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Date: 7 March 2022 Time: 2:00pm – 3:50pm

Minutes: Electoral Integrity Assurance Taskforce Board

Location: [REDACTED] 37(2)(b)

Attendees: Mr Jeff Pope (via videoconference), Ms Tracey Carroll, Ms Sarah Chidgey, Mr Ian McCartney, Ms Kathryn McMullan, Ms Gemma Smyth, Mr Peter Rush, Ms Pauline Sullivan, Mr Andrew Kefford, Mr Anthony Coles, ^{s 33(a)(i)} [REDACTED], 47F [REDACTED], Mr Michael Lynch

Action officers: Mr Matthew Haigh, 47F [REDACTED]

Apologies: 47F [REDACTED] Mr Scott Dilley

Agenda items

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1	Mr Pope welcomed the members of the Board and acknowledged country. Mr Pope attended the meeting via videoconference.
2	Previous Minutes and Action Items

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3 AEC Readiness Update

Mr Pope provided members an outline of current AEC business as the agency continues to work in the “mobilise” phase of the electoral cycle from 31 January 2022.

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- The agency has processed roughly 130,000 declaration envelopes from the NSW Electoral Commission and is now assisting the SA Electoral Commission with enrolments ahead of the SA State Election.
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- The AEC has launched its Disinformation Register (discussed further in item 8)

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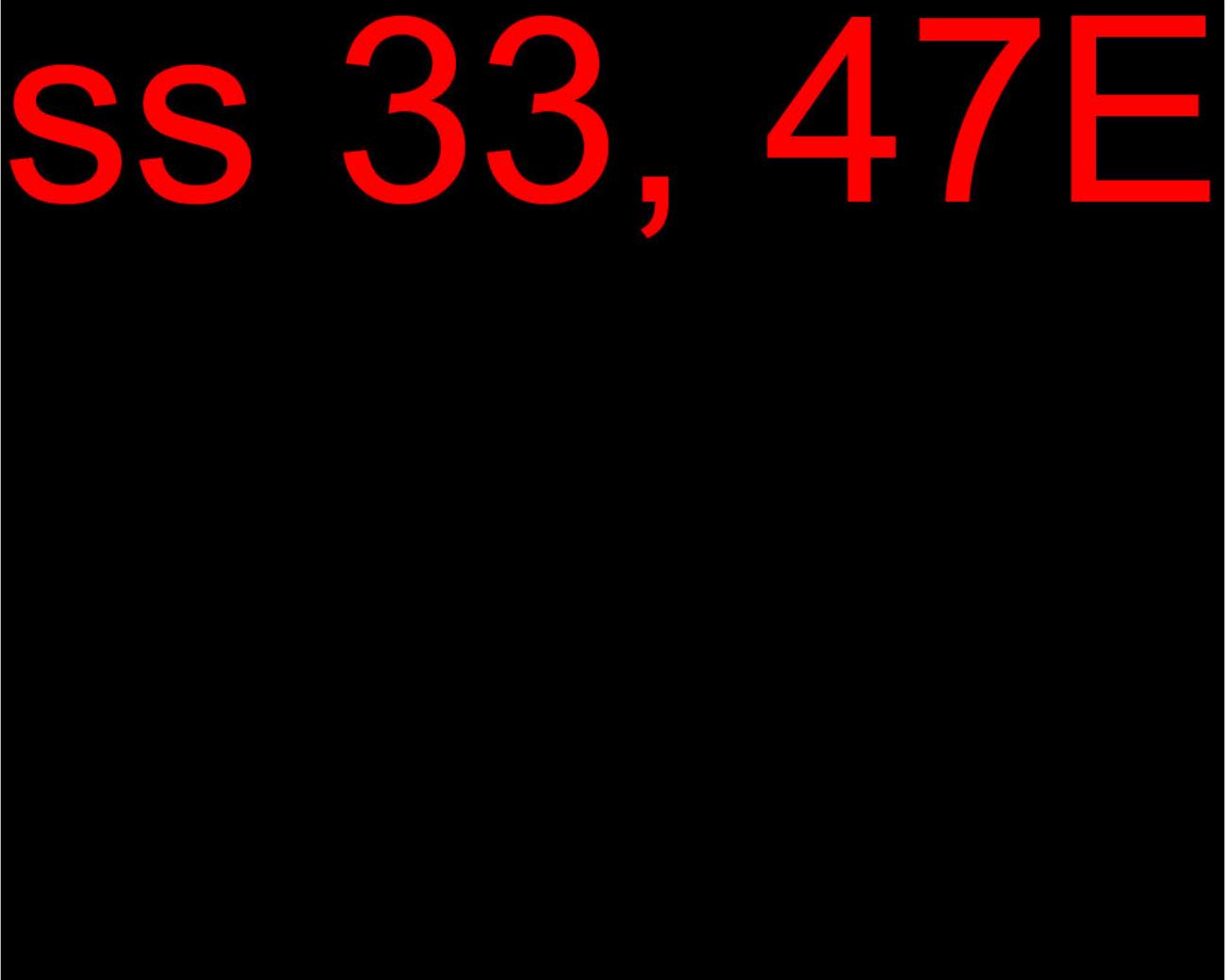


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Next Meeting: 28 March 2022

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Date: 23 June 2022 Time: 2:30pm

Electoral Integrity Assurance Taskforce Board

Location: **s 47E / 33(a)(i)**

Chair: Mr Jeff Pope

Attendees: Mr Sebastian Powney, Mr Anthony Coles, Ms Pauline Sullivan, **47F(1)**,
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Apologies: Mr Nathan Williamson, Mr Scott Dilley, Mr Andrew Kefford, Mr Chris Teal, Ms Sarah Chidgey, **47F(1)**, Ms Kathryn McMullan, Ms Gemma Smyth, Mr Ian McCartney, Mr Peter Rush, Mr Matthew Haigh

Action officers: **47F(1)**

Agenda items

NO.	DESCRIPTION
1	Welcome
2	Previous Minutes and Action Items
3	AEC election update

Mr Pope welcomed the Board, noted apologies, and thanked members for their attendance.

Mr Pope acknowledged the Traditional Custodians of the Land and paid respects to Elders past, present and emerging.

Mr Pope noted nil outstanding action items.

Minutes from the previous meeting on 7 June 2022 were endorsed.

Vote Count

Mr Pope advised the declarations for all 151 House of Representatives seats have now been completed and writs are expected to be returned to the Governor General at 4pm today, 23 June 2022.

All state Senate writs have been returned to the relevant Governors. Writs for the territories are with the Electoral Commissioner, to be returned to the Governor General this afternoon, 23 June 2022.

The final Senate vote count was approx. 15.57million, or 90.39% of eligible electors.

The final House vote count was approx. 15.46 million, or 89.74% of eligible electors.

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The slight discrepancy between these turnouts is expected, due to votes being partly admitted when voters have requested ballot papers for their correct enrolled state but the incorrect division.

Turnout

The slightly lower voter turnout as compared to previous elections is consistent with international election trends following Covid-19.

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5 Other business

EIAT 2022 Federal Election Statement

After some discussion, and noting reasoning for chosen wording remains as documented in Board meeting of 7 June 2022, the statement was endorsed by the Board as follows:

"Taskforce agencies did not identify any foreign interference, or any other interference, that compromised the delivery of the 2022 Federal Election and would undermine the confidence of the Australian people in the results of the election."

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D15-230622 *The Board endorsed the EIAT 2022 Federal Election Statement.*

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D15-230622 The Board endorsed the EIAT 2022 Federal Election Statement.

Next Meeting: August 2022, TBC

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Date: 12 May 2022 Time: 2.30pm – 4:00pm

Electoral Integrity Assurance Taskforce Board

Location: § 47E / 33(a)(i)

Chair: Mr Jeff Pope and Mr Matthew Haigh

Attendees: Mr Scott Dilley, Mr Andrew Kefford, Mr Anthony Coles, Mr Ian McCartney, Mr Stephen Nutt, 47F(1), Ms Pauline Sullivan, Mr Peter Rush, Ms Gemma Smyth, Ms Sarah Chidgey, Mr Chris Teal, Ms Kathryn McMullan, 47F(1), 47F(1)

Apologies: 47F(1)

Action officers: Mr Matthew Haigh, 47F(1)

Agenda items

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1	Welcome
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3	AEC election update

Mr Pope welcomed the Board, noted apologies, and thanked members for their attendance.

Mr Pope acknowledged the Traditional Custodians of the Land and paid respects to Elders past, present and emerging.

Mr Pope noted nil outstanding action items.

Due to technical difficulties, Mr Haigh chaired the remainder of the meeting.

Mr Haigh provided an update on progress of Postal Vote Applications, Ballot Paper printing, Pre-Poll Voting Centres, Temporary Election Workforce, Secure Telephone Voting, Candidate Nominations, and online platform referrals. Key points:

- The Total number of PVAs received is over 2.5 million (as of yesterday evening, 11 May 2022).
- All ballot paper printing was finalised last weekend, including the additional ballot papers for the COVID-19 secure telephone voting.
- Pre-polling commenced on Monday 9 May 2022. Over the first two days of pre polling, 9 and 10 May 2022, there were approximately 650K pre-poll votes taken.
- The Secure Telephone Voting service is operating well, currently available only to Blind, Low Vision and Antarctic voters.
- Since the last meeting of the Board on Friday 6 May 2022, the AEC has made four new referrals to online platforms.

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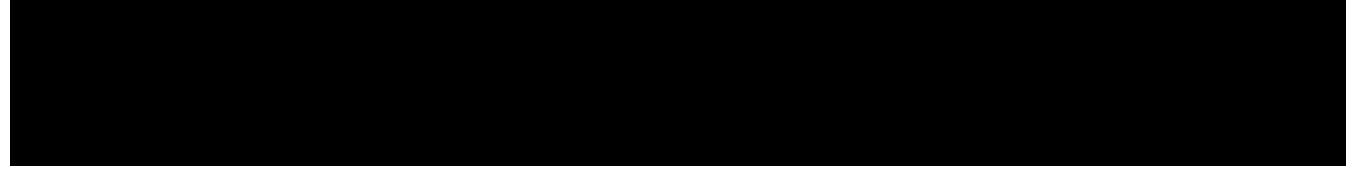
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6 **Other Business**

Mr Haigh closed the meeting.

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Next Meeting: 17 May 2022

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Date: 14 April 2022 Time: 2:30pm

Electoral Integrity Assurance Taskforce Board

Location: s 47E / 33(a)(i)

Chair: Mr Jeff Pope

Attendees: Mr Sebastian Powney, Mr Andrew Kefford, Mr Anthony Coles, Ms Kathryn McMullan, Ms Pauline Sullivan, Mr Peter Rush, Ms Gemma Smyth, 47F(1), Ms Elizabeth Brayshaw, 47F(1), Mr Steve Nutt, 47F(1)

Action officers: Mr Matthew Haigh, 47F(1)

Apologies: Mr Chris Teal, Ms Tracey Carroll, Mr Ian McCartney, Ms Sarah Chidgey

Agenda items

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1 **Welcome**

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2 **Previous Minutes and Action Items**

Members endorsed the record of meeting for 28 March 2022.

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There are no outstanding action items.

3 **AEC election update**

Mr Pope gave an update on AEC Operations. Key Points:

- Writs were issued on 11 April and came into effect from 6pm. Candidate nominations could therefore be accepted from the following day and close midday Thursday 21 April 2022.
 - Enrolment is currently the biggest activity with 'Close of Rolls' occurring at 8pm Monday 18 April 2022 local time.
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- The AEC has received approximately 250,000 enrolment transactions since Monday and approximately 300,000 postal vote applications.
 - Nineteen overseas polling place locations were published on the AEC website yesterday 13 April 2022.
 - The AEC senior executive hosted an 'Ask Me Anything' thread on Reddit on Monday 11 April 2022. It was deemed to be an overall positive experience with diverse and popular engagement.
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Operations

Easter Monday is the day the electoral roll closes to further enrolments or updates ("closes of roll") and the roll is finalised for use at the 2022 event. **s 47E / 33(a)(i)**

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Electoral Integrity Assurance Taskforce Board

Location: **s 47E / 33(a)(i)**

Chair: Mr Jeff Pope

Attendees: Mr Scott Dilley, Mr Andrew Kefford, **47F(1)**, Mr Chris Teal, Ms Kathryn McMullan, Ms Pauline Sullivan, Mr Peter Rush, Ms Gemma Smyth, Ms Sarah Chidgey, Mr Stephen Nutt, **47F(1)**

Apologies: Mr Ian McCartney, Mr Nathan Williamson, Mr Anthony Coles

Action officers: Mr Matthew Haigh, **47F(1)**

Agenda items

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1	Welcome
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3	AEC election update

Mr Pope welcomed the Board, noted apologies, and thanked members for their attendance.

Mr Pope acknowledged the Traditional Custodians of the Land and paid respects to their Elders past, present and emerging.

Mr Pope noted nil outstanding action items.

The Board endorsed the minutes for the 6 May 2022 and 12 May 2022 meetings.

Mr Pope provided an update on AEC Operations. Key points:

Postal Vote Applications (PVAs)

- Over 2.61 million PVAs have been received by the AEC as of 16 May 2022.
- Over 1.1 million completed postal votes have been returned to the AEC.

Pre polling

- All of the approximately 550 pre-poll voting centres are now open.
- 2.62 million pre poll votes have been received in total, as of 8pm Monday 16 May 2022.
- Including postal votes, the AEC has now received 5.2 million votes, which is around 30 per cent of the total expected for this election.
- The AEC is predicting approximately 4 million pre-poll votes in total.

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Temporary Election Workforce

- Approximately 100K of the required temporary election workforce staff have been confirmed. This leaves approximately 16K positions still available.

Secure Telephone Voting (STV)

- The minister has now signed the commencement instrument for the STV solution.
- Registration for STV will go live on Wednesday 18 May 2022 at 6:01pm and voting via the STV system will begin on Thursday 19 May 2022 at 8:30am.
- Thanks to the agencies who have contributed staff to the 23 STV sites across the country.
- Modelling suggests a potential 261,000 incoming calls, and the STV solution has been constructed to have capacity for 360,000 calls.

Online Platform Referrals

- The AEC continues to see a variety of misinformation and disinformation online, particularly in relation to preferential voting, postal voting, voter fraud and impersonation.

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Next Meeting: 24 May 2022

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Date: 19 May 2022 Time: 2.30pm – 3.30pm

Electoral Integrity Assurance Taskforce Board

Location: [REDACTED] **37(2)(b)**

Chair: Mr Jeff Pope

Attendees: Mr Andrew Kefford, Mr Anthony Coles, Ms Pauline Sullivan, Mr Peter Rush, Mr Chris Teal, [REDACTED] **47F(1)**, [REDACTED] **47F(1)**, Mr Stephen Nutt, Ms Tori Harrington, [REDACTED] **47F(1)**
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Apologies: [REDACTED] **47F(1)**, Ms Kathryn McMullan, Ms Sarah Chidgey, Mr Ian McCartney, Mr Scott Dilley, Ms Gemma Smyth,

Action officers: Mr Matthew Haigh, [REDACTED] **47F(1)**

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1 **Welcome**

Mr Pope welcomed the Board, noted apologies, and thanked members for their attendance.

Mr Pope acknowledged the Traditional Custodians of the Land and paid respects to Elders past, present and emerging.

2 **Previous Minutes and Action Items**

Mr Pope noted nil outstanding action items.

Minutes from the Board meeting held on Tuesday, 17 May 2022 at 3:30pm will be tabled for endorsement next week.

3 **AEC election update**

Mr Pope provided an update on AEC operations:

Postal Vote applications

- Postal vote applications have now closed. The total PVAs received by the AEC is approximately 2.836 million.
- This is compared to 1.6 million PVAs received for the 2019 Federal election.
- All postal vote applications have been processed by the deadline.
- Over 1.5 million completed postal votes have been returned to the AEC and 1.4 million of those have already undergone preliminary scrutiny.

Pre-poll voting centres

- On Tuesday 17 May 2022 the AEC received approximately 600k pre-poll votes and on Wednesday 18 May 2022 it received a further 659k.

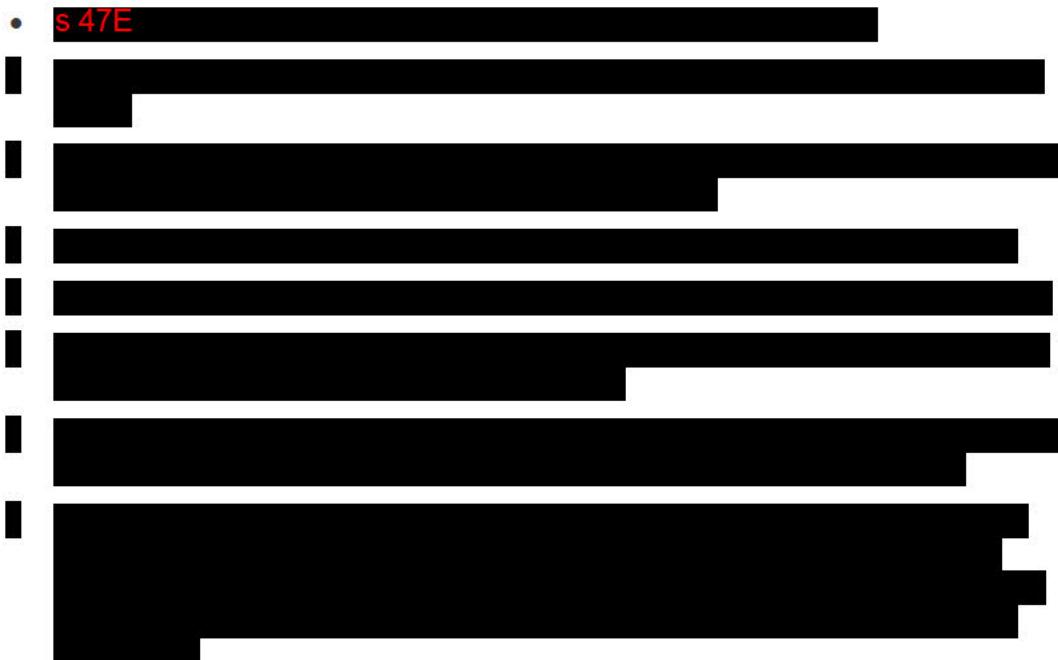
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- The AEC expects to receive close to a million pre-poll votes on Friday 20 May 2022.

Temporary election workforce

- Around 107k of the required TEW has been confirmed by the AEC,
- In some areas, the AEC is oversaturated with TEW but in others it is underserviced, particularly in rural and remote areas.
- At the current time, there are as many as 70 polling places at risk of not being able to be staffed for polling day.
- The AEC has met with several of its service partners, as well as community organisations and other groups to seek assistance in sourcing appropriately located and skilled staff. Due to this work, 50 of those at-risk polling places are very likely to be staffed for polling day.

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Next Meeting: 24 May 2022

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Date: 21 April 2022 Time: 2:30pm

Electoral Integrity Assurance Taskforce Board

Location: s 47E / 33(a)(i)

Chair: Mr Jeff Pope

Attendees: Mr Andrew Kefford, Mr Anthony Coles, Mr Ian McCartney, Mr Chris Teal, Ms Pauline Sullivan, Mr Peter Rush, Ms Gemma Smyth, Mr Scott Dilley, 47F(1)

[REDACTED], Mr Simon Newnham, 47F(1), 47F(1)

Action officers: Mr Matthew Haigh, 47F(1)

Apologies: Ms Tracey Carroll, Ms Sarah Chidgey, 47F(1), Ms Kathryn McMullan

Agenda items

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1 Welcome

Mr Pope welcomed the Board, noted apologies, and thanked members for attending in person.

Mr Pope acknowledged the Traditional Custodians of the Land and paid respects to Elders past, present and emerging.

2 Previous Minutes and Action Items

Mr Pope noted no outstanding action items.

3 AEC election update

Mr Pope gave an update on AEC Operations. Key Points:

Close of the Rolls

- Close of the rolls occurred at 8:00pm on Monday, 18 April 2022. ss 33, 47E
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- At the time of the meeting, there had been 714,000 electronic enrolment transactions between the Announcement and the Close of Rolls.
- There has been an increase of 1.1 million people on the roll since the 2019 federal election. There are 17.2 million people enrolled, which is just under 97% of the eligible population.
- At the time of the meeting, there had been 590,000 electronic postal vote applications received since announcement, compared to 290,000 at this point in the 2019 Federal Election, demonstrating a substantial increase.
- An increase in postal voting of up to three times the 2019 amount was projected and is within AEC tolerance. Counting may take longer due to the additional processing required for postal votes.

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Nominations

- Nominations closed at 12 noon today, Thursday 21 April 2022.
 - o Increase of House of Representative nominations from 1056 in 2019 to approximately 1120 in 2022, and
 - o Decrease in Senate nominations from 458 in 2019 to approximately 390 in 2022.

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Ballot Paper Printing

- After nominations, the next stage in electoral preparation is printing and distribution of 50 million ballot papers. AEC processes in this area are all going to plan.

Telephone voting

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- At the high end, the AEC is preparing for 390,000 electors requiring this service, though if close contact restrictions are loosened by State and Territory Governments, this number may be significantly smaller.

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Next Meeting: 28 April 2022

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Date: 28 April 2022 Time: 2:30pm

Electoral Integrity Assurance Taskforce Board

Location: s 47E / 33(a)(i)

Chair: Mr Jeff Pope

Attendees: Mr Andrew Kefford, Ms Pauline Sullivan, Mr Peter Rush, Ms Gemma Smyth, Ms Sarah Chidgey, Mr Scott Lee, Ms Kathryn McMullan, 47F(1), s 47F(1), Mr Scott Dilley, s47F, Mr Anthony Coles

Action officers: Mr Matthew Haigh, 47F(1)

Apologies: Ms Tracey Carroll, Mr Chris Teal, Mr Ian McCartney

Agenda items

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Mr Pope welcomed the Board, noted apologies, and thanked members for their attendance.

Mr Pope acknowledged the Traditional Custodians of the Land and paid respects to Elders past, present and emerging.

2 Previous Minutes and Action Items

Mr Pope noted no outstanding action items.

3 AEC election update

Mr Pope gave an update on AEC Operations. Key Points:

Statistics

- 17,228,900 Australians are enrolled to vote which is 96.8% of the eligible population.
- The total number of postal vote applications received is over 1.12 million as of 27 April 2022.
- 1,624 candidates were nominated for the 2022 federal election
 - o 1,203 House of Representatives candidates (approx. 14% increased from 1,056 candidates in 2019)
 - o 421 Senate candidates (approx. 8% decrease from 458 candidates in 2019)

Mr Pope provided information about some specific Nominations issues:

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Stop and Consider Campaign

The AEC has received data on the reach of its general disinformation ‘Stop and Consider’ campaign.

- During the first 11 days in market (12 April to 22 April) the digital display advertisements delivered 5.1 million impressions with over 3,500 click throughs to the AEC’s disinformation webpage. Social media advertisements have produced 25 million impressions.

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Next Meeting: 6 May 2022

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Date: 6 May 2022 Time: 10:00am

Electoral Integrity Assurance Taskforce Board

Location: [REDACTED] s 47E / 33(a)(i)

Chair: Mr Jeff Pope

Attendees: Mr Andrew Kefford, Mr Anthony Coles, Mr Ian McCartney, Ms Kerstin Wijeyewardene, Mr Peter Rush, Ms Gemma Smyth, Ms Sarah Chidgey, [REDACTED] **s47F** Mr Scott Dilley, **47F(1)**
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Apologies: Mr Nathan Williamson, Mr Chris Teal, Ms Kathryn McMullan, [REDACTED] **47F(1)**, Mr **47F(1)**, Ms Pauline Sullivan

Action officers: Mr Matthew Haigh, [REDACTED] **47F(1)**

Agenda items

NO.	DESCRIPTION
1	Welcome
2	Previous Minutes and Action Items
3	AEC election update

Mr Pope welcomed the Board, noted apologies, and thanked members for their attendance.

Mr Pope acknowledged the Traditional Custodians of the Land and paid respects to Elders past, present and emerging.

Mr Pope noted nil outstanding action items.

Mr Pope provided an update on progress of Postal Vote Applications (PVAs), Ballot Paper printing, Pre-Poll Voting Centres (PPVCs), Temporary Election Workforce, online platform referrals, authorisations, and Secure Telephone Voting. Key points:

- *The total number of PVAs received is over 1.93 million (as of yesterday, 5 May 2022), which is greater than the total received in the 2019 federal election.*
- *Printing of postal and in-person voting ballot papers and certified lists is complete, however printing of the additional ballot papers for the COVID secure telephone voting is ongoing.*
- *Over 1000 of the 1326 PPVCs are confirmed.*
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Nil updates.

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Action items

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Decisions

NO.	DESCRIPTION
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Next Meeting: 12 May 2022

MINUTES



Date: 7 June 2022 Time: 2.30pm – 3.30pm

Electoral Integrity Assurance Taskforce Board

Location: [REDACTED] **37**

Chair: Mr Jeff Pope

Attendees: Mr Andrew Kefford, Mr Stephen Nutt, Ms Kathryn McMullan, Ms Pauline Sullivan, Ms Gemma Smyth, [REDACTED] **s47F**, Mr Sebastian Powney, [REDACTED] **47F(1)**, Ms Autumn Field, [REDACTED] **47F(1)**

Apologies: [REDACTED] **47F(1)**, Mr Ian McCartney, Mr Chris Teal, Mr Anthony Coles.

Action officers: Mr Matthew Haigh, [REDACTED] **47F(1)**

Agenda items

NO.	DESCRIPTION
1	Welcome
2	Previous Minutes and Action Items
3	AEC election update

Mr Pope welcomed the Board, noted apologies, and thanked members for their attendance.

Mr Pope acknowledged the Traditional Custodians of the Land and paid respects to Elders past, present and emerging.

Mr Pope noted nil outstanding action items.

Minutes from the meetings of 17, 19 and 26 May 2022 were endorsed.

Mr Pope provided an update on AEC operations

Postal votes

Returned postal votes were accepted up until Friday, 3 June 2022.

- Approximately 2.37 million out of the 2.7 million active postal vote applications were returned to the AEC. Historically this is a very high return rate.
- The data on the amount of postal vote applications received after the final date of 3 June is collected by the AEC for internal records and reporting. Mr Pope noted the exceptional work of Australia Post in ensuring as many postal votes as possible return to the AEC by the due date.

Vote count

Count of the House of Representatives votes is progressing well:

- Approximately 12.1 million “ordinary” votes have been counted.
- Approximately 1.3 million other “declaration” votes (i.e. excluding postal votes) have been received and are now returned to their home divisions.

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Regarding the Senate count:

- The count of Senate ballots is roughly two-thirds completed, with smaller Territory counts closer to completion compared to the larger State counts.
- Batch, dispatch, and receipt of Senate ballot papers from Outposted centres to Central Senate Scrutiny (CSS) locations continues.

All count processes are on track to complete in time for the Return of the Writs.

Turnout

- Current projections are that turnout will be lower than previous federal elections, consistent with trends internationally following COVID-19. 2022 projected turnout is trending two to three per cent lower than 2019.
 - 2016 Federal Election turnout: 91.01%
 - 2019 Federal Election turnout: 91.9%

Declarations of the Poll

- By end of today (7 June 2022), 14 out of 151 House of Representative seats will have been declared.
- By the end of the week, the AEC expects that roughly half of the House seats will be declared.

Close Seats

There are two remaining close seats:

- Deakin (Vic) with a current margin of 440 votes, and
- Gilmore (NSW) with a current margin of 348 votes.

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5 Intel Update

Ms McMullan provided an update on behalf of ONI:

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NO. DESCRIPTION

6 Other Business

EIAT 2022 Federal Election Statement and Report

Mr Pope opened discussion on the tabled paper regarding the draft EIAT 2022 Federal Election Statement and report outline.

The Board took the tabled paper as read.

- The proposed public EIAT post-election statement:
 - Mr Pope noted that given our current context, the language of the draft statement was modelled on those made at recent federal electoral events.
 - He noted the distinction in choice of words 'no interference in the results of the election' vs 'the process of the election' and stated that his preference is to use the former.
 - Mr Kefford agreed with Mr Pope and the use of the word 'results', noting that this is a clearer and stronger statement.
 - Mr Pope stated that there is an intention to use similar wording for statements for future by-elections and other electoral events.
 - The Secretariat will take comments on the statement and a final version will be discussed at the next board meeting.

Section 47E

Future EIAT activities

Mr Pope noted the following future electoral events:

- There is a by-election due to occur in July in the South Australian State division of Bragg. ECSA has asked if the EIAT will be stood up for this event; the request was declined due to pre-existing policy settings.
- State-wide Local Government elections will be occurring in November in South Australia which the EIAT will be stood up for if requested by ECSA.
- The next major electoral event for the EIAT will be the November 2022 Victorian State Election.

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Next Meeting: 23 June 2022

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MEETING RECORD



Date: 11 April 2022 Time: 11:30am

Location: [REDACTED] **37**

Chair: Mr Matthew Haigh

Action officers: [REDACTED] **47F(1)**

Attendance

Name	Agency	[REDACTED] s 47E
47F(1)	Home Affairs	[REDACTED] S 47E
47F(1)	AFP	[REDACTED]
47F(1)	ACSC	[REDACTED]
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47F(1)	Finance	[REDACTED]
47F(1)	PM&C	[REDACTED]
47F(1)	AGs	[REDACTED]
47F(1)	DITRDC	[REDACTED]

Mr Haigh thanked all member agencies for attending the meeting.

Outstanding Actions

Mr Haigh confirmed nil outstanding action items.

Updates: Ongoing Matters

Mr Haigh acknowledged nil ongoing matters.

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Other Updates

Type	Key points	Actions
AEC	s 47E / 33(a)(i) [REDACTED]	Nil
	<p><i>The AEC has commenced the election advertising campaign across TV/online/radio, leasing polling venues and engaging temporary staff.</i></p> <p><i>The AEC has become aware of political party text messages circulating pointing recipients to their websites for postal votes applications (PVAs).</i></p> <p>Section 47E [REDACTED] [REDACTED]</p>	
Intel	33(a)(i) [REDACTED] 33(a)(i) [REDACTED]	Nil

New Incidents

Decisions

Nil decisions.

Communications Requirements

Nil additional communications requirements.

Next meeting: Tuesday 12 April 2022 at 11:30am

MEETING RECORD



Date: 12 April 2022 Time: 11:30am

Location: [REDACTED] 37

Chair: Mr Matthew Haigh

Action officers: [REDACTED] 47F(1)

Attendance

Name	Agency	
47F(1)	Home Affairs	s 47E
	AFP	
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	33(a)(i) [REDACTED]	
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	AGs	
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Outstanding Actions

Mr Haigh advised nil outstanding actions items.

Updates: Ongoing Matters

#	Type	Key points	Actions	Owner
1	Other	33(a)(i) [REDACTED] 33(a)(i) [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] 33(a)(i) [REDACTED] 33(a)(i) [REDACTED]	Nil	AEC

Other Updates

Type	<u>Key points</u>	<u>Actions</u>	<u>Owner & Timing</u>
AEC	<p><i>The Writs were issued and came into effect from 6pm 11 April 2022.</i></p> <p><i>The AEC can now accept candidate nominations.</i></p> <p><i>11 April 2022 statistics:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 70,000 roll transactions - 72,000 postal vote applications <p><i>Approx. 50% of police checks for the temporary election workforce completed.</i></p> <p><i>The Electoral Commissioner, Deputy Electoral Commissioner and National Event Manager hosted an 'Ask Me Anything' (AMA) session on Reddit on Monday 11 April 2022.</i></p>	ss 33, 47E [REDACTED]	ss 33, 47E [REDACTED]

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New Incidents

Mr Haigh confirmed nil new incidents.

Decisions

#	<u>Key Points</u>	<u>Actions</u>	<u>Owner & Timing</u>
1	37 [REDACTED]	Nil	NA
2	ss 33, 47E [REDACTED]	Nil	NA
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Communications Requirements

Mr Haigh confirmed nil communications requirements.

Next meeting: Wednesday 13 April 2022 at 11:30am

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Date: 13 April 2022 Time: 11:30am

Location: **37**

Chair: Mr Matthew Haigh

Action officers: **47F(1)**

Attendance

Name	Agency	
47F(1)	Home Affairs	s 47E
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	Finance	
	PM&C	
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	DITRDC	

Mr Haigh thanked all member agencies for attending the meeting.

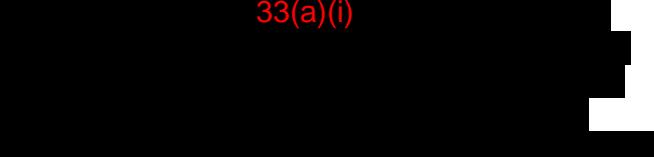
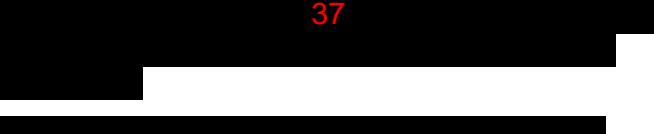
Outstanding Actions

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Updates: Ongoing Matters

#	Type	Key points	Actions	Owner
11	Other	s 37	Nil	AEC

Other Updates

Type	<u>Key points</u>	<u>Actions</u>	<u>Owner & Timing</u>
AEC	<p>12 April statistics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ~65,000 roll transactions - ~54,000 postal vote applications <p><i>The AEC is receiving complaints that political party PVAs the public are receiving are not authorised correctly.</i></p> <p><i>Details of overseas polling places are to be published today.</i></p> <p><i>An internal dashboard tracking temporary election workforce onboarding has been released today, 13 April. Police checks are progressing well, as is the overall TEW onboarding process.</i></p>	Nil	NA
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AEC	<p>ss 33, 47E</p>  <p>33(a)(i)</p>  <p>37</p>  		
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New Incidents

Mr Haigh confirmed nil new incidents.

Decisions

Nil decisions.

Communications Requirements

Mr Haigh confirmed nil communications requirements.

Next meeting: Thursday, 14 April 2022 at 11:30am.

MINUTES



Date: 17 March 2022 Time: 3:30pm – 4:30pm

Minutes: Electoral Integrity Assurance Taskforce

Location: [REDACTED] **37** [REDACTED]

Chair: Mr Matthew Haigh

Attendees: [REDACTED] **47F(1)** [REDACTED]
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Action officers: [REDACTED] **47F(1)** [REDACTED]

Apologies: [REDACTED] **47F(1)** [REDACTED]
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Agenda items

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1 Welcome

Mr Haigh opened the meeting, noting his preference for Taskforce members to attend future meetings **s 47E / 33(a)(i)** [REDACTED]

Previous Minutes and Action Items

Mr Haigh advised that one amendment to the minutes had been accepted regarding the update provided by Finance about new electoral legislation.

The minutes from the meeting of 18 February were endorsed, noting the above change and without further amendment.

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3 AEC Operations Update

Mr Haigh provided the following updates regarding the operations of the AEC:

- Work to implement telephone voting is progressing well, with an Inter-Departmental Committee and Taskforce, comprising representatives from across the Commonwealth, meeting regularly. Project teams within relevant AEC branches and partners from Services Australia are also working hard to get the solution ready.
- The electoral roll for the South Australian state election was successfully closed.
- Some of the remaining election readiness pieces have been finalised, including COVID-19 dashboards and a Temporary Election Workforce promotional campaign.
- The AEC launched its new Disinformation Register on 2 March 2022, which is being implemented for the first time at the 2022 federal election. The Register lists prominent pieces of electoral process disinformation the AEC has discovered and provides details of actions the AEC has taken in response.

Mr Haigh displayed the Disinformation Register and referenced a couple of examples.

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Close

Mr Haigh thanked members for attending and closed the meeting.

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Next Meeting: TBD

MINUTES



Date: 18 February 2022 Time: 10:30am – 11:30am

Minutes: Electoral Integrity Assurance Taskforce

Location: [REDACTED] **37**

Chair: Mr Matthew Haigh

Attendees: [REDACTED] **47F(1)**
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Action officers: [REDACTED] **47F(1)**

Apologies: [REDACTED] **47F(1)**

Agenda items

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The minutes from the meeting of 20 January 2022 were endorsed, noting change and without further amendment. Action Items were discussed (updates captured below).

2 AEC Operations Update

Mr Haigh advised that an AEC operational update will become a standing item in future EIAT meetings and provided the following update:

- As of 31 January 2022, the AEC is ‘writ ready’ and all critical preparations are in place.
- Ongoing testing of electronic certified lists (ECLs), visits to Central Senate Scrutiny (CSS) centres, and exercises, training and rehearsals across all facets of delivery continue for both staff and providers.

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- Close engagement with supply chain providers including TOLL and Australia Post continues leading up to the election announcement.
 - Recruitment, onboarding of the temporary election workforce and physical safety of staff remains a priority.
 - Polling place & Out Posted Centre (OPC) preparations are occurring to ensure leases can be signed as soon as the election date is announced.
 - Stakeholder engagement continues with industry and community.
 - Approximately 17 million people are enrolled, which is approximately 96% of the eligible population. The AEC is conducting activities and campaigns to reach people who need to enrol or update their details ahead of the election.
 - AEC Media is publishing a weekly media monitoring report, which is now being shared with the EIAT for contextual awareness.

Mr Haigh referenced the recently passed electoral bills relating to foreign influence and offences, authorisations and COVID-19, and invited the Department of Finance to provide further information.

s 47F advised that the bills received royal assent on 17 February and are now law and provided the following information:

- The foreign influence and offences legislation bans foreign campaigners from authorising electoral communications and increases the penalty.
- The authorisations legislation makes a minor technical amendment to authorisations naming conventions.
- The COVID enfranchisement legislation allows the AEC to temporarily expand the existing telephone voting method to voters directed to self-isolate or quarantine under a public health order within 72 hours of the close of polls.

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3 Board Meeting Recap

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Close

Mr Haigh thanked members for attending and closed the meeting.

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Next Meeting: TBD

MINUTES



Date: 1 April 2022 Time: 10:30am-11:30am

Minutes: Electoral Integrity Assurance Taskforce

Location: [REDACTED] 37

Chair: Mr Matthew Haigh

Attendees: [REDACTED] 47F(1)

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Action officers: [REDACTED] 47F(1)

Apologies: [REDACTED] 47F(1)

Agenda items

NO. DESCRIPTION

1 Welcome

Mr Haigh thanked members for attending ss 33, 47E 33(a)(i) ss 33, 47E

Mr Haigh advised endorsement of the 17 March meeting minutes will be sought at the same time as today's minutes when they are complete.

Previous Minutes and Action Items

The remaining two open Action Items were discussed and closed.

2 AEC Operations Update

Mr Haigh noted proximity to the federal election and finalisation of AEC readiness activities. Mr Haigh referenced the AEC's values of quality, professionalism and agility, with electoral integrity at the core, adding they will be integral and tested functions of election delivery.

Mr Haigh advised the AEC is continuing work with partners to discuss the implementation of telephone voting, which is tracking well.

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9 Other Business

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Close

Mr Haigh thanked members for attending and closed the meeting.

Next meeting: TBD

MINUTES



Date: 20 January 2022 Time: 2:00pm – 2:30pm

Electoral Integrity Assurance Taskforce Meeting

Location: **s 47E / 33(a)(i)**

Attendees: **47F(1)**
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Action officers: **47F(1)**

Apologies: **47F(1)**

Agenda items

NO. DESCRIPTION

1 Welcome

Mr Haigh thanked members for dialling into the meeting and acknowledged that the federal election is nearing with COVID-19 continuing to be an imposing factor.

The minutes from the meeting of 6 December 2021 were endorsed and Action Items were discussed (updates captured below).

2 Board Agenda

Mr Haigh provided the following update:

The next Board meeting is Tuesday 1 February 2022 and will be hosted via Teams. An EIAT status update will be provided, with items of note being:

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Next Meeting: 18 February 2022

MEETING RECORD



Date: 10 May 2022 Time: 11:30am

Location: [REDACTED] 37

Chair: Mr Matthew Haigh

Action officers: [REDACTED] 47F(1)

Attendance

Name	Agency	In person/Virtual
47F(1)	Home Affairs	In person
[REDACTED]	AFP	In person
[REDACTED]	ACSC	In person
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	In person
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	In person
[REDACTED]	PM&C	In person
[REDACTED]	AGs	In person
[REDACTED]	DITRDC	Virtual/In person
[REDACTED]	Finance	In person

Outstanding Actions

Nil outstanding actions.

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Type	Key points	Actions	Owner & Timing
AEC	<p><u>Pre-polling</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• There were 310k pre poll votes received yesterday.• On the first day of pre-polling during the 2019 Federal Election, there were 160k pre poll votes received.<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Note there are 11 days of pre polling this election, as opposed to the 16 days in 2019.	Nil	N/A
PVAs	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The AEC has now received 2.36 million PVAs, with 2.28 million of these declared valid and active.• 497K postal votes (ballots) have been returned to the AEC.	Nil	647E / 33

New Incidents

Nil incidents.

Decisions

Nil decisions.

Communications Requirements

Nil communications requirements.

Next meeting: Wednesday 11 May 2022 at 11:30am.

MEETING RECORD



Date: 11 May 2022 Time: 11:30am

Location: [REDACTED] 37

Chair: Mr Matthew Haigh

Action officers: [REDACTED] 47F(1)

Attendance

Name	Agency	In person/Virtual
[REDACTED]	Home Affairs	In person
[REDACTED]	AFP	In person
[REDACTED]	ACSC	In person
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	In person
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	In person
[REDACTED]	PM&C	In person
[REDACTED]	AGs	In person
[REDACTED]	DITRDC	Virtual, In person
[REDACTED]	Finance	In person

Outstanding Actions

Nil outstanding actions.

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Other Updates

Type	Key points	Actions	Owner & Timing
AEC	<p><u>Pre-polling</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• There were approximately 341k pre poll votes received yesterday (318k ordinary votes and 23K declaration votes).• This brings the total since the open of pre-polling to 656k.	Nil	N/A
	<p><u>PVAs</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The AEC has now received 2.46 million PVAs, with 2.37 million of these passing initial integrity checks.• 631K postal vote packs have been returned to the AEC.• The AEC received approximately 98k PVAs yesterday, 10 May 2022. This includes:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ 21k PVAs received via the Coalition○ 4.8k PVAs received via Labor		
	<p><u>TEW</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The TEW now has 94k positions filled, an increase of 1.9k since yesterday.• Of the 94k positions filled, 60k have completed their training.• 21k TEW positions are still open.		

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New Incidents

Nil incidents.

Decisions

Nil decisions.

Communications Requirements

Nil communications requirements.

Next meeting: Thursday 12 May 2022 at 11:30am.

MEETING RECORD



Date: 12 May 2022 Time: 11:30am

Location: [REDACTED] 37

Chair: Mr Matthew Haigh

Action officers: [REDACTED] 47F(1)

Attendance

Name	Agency	In person/Virtual
47F(1)	Home Affairs	In person
[REDACTED]	AFP	In person
[REDACTED]	ACSC	In person
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	In person
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	In person
[REDACTED]	PM&C	In person
[REDACTED]	AGs	In person
[REDACTED]	DITRDC	In person
[REDACTED]	Finance	In person

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Other Updates

Type	Key points	Actions	Owner & Timing
AEC	<u>Pre-polling</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><i>There were approximately 310k pre poll votes received yesterday. (287k ordinary and 23K declaration votes).</i><i>This brings the total since the open of pre-polling to 966k.</i>	Nil	N/A
	<u>PVAs</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><i>The AEC has now received approximately 2.5 million PVAs, with 2.4 million of these declared valid and active.</i><i>760K postal votes packs have been returned to the AEC.</i><i>Around 645k of these have undergone preliminary scrutiny</i>		
	<u>Total votes received</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><i>Combining the 966k pre poll votes and the 760k returned postal votes, the AEC has received a total of approximately 1.7 million votes.</i>		

- Noting there are 17.2 million electors enrolled to vote, this is around 10% of the total votes the AEC expects to receive this election.

TEW

- The TEW now has almost 96k positions filled, an increase of 1,700 since yesterday.
- Around 20,000 TEW positions are still open.

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New Incidents

Nil incidents.

Decisions

Nil decisions.

Communications Requirements

Nil communications requirements.

Next meeting: Friday 13 May 2022 at 11:30am.



MEETING RECORD

Date: 13 May 2022 Time: 11:30am

Location: ss 33, 47E

Chair: Mr Matthew Haigh

Action officers: s 47F

Attendance

Name	Agency	In person/Virtual
S 47F	Home Affairs	In person
	AFP	In person
	ACSC	In person
s 33(a)(i)		In person
s 33(a)(i)		In person
	PM&C	In person
	AGs	In person
	DITRDC	In person
	Finance	In person

Outstanding Actions

#	Action	Update	Owner & Timing
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Other Updates

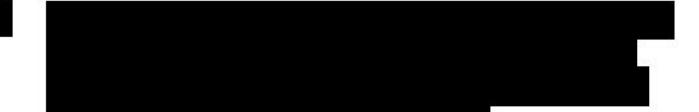
Type	Key points	Actions	Owner & Timing
AEC	<p><u>Pre-polling</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• There were approximately 326k pre poll votes received yesterday.• A total of approximately 1.2 million pre poll votes have been received by the AEC.• Some pre-poll centres are being affected by the current weather system in QLD.		
PVAs	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• There are currently 2.4 million valid and active PVAs.• 882,000 postal votes have been returned to the AEC.		

- 5 days remain for the receipt of PVAs.

Temporary Election Workforce (TEW)

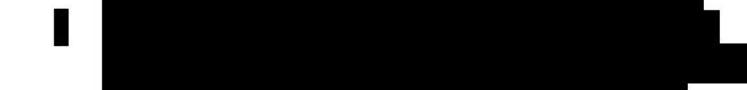
- The TEW now has almost 97k positions filled, an increase of 1,280 since yesterday, 12 May 2022.
- Approximately 19,000 TEW positions are still open.

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New Incidents

Nil incidents.

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Communications Requirements

Nil communications requirements.

Next meeting: Saturday 14 May 2022 at 11:30am.

MEETING RECORD



Date: 14 April 2022 Time: 11:30am

Location: [REDACTED] **37**

Chair: Mr Matthew Haigh

Action officers: **s 47F** [REDACTED]

Attendance

Name	Agency	
47F(1)	Home Affairs	s 47E [REDACTED]
	AFP	
	ACSC	
	[REDACTED] s 33(a)(i)	
	[REDACTED] s 33(a)(i)	
	Finance	
	PM&C	
	AGs	
	DITRDC	

Mr Haigh thanked all member agencies for attending the meeting.

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Updates: Ongoing Matters

Mr Haigh confirmed nil ongoing matters.

Other Updates

Type	Key points	Actions	Owner & Timing
AEC	13 April statistics: - ~65,000 roll transactions - ~64,000 postal vote applications	Nil	NA

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Nil

NA

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New Incidents

#	Type	Key points	Actions	Owner & Timing
12	Other	33(a)(i) ss 33, 47E - s 37	ss 33, 47E 33(a)(i) ss 33, 47E 37	33(a)(i) ss 33, 47E

Decisions

Mr Haigh confirmed nil additional decisions.

Communications Requirements

<u>#</u>	<u>Theme</u>	<u>Format</u>	<u>Key Points</u>	<u>Owner & Timing</u>
C1	37	s 47E / 33(g)(i)	37	Secretariat ASAP

Next meeting: Saturday, 16 April 2022 at 11:30am via Teams.

MEETING RECORD

Date: 14 May 2022 Time: 11:30am

Location: [REDACTED] **37**

Chair: Mr Matthew Haigh

Action officers: [REDACTED] **47F(1)**

Attendance

<u>Name</u>	<u>Agency</u>	S 47E
47F(1)	Home Affairs	[REDACTED]
	AFP	[REDACTED]
	ACSC	[REDACTED]
	PM&C	[REDACTED]
	AGs	[REDACTED]
	DITRDC	[REDACTED]
	Finance	[REDACTED]

Apologies

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Outstanding Actions

<u>#</u>	<u>Action</u>	<u>Update</u>	<u>Owner & Timing</u>
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Other Updates

Type	<u>Key points</u>	<u>Actions</u>	<u>Owner & Timing</u>
AEC	<u>Pre-polling</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Approximately 1.6 million pre poll votes have been received by the AEC after 5 days of pre-polling .• Increase of roughly 375k votes from yesterday.		
PVAs	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 29k PPVAs received yesterday• 2.518 million valid and active PVA's.• 1 million postal vote packs have been returned to the AEC.• 888k of the returned postal vote packs have received preliminary scrutiny.		
TEW	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The TEW now has almost 99k positions filled, an increase of 1,660 since yesterday, 13 May 2022.		

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New Incidents

Nil incidents.

Decisions

Nil decisions.

Communications Requirements

Nil communications requirements.

Next meeting: Monday 16 May 2022 at 11:30am.

MEETING RECORD



Date: 16 April 2022 Time: 11:30am

Location: **s 47E / 33(a)(i)**

Chair: Mr Matthew Haigh

Action officers: **47F(1)**

Attendance

Name	Agency	In person/Virtual
47F(1)	Home Affairs	Virtual
	AFP	Virtual
	ACSC	Virtual
s 33(a)(i)		In person
	Finance	Virtual
	PM&C	Virtual
	AGs	Virtual
	DITRDC	Virtual

Mr Haigh thanked all member agencies for attending the meeting.

Apologies

Name	Agency
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Updates: Ongoing Matters

<u>#</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Key points</u>	<u>Actions</u>	<u>Owner</u>
I2	Other	S 37 [REDACTED] <i>Nil updates.</i>	Nil	SS 33, 47E [REDACTED] (3/1)

Other Updates

<u>Type</u>	<u>Key points</u>	<u>Actions</u>	<u>Owner & Timing</u>
AEC	14 April statistics: - 59,000 roll transactions - 58,000 postal vote applications	Nil	NA
	15 April statistics: - 56,000 roll transactions - 44,000 postal vote applications		

To date, the AEC has received 331,000 postal vote applications. This is in line with AEC predictions.

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New Incidents

Mr Haigh confirmed nil new incidents.

Decisions

Nil decisions.

Communications Requirements

Mr Haigh confirmed nil communications requirements.

Next meeting: Monday, 18 April 2022 at 11:30am via Teams.

MEETING RECORD

Date: 16 May 2022 Time: 11:30am

Location: [REDACTED] **37**

Chair: Mr Matthew Haigh

Action officer: [REDACTED] **47F(1)**

Attendance

<u>Name</u>	<u>Agency</u>	s 47E
47F(1)	Home Affairs	[REDACTED]
	AFP	[REDACTED]
	ACSC	[REDACTED]
	PM&C	[REDACTED]
	AGs	[REDACTED]
	s 33(a)(i)	[REDACTED]
	33(a)(i)	[REDACTED]
	DITRDC	[REDACTED]
	Finance	[REDACTED]

Outstanding Actions

<u>#</u>	<u>Action</u>	<u>Update</u>	<u>Owner & Timing</u>
1	s 37 [REDACTED] ss 33, 47E	s 37 [REDACTED]	ss 33, 47E [REDACTED]

Updates: Ongoing Matters

<u>#</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Key points</u>	<u>Actions</u>	<u>Owner & Timing</u>
1	ss 33, 47E	s 37 [REDACTED] s 37 [REDACTED]	ss 33, 47E [REDACTED]	AEC 33(a)(i) [REDACTED]

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13	Other	 	 ss 33, 47E	 ss 33, 47E

Other Updates

Type	<u>Key points</u>	<u>Actions</u>	<u>Owner & Timing</u>
AEC	<p><u>Pre-polling</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Approximately 2 million pre poll votes were received by the AEC in the first week of pre polling (Monday 9 May to Sunday 15 May 2022), following an increase of approximately 350k votes taken on Saturday 14 May 2022.	<i>Nil</i>	N/A
PVAs	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 23.5k PPVAs received by the AEC over the weekend 14 – 15 May 2022, with approximately 2.545 million now valid and active.• 1.011 million postal votes have now been returned to the AEC.• Approximately 965k of the returned postal votes have received preliminary scrutiny.		
<u>Temporary Election Workforce</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• There are now over 100k TEW positions filled.• Most of the remaining vacancies relate to the 8,000+ polling places on election day.		

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<i>Other</i>	ss 33, 47E [REDACTED] • 37 • ss 33, 47E [REDACTED]	<i>Nil</i>	<i>N/A</i>

New Incidents

Nil incidents.

Decisions

Nil decisions.

Communications Requirements

Nil communications requirements.

Next meeting: Tuesday 17 May 2022 at 11:30am.

MEETING RECORD



Date: 17 May 2022 Time: 11:30am

Location: [REDACTED] **37**

Chair: Mr Matthew Haigh

Action officers: [REDACTED] **47F(1)**

Attendance

<u>Name</u>	<u>Agency</u>	S 47E
47F(1)	Home Affairs	[REDACTED]
	AFP	[REDACTED]
	ACSC	[REDACTED]
	PM&C	[REDACTED]
	AGs	[REDACTED]
	s 33(a)(i)	[REDACTED]
	33(a)(i)	[REDACTED]
	DITRDC	[REDACTED]
	Finance	[REDACTED]

Outstanding Actions

<u>#</u>	<u>Action</u>	<u>Update</u>	<u>Owner & Timing</u>
1	s 37 [REDACTED] ss 33, 47E	s 37 [REDACTED]	ss 33, 47E [REDACTED]

Updates: Ongoing Matters

<u>#</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Key points</u>	<u>Actions</u>	<u>Owner & Timing</u>
I1	Other	s 37 [REDACTED]	ss 33, 47E [REDACTED]	ss 33, 47E 33(a)(i) [REDACTED]

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Other Updates

Type	Key points	Actions	Owner & Timing
AEC	<u>Pre-polling</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">After week one of pre-polling approximately 2.62 million pre poll votes have been received by the AEC, following an increase of approximately 617k votes taken on Monday 16 May 2022.	Nil	N/A

Postal Vote Applications (PVAs)

- Approximately 2.61 million PVAs are now valid and active.
- Approximately 1.107 million postal votes have now been returned to the AEC.
- Just over 1 million of the returned postal votes have received preliminary scrutiny.

Temporary Election Workforce

- Another 1.5k TEW positions have been confirmed since yesterday, 16 May 2022. There are now over 102k TEW positions filled.

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New Incidents

Nil incidents.

Decisions

Nil decisions.

Communications Requirements

Nil communications requirements.

Next meeting: Wednesday 18 May 2022 at 11:30am.