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Senedd Cymru election Ballot paper to elect the Senedd Cymru members for theconstituency	Etholiad i Senedd Cymru Papur pleidleisio ar gyfer ethol Aelodau Senedd Cymru ar gyfer etholaeth
Vote only once by putting a cross <input type="checkbox"/> in the box next to your choice	Pleidleiswch unwaith yn unig drwy roi croes <input type="checkbox"/> yn y bocs pleidleisio gyferbyn a ch dewis


Bloggs Party

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


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			
5. Benedict Eggs			


Nightingale Party

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

Pelican Party

1. Michael Angelos	6. Victoria Line		<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Suki Moon	7. Briana Spers		
3. May Day	8. Sandy Shore		
4. River Deep			
5. Dallas Cowboy			

Tudor Party


1. Leif Fall	6. Jemima Duck		<input type="checkbox"/>
2. William Shakes	7. Lincoln President		
3. Grace Period	8. Satsuma Kyoto		
4. Coral Reef			
5. Vincent Flowers			

Baker, Cupcake
Independent


Allow for Bloggs party – vote marked for a particular candidate on a party list. Rule 60(4)

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Allow for Tudor Party – vote marked elsewhere than in the proper place and otherwise than means of a cross. Rule 60(2)

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Baker, Cupcake Independent

			<input type="checkbox"/>
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Allow for Bloggs Party – Berwick-upon-Tweed case and Rule 60(2)(a)

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Baker, Cupcake Independent

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Allow for Baker – Cirencester case, Eley v Durant and Rule 60(2)(c)

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


Cromwell Party

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


Nightingale Party

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

Pelican Party

1. Michael Angelos	6. Victoria Line		<input type="checkbox"/>	3
2. Suki Moon	7. Briana Spers			
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1. Leif Fall	6. Jemima Duck		<input type="checkbox"/>	6
2. William Shakes	7. Lincoln President			
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Baker, Cupcake Independent

			<input type="checkbox"/>	5
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Allow Nightingale Party – Rule 60(2)(b)