F Independent / Annibynnol	 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Candidate G - Ymgeisydd G Independent / Annibynnol	<input type="checkbox"/>





Allow for Candidate F – Rule 58(2)(a).

Senedd Cymru election Ballot paper to elect the Member of the Senedd for the.....constituency	Etholiad Senedd Cymru Papur pleidleisio i ethol Aelod o'r Senedd ar gyfer etholaeth.....
Vote for only one candidate by putting a cross <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> in the box next to your choice	Pleidleisiwch ar gyfer un ymgeisydd yn unig trwy roi croes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yn y blwch wrth ochr eich dewis
Candidate A - Ymgeisydd A Party A - Plaid A	 <input type="checkbox"/>
Candidate B - Ymgeisydd B Party B - Plaid B	 <input type="checkbox"/>
Candidate C - Ymgeisydd C Party C - Plaid C	 <input type="checkbox"/>
Candidate D - Ymgeisydd D Party D - Plaid D	 <input type="checkbox"/>
Candidate E - Ymgeisydd E Independent / Annibynnol	<input type="checkbox"/>
Candidate F - Ymgeisydd F Independent / Annibynnol	<input type="checkbox"/>
Candidate G - Ymgeisydd G Independent / Annibynnol	<input type="checkbox"/>





Allow for Candidate B – Rule 58(2)(a).

Senedd Cymru election Ballot paper to elect the Member of the Senedd for the.....constituency	Etholiad Senedd Cymru Papur pleidleisio i ethol Aelod o'r Senedd ar gyfer etholaeth.....
Vote for only one candidate by putting a cross <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> in the box next to your choice	Pleidleisiwch ar gyfer un ymgeisydd yn unig trwy roi croes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yn y blwch wrth ochr eich dewis
Candidate A - Ymgeisydd A Party A - Plaid A	 <input type="checkbox"/>
Candidate B - Ymgeisydd B Party B - Plaid B	 <input type="checkbox"/>
Candidate C - Ymgeisydd C Party C - Plaid C	 <input type="checkbox"/>
Candidate D - Ymgeisydd D Party D - Plaid D	 <input type="checkbox"/>
Candidate E - Ymgeisydd E Independent / Annibynnol	<input type="checkbox"/>
Candidate F - Ymgeisydd F Independent / Annibynnol	<input type="checkbox"/>
Candidate G - Ymgeisydd G Independent / Annibynnol	<input type="checkbox"/>





Allow for Candidate G – Rule 58(2)(a) and (b).

Senedd Cymru election Ballot paper to elect the Member of the Senedd for the.....constituency	Etholiad Senedd Cymru Papur pleidleisio i ethol Aelod o'r Senedd ar gyfer etholaeth.....
Vote for only one candidate by putting a cross <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> in the box next to your choice	Pleidleisiwch ar gyfer un ymgeisydd yn unig trwy roi croes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yn y blwch wrth ochr eich dewis
Candidate A - Ymgeisydd A Party A - Plaid A	 <input type="checkbox"/>
Candidate B - Ymgeisydd B Party B - Plaid B	 <input type="checkbox"/>
Candidate C - Ymgeisydd C Party C - Plaid C	 <input type="checkbox"/>
Candidate D - Ymgeisydd D Party D - Plaid D	 <input type="checkbox"/>
Candidate E - Ymgeisydd E Independent / Annibynnol	<input type="checkbox"/>
Candidate F - Ymgeisydd F Independent / Annibynnol	<input type="checkbox"/>
Candidate G - Ymgeisydd G Independent / Annibynnol	<input type="checkbox"/>

Allow for Candidate A – *Ruffle and Rogers* and Rule 58(2)(a) and (b) [provided there is no other candidate by the name of A].

Senedd Cymru election Ballot paper to elect the Member of the Senedd for the.....constituency	Etholiad Senedd Cymru Papur pleidleisio i ethol Aelod o'r Senedd ar gyfer etholaeth.....
Vote for only one candidate by putting a cross <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> in the box next to your choice	Pleidleisiwch ar gyfer un ymgeisydd yn unig trwy roi croes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yn y blwch wrth ochr eich dewis
Candidate A - Ymgeisydd A Party A - Plaid A	 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">2</div>
Candidate B - Ymgeisydd B Party B - Plaid B	 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">4</div>
Candidate C - Ymgeisydd C Party C - Plaid C	 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">1</div>
Candidate D - Ymgeisydd D Party D - Plaid D	 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">3</div>
Candidate E - Ymgeisydd E Independent / Annibynnol	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">6</div>
Candidate F - Ymgeisydd F Independent / Annibynnol	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">5</div>
Candidate G - Ymgeisydd G Independent / Annibynnol	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">7</div>





Allow for Candidate C – Rule 58(2)(b).

Senedd Cymru election Ballot paper to elect the Member of the Senedd for theconstituency	Etholiad Senedd Cymru Papur pleidleisio i ethol Aelod o'r Senedd ar gyfer etholaeth.....
Vote for only one candidate by putting a cross <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> in the box next to your choice	Pleidleisiwch ar gyfer un ymgeisydd yn unig trwy roi croes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yn y blwch wrth ochr eich dewis
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Candidate B - Ymgeisydd B Party B - Plaid B	 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Candidate C - Ymgeisydd C Party C - Plaid C	 <input type="checkbox"/>
Candidate D - Ymgeisydd D Party D - Plaid D	 <input type="checkbox"/>
Candidate E - Ymgeisydd E Independent / Annibynnol	<input type="checkbox"/>
Candidate F - Ymgeisydd F Independent / Annibynnol	<input type="checkbox"/>
Candidate G - Ymgeisydd G Independent / Annibynnol	<input type="checkbox"/>





Allow for Candidate B – *Levers v Morris* and Rule 58(2)(b). See also Schofield's Election Law, Volume 5, Appendix E, E20 (Shaw and Sons, 2008 as update by supplement issue no.1).

Rejected votes





The following are suggested examples of rejected votes.

Senedd Cymru election Ballot paper to elect the Member of the Senedd for theconstituency	Etholiad Senedd Cymru Papur pleidleisio i ethol Aelod o'r Senedd ar gyfer etholaeth.....
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Candidate B - Ymgeisydd B Party B - Plaid B	 <input type="checkbox"/>
Candidate C - Ymgeisydd C Party C - Plaid C	 <input type="checkbox"/>
Candidate D - Ymgeisydd D Party D - Plaid D	 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Candidate E - Ymgeisydd E Independent / Annibynnol	<input type="checkbox"/>
Candidate F - Ymgeisydd F Independent / Annibynnol	<input type="checkbox"/>
Candidate G - Ymgeisydd G Independent / Annibynnol	<input type="checkbox"/>





Reject – more than one vote given. Rule 58(1)(b).

Senedd Cymru election Ballot paper to elect the Member of the Senedd for the.....constituency	Etholiad Senedd Cymru Papur pleidleisio i ethol Aelod o'r Senedd ar gyfer etholaeth.....	
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Candidate B - Ymgeisydd B Party B - Plaid B		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Candidate C - Ymgeisydd C Party C - Plaid C		<input type="checkbox"/>
Candidate D - Ymgeisydd D Party D - Plaid D		<input type="checkbox"/>
Candidate E - Ymgeisydd E Independent / Annibynnol	F Brown 77 Poppy Drive	<input type="checkbox"/>
Candidate F - Ymgeisydd F Independent / Annibynnol		<input type="checkbox"/>
Candidate G - Ymgeisydd G Independent / Annibynnol		<input type="checkbox"/>





Reject – voter can be identified. *Woodward v Sarsons*, South Newington Case, and Rule 58(1)(c).

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Candidate F - Ymgeisydd F Independent / Annibynnol	<input type="checkbox"/>
Candidate G - Ymgeisydd G Independent / Annibynnol	<input type="checkbox"/>





Reject – more than one vote given. Rule 58(1)(b).

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Candidate F - Ymgeisydd F Independent / Annibynnol	<input type="checkbox"/>
Candidate G - Ymgeisydd G Independent / Annibynnol	<input type="checkbox"/>





Reject – voter's intention uncertain. *Rowe v Cox*
 and Rule 58(1)(b).

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Candidate F - Ymgeisydd F Independent / Annibynnol	<input type="checkbox"/>
Candidate G - Ymgeisydd G Independent / Annibynnol	<input type="checkbox"/>





Reject – ballot paper unmarked. Rule 58(1)(d).

Senedd Cymru election Ballot paper to elect the Member of the Senedd for the.....constituency	Etholiad Senedd Cymru Papur pleidleisio i ethol Aelod o'r Senedd ar gyfer etholaeth.....
Vote for only one candidate by putting a cross <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> in the box next to your choice	Pleidleisiwch ar gyfer un ymgeisydd yn unig trwy roi croes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yn y blwch wrth ochr eich dewis
Candidate A - Ymgeisydd A Party A - Plaid A	 <input type="checkbox"/>
Candidate B - Ymgeisydd B Party B - Plaid B	 <input type="checkbox"/>
Candidate C - Ymgeisydd C Party C - Plaid C	 <input type="checkbox"/>
Candidate D - Ymgeisydd D Party D - Plaid D	 <input type="checkbox"/>
Candidate E - Ymgeisydd E Independent / Annibynnol	<input type="checkbox"/>
Candidate F - Ymgeisydd F Independent / Annibynnol	<input type="checkbox"/>
Candidate G - Ymgeisydd G Independent / Annibynnol	<div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"> <div style="margin-right: 10px;"> <i>none of the above</i> </div> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> </div>

Reject – voter's intention uncertain. Rule 58(1)(d).



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Candidate E - Ymgeisydd E Independent / Annibynnol	<input type="checkbox"/>
Candidate F - Ymgeisydd F Independent / Annibynnol	<input type="checkbox"/>
Candidate G - Ymgeisydd G Independent / Annibynnol	<input type="checkbox"/>

Reject – voter's intention uncertain. Buckrose case and Rule 58(1)(d).

Senedd Cymru election Ballot paper to elect the Member of the Senedd for theconstituency	Etholiad Senedd Cymru Papur pleidleisio i ethol Aelod o'r Senedd ar gyfer etholaeth.....
Vote for only one candidate by putting a cross <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> in the box next to your choice	Pleidleisiwch ar gyfer un ymgeisydd yn unig trwy roi croes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yn y blwch wrth ochr eich dewis
Candidate A - Ymgeisydd A Party A - Plaid A	 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Candidate B - Ymgeisydd B Party B - Plaid B	 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Candidate C - Ymgeisydd C Party C - Plaid C	 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Candidate D - Ymgeisydd D Party D - Plaid D	 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Candidate E - Ymgeisydd E Independent / Annibynnol	<input type="checkbox"/>
Candidate F - Ymgeisydd F Independent / Annibynnol	<input type="checkbox"/>
Candidate G - Ymgeisydd G Independent / Annibynnol	<input type="checkbox"/>

Reject – more than one vote given. Rule 58(1)(b).

Considerations specific to regional ballot papers – examples of allowed votes

Senedd Cymru election	Etholiad Senedd Cymru
Ballot paper to elect the Member of the Senedd for theregion	Papur pleidleisio i ethol Aelod o'r Senedd ar gyfer rhanbarth.....
Vote only once by putting a cross  in the box next to your choice	Pleidleisiwch unwaith yn unig trwy roi croes  yn y blwch wrth ochr eich dewis

Bloggs Party

1. Ali Barber
2. Dusty Boots
3. Earl Grey
4. Robin Hood
5. Mary Contrary

6. Blossom Tree
7. Roger James
8. August Caesar
9. Sierra Leone
10. Apple Orchard



Cromwell Party

1. Terry Teller
2. Jane Doe
3. John Smith
4. Harper Graham
5. Benedict Eggs

6. Orion Belt
7. Anita Patel
8. Blu Sapphire
9. William Finn
10. Santa Valentine



Nightingale Party

1. Charles Bucket
2. Kris Kringle
3. Hamish Scot
4. Pepper Pott
5. Susannah Salt

6. Basil Bush
7. Sunny Day
8. Rain Storm
9. April Showers
10. Winston Wonder



Pelican Party

1. Michael Angelos
2. Suki Moon
3. May Day
4. River Deep
5. Dallas Cowboy

6. Victoria Line
7. Briana Spears
8. Sandy Shore
9. Roman Ruin
10. Edward Conquerer



Tudor Party

1. Leif Fall
2. William Shakes
3. Grace Period
4. Coral Reef
5. Vincent Flowers



6. Jemima Duck
7. Lincoln President
8. Satsuma Kyoto
9. November Rain
10. Wendy Miller



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Independent

Allow for Bloggs party – vote marked for a particular candidate on a party list. Rule 58(3).

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Ballot paper to elect the Member of the Senedd for theregion	Papur pleidleisio i ethol Aelod o'r Senedd ar gyfer rhanbarth.....
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| 5. Susannah Salt | 10. Winston Wonder |



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| 2. William Shakes | 7. Lincoln President |
| 3. Grace Period | 8. Satsuma Kyoto |
| 4. Coral Reef | 9. November Rain |
| 5. Vincent Flowers | 10. Wendy Miller |



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Allow for Tudor Party – vote marked elsewhere than in the proper place and otherwise than by means of a cross. Rule 58(2).

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Vote only once by putting a cross <input type="checkbox"/> in the box next to your choice	Pleidleisiwch unwaith yn unig trwy roi croes <input type="checkbox"/> yn y blwch wrth ochr eich dewis

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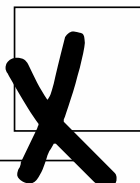
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Allow for Nightingale party – vote for a particular candidate on a party list. Rule 58(3).

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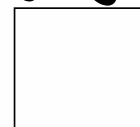
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| 3. Earl Grey | 8. August Caesar |
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| 5. Mary Contrary | 10. Apple Orchard |



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| 5. Benedict Eggs | 10. Santa Valentine |



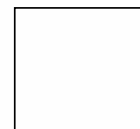
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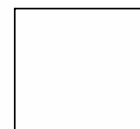
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| 2. Suki Moon | 7. Briana Spears |
| 3. May Day | 8. Sandy Shore |
| 4. River Deep | 9. Roman Ruin |
| 5. Dallas Cowboy | 10. Edward Conquerer |



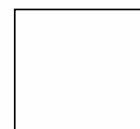
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| 1. Leif Fall | 6. Jemima Duck |
| 2. William Shakes | 7. Lincoln President |
| 3. Grace Period | 8. Satsuma Kyoto |
| 4. Coral Reef | 9. November Rain |
| 5. Vincent Flowers | 10. Wendy Miller |





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Allow for Bloggs Party – Berwick-upon-Tweed case and Rule 58(2)(a).

Senedd Cymru election Ballot paper to elect the Member of the Senedd for theregion	Etholiad Senedd Cymru Papur pleidleisio i ethol Aelod o'r Senedd ar gyfer rhanbarth.....
Vote only once by putting a cross  in the box next to your choice	Pleidleisiwch unwaith yn unig trwy roi croes  yn y blwch wrth ochr eich dewis

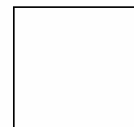
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| 5. Mary Contrary | 10. Apple Orchard |



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| 3. John Smith | 8. Blu Sapphire |
| 4. Harper Graham | 9. William Finn |
| 5. Benedict Eggs | 10. Santa Valentine |



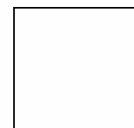
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| 4. Pepper Pott | 9. April Showers |
| 5. Susannah Salt | 10. Winston Wonder |



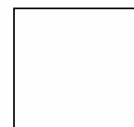
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| 5. Dallas Cowboy | 10. Edward Conquerer |



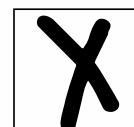
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| 1. Leif Fall | 6. Jemima Duck |
| 2. William Shakes | 7. Lincoln President |
| 3. Grace Period | 8. Satsuma Kyoto |
| 4. Coral Reef | 9. November Rain |
| 5. Vincent Flowers | 10. Wendy Miller |



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Allow for Baker – Cirencester case, *Eley v Durant* and Rule 58(2)(c).

Senedd Cymru election	Etholiad Senedd Cymru
Ballot paper to elect the Member of the Senedd for theregion	Papur pleidleisio i ethol Aelod o'r Senedd ar gyfer rhanbarth.....
Vote only once by putting a cross <input type="checkbox"/> in the box next to your choice	Pleidleisiwch unwaith yn unig trwy roi croes <input type="checkbox"/> yn y blwch wrth ochr eich dewis

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| 3. John Smith | 8. Blu Sapphire |
| 4. Harper Graham | 9. William Finn |
| 5. Benedict Eggs | 10. Santa Valentine |



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| 1. Charles Bucket | 6. Basil Bush |
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| 4. Pepper Pott | 9. April Showers |
| 5. Susannah Salt | 10. Winston Wonder |



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| 2. Suki Moon | 7. Briana Spears |
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| 4. River Deep | 9. Roman Ruin |
| 5. Dallas Cowboy | 10. Edward Conquerer |



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| 1. Leif Fall | 6. Jemima Duck |
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
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Allow for Nightingale Party – Rule 58(2)(b).

Considerations specific to regional ballot papers –
examples of rejected votes

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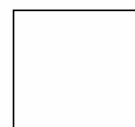
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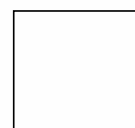
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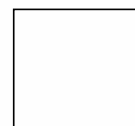
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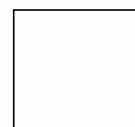
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| 2. William Shakes | 7. Lincoln President |
| 3. Grace Period | 8. Satsuma Kyoto |
| 4. Coral Reef | 9. November Rain |
| 5. Vincent Flowers | 10. Wendy Miller |





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Reject – voting for more than one registered party or individual candidate. Rule 58(3).

Senedd Cymru election	Etholiad Senedd Cymru
Ballot paper to elect the Member of the Senedd for theregion	Papur pleidleisio i ethol Aelod o'r Senedd ar gyfer rhanbarth.....
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Reject – voter can be identified. *Woodward v Sarsons*, South Newington Case, and Rule 58(1)(c).

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| 1. Charles Bucket | 6. Basil Bush |
| 2. Kris Kringle | 7. Sunny Day |
| 3. Hamish Scot | 8. Rain Storm |
| 4. Pepper Pott | 9. April Showers |
| 5. Susannah Salt | 10. Winston Wonder |


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Pelican Party

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| 1. Michael Angelos | 6. Victoria Line |
| 2. Suki Moon | 7. Briana Spears |
| 3. May Day | 8. Sandy Shore |
| 4. River Deep | 9. Roman Ruin |
| 5. Dallas Cowboy | 10. Edward Conquerer |


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Tudor Party

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| 1. Leif Fall | 6. Jemima Duck |
| 2. William Shakes | 7. Lincoln President |
| 3. Grace Period | 8. Satsuma Kyoto |
| 4. Coral Reef | 9. November Rain |
| 5. Vincent Flowers | 10. Wendy Miller |


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Baker, Cupcake


Independent

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Reject – voter's intention uncertain. Buckrose case and Rule 58(1)(d).

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Vote only once by putting a cross <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> in the box next to your choice	Pleidleiswch unwaith yn unig trwy roi croes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yn y blwch wrth ochr eich dewis


Bloggs Party

1. Ali Barber	6. Blossom Tree		<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Dusty Boots	7. Roger James		
3. Earl Grey	8. August Caesar		
4. Robin Hood	9. Sierra Leone		
5. Mary Contrary	10. Apple Orchard		


Cromwell Party

1. Terry Teller	6. Orion Belt		<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Jane Doe	7. Anita Patel		
3. John Smith	8. Blu Sapphire		
4. Harper Graham	9. William Finn		
5. Benedict Eggs	10. Santa Valentine		


Nightingale Party

1. Charles Bucket	6. Basil Bush		<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Kris Kringle	7. Sunny Day		
3. Hamish Scot	8. Rain Storm		
4. Pepper Pott	9. April Showers		
5. Susannah Salt	10. Winston Wonder		

Pelican Party

1. Michael Angelos	6. Victoria Line		<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Suki Moon	7. Briana Spears		
3. May Day	8. Sandy Shore		
4. River Deep	9. Roman Ruin		
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Tudor Party

1. Leif Fall	6. Jemima Duck		<input type="checkbox"/>
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Reject – voter's intention uncertain. Rule 58(1)(d).

Annex - Legislation

The Assembly election rules

The relevant rules on adjudicating doubtful ballot papers are contained in Schedule 5 of The National Assembly for Wales (Representation of the People) Order 2007 and are as follows:

Rejected ballot papers

58 (1) Any ballot paper—

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

shall, subject to the provisions of paragraph (2), be void and not counted.

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

- (a) elsewhere than in the proper place;
- (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 how the vote is to be given clearly appears, and the way the paper is marked does not of itself identify the voter and it is not shown that he can be identified by it.

(3)

At a regional election, a ballot paper on which a vote is marked for a particular party list candidate on the party list of a registered political party shall, if otherwise valid, be treated as a vote for that party, whether or not there is also a vote marked for that party.

(4) The CRO 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 an objection is made by a counting agent to his decision.

(5) The CRO shall draw up a statement showing the number of ballot papers rejected under the several heads of—

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

Decisions on ballot papers

59. The decision of the constituency returning officer at an Assembly election on any question arising in respect of a ballot paper shall be final, but shall be subject to review on an Assembly election petition.