

Approval

Required by the *Electoral Act 2004*, section 97(10)

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Under section 97(10) of the *Electoral Act 2004*, the Tasmanian Electoral Commission approved the following method of collating House of Assembly ballot papers:

Where a ballot paper has multiple columns, and different numbers of names in the columns, it is necessary to print a number of versions of ballot papers such that all of the numbers of candidates can divide into the number.

For example, if there are 2 columns on a ballot paper, with 3 names in one column and 4, the ballot paper versions required would be as follows—

Version	Col. 1 batch no.	Col. 2 batch no.
v1	b1	b1
v2	b2	b2
v3	b3	b3
v4	b1	b4
v5	b2	b1
v6	b3	b2
v7	b1	b3
v8	b2	b4
v9	b3	b1
v10	b1	b2
v11	b2	b3
v12	b3	b4

The ballot paper for each version is to be set as a separate page of a document. That is, the version 1 ballot paper is set on page 1, the version 2 ballot paper on page 2 and so on. The length of the document is equal to the number of versions, or multiple sets of versions.

The collation of ballot papers is automatically created by printing the document. That is, the printer will print, in order, page 1 to the last page of the document followed by page 1 to the last page of the same document and so on for as many ballot papers as are required.