

To the Special Minister of State

Notification of Determination
Section 49 Certificate – *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918*

I, Ed Killesteyn, Electoral Commissioner, **hereby certify that:**

Pursuant to section 46 of the *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918* (the Electoral Act)¹, I have this day ascertained the number of the people of the Commonwealth, States and Territories, and those numbers are as follows:

The Commonwealth ²	21,883,246
The States ³	
New South Wales	7,272,230
Victoria	5,585,573
Queensland	4,548,700
Western Australia	2,317,068
South Australia	1,650,383
Tasmania	509,292
The Territories ⁴	
Australian Capital Territory ^{5 6}	362,424
Northern Territory ⁶	229,876
The Territory of Cocos (Keeling) Islands	606
The Territory of Christmas Island	1,471
Australian Antarctic Territory	175
Territory of Heard Island and McDonald Islands	0
Coral Sea Islands Territory	4
Territory of Ashmore and Cartier Islands	0

¹ This ascertainment has been made using the statistics supplied to the Electoral Commissioner by the Australian Statistician on 20 September 2011 in accordance with section 47 of the Electoral Act and published in the *Australian Demographic Statistics* (Dec 2010 Quarter – Table 8) on 23 June 2011.

² Pursuant to section 45 of the Electoral Act, the number of the people of the Commonwealth does not include the people of the Territories.

³ Pursuant to section 45(2) of the Electoral Act, a Norfolk Island resident who is one of the people of a State for the purposes of sections 7 and 24 of the Constitution is included in the count of the population of the relevant State and of the Commonwealth for the purposes of this ascertainment.

⁴ Pursuant to section 38A of the Electoral Act, the Territory of Norfolk Island is not taken to be a Territory for the purposes of this ascertainment.

⁵ Pursuant to section 4(1) of the Electoral Act, the Jervis Bay Territory is taken to be part of the Australian Capital Territory for the purposes of this ascertainment.

⁶ Pursuant to section 46(2) of the Electoral Act, a Norfolk Island resident who is enrolled in a Territory under section 95AA(3) of the Electoral Act is included in the count of the population of that Territory for the purposes of this ascertainment.

Pursuant to section 48 of the Electoral Act, I have this day determined the number of members of the House of Representatives to be chosen in the States and Territories at a general election to be as follows:

State/Territory	Number of members of the House of Representatives to be chosen in the State or Territory
The States	
New South Wales	48
Victoria	37
Queensland	30
Western Australia	15
South Australia	11
Tasmania ⁷	5
The Territories	
Australian Capital Territory	2
Northern Territory	2
Australian Antarctic Territory	0
Territory of Heard Island and McDonald Islands	0
Coral Sea Islands Territory	0
Territory of Ashmore and Cartier Islands	0

⁷ Tasmania is guaranteed a minimum of five members under section 24 of the Constitution.

As required by section 49 of the Electoral Act, the following tables provide details of the statistical information supplied by the Australian Statistician, the adjustments made to the statistical information supplied by the Australian Statistician, calculations involved in arriving at those adjusted numbers, and the calculations involved in the making of the determination of the number of members of the House of Representatives to be chosen in the States and Territories at a general election.

Table 1: Population statistics supplied by the Australian Statistician in accordance with section 47 of the Electoral Act:

The States	Population
New South Wales	7,272,158
Victoria	5,585,566
Queensland	4,548,661
Western Australia	2,317,064
South Australia	1,650,377
Tasmania	509,292
The Territories	Population
Australian Capital Territory (excluding Jervis Bay)	361,914
Northern Territory	229,874
Jervis Bay Territory	395
The Territory of Cocos (Keeling) Islands	606
The Territory of Christmas Island	1,471
Australian Antarctic Territory	175
Territory of Heard Island and McDonald Islands	0
Coral Sea Islands Territory	4
Territory of Ashmore and Cartier Islands	0

Table 1A: Other statistics relating to the Australian Capital Territory and the Northern Territory supplied by the Australian Statistician in accordance with section 47 of the Electoral Act:

	Australian Statistician's estimate of the net undercount 2006 Census	Standard Error of the estimate of net undercount 2006 Census	Two Standard Errors of the net undercount 2006 Census	Upper limit of the 95% confidence interval of the estimate of net undercount	Lower limit of the 95% confidence interval of the estimate of net undercount
Australian Capital Territory	4,027	3,189	6,378	10,405	-2,351
Northern Territory	15,909	3,300	6,600	22,509	9,309

Table 2: Details of adjustments made to the statistical information supplied by the Australian Statistician in arriving at the number of the people of the States in accordance with section 46 of the Electoral Act:

State	Population statistics supplied by Australian Statistician	Norfolk Island residents ⁸ to be included s45(2)	Population as ascertained by the Electoral Commissioner
New South Wales	7,272,158	72	7,272,230
Victoria	5,585,566	7	5,585,573
Queensland	4,548,661	39	4,548,700
Western Australia	2,317,064	4	2,317,068
South Australia	1,650,377	6	1,650,383
Tasmania	509,292	0	509,292

Table 3: Details of the adjustments made to the statistical information supplied by the Australian Statistician in arriving at the number of the people of the Australian Capital Territory in accordance with section 46 of the Electoral Act:

	Population statistics supplied by Australian Statistician	Jervis Bay population statistics supplied by Australian Statistician	Norfolk Island residents enrolled in the ACT ⁹ s46(2)	Population as ascertained by the Electoral Commissioner
Australian Capital Territory	361,914	395	115	362,424

Table 4: Details of the adjustments made to the statistical information supplied by the Australian Statistician in arriving at the number of the people of the Northern Territory in accordance with section 46 of the Electoral Act:

	Population statistics supplied by Australian Statistician	Norfolk Island residents enrolled in the Northern Territory ⁹ s46(2)	Population as ascertained by the Electoral Commissioner
Northern Territory	229,874	2	229,876

⁸ Source: 2006 Census of Population and Housing Norfolk Island.

⁹ Source: Australian Electoral Commission enrolment data.

Table 5: Details of the adjustments made to the statistical information supplied by the Australian Statistician in arriving at the number of the people of the other Territories in accordance with section 46 of the Electoral Act:

Territory	Population statistics supplied by Australian Statistician	Adjustment	Number of the people as ascertained by the Electoral Commissioner
Territory of Cocos (Keeling) Islands	606	0	606
Territory of Christmas Island	1,471	0	1,471
Australian Antarctic Territory	175	0	175
Territory of Heard Island and McDonald Islands	0	0	0
Coral Sea Islands Territory	4	0	4
Territory of Ashmore and Cartier Islands	0	0	0

Table 6: Details of the calculations performed in determining the quota in accordance with paragraph 48(2)(a) of the Electoral Act:

Number of the people of the Commonwealth as ascertained by the Electoral Commissioner	Divided by twice the number of Senators for the States (72 x 2)	Quota
21,883,246	144	151,966.9861

Table 7: Details of the calculations performed in determining the number of members of the House of Representatives to be chosen in each State in accordance with paragraph 48(1)(a) of the Electoral Act:

State	Number of the people of the State as ascertained by the Electoral Commissioner	Divided by the Quota	Result of the division	Number of Members to be chosen
New South Wales	7,272,230	151,966.9861	47.8540	48
Victoria	5,585,573	151,966.9861	36.7552	37
Queensland	4,548,700	151,966.9861	29.9322	30
Western Australia	2,317,068	151,966.9861	15.2472	15
South Australia	1,650,383	151,966.9861	10.8601	11
Tasmania	509,292	151,966.9861	3.3513	5

Table 8: Details of the calculations performed in determining whether subsection 48(2E) applies to the Australian Capital Territory:

Number of the people of the ACT as ascertained by the Electoral Commissioner	Number of people required to achieve 2.5 quotas	Difference	Twice the Standard Error of the estimated net undercount for the ACT (2 x 3,189)	Is the difference less than twice the Standard Error?	Does section 48(2E) apply to the ACT?
362,424	379,917	17,493	6,378	No	No

Table 9: Details of the calculations performed in determining the number of members of the House of Representatives to be chosen in the Australian Capital Territory in accordance with paragraph 48(2A)(c):

	Number of the people of the ACT as ascertained by the Electoral Commissioner	Divided by the Quota	Result of the division	Number of Members to be chosen
Australian Capital Territory	362,424	151,966.9861	2.3849	2

Table 10: Details of the calculations to determine the number of members of the House of Representatives to be chosen in the Territory of Cocos (Keeling) Islands and the Territory of Christmas Island:

Territory	Number of the people as ascertained by the Electoral Commissioner	Divided by the Quota	Result of the division	Number of Members to be chosen
Territory of Cocos (Keeling) Islands	606	151,966.9861	0.0040	0
Territory of Christmas Island	1,471	151,966.9861	0.0097	0

Table 11: Details of the calculations performed in ascertaining the number of people of the Northern Territory in accordance with subparagraph 48(2C)(e)(i):

	Number of the people of the Northern Territory as ascertained by the Electoral Commissioner	Number of the people of the Territory of Cocos (Keeling) Islands as ascertained by the Electoral Commissioner	Number of the people of the Territory of Christmas Island as ascertained by the Electoral Commissioner	New ascertainment of the number of the people of the Northern Territory in accordance with subparagraph 48 (2C)(e)(i)
Northern Territory	229,876	606	1,471	231,953

Table 12: Details of the calculations performed in determining the number of members of the House of Representatives to be chosen in the Northern Territory in accordance with subsection 48(2C):

	Number of the people of the Northern Territory as ascertained by the Electoral Commissioner	Divided by the Quota	Result of the division	Number of members to be chosen
Northern Territory	231,953	151,966.9861	1.5263	2

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Electoral Commissioner

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