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AEC releases voting preference information recorded for WA missing votes

The Australian Electoral Commission today publicly released the information available to the AEC about the voting preferences of the missing votes from the first WA Senate count.

This information is recorded by the AEC as part of standard vote counting procedures.

The missing votes came from one polling place in the Division of Forrest (Bunbury East) and three polling places from the Division of Pearce (Henley Brook, Mt Helena and Wundowie). A fifth category – a small number of provisional votes – were cast in the Division of Pearce and were informal.

Final data integrity checking undertaken prior the distribution of preferences (to determine elected Senators on Saturday 2 November) found that five fewer votes were missing from Bunbury East than had been earlier reported. Voters' preferences for the 1,370 votes unable to be located, checked, verified or included in the recount are shown below:

		Division:	Forrest		Pearce			
		Polling Place:	Bunbury East	Henley Brook	Mt Helena	Wundowie	Provisional Count 1	Total Ballot Papers
Group								
A	Smokers Rights					8		8
C	Australian Christians					3		3
D	Help End Marijuana Prohibition					7		7
G	Shooters and Fishers			14				14
J	Secular Party of Australia		1					1
K	Australian Independents		3			1		4
L	The Wikileaks Party		6			5		11
M	Katter's Australian Party		2			1		3
N	Family First Party		11					11
O	No Carbon Tax Climate Sceptics		1			1		2
Q	Stop the Greens		3					3
S	The Greens (WA)		112					112
T	Animal Justice Party		12		9			21
Z	Australian Labor Party					164		164
AA	Liberal			350	370	166		886
<i>sub-total formal votes</i>			151	350	393	356	0	1,250
Informal votes			80			29	11	120
ALL VOTES			231	350	393	385	11	1,370
			1,139					

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