









# Doubtful ballot papers – allowed votes: Constituency

Suggested examples of allowed votes are provided here. All of these examples are based on previous case law or taken from the specific rules for this election. Ultimately the decision on any particular ballot paper rests with the Constituency Returning Officer and it is for them to determine their own view of the application of case law.





Case references can be found in *Supporting the Senedd Cymru elections – Dealing with doubtful ballot papers*. Other references are to the election rules (Schedule 5 of Senedd Cymru for Wales (Representation of the People) Order 2007)(as amended).

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





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

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Vote for <b>only one candidate</b> by putting a cross <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> in the box next to your choice	Pleidleiswch ar gyfer un <b>ymgeisydd yn unig</b> trwy roi croes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yn y blwch wrth ochr eich dewis
<b>Candidate A - Ymgeisydd A</b> Party A - Plaid A	 <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Candidate B - Ymgeisydd B</b> Party B - Plaid B	 <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Candidate C - Ymgeisydd C</b> Party C - Plaid C	 <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Candidate D - Ymgeisydd D</b> Party D - Plaid D	 <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Candidate E - Ymgeisydd E</b> Independent / Annibynnol	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Candidate F - Ymgeisydd F</b> Independent / Annibynnol	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Candidate G - Ymgeisydd G</b> 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 <b>only one candidate</b> by putting a cross <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> in the box next to your choice	Pleidleiswch ar gyfer un <b>ymgeisydd yn unig</b> trwy roi croes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yn y blwch wrth ochr eich dewis
<b>Candidate A - Ymgeisydd A</b> Party A - Plaid A	 <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Candidate B - Ymgeisydd B</b> Party B - Plaid B	 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Candidate C - Ymgeisydd C</b> Party C - Plaid C	 <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Candidate D - Ymgeisydd D</b> Party D - Plaid D	 <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Candidate E - Ymgeisydd E</b> Independent / Annibynnol	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Candidate F - Ymgeisydd F</b> Independent / Annibynnol	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Candidate G - Ymgeisydd G</b> 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 <b>only one candidate</b> by putting a cross <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> in the box next to your choice	Pleidleiswch ar gyfer un <b>ymgeisydd yn unig</b> trwy roi croes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yn y blwch wrth ochr eich dewis
<b>Candidate A - Ymgeisydd A</b> Party A - Plaid A	 <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Candidate B - Ymgeisydd B</b> Party B - Plaid B	 <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Candidate C - Ymgeisydd C</b> Party C - Plaid C	 <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Candidate D - Ymgeisydd D</b> Party D - Plaid D	 <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Candidate E - Ymgeisydd E</b> Independent / Annibynnol	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Candidate F - Ymgeisydd F</b> Independent / Annibynnol	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Candidate G - Ymgeisydd G</b> Independent / Annibynnol	<input checked="" 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 <b>only one candidate</b> by putting a cross <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> in the box next to your choice	Pleidleiswch ar gyfer un <b>ymgeisydd yn unig</b> trwy roi croes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yn y blwch wrth ochr eich dewis
<b>Candidate A - Ymgeisydd A</b> Party A - Plaid A	 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Candidate B - Ymgeisydd B</b> Party B - Plaid B	 <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Candidate C - Ymgeisydd C</b> Party C - Plaid C	 <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Candidate D - Ymgeisydd D</b> Party D - Plaid D	 <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Candidate E - Ymgeisydd E</b> Independent / Annibynnol	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Candidate F - Ymgeisydd F</b> Independent / Annibynnol	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Candidate G - Ymgeisydd G</b> 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 <b>only one candidate</b> by putting a cross <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> in the box next to your choice	Pleidleiswch ar gyfer un <b>ymgeisydd yn unig</b> trwy roi croes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yn y blwch wrth ochr eich dewis
<b>Candidate A - Ymgeisydd A</b> Party A - Plaid A	 <input type="checkbox"/> 2
<b>Candidate B - Ymgeisydd B</b> Party B - Plaid B	 <input type="checkbox"/> 4
<b>Candidate C - Ymgeisydd C</b> Party C - Plaid C	 <input type="checkbox"/> 1
<b>Candidate D - Ymgeisydd D</b> Party D - Plaid D	 <input type="checkbox"/> 3
<b>Candidate E - Ymgeisydd E</b> Independent / Annibynnol	<input type="checkbox"/> 6
<b>Candidate F - Ymgeisydd F</b> Independent / Annibynnol	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
<b>Candidate G - Ymgeisydd G</b> Independent / Annibynnol	<input type="checkbox"/> 7

Allow for Candidate C – Rule 58(2)(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 <b>only one candidate</b> by putting a cross <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> in the box next to your choice	Pleidleiswch ar gyfer un <b>ymgeisydd yn unig</b> trwy roi croes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yn y blwch wrth ochr eich dewis
<b>Candidate A - Ymgeisydd A</b> Party A - Plaid A	 <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Candidate B - Ymgeisydd B</b> Party B - Plaid B	 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Candidate C - Ymgeisydd C</b> Party C - Plaid C	 <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Candidate D - Ymgeisydd D</b> Party D - Plaid D	 <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Candidate E - Ymgeisydd E</b> Independent / Annibynnol	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Candidate F - Ymgeisydd F</b> Independent / Annibynnol	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Candidate G - Ymgeisydd G</b> 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).

