



Tasmanian
Electoral
Commission

Annual Report
2024-25

Twentieth Annual Report 2024–25

To The Honourable Craig Farrell,
President of the Legislative Council
and
The Honourable Jacquie Petrusma,
Speaker of the House of Assembly

We have the honour to submit the twentieth annual report of the Tasmanian Electoral Commission for presentation to the Parliament pursuant to the provisions of section 13 of the *Electoral Act 2004*.

The report covers the period from 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025.

Yours sincerely



Mike Blake
CHAIRPERSON



Andrew Hawkey
ELECTORAL
COMMISSIONER




Allyson Warrington
MEMBER

Thursday 5 March 2026

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“We continue to evolve as an organisation, to deliver greater certainty and structure in an increasingly complex electoral landscape.”

Andrew Hawkey,
Tasmanian Electoral Commissioner

Chairperson's introduction

I applaud the actions taken by the Tasmanian Electoral Commission when in 2023, in anticipation of significant changes arising from introduction of compulsory local government elections and, more importantly, the Electoral Disclosure and Funding Scheme, it initiated a governance review resulting in establishment over the past 24 months of a revised organisational structure. My thanks to the Department of Justice for their assistance in supporting these changes.

Without these new arrangements, which involved significant management time in organisational re-design and recruitment, and the additional staff that were appointed, the Commission's ability to successfully deliver its normal annual functions, the 2025 State election in July 2025 and preparedness for implementation of the Electoral Disclosure and Funding Scheme on 1 July 2025, would simply not have been possible. The Commissioner's foresight is commended. My sincere thanks to every Commission staff member for the diligent and innovative way this work was completed. Well done.

However, and despite multiple efforts by the Commissioner and his Deputy, attempts to suitably resolve accommodation for the Commission in the south of the state have to date proven unproductive. In December 2025 the Commission will relocate, for 12 months, to premises in North Hobart. While suitable in the short term, this does not address our unique accommodation needs, particularly during periods when State elections are held, especially at short notice. This situation needs resolution and I encourage the Secretary for Justice, and I thank her for her support to date, and the Secretary of the Department of Treasury and Finance, to find a long-term solution and to work with the Commissioner in doing so.

This annual report includes, for the first time, information about the finances of the Commission, prompted by a conversation with the Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters. We will build on this information in the years ahead.

This financial year marked the first year of service by Commissioner Allyson Warrington. My thanks to Allyson for her expertise and insights in what has been a very busy year and, once again, to the Commissioner, Deputy Commissioner and every single member of staff for their efforts this year.



Mike Blake

Chairperson
Tasmanian Electoral Commission

Electoral Commissioner's review

Bookended by two State elections, 2024–25 was another year of major electoral events and organisational change. Beginning with the rollout of non-voter processes for the 2024 State election and concluding with the early stages of the 2025 State election – the fourth in seven years and the third ahead of schedule – compressed timeframes continued to define the Commission's operating environment.

Against this backdrop, the three most significant achievements of the year were:

1. the adoption of a three-directorate structure and expansion of organisational capability
2. the establishment of Tasmania's Electoral Disclosure and Funding Scheme
3. the expansion of electoral services to improve accessibility for diverse communities.

These achievements are central to strengthening the Commission's stability and resilience, and ensuring it is better positioned to deliver elections, administer legislation and meet its responsibilities within a more complex electoral landscape.

Building organisational capability

A multi-phased recruitment process commenced early in the year, with the appointment of three directors, establishing a new three-directorate structure comprising Elections and Engagement; Legislation and Compliance; and Business.

The Elections and Engagement Directorate brought together election delivery, communications and education, and training functions. This reflects a renewed emphasis on voter information, community engagement and workforce preparedness.

The Legislation and Compliance Directorate was established to support the growing scope and complexity of the Commission's regulatory responsibilities, particularly in relation to the introduction of a new Electoral Disclosure and Funding Scheme. This new directorate also includes a Regulation and Legislation team and a Compliance and Investigations team.

The Business Directorate consolidated key support functions to strengthen organisational capability in areas such as Commission finance and budgeting; corporate policy development and administration; organisational and operational ICT and cyber security; data analysis, process design and accessibility improvement.

At the end of 2024–25 the staff structure under the new model has expanded from 14 to 26 staff, with a further 4 staff appointed but yet to commence. Remaining recruitment processes are on track to be completed in 2025.

The organisational expansion has been implemented with the crucial support of the Department of Justice, particularly Agency Executive, the Office of Organisational Development and Design, Human Resources and Recruitment, the Wellbeing Unit and the Change Management Office.

The Change Management Office played a pivotal role in assisting staff to prepare and adapt to such a significant restructure, with a phased approach designed to address service continuity, governance clarity and workforce capability during a period of sustained recruitment and concurrent election delivery.



The establishment of a new Executive Management Group (EMG) and a Senior Leadership Group (SLG) within the Commission has been a key feature of our new governance and management arrangements, to ensure clear accountability, effective supervision and consistent support for an expanding workforce. The Commission is also reviewing its Strategic Plan to ensure alignment with the revised organisational structure and expanded areas of responsibility.

The organisational expansion has strengthened the Commission's capacity to deliver elections reliably, administer legislation effectively and respond to emerging challenges. Further detail on the work of each directorate is provided in the relevant sections of this report.

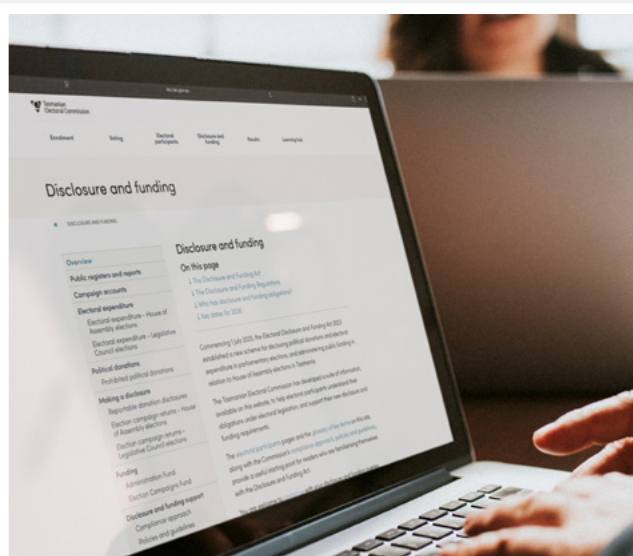
Administering a new disclosure and funding framework

The commencement of the Electoral Disclosure and Funding Scheme on 1 July 2025 represents a significant institutional milestone for the Commission. For the first time, the TEC will have responsibility for administering a comprehensive framework governing political finance, including participant registration, disclosure obligations, public reporting and compliance activity.

During this reporting period, the Commission undertook the key preparatory work needed to enable the scheme's commencement. This included the development of systems and procedures, the preparation of public guidance materials, and targeted engagement to support understanding of new obligations. The TEC has taken a constructive approach to promote voluntary compliance with the relevant Acts, while responding effectively to non-compliance. This approach reflects the Commission's commitment to promoting transparency while supporting participants to meet their responsibilities.

While initial priorities were expected to centre on routine disclosures and Administration Fund claims, the calling of a snap State election on 11 June required the Commission to bring forward later phases of work, significantly altering the planned sequencing and timing of the scheme's implementation.

Therefore, in addition to the already intensive early election workload, all elements of the new scheme necessary for a State election were delivered by 30 June 2025, including participant registration, seven-day donation disclosure systems, and the publication of critical policies and guidelines. This work was delivered within highly compressed timeframes and represents a significant operational achievement for the Commission.



The TEC website was expanded to provide a suite of comprehensive resources for electoral participants who have obligations under the new Electoral Disclosure and Funding Scheme.

Enhancing accessibility and inclusion

During the year the Commission conducted parliamentary and local government electoral events including the Legislative Council elections for the divisions of Pembroke, Nelson and Montgomery, a House of Assembly recount in Lyons, and a range of local government recounts, by-elections and statutory and non-statutory elections.

With the recruitment of the Accessibility and Inclusion Coordinator, new and expanded services have been produced during the year, including the introduction of a quiet voting hour at pre-poll centres, the expansion of Telephone Assisted Voting for people with a print disability, and the re-introduction of in-person voting services within correctional facilities.

Internally, 'Culture, Mindset and Awareness' workshops were delivered to all permanent staff to support understanding of accessibility and inclusion issues.



Quiet voting hour was one of the first initiatives introduced by the TEC's new Accessibility and Inclusion Coordinator at the 2025 Legislative Council elections.

Delivering through change

Throughout a period of sustained organisational and operational change, the professionalism, adaptability and care demonstrated by Commission staff have been critical to the continued administration of elections in Tasmania. Our team not only delivered multiple electoral events under pressure, but also supported colleagues through a period of transition, welcoming new members and sharing experience across roles and directorates.

Drawing on both long service and new capability, the Commission enters its next chapter with stronger foundations, clearer responsibilities and increased confidence in its capacity to meet future challenges. This continuity of stewardship remains central to the Commission's role in supporting the integrity and stability of Tasmania's democratic processes.

Thank you to staff for another year of exemplary service. We are now a larger, broader team with outstanding skills, experience and mindsets. As a rejuvenated workforce, we face increasing challenges and responsibilities that we are well placed to meet.



“We have grown significantly as an organisation over the past year. It wouldn’t have been possible without the adaptability and hard work of our staff.”

Ngaire Edwards,
Deputy Electoral Commissioner

About the Tasmanian Electoral Commission

The Tasmanian Electoral Commission (TEC) is an independent statutory authority responsible for conducting elections and maintaining the integrity of Tasmania's electoral processes.

Established under section 6 of the *Electoral Act 2004*, the Commission comprises three members – a Chairperson, the Electoral Commissioner, and one other member – who together provide impartial oversight of the State's electoral system.

The Commission's functions, as set out in section 9 of the Act, include:

- » advising the minister on matters relating to elections
- » considering and reporting on issues referred by the minister
- » promoting public awareness of electoral and parliamentary topics through education and information programs
- » providing information and advice on electoral matters to parliament, government departments and state authorities
- » publishing material relating to its functions
- » investigating and prosecuting illegal electoral practices.

The broader organisation, made up of three directorates, supports this work by delivering elections, informing and engaging the public, ensuring compliance with electoral law, and strengthening the systems that sustain an effective and trusted democracy.

In addition to conducting parliamentary elections, local government elections, and referendums, the Commission may conduct other ballots or elections for organisations on a fee-for-service basis.

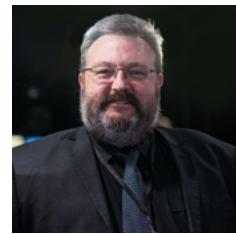
The TEC and the Electoral Commissioner exercise functions and powers under the following legislation:

- » *Electoral Act 2004*
- » *Electoral Regulations 2015*
- » *Electoral Disclosure and Funding Act 2023*
- » *Electoral Disclosure and Funding Regulations 2025*
- » *Local Government Act 1993*
- » *Local Government (General) Regulations 2015*
- » *Juries Act 2003*
- » *Legislative Council Electoral Boundaries Act 1995*
- » *Aboriginal Lands Act 1995*
- » *Water Management Act 1999*

The TEC works closely with the Australian Electoral Commission through a joint roll management arrangement to maintain an accurate and up-to-date electoral roll for federal, state and local government elections. The Electoral Commissioner is a member of the Electoral Council of Australia and New Zealand (ECANZ), which promotes national collaboration and shared standards in electoral practice.



Mike Blake
Chairperson

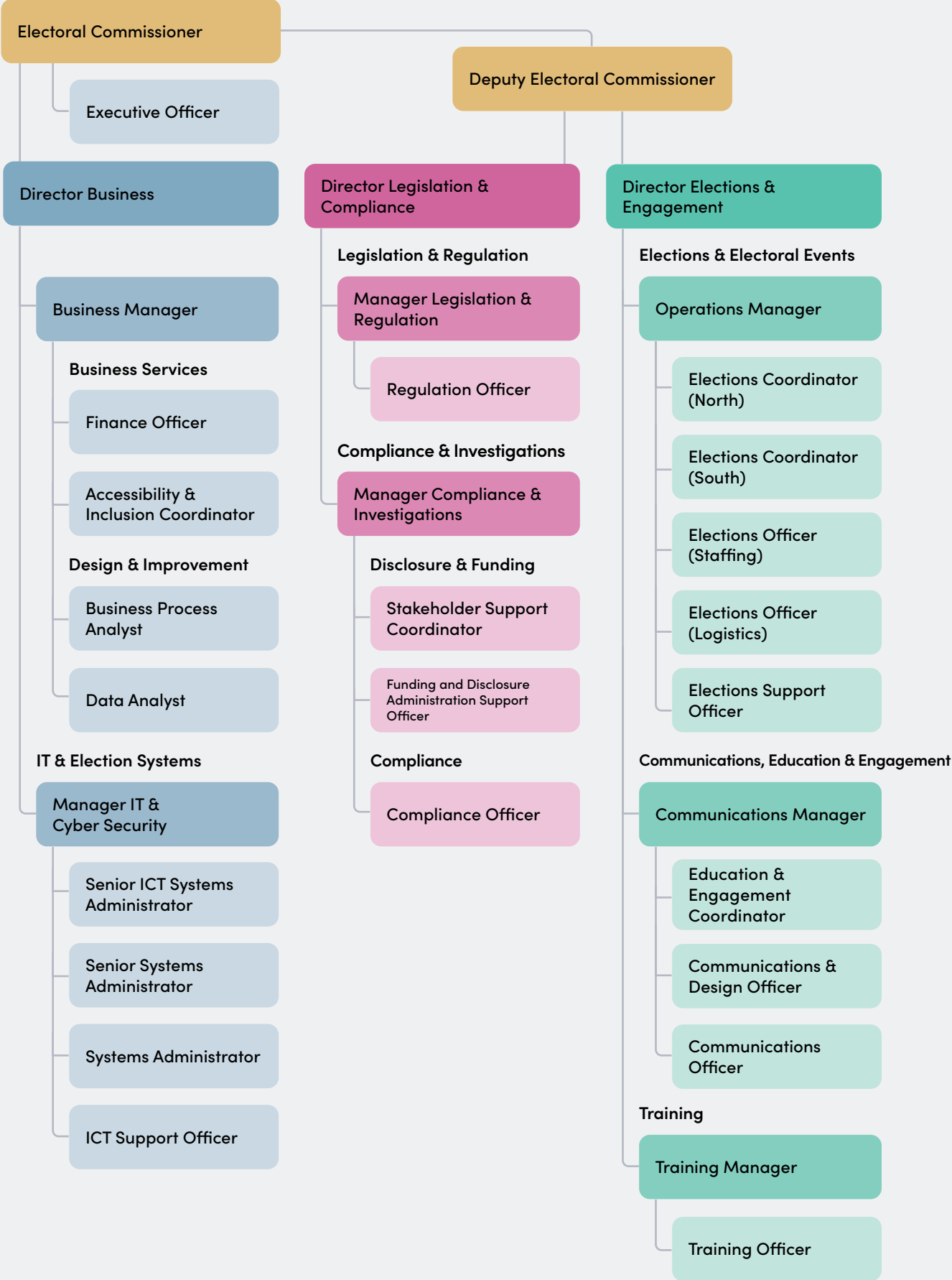


Andrew Hawkey
Electoral Commissioner



Allyson Warrington
Member

Organisational structure



Purpose, vision and values

Purpose

To provide independent, impartial and high-quality electoral services to the people of Tasmania.

Vision

To maintain public confidence in the integrity of Tasmania's elections and make participation simple and accessible for all voters.

Values

Respect

We will:

- » be actively inclusive
- » be broadly accessible
- » embrace diversity
- » be mindful and considerate
- » respectful in our engagements
- » foster positive relationships

We will not:

- » be biased

Integrity

We will:

- » be impartial
- » uphold our independence
- » be accurate and dependable
- » be transparent and accountable
- » communicate clearly
- » comply with electoral law

We will not:

- » comment on political matters
- » hide errors

Innovation

We will:

- » constantly improve
- » embrace change
- » value creative thinking
- » be collaborative
- » be agile and adaptable
- » show courage

We will not:

- » be stuck in our ways
- » ignore risks

Collaboration

We will:

- » be supportive
- » be consultative
- » engage
- » empower
- » share knowledge

We will not:

- » set unrealistic expectations
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Core business

Advice

We provide appropriate and expert electoral advice.

Management

We conduct accurate, transparent and accessible electoral events.

Awareness and engagement

We provide clear and impartial electoral information that enhances understanding and participation.

Organisation building

We develop and maintain an agile, creative and cyber secure organisation that empowers, supports and develops staff.

Enforcement

We ensure compliance with electoral legislation.

“With our increased capacity, we’ve responded to change met new challenges, and strengthened the Commission’s ability to support confidence in the electoral system.”

Bonny Moroni,
Director Elections and Engagement



Election delivery

The establishment of the Elections and Engagement Directorate, under the leadership of Director Bonny Moroni, comprises expanded operational and communications teams, and a new training team – reflecting the Commission’s renewed emphasis on voter information, community engagement and the effective delivery of electoral events.

In 2024–25, these teams maintained a strong focus on workforce capacity and readiness. The expanded Elections and Electoral Events team most notably allowed for the separation of Elections Coordinator responsibilities between the north and south of the state, and the introduction of an Elections Support Officer role. These changes strengthened operational resilience and supported preparations for electoral events delivered during the year.

With primary responsibility for election delivery, the directorate oversaw a substantial program of activity during the period. This included a House of Assembly recount in March 2025 to fill a vacancy in the division of Lyons created by the resignation of Rebecca White; the May 2025 Legislative Council elections for the divisions of Montgomery, Nelson and Pembroke; and early phases of work for the snap 2025 State election called in June.

Local government electoral services also represented a significant component of the year’s work. The Commission conducted 15 recounts, three by-elections and an elector poll for the City of Clarence. In addition, five statutory elections and four non-statutory elections were delivered, alongside the provision of early voting services from the Moonah office for five interstate electoral commissions.

The scheduling of a federal election on 3 May 2025 presented early challenges for the Legislative Council elections, which were deferred to 24 May 2025, requiring adjustments to planning and delivery timelines.

Several service initiatives were delivered in conjunction with the Legislative Council elections; a notable example was the re-introduction of in-person voting for prisoners. In collaboration with Tasmania Prison Service staff, a mobile polling team visited the Risdon Prison complex over three days, providing voting services to inmates, staff and visitors at southern prison facilities. This work follows efforts made by Australian Electoral Commission and the Tasmania Prison Service to support in-person voting for the 2023 referendum. The TEC intends to expand these services at future electoral events.

Following the passage of the *Electoral Amendment (Alternative Voting Procedures) Act 2025*, which received Royal Assent on 16 May 2025, the Commission expanded its accessible voting options to include Telephone Assisted Voting for people with a print disability at the 2025 Legislative Council elections. For the first time, telephone voting was also promoted as the



Election delivery (cont'd)

preferred voting option for electors who were interstate or overseas for these elections. Collectively, these changes resulted in an overall increase in telephone voting of 31.9 per cent compared with 2024. Opportunities presented by the amended legislation will continue to inform future election planning.

The calling of a snap State election on 11 June 2025 required the rapid mobilisation of election delivery activities within compressed timeframes. By 30 June, the Elections and Engagement Directorate completed the candidate nomination process, confirmed polling locations across the state, recruited and prepared election staff, launched a statewide public awareness campaign, and commenced early voting services. Much of this work overlapped with the May 2025 Legislative Council elections, placing significant operational demands on the directorate.

During this period, the Communications, Engagement and Education (CEE) team also provided substantial support to the Legislation and Compliance Directorate and their implementation of the new Electoral Disclosure and Funding Scheme – the timelines and priorities for which were also affected by the snap State election. The expanded structure and strengthened workforce capacity established earlier in the year were critical in supporting continuity of service and effective delivery during this time.

Alongside a demanding electoral schedule, the directorate continued to progress service improvements and new initiatives that supported election delivery and voter engagement.

As part of election delivery activities, the CEE team progressed the development of a new House of Assembly awareness campaign during the second half of 2024, with final materials delivered in time for the 2025 election. The campaign adopted the tagline *It's a decision we make together* to emphasise collective responsibility for electoral participation.

The addition of an Education and Engagement role within the CEE team strengthened community engagement activities during the year. In collaboration with the Business Services team, the introduction of a quiet voting hour at the 2025 Legislative Council elections supported electors who prefer a low-sensory voting environment. Work also commenced to develop electoral materials in the languages of recent migrants for use at future elections.

The establishment of a dedicated Training team is intended to reduce pressure on operations and logistics functions during election periods and support the development of contemporary training resources for election staff. Recruitment of the Training Manager and Training Officer occurred throughout 2025, with the full benefits of this resource expected to be realised during the 2026 Legislative Council and local government elections.

While election delivery remained a central focus during the year, election readiness planning will be a priority in the year ahead, with a new election planning framework intended to provide greater certainty and structure in an increasingly complex operating environment. With its increased staff footprint, the Elections and Engagement Directorate now has greater capacity to plan ahead and respond at short notice, supporting confident and consistent election delivery.



Featuring local faces in familiar places, the new House of Assembly awareness campaign was developed in collaboration with communities across Tasmania.

House of Assembly

Casual vacancies

2025 Lyons recount (White)

On 4 March 2025, the TEC completed a recount to fill the vacancy in the House of Assembly for the division of Lyons, created by the resignation of Rebecca White.

Fifteen candidates nominated to contest the recount and Casey Farrell was elected as a member until the next general election.

House of Assembly recount results are provided in Appendix C.

2025 House of Assembly elections

On 11 June 2025, Her Excellency the Honourable Barbara Baker AC, Governor of Tasmania, informed the Electoral Commissioner that, on the advice of the Premier, parliament had been prorogued and the House of Assembly dissolved. Writs for a general election were issued on 18 June, commencing a snap election within the 2024–25 reporting period.

The nomination period closed at midday on 26 June, with 161 candidates nominated to contest the election, and early voting commenced on Monday 30 June 2025.

The Commission progressed the early phases of election delivery in the final weeks of this reporting period, including the procurement of polling places, recruitment and training of election staff, establishment of call centre services, and the initiation of a statewide elector awareness campaign. Work was also undertaken to support the rapid implementation of disclosure and funding requirements applicable to a House of Assembly (State) election.

Polling day was held on Saturday 19 July 2025, outside the 2024–25 reporting period. A full statistical summary of the election will be provided in the 2024–25 Report on Parliamentary Elections, with further operational detail to be included in the Commission's 2025–26 Annual Report.

Legislative Council

2025 periodic elections: Montgomery, Nelson and Pembroke

On Tuesday 15 April, Her Excellency the Honourable Barbara Baker AC, Governor of Tasmania, issued the writs for the 2025 Legislative Council elections for the divisions of Montgomery, Nelson and Pembroke.

Saturday 24 May was specified as polling day, following an adjustment to the original timetable prompted by the federal election scheduled for 3 May 2025. The change was made in consultation with the Clerk of the Legislative Council and with the approval of the Minister for Justice, as permitted by the *Constitution Act 1934 (Tas)*.

Michael Leyden (Montgomery), Graeme Ingram (Nelson), and Sharon Sutczak (Pembroke) were appointed as returning officers for these elections.

When nominations closed at 12 noon on Thursday 1 May, 13 candidates (4 women and 9 men) had been nominated: 5 for Montgomery, 3 for Nelson and 5 for Pembroke.

Casey Hiscutt was elected as the Member for Montgomery, Meg Webb was re-elected as the Member for Nelson, and Luke Edmunds was re-elected as the Member for Pembroke.

Legislative Council election results are provided in Appendix B.

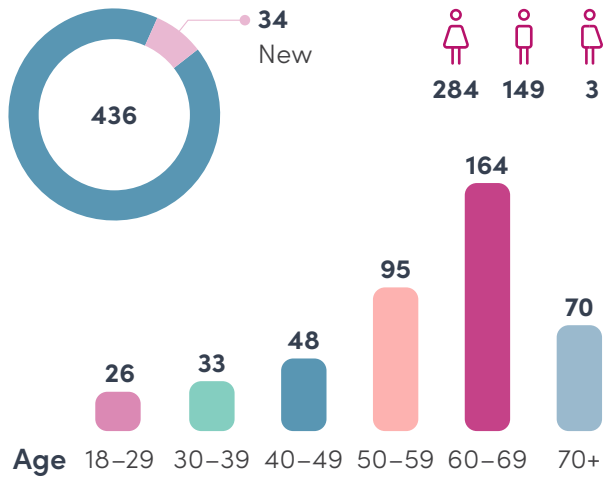


Returning Officer Sharon Sutczak overseeing the Pembroke count at MyState Bank Arena.

2025 Legislative Council elections snapshot

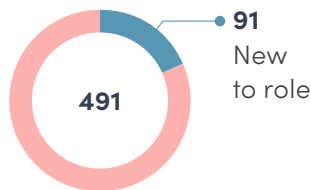
Montgomery, Nelson and Pembroke

Election staff



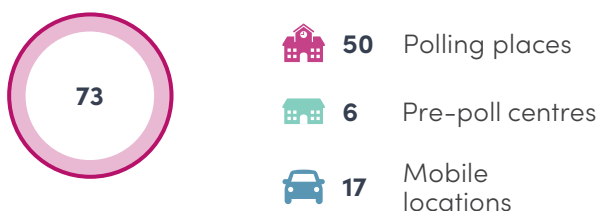
Roles

Staff may occupy multiple roles



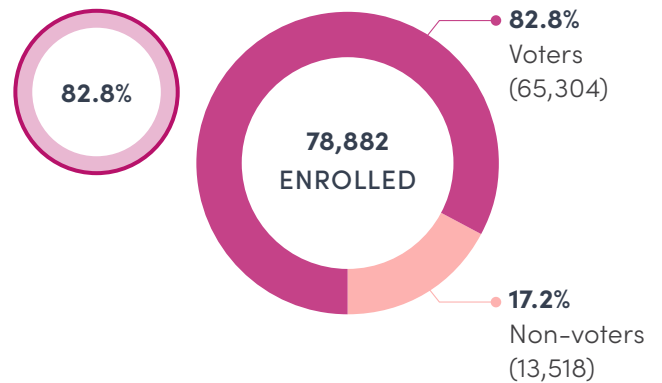
Returning officers and assistant returning officers	3	3	0	New to TEC 0 New to role 3
Polling place managers and polling place liaison officers	59	30	0	New to TEC 0 New to role 16
Issuing staff	151	74	2	New to TEC 19 New to role 41
Non-polling place staff	108	60	1	New to TEC 16 New to role 31

Polling locations



Participation

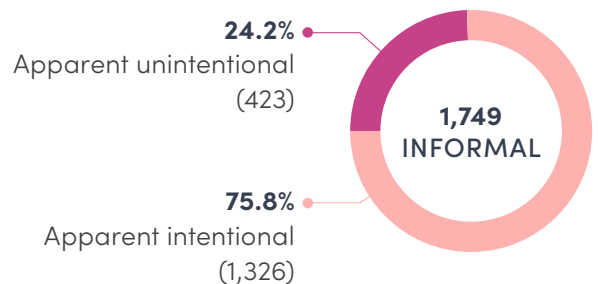
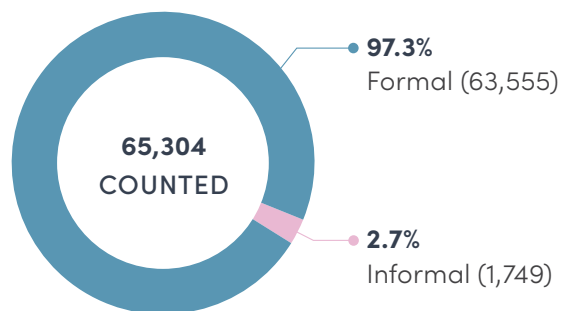
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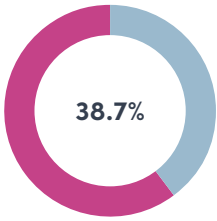
Candidates

Candidates stood	4	9	0
Candidates elected	1	2	0

Ballot papers



Voted early

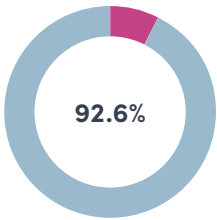


Pre-poll	30.38%
Interstate pre-poll	0.06%
Postal	5.42%
Telephone	1.88%
Mobile	0.96%

Postal returns (excludes general postal votes)

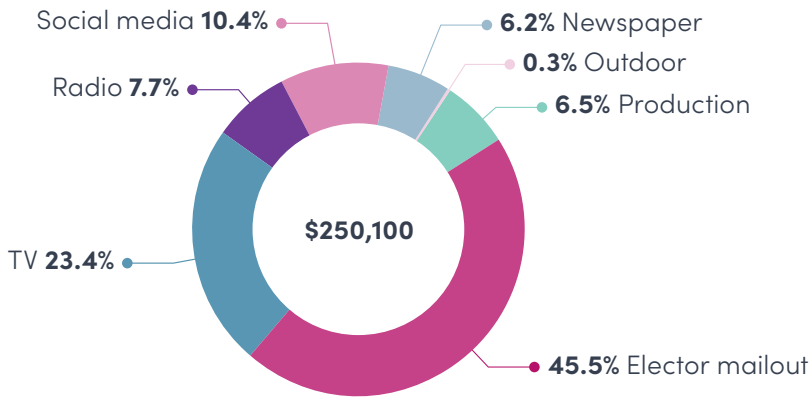
				Total
Issued	1,982	108	10	2,100
Returned	1,899	94	2	1,995

Voted in person

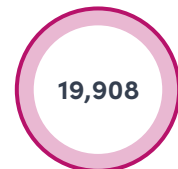


	Mobile	Pre-poll	Polling day
In division	608	19,365	39,774
Out of division	21	473	236

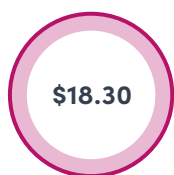
Election awareness



Elector cards presented when voting in person



Cost per elector



2025 LC		\$18.30
2025 Fed*		
2024 LC		\$18.07
2023 LC		\$14.51
2022 LC		\$17.71
2022 Fed		\$25.94

*At the time of publication the cost of the 2025 Federal election was not yet available.

Local government

Casual vacancies

Recounts

In 2024–25, the TEC conducted recounts to fill councillor vacancies for the following councils:

- » Huon Valley (August)
- » Meander Valley (September)
- » Burnie City (October)
- » Glenorchy City (November)
- » Tasman (November)
- » Glenorchy City (December)
- » Meander Valley (January)
- » Dorset (February, x5)
- » Flinders (February)
- » Central Coast (June)
- » Latrobe (June)

By-elections

By-elections were conducted for the following councils:

- » King Island (October) – councillor only
- » Tasman (February) – councillor only
- » Dorset (April) – mayor and councillor

Elector polls

Elector polls were conducted for the following councils:

- » Clarence City (August) – on the matter of the AFL High Performance Centre and its proposed construction on Rosny Parklands and/or Charles Hand Park

Full details for all local government election events are available at tec.tas.gov.au.

Other elections and ballots

Statutory elections

In 2024–25, the TEC conducted the following non-parliamentary elections:

- » Aboriginal Land Council of Tasmania
- » Mowbray Swamp Drainage Trust
- » Togari Drainage Trust
- » River Clyde Trust (appointment of Returning Officer)
- » Elizabeth Macquarie Trust

Non-statutory elections

In 2024–25, the TEC provided electoral services for the following bodies:

- » Liberal Party Senate Selectors
- » Yolla Co-Op
- » Tas Rock Lobster Fishermen’s Association
- » Tasmanian Seafood Industry Council

Assisting other electoral authorities

In 2024–25, the TEC assisted other electoral commissions by providing early-voting services for the following elections:

Northern Territory Electoral Commission

- » 2024 Legislative Assembly elections

NSW Electoral Commission

- » 2024 Epping, Hornsby and Pittwater by-elections
- » 2025 Port Macquarie by-election

Elections ACT

- » 2024 ACT Legislative Assembly election

Western Australian Electoral Commission

- » 2025 State election

Report on participation

This section presents statistical information on enrolment, turnout and voting patterns across parliamentary and local government elections.

Table 1: Electoral enrolment

As at 30 June	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Electors enrolled	396,792	403,200	405,042	407,714	413,231
Estimated Eligible Population	407,391	416,565	417,619	415,093	415,856
Enrolment rate	97.40%	96.79%	96.99%	98.22%	99.0% ¹

Table 2: House of Assembly election statistics

Election year	2014	2018	2021	2024	
Close of roll enrolment	366,442	381,183	394,432	408,197	
Ballot papers cast	342,595	352,180	359,805	372,077	
Turnout	93.49%	92.39%	91.22%	91.15%	
Number of candidates	126	109	105	167	
Total number of counts	330	253	203	340	
Formal ballot papers	326,163	334,871	341,350	348,612	
Informality	Rate	4.80%	4.91%	5.13%	6.31%
	Apparent intentional	8,787	8,468	7,862	9,536
	Apparent unintentional	7,435	8,731	10,593	13,895

1. Enrolment rates above 99.0% are not reported due to uncertainty in the Estimated Eligible Population (a projected figure calculated by the AEC using ABS Census data), which can result in calculated enrolment rates being overstated.

Table 3: Legislative Council elections statistics by division

Election year	2024			2025		
	Elwick (by-election)	Hobart	Prosser	Montgomery	Nelson	Pembroke
Close of roll enrolment	23,669	24,538	27,419	29,824	25,560	23,438
Ballot papers cast	19,134	19,769	22,365	24,548	20,985	19,771
Turnout	80.84%	80.56%	81.57%	82.31%	82.10%	84.35%
Number of candidates	4	7	5	5	3	5
Formal ballot papers	18,318	19,272	21,509	23,642	20,591	19,322
Informality rate	4.26%	2.51%	3.83%	3.69%	1.88%	2.27%


Table 4: Legislative Council elections participation and informality rates

Election year	2021	2022	2022 (Pembroke by-election)	2023	2024	2025	
	Close of roll enrolment	53,960	80,192	23,286	81,081	75,626	78,822
Ballot papers cast	44,090	66,228	18,905	67,588	61,268	65,304	
Turnout	81.71%	82.59%	81.19%	83.36%	81.01%	82.85%	
Informality	Rate	5.22%	3.27%	3.04%	3.97%	3.54%	2.68%
	Apparent intentional	1,211	1,257	379	1,681	1,422	1,326
	Apparent unintentional	1,090	907	195	1,001	747	423

Table 5: Local government elections statistics

Election year		2009	2011	2014	2018 ¹	2022 ⁶
Close of roll enrolment ²		362,890	366,906	375,355	390,093	410,975
Declarations returned		201,550	199,153	204,875	227,758	348,453
Turnout		55.54%	54.28%	54.58%	58.39%	84.79%
Total ballot papers ³		526,117	510,563	591,180	650,268	1,001,646 ⁷
Number of candidates ³		449	421	716 ⁴	750	743
Number of counts ³		553	489	1,365 ⁴	1,390	1,373
Formal ballot papers ³		516,524	500,410	574,335	626,995	957,096
Informality	Rate	1.82%	1.99%	2.85%	3.73%	4.45%
	Apparent intentional	4,994	5,471	7,378	7,761 ⁵	33,413
	Apparent unintentional	4,599	4,682	9,367	14,351 ⁵	11,137

- Following the passing of the *Glenorchy City Council (Dismissal of Councillors) Act 2017*, local government elections in 2018 were conducted in two stages. A stand-alone election was conducted for Glenorchy City Council in January 2018, and elections for the remaining 28 councils were conducted in October 2018.
- Comprises those electors on the House of Assembly roll for an address within the municipal area as well as other owners, occupiers and company nominees who have enrolled on general managers' rolls.
- Includes all ballot papers for mayor, deputy mayor and councillors.
- Increase in number of candidates and number of counts due to the move to "all-in, all-out" elections in 2014.
- These figures exclude the mayor and deputy mayor ballot papers for Glenorchy City Council, for which no informal ballot paper survey was conducted.
- On 16 June 2022 *the Local Government Amendment (Elections) Act 2022* received Royal Assent. This Act made two significant changes to local government elections:
 - » voting became compulsory for all electors who appeared on the state electoral roll for the forthcoming and future local government elections and by-elections, and
 - » formality for councillor ballot papers was changed to marking 1–5 preferences on the ballot paper regardless of the number of councillor positions being elected.
- Largely attributed to the introduction of compulsory voting in 2022.

A close-up photograph of a person's hands writing in a notebook. The person is wearing a gold ring on their left hand. A calculator is visible in the background, and a container with pens is in the foreground. The notebook has a grid pattern and contains handwritten numbers and calculations.

“Our priority is helping electoral participants to understand and comply with their obligations.”

Kylee Rumble,
Director Legislation and Compliance

Regulation and compliance

The Legislation and Compliance Directorate commenced operations during 2024–25, providing a dedicated capability for the administration of the Commission’s expanded legislative and regulatory functions.

Recruitment activity began with the appointment of Director Kylee Rumble in September and continued throughout the year. As with many employers, the Commission operated in a competitive labour market with reduced applicant pools, requiring multiple recruitment processes to fill some roles – including key management positions that remained unfilled at the end of the reporting period.

During the year, the directorate supported the Commission and the Electoral Commissioner through the preparation of submissions to the Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters inquiry into the 2024 House of Assembly and Legislative Council elections. The directorate also provided advice on a proposed Local Government Electoral Bill and worked with the Office of Local Government on potential amendments to the existing *Local Government Act*.

In the second half of the year, the directorate focused on new procedures to support the conduct of the 2025 Legislative Council elections, following amendments to the *Electoral Act* that introduced new definitions of electoral matter, advertising and authorisations. Complaints relating to these matters continue to feature in Tasmania's electoral environment. Work is progressing on the implementation of a complaints management system to support accurate public reporting on complaint volumes and outcomes.

During the final quarter of the period, the directorate’s work centred on the commencement of the Electoral Disclosure and Funding Scheme, on 1 July 2025, including delivery of the required framework, supporting materials and stakeholder engagement.

While initial priorities included monthly participant disclosures and quarterly Administration Fund claims, the snap 2025 State election required the directorate to pivot, with support from the Elections and Engagement Directorate, to deliver a full-service Electoral Disclosure and Funding Scheme. This included participant registration and seven-day disclosure and reporting requirements during the election period.

The Commission also worked closely with the Department of Justice’s Strategic Policy and Legislation team to ensure the Electoral Disclosure and Funding Regulations were in force for the election.



The Legislation and Compliance Directorate released a range of resources for stakeholders in preparation for the commencement of the new Electoral Disclosure and Funding Scheme.



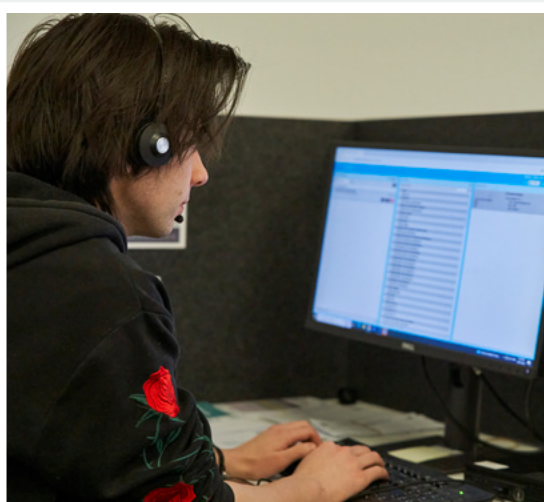
Regulation and compliance (cont'd)

In parallel, the Commission undertook a substantial program of governance activity to support commencement, including the consideration of more than 60 approvals and 40 delegations through formal decision-making processes.

To promote compliance and support participants, the Commission committed to providing publicly available educational material covering all aspects of registration, disclosure and funding. During the year, the directorate developed and published a comprehensive suite of resources to support the scheme and promote transparency in all disclosure and funding activities, including public registers and reports, policies and guidelines, and a range of forms and templates.

The Commission's inaugural Compliance Approach outlines a constructive framework for promoting voluntary compliance while responding proportionately to non-compliance. Compliance activity will take into account a participant's willingness to comply, their history of engagement with the Commission, and their response to enquiries.

To strengthen stakeholder engagement, staff developed 32 new webpages covering Electoral Disclosure and Funding topics, a series of downloadable checklists, and 15 instructional videos, including guidance on lodging election campaign returns.



Election work continues long after polling day, with phone support for non-voter processes among the tasks that follow.

As part of the organisational restructure, the Legislation and Compliance Directorate assumed responsibility for non-voter processes across parliamentary and local government elections. During the reporting period, the Compliance and Investigations team managed non-voter processes arising from the State and Legislative Council elections, as well as local government by-elections in Glenorchy, Sorell, King Island, Dorset and Tasman.

The directorate also undertook compliance checking for the 2025 Legislative Council elections candidates' expenditure returns, local government by-election candidates' advertising returns, and electoral advertising returns from printers, publishers and broadcasters.

With the Electoral Disclosure and Funding Scheme now in operation, the directorate enters the next reporting period focused on consolidating the foundations established during implementation and strengthening compliance processes to support transparency and integrity across Tasmania's electoral system.

Legislative changes

Tasmania's Electoral Disclosure and Funding Scheme

Passage of the Electoral Disclosure and Funding (Donation Disclosure) Amendment Bill 2024 led to amendments to the *Electoral Funding and Disclosure Act 2023*, which gained Royal Assent on 16 April 2025. The resulting changes to Tasmania's disclosure and funding scheme included:

- » a decrease in the threshold for reportable political donations, from \$5,000 to \$1,000
- » an increase in donation disclosure frequency during election periods, with donations to be declared within 7 days (and monthly during non-election periods).

By proclamation on 20 June 2024, the full disclosure and funding scheme commenced on 1 July 2025. In future years, the TEC will report on donation disclosures, campaign returns and the payment of public funding to eligible claimants under the Administration Fund and the Election Campaigns Fund.

The Electoral Disclosure and Funding Regulations 2025, which took effect on 27 June 2025, provide additional instructions on how to properly receipt political donations, keep necessary records, and provide adequate evidence—such as copies of advertising materials—for electoral expenditure.

Expanded access to Telephone Assisted Voting

Passage of the Electoral Amendment (Alternative Voting Procedures) Bill 2025 led to amendments to the *Electoral Act 2004*, which gained Royal Assent on 16 May 2025. These changes enabled the TEC to expand its telephone voting service to members of the print disability community for the first time at the 2025 Legislative Council elections. There is also potential for the service to be expanded to further groups of voters facing accessibility barriers, subject to appropriate consultation with representative groups.



“We continue to develop our people, processes and technology to ensure the Commission is well positioned to meet future challenges and new responsibilities.”

Andrew Kidd,
Director Business

People and capability

The Commission's new Business Directorate was formed in September 2024, with the appointment of Director Business Andrew Kidd, to support the organisation's broader focus on capability uplift and innovation.

While centralising and strengthening existing business functions, 10 new roles were created to introduce a broader range of skills across the existing ICT team and a new Business Services team. These positions were designed to complement existing expertise and address identified gaps in areas such as data management, process improvement and inclusivity.

The Accessibility and Inclusion Coordinator was the first role to commence within the Business Services team. This position focuses on ensuring electoral services are equitable and accessible to a greater number of electors, including people with disability and diverse needs. An early achievement in this space was the introduction of a quiet voting hour at the 2025 Legislative Council elections, supporting electors with sensory needs through reduced noise and artificial lighting. The initiative received positive community feedback and will be offered again at future elections.

Further expansion of the directorate is planned, including the recruitment of a Data Analyst to strengthen evidence-based decision-making and a Business Process Analyst to identify inefficiencies and support streamlined workflows. This multidisciplinary structure supports the delivery of outcomes aligned with the Commission's strategic priorities.

The establishment of the Business Directorate has already delivered measurable benefits across the Commission, including improved operational efficiency, stronger cyber resilience, and enhanced accessibility and inclusion practices.

Entering its second year, the directorate will focus on consolidating these gains and exploring further opportunities for innovation, including the use of advanced analytics, expanded accessibility initiatives and deeper collaboration with external partners.

By continuing to strengthen its people, processes and technology, the Business Directorate is well placed to support the Commission in meeting its future challenges and responsibilities.



System and security upgrades being implemented by the ICT team will provide ongoing benefits, both for TEC corporate offices and frontline election staff.

Financial performance

This section contains breakdowns of election costs and historical comparisons. To provide an accurate comparison between the cost of federal, House of Assembly, Legislative Council and local government elections, the salaries of permanent TEC staff are not included in these calculations.

Table 6: Cost of House of Assembly elections

Election year	2010	2014	2018	2021	2024
Total cost (\$'000)	2,271	2,743	3,039	3,937 ¹	5,048
Number of electors on the roll	357,315	366,442	381,183	394,432	408,197
Cost per elector on the roll	\$6.36	\$7.49	\$7.97	N/A ²	\$12.37 ³

Costs for the 2025 House of Assembly election will be provided in the 2025–26 annual report as it was held after 30 June 2025.

Table 7: Cost of Legislative Council elections

Election year	2022	2022 (Pembroke by-election)	2023	2024	2025
Total cost (\$'000)	1,420	271	1,176	1,366	1,442
Number of divisions	3	1	3	3	3
Number of electors on the roll	80,192	23,286	81,081	75,626	78,822
Cost per elector on the roll	\$17.71	\$11.66	\$14.51	\$18.07	\$18.30

1. Combined cost for the 2021 parliamentary elections where polling day and associated electoral services were shared for the State election and the 2021 periodic Legislative Council elections.
2. Costs per elector for the 2021 parliamentary elections are not clearly quantifiable and are inconsistent with other years, due to sharing of costs related to overlapping elections.
3. The substantial increase in the cost per elector for the 2024 State election can be attributed to broad post-COVID increases in the costs for providing services and the additional costs committed to the roll out of telephone voting and a modern call centre, the medium-term leases of external premises to ensure availability, the costs for relocating and using key electoral staff from interstate, the development and roll out of an additional advertising campaign '7 or more...' and the increased complexity of counting due to the increase in size of the House of Assembly.

Table 8: Cost of local government elections

Election year	2009	2011	2014	2018 ⁴	2022 ⁶
Total cost (\$'000)	1,248	1,337	2,098	2,703	3,829
Number of electors on the roll	362,890	366,906	375,355	390,093	410,975
Cost per elector on the roll	\$3.44	\$3.65	\$5.59 ⁵	\$6.96	\$9.32

Table 9: Cost of federal elections

Election year	2010	2013	2016	2019	2022	2025
Cost per elector on the roll	\$7.68	\$9.48	\$14.28	\$18.44 ⁷	\$25.94	Pending

These figures were obtained from the Australian Electoral Commission website, www.aec.gov.au. Federal election costs do not include a component for the decentralised structure of permanent divisional returning offices.

Table 10: Cost of managing and maintaining the electoral roll

Financial year	2020–21	2021–22	2022–23	2023–24	2024–25
Expenditure on roll (\$'000)	476	495	542	595	626
Number of electors on the roll at 30 June	396,792	403,200	405,042	405,121	407,788
Cost per elector on the roll	\$1.20	\$1.23	\$1.34	\$1.47	\$1.54

These figures include the cost to the TEC of the state/federal joint roll arrangement, associated IT infrastructure and the provision of rolls to members of the Tasmanian Parliament, registered parties and other organisations approved by the Commission under section 40 of the *Electoral Act 2004*.

4. Glenorchy City Council elections (January) were conducted separately to the remaining 28 councils (October). Total cost and the number of electors is the sum of both elections; the cost per elector is an average of the two events.
5. Increase in cost reflects the move to “all-in, all-out” elections in 2014.
6. Compulsory voting introduced in local government elections.
7. Cost amended. Public funding payment excluded from recalculation.

2024–25 TEC receipts and payments

Unaudited receipts and payments for the year ended 30 June 2025

Because this is the first year that this financial information is provided, comparative amounts are not included. This will be addressed in 2026.

TEC office

Appropriation	Budget (\$'000)	Expenditure (\$'000)
Salaries & Wages	258	184
Other Employee Related Expenditure	4	1
Information Technology	80	75
Materials, Supplies and Equipment	40	28
Property Expenses	219	187
Finance Expenses	0	0
Other Expenditure	26	24
Professional Services	4	4
Total	631	503¹

Local government and other elections

Trust account	Opening balance	276
Receipts		
Local Government by-elections		280
Local Government elector polls		134
Local Government recounts		15
Local Government roll maintenance		367
Local Government non-voter processes		52
Local Government non-voter penalty payments		6
Non-Statutory & statutory elections		13
Other		9
	Sub total	876
Payments		
Salaries & wages		283
Election expenditure		502
Information technology		12
Materials, supplies and equipment		6
Travel and transport		12
Property expenses		23
Other expenditure		3
	Sub total	841
	Closing balance	311

1. TEC staff structure expansion delay due to early HoA election.

House of Assembly and Legislative Council elections, roll management and production

Reserve by law

	Budget (\$'000)	Expenditure (\$'000)
Salaries & Wages	2,560	2,379
Other Employee Related Expenditure	3	2
Election Expenditure	1,261	1,725
Information Technology	206	235
Materials, Supplies and Equipment	77	62
Travel and Transport	55	42
Property Expenses	159	144
Financial Expenses	0	6
Other Expenditure	138	161
Professional Services	8	6
Sub total	4,467	4,762²

ALCT, electoral boundaries, commissioner and board

Reserve by law

	Budget (\$'000)	Expenditure (\$'000)
Salary expenditure	286	325
Other employee related expenditure	9	12
Election expenditure	13	7
Materials, supplies and equipment	0	0
Travel and transport	15	16
Property expenses	0	0
Other expenditure	0	0
Professional services	65	42 ³
Sub total	388	402

Electoral disclosure and funding

Reserve by law

	Budget (\$'000)	Expenditure (\$'000)
Salary expenditure	248	138
Information technology	0	27
Materials, supplies and equipment	0	4
Travel and transport	0	6
Other expenditure	0	5
Professional services	0	132
Sub total	248	312⁴

Reserve by law total	5,103	5,476
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- Includes costs associated with the commencement of the 2025 State election and the expansion of TEC staff structure.
- ALCT election – Supreme Court solicitor costs
- Electoral Disclosure and Funding Scheme in effect for early HoA election

Appendices



Appendix A

Appointments, approvals and determinations


The Commission met seven times during the year. It also made a number of out-of-session resolutions (between meetings) in accordance with the procedures set out in clause 6 of Schedule 2 of the *Electoral Act 2004*, making the following appointments, approvals, determinations and terminations.

Appointments (*Electoral Act 2004*)

Section no.	Subject	Date approved
24(1)	Appointment of returning officers for the 2025 Legislative Council elections	21/03/2025
93(1), 93(2) & 93(4)	Appointment of polling places for the 2025 Legislative Council elections	21/03/2025
92(4)	Appointment of additional mobile polling places for the 2025 periodic Legislative Council elections	29/04/2025
93(1), 93(2) & 92(4)	Appointment of polling places for the 2025 House of Assembly elections	17/06/2025
24(1)	Appointment of returning officers for the 2025 House of Assembly elections	17/06/2025
24(1)	Appointment of returning officer for 2025 House of Assembly division of Braddon	23/06/2025 (out of session)

Approvals (*Electoral Act 2004*)

Section no.	Subject	Date approved
40(6)	Supply of additional roll data to the Supreme Court of Tasmania	23/08/24 (out of session)
48	Application for registration of The National Party of Australia – Tasmania	23/01/25 (out of session)
128(1A)	Postal ballot pack collection procedure, form and envelope	21/03/25
161	Legislative Council candidate election expenditure return form	21/03/25
44–61	Registration of political parties policy	25/03/25 (out of session)
44(1)	Application for registration of a political party form	29/04/25
44(3)	Statutory declaration to accompany ea44(1) form	29/04/25

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Appointments, approvals and determinations (cont'd)

Approvals *(Electoral Act 2004)*

Section no.	Subject	Date approved
54(1)	Application to add a registered member form	29/04/2025
54(1)	Statutory declaration to accompany ea54(1) form	29/04/2025
55	Application to delete a registered member form	29/04/2025
57(1)	Application to change name of a registered party form	29/04/2025
130C	Procedures for telephone voting and for transmitting votes cast under these procedures	29/04/2025
24 (1)	Appointment of returning officers 2025 House of Assembly elections	17/06/2025
93(1), 93(2) & 92(4)	Appointment of polling places for the 2025 House of Assembly elections	17/06/2025
96(1)	Form of ballot papers for the 2025 House of Assembly elections	17/06/2025

Determinations *(Electoral Act 2004)*

Section no.	Subject	Date approved
27(1)	Remuneration and allowances	17/12/2024

Terminations *(Electoral Act 2004)*

Section no.	Subject	Date approved
93(3) & 93(4)	Termination of two appointed polling places for the 2025 House of Assembly elections	30/06/25 (out of session)

Approvals *(Local Government Act 1993)*

Section no.	Subject	Date approved
307(5)	Local Government recount Candidate Consent Form	8/12/24
307(5)	Local Government Elections – Candidate consent form for multiple parallel vacancies within a Council	22/01/25 (out of session)

Appointments, approvals and determinations (cont'd)

Approvals *(Electoral Disclosure and Funding Act 2023)*

Section no.	Subject	Date approved
n/a	Disclosure and funding compliance approach	21/03/2025
91-4	Campaign accounts policy	21/03/2025
	Compliance and Enforcement Policy	21/03/2025
EDFA: 6-7 & EA 3-4	Electoral Expenditure policy for House of Assembly elections	21/03/2025
5, 6, 7, 80, 81, 82, 90	Electoral Expenditure policy for Legislative Council elections	21/03/2025
5, 12-13, 28, 36, 40-6, 48-51, 53, 56-63, 70- 3, 75, 84-6, 88, 163	Financial disclosures policy	21/03/2025
5,11-2, 31-35, 37-8	Political donations policy	21/03/2025
5, 19, 20-5, 27, 36	Prohibited political donations policy	21/03/2025
5, 8, 34-5, 67-8, 95-8, 100-9, 111-130	Registration of electoral participants policy	21/03/2025
EA: 3, 44-6, 48, 50-62	Registration of political parties policy	21/03/2025
Part 8	Electronic disclosures for Legislative Council Elections guideline	21/03/2025
Parts 5-8	GST guideline	21/03/2025
Part 10	Endorsement of an agent at registration guideline	21/03/2025
107	Application to register a party agent form	21/03/2025
114	Application to register an official agent form	21/03/2025
121	Application to register an associated entity form	21/03/2025
126	Application to register a third-party campaigner	21/03/2025
108, 115	Application to cease to be an agent form	21/03/2025
100, 11, 118	Application for change of details form	21/03/2025
95	Register of Candidates	21/03/2025

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Approvals *(Electoral Disclosure and Funding Act 2023)*

Section no.	Subject	Date approved
102	Register of Assembly Members	21/03/2025
105	Register of Party Agents	21/03/2025
120	Register of Official Agents	21/03/2025
125	Register of Associated Entities	21/03/2025
	House of Assembly funding policy	29/04/2025
Part 12	Election Campaigns Fund payment claims guideline	29/04/2025
Part 7; Part 12	Election Campaigns Fund payment claims extension guideline	29/04/2025
Part 12	Election Campaigns Fund payment timeframe guideline	29/04/2025
Part 11	Election Campaigns Fund advance payment claim timeframes guideline	29/04/2025
Part 11	Election Campaigns Fund first advance payment guideline	29/04/2025
Part 12	Administration Fund quarterly payment claims guideline	29/04/2025
Part 12	Administration Fund quarterly advance payment for July–September 2025 guideline	29/04/2025
Part 11; Part 12	Electronic payment of public funding claims guideline	29/04/2025
Part 9; Part 11; Part 12	GST in a public funding claim guideline	29/04/2025
Part 2, s14; Part 11	Quantifying travel expenses guideline	29/04/2025
Part 14; Part 12	Expenditure that confers a private benefit guideline	29/04/2025
Part 11; Part 12	Publishing public funding claims guideline	29/04/2025
49	Reportable political donation declaration form	29/04/2025
51	Reportable political donation amendment form	29/04/2025
71	House of Assembly election campaign return form	29/04/2025
73	House of Assembly election campaign return amendment form	29/04/2025
84	Legislative Council election campaign return form	29/04/2025
86	Legislation Council election campaign return amendment form	29/04/2025
97	Application to register a candidate form	29/04/2025

Appointments, approvals and determinations (cont'd)

Approvals *(Electoral Disclosure and Funding Act 2023)*

Section no.	Subject	Date approved
100, 111, 118, 123 & 128	Change of registration details form	29/04/2025
107	Application to register a party agent form	29/04/2025
108 & 115	Removal of an agent form	29/04/2025
114	Application to register an official agent form	29/04/2025
121	Application to register an associated entity form	29/04/2025
126	Application to register a third-party campaigner form	29/04/2025
136 & 137	Election Campaigns Fund advance payment claim form	29/04/2025
137	Election Campaigns Fund payment claim form	29/04/2025
150	Administration Fund quarterly advance payment claim form	29/04/2025
151	Administration Fund quarterly payment claim form	29/04/2025
Parts 6–8	Disclosure of electoral expenditure guideline	06/05/2025 (out of session)
95–101	Delegations relating to administering the Register of Candidates	06/05/2025
102, 103, 104	Delegations relating to administering the Register of Assembly Members	06/05/2025
105–112	Delegations relating to administering the Register of Party Agents	06/05/2025
113–115; 117–119	Delegations relating to administering the Register of Official Agents	06/05/2025
120–124	Delegations relating to administering the Register of Associated Entities	06/05/2025
125–129	Delegations relating to administering the Register of Third-party Campaigners	17/06/2025
130	Delegations relating to public access to Registers	17/06/2025
49–51; 53	Delegations relating to Donation Disclosures	17/06/2025
71–74	Delegations relating to Assembly Election Campaign Returns	17/06/2025
Part 6; Part 7	Delegations relating to approval of receipt and acknowledgment books (hard copy and electronic forms) – under [draft] Regulations	17/06/2025
Part 7	Election campaign return disclosure of advertising material for the 2025 House of Assembly election guideline	26/06/2025 (out of session)

Appointments, approvals and determinations (cont'd)

Delegations *(Electoral Disclosure and Funding Act 2023)*

Section no.	Subject	Date approved	Delegate
Administering the Register of Candidates			
95	Keep Register of Candidates	17/6/2025	Kylee Rumble
96	Candidates who are taken to be registered	17/6/2025	Kylee Rumble
97	Receipt of applications to register as candidate at an election	17/6/2025	Kylee Rumble
98	Determination of applications to register as a candidate – register or refuse to register, including consider amended application	17/6/2025	Kylee Rumble
99(3)	Receive notice from registered party of intention to register an Assembly candidate, or an Assembly Member, to be registered as endorsed	17/6/2025	Kylee Rumble
100	Receive notice of change in particulars of registration of candidates	17/6/2025	Kylee Rumble
101	Variation of particulars of candidate registration when notified, cancel registration at request of candidate, vary or add particulars of own accord	17/6/2025	Kylee Rumble
Administering the Register of Assembly Members			
102	Keep register of Assembly Members	17/6/2025	Kylee Rumble
104	Amendment of Register of Assembly Members	17/6/2025	Kylee Rumble

Appointments, approvals and determinations (cont'd)

Delegations *(Electoral Disclosure and Funding Act 2023)*

Section no.	Subject	Date approved	Delegate
Administering the Register of Party Agents			
105	Keep Register of Party Agents	17/6/2025	Kylee Rumble
106	Receipt of applications from registered party to appoint party agent	17/6/2025	Kylee Rumble
107	Determination of applications to appoint a party agent – appoint or refuse to appoint	17/6/2025	Kylee Rumble
108	Receive notice of resignation of appointment as party agent, notice of death of appointed party agent from party, notice of sentence, conviction or appointment and revoke appointment of party agent	17/6/2025	Kylee Rumble
110	Registration or cancellation of registration of party agent	17/6/2025	Kylee Rumble
111	Receive notice of change in particulars of party agent	17/6/2025	Kylee Rumble
112	Amend register of party agents	17/6/2025	Kylee Rumble

Appointments, approvals and determinations (cont'd)

Delegations *(Electoral Disclosure and Funding Act 2023)*

Section no.	Subject	Date approved	Delegate
Administering the Register of Official Agents			
113	Keep Register of Official Agents	17/6/2025	Kylee Rumble
114	Receipt of applications for appointment of official agent from independent Members, independent candidates, associated entities, third-party campaigners and significant political donors	17/6/2025	Kylee Rumble
114(4)	Determination of applications to appoint official agent – appoint or refuse to appoint	17/6/2025	Kylee Rumble
115	Receive notice of resignation of appointment as official agent, notice of death of appointed party agent from party, notice of sentence, conviction or appointment and revoke appointment of party agent	17/6/2025	Kylee Rumble
117	Registration or cancellation of registration of official agent	17/6/2025	Kylee Rumble
118	Receive notice of change in particulars of official agent	17/6/2025	Kylee Rumble
119	Amend Register of Party Agents	17/6/2025	Kylee Rumble

Appointments, approvals and determinations (cont'd)

Delegations *(Electoral Disclosure and Funding Act 2023)*

Section no.	Subject	Date approved	Delegate
Administering the Register of Associated Entities			
120	Keep Register of Associated Entities	17/6/2025	Kylee Rumble
121	Receipt of applications for registration as associated entity	17/6/2025	Kylee Rumble
122	Determination of applications (including amended application) to register or refuse to register associated entity	17/6/2025	Kylee Rumble
123	Receive notice of change in particulars of associated entity	17/6/2025	Kylee Rumble
Administering the Register of Third-party Campaigners			
124	Amend register of associated entities	17/6/2025	Kylee Rumble
125	Keep Register of Third Party Campaigners	17/6/2025	Kylee Rumble
126	Receipt of applications for registration as third party campaigner	17/6/2025	Kylee Rumble
127	Determination of applications (including amended application) to register or refuse to register third party campaigner	17/6/2025	Kylee Rumble
128	Receive notice of change in particulars of third party campaigner	17/6/2025	Kylee Rumble
129	Amend register of third party campaigners	17/6/2025	Kylee Rumble
Publishing the various registers			
130	Public to have access to registers	17/6/2025	Kylee Rumble

Appointments, approvals and determinations (cont'd)

Delegations *(Electoral Disclosure and Funding Act 2023)*

Section no.	Subject	Date approved	Delegate
Receiving and publishing donation disclosures			
49	Receive donation declarations	17/6/2025	Kylee Rumble
50	Receive and assess applications for extension of due date of donation disclosure	17/6/2025	Kylee Rumble
51	Receiving amended donation declarations	17/6/2025	Kylee Rumble
53	Publishing disclosures on website within 7 days	17/6/2025	Kylee Rumble
Approving the format of receipts and acknowledgements			
Reg 6	Receipt book	17/6/2025	Kylee Rumble
Reg 7	Acknowledgement book	17/6/2025	Kylee Rumble

Appendix B

Legislative Council elections

Periodic cycle as at 30 June 2025

Year	Division	Current Member
2026	Huon	Dean Harriss
	Rosevears	Jo Palmer
2027	Derwent	Craig Farrell
	Mersey	Michael Gaffney
	Windermere	Nick Duigan
2028	Elwick	Bec Thomas
	McIntyre	Tania Rattray
2029	Launceston	Rosemary Armitage
	Murchison	Ruth Forrest
	Rumney	Sarah Lovell
2030	Hobart	Cassy O'Connor
	Prosser	Kerry Vincent
2031	Montgomery	Casey Hiscutt
	Nelson	Meg Webb
	Pembroke	Luke Edmunds

Elections are conducted on a six-year periodic cycle. Elections for three members are held in May one year, with elections for two members held in May the following year and so on.

2025 periodic elections calendar

Tuesday 15 April	6 pm	Issue of the writs and close of rolls
Thursday 1 May	12 noon	Candidate nominations close
Friday 2 May	12 noon	Announcement of nominations
Friday 16 May	4 pm	Postal vote applications close
Saturday 24 May	8 am–6 pm	Polling day

Montgomery election summary

Retiring member – Leonie Hiscutt	Electors enrolled	29,824
Returning officer – Michael Leyden	Electors who voted	24,548 (82.31%)
Casey Hiscutt elected member to serve until May 2031	Informal votes	906 (3.69%)

Nelson election summary

Retiring member – Meg Webb	Electors enrolled	25,560
Returning officer – Graeme Ingram	Electors who voted	20,985 (82.10%)
Meg Webb elected member to serve until May 2031	Informal votes	394 (1.88%)

Pembroke election summary

Retiring member – Luke Edmunds	Electors enrolled	23,438
Returning officer – Sharon Sutczak	Electors who voted	19,771 (84.35%)
Luke Edmunds elected member to serve until May 2031	Informal votes	449 (2.27%)

2025 Legislative Council elections – Montgomery

First preference votes and informal ballot papers by polling place

MONTGOMERY	Tasmanian Greens		Independent	Liberal Party	Shooters, Fishers, Farmers TAS			
	BRIGGS Darren	BURNETT Gatty	HISCUTT Casey	PARRY Stephen	PICKIN Adrian	Total formal votes	Informal	Total ballot papers counted
Acton	196	58	306	204	133	897	49	946
Claude Road	83	15	35	58	54	245	8	253
Forth	133	22	131	199	75	560	20	580
Gawler	77	19	117	155	67	435	25	460
Havenview	90	24	138	103	58	413	18	431
Heybridge	51	8	121	62	41	283	18	301
Highclere	15	4	35	44	30	128	6	134
Lower Barrington	134	22	181	233	120	690	42	732
Natone	24	5	46	34	27	136	8	144
North Motton	59	12	65	95	59	290	10	300
Penguin	441	38	568	283	144	1,474	50	1,524
Preston	26	4	15	22	22	89	4	93
Riana	24	3	61	31	24	143	5	148
Ridgley	63	23	159	146	103	494	22	516
Romaine	227	50	326	276	165	1,044	58	1,102
Sheffield	155	42	123	212	157	689	23	712
South Riana	33	8	63	45	41	190	10	200
Sprent	33	4	62	62	46	207	10	217
Stowport	52	14	89	78	39	272	19	291
Sulphur Creek	163	28	262	178	53	684	18	702
Turners Beach	156	25	196	302	78	757	25	782
Ulverstone Central	224	26	269	300	72	891	44	935
Ulverstone East	107	15	184	188	56	550	26	576
Ulverstone South	263	54	408	385	145	1,255	38	1,293
West Ulverstone	221	52	334	326	141	1,074	55	1,129
Wilmot	69	9	44	49	44	215	11	226
Wivenhoe	57	19	84	75	25	260	9	269
Total ordinary	3,176	603	4,422	4,145	2,019	14,365	631	14,996
Mobile	30	21	89	81	21	242	11	253
Pre-poll	1,543	315	2,564	2,287	835	7,544	231	7,775
Pre-poll (out of division)	10	0	6	3	5	24	1	25
Postal	324	66	466	368	157	1,381	32	1,413
Provisional	9	2	11	13	7	42	0	42
Out of division	19	1	6	14	4	44	0	44
Totals	5,111	1,008	7,564	6,911	3,048	23,642	906	24,548
% Formal vote	21.62%	4.26%	31.99%	29.23%	12.89%		informal 3.69%	

Distribution of preferences

MONTGOMERY		Tasmanian Greens		Independent	Liberal Party	Shooters, Fishers, Farmers TAS	Exhausted votes	Formal votes	Absolute majority	Remarks
		BRIGGS Darren	BURNETT Gatty	HISCUTT Casey	PARRY Stephen	PICKIN Adrian				
Count 1	Total votes	5,111	1,008	7,564	6,911	3,048	23,642	11,822		
Count 2	Votes transferred	224	-1,008	374	158	252				BURNETT excluded
	Total votes	5,335	0	7,938	7,069	3,300	23,642	11,822		
Count 3	Votes transferred	618		1,853	829	-3,300				PICKIN excluded
	Total votes	5,953		9,791	7,898	0	23,642	11,822		
Count 4	Votes transferred	-5,953		4,696	1,088		169			BRIGGS excluded
	Total votes	0		14,487	8,986		169	23,642	11,737	HISCUTT elected
				61.72%	38.28%					

2025 Legislative Council elections – Nelson

First preference votes and informal ballot papers by polling place

NELSON	Liberal Party	Tasmanian Greens	Independent			
	VERMEY Marcus	VOLF Nathan	WEBB Meg	Total formal votes	Informal	Total ballot papers counted
Blackmans Bay	208	112	375	695	17	712
Dynnyrne	184	137	278	599	8	607
Kingston	1,076	542	1,575	3,193	81	3,274
Kingston Beach	271	128	402	801	22	823
Kingston West	87	36	119	242	4	246
Lower Sandy Bay	362	111	425	898	18	916
Maranoa Heights	283	96	384	763	26	789
Mount Nelson	233	157	660	1,050	13	1,063
Sandy Bay	486	230	646	1,362	22	1,384
Sandy Bay Beach	293	45	322	660	5	665
Taroona	269	226	738	1,233	23	1,256
Waimea Heights	385	119	415	919	15	934
Total ordinary	4,137	1,939	6,339	12,415	254	12,669
Mobile	36	11	42	89	2	91
Pre-poll	2,210	692	3,372	6,274	119	6,393
Pre-poll (out of division)	21	6	31	58	1	59
Postal	589	212	786	1,587	12	1,599
Provisional	21	14	32	67	2	69
Out of division	31	22	48	101	4	105
Totals	7,045	2,896	10,650	20,591	394	20,985
% Formal vote	34.21%	14.06%	51.72%	informal 1.88%		
			WEBB elected			

2025 Legislative Council elections – Pembroke

First preference votes and informal ballot papers by polling place

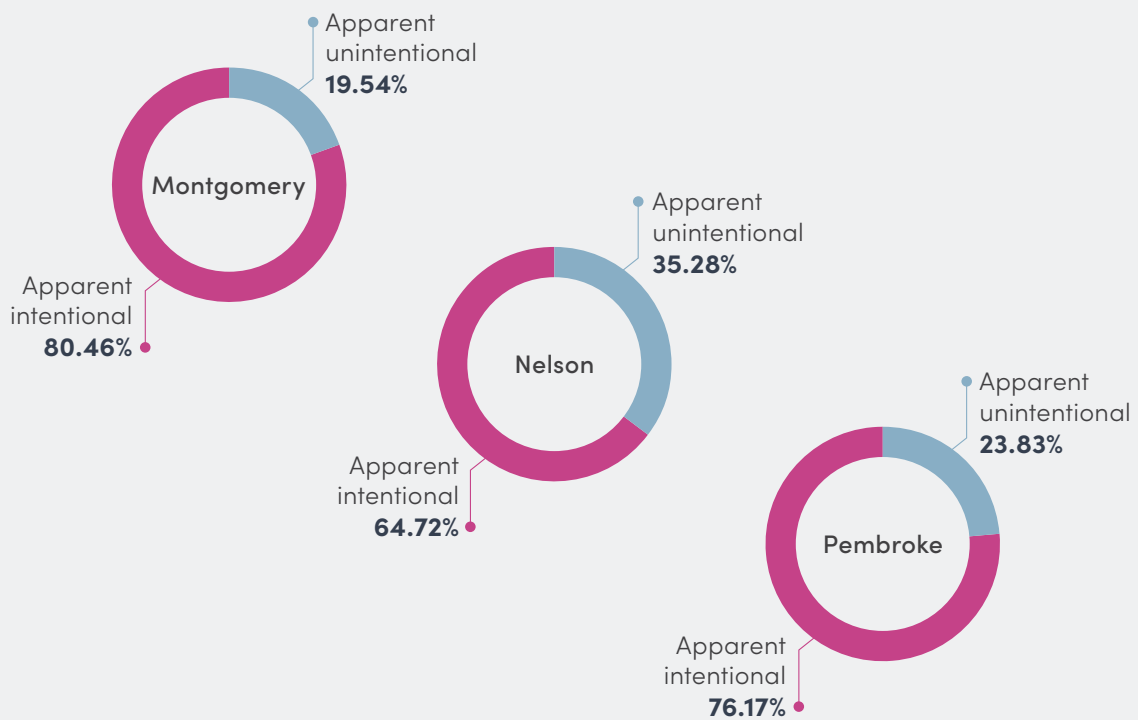
PEMBROKE	Tasmanian Greens	Australian Labor Party	Shooters, Fishers, Farmers TAS	Independent	Independent			
	ALLEN Carly	EDMUNDS Luke	LORING Steve	MULDER Tony	RITCHIE Allison	Total formal votes	Informal	Total ballot papers counted
Bellerive	329	479	47	88	188	1,131	20	1,151
Clarence	276	507	59	110	214	1,166	25	1,191
Geilston Bay	194	404	39	79	190	906	18	924
Howrah	256	642	46	137	228	1,309	33	1,342
Howrah East	62	86	7	28	34	217	8	225
Lindisfarne	282	497	43	72	202	1,096	31	1,127
Lindisfarne Village	395	514	65	133	309	1,416	28	1,444
Montagu Bay	296	408	40	82	191	1,017	25	1,042
Mornington	89	216	27	29	85	446	17	463
Tranmere	319	803	63	203	299	1,687	37	1,724
Warrane	249	684	94	95	292	1,414	62	1,476
Total ordinary	2,747	5,240	530	1,056	2,232	11,805	304	12,109
Mobile	27	85	10	51	83	256	8	264
Pre-poll	814	2,214	200	629	1,237	5,094	103	5,197
Pre-poll (out of division)	77	191	11	29	73	381	8	389
Postal	286	647	61	232	394	1,620	24	1,644
Provisional	22	37	3	2	17	81	0	81
Out of division	22	35	5	10	13	85	2	87
Totals	3,995	8,449	820	2,009	4,049	19,322	449	19,771
% Formal vote	20.68%	43.73%	4.24%	10.40%	20.96%	informal 2.27%		

Distribution of preferences

PEMBROKE		Tasmanian Greens	Australian Labor Party	Shooters, Fishers, Farmers TAS	Independent	Independent				
		ALLEN Carly	EDMUNDS Luke	LORING Steve	MULDER Tony	RITCHIE Allison	Exhausted votes	Formal votes	Absolute majority	Remarks
Count 1	Total votes	3,995	8,449	820	2,009	4,049		19,322	9,662	
Count 2	Votes transferred	132	180	-820	254	254				LORING excluded
	Total votes	4,127	8,629	0	2,263	4,303		19,322	9,662	
Count 3	Votes transferred	235	653		-2,263	1,375				MULDER excluded
	Total votes	4,362	9,282		0	5,678		19,322	9,662	
Count 4	Votes transferred	-4,362	1,935			2,384	43			ALLEN excluded
	Total votes	0	11,217			8,062	43	19,322	9,640	EDMUNDS elected
			58.18%			41.82%				

Informal ballot paper analysis

	Montgomery	Nelson	Pembroke	Total
Apparent intentional informal voting				
Blank	320	99	131	550
Deliberate informal or scribble/messages only	409	156	211	776
Total	729	255	342	1,326
Apparent unintentional informality				
Contains writing identifying elector	3	0	0	3
Contains only ticks or crosses	57	102	50	209
No first preference	16	7	3	26
Repetitions or omissions	97	28	49	174
Two or more first preferences	4	2	5	11
Total	177	139	107	423
Total	906	394	449	1,749



Appendix C

House of Assembly recount distributions

Lyons Recount (White)

On 4 March 2025, a recount was conducted to fill the vacancy in the House of Assembly created by the resignation of Rebecca White MP on 12 February 2025.

		Tasmanian Greens			Australian Labor Party					Jacqui Lambie Network	Shooters, Fishers, Farmers TAS			Group H	ungrouped						
		BROWN Craig	HOUGHTON Mitch	RUBENACH-QUINN Hannah	BATT Edwin	DUDMAN Ben	FARRELL Casey	GOSS Richard	MCQUEENEY Carole	PYECROFT Lesley	BIGG Phillip	TURALE Wayne	WILLIAMS Ray	OFFORD Angela	BRANCH-ALLEN Jenny	TRIFFITT Loueen (Lou)	Exhausted votes	Loss (gain) by fraction	Total votes (the quota)	Absolute majority	Remarks
Counts 1 – 8		131	67	188	1,322	1,838	1,755	1,465	1,671	381	74	61	128	51	27	27	67	4	9,257	4,594	WHITE distributed
Counts 9 – 16	Total transferred	1	0	0	0	2	1	1	1	2	0	0	1	3	5	-27	4	6			TRIFFITT excluded (draw by lot)
	Total votes	132	67	188	1,322	1,840	1,756	1,466	1,672	383	74	61	129	54	32	0	71	10	9,257	4,589	
Counts 17 – 24	Total transferred	1	1	2	1	2	4	1	3	1	0	0	0	4	-32		7	5			BRANCH-ALLEN excluded
	Total votes	133	68	190	1,323	1,842	1,760	1,467	1,675	384	74	61	129	58	0		78	15	9,257	4,583	
Counts 25 – 32	Total transferred	2	0	2	2	2	3	2	2	7	2	2	1	-58			24	7			OFFORD excluded
	Total votes	135	68	192	1,325	1,844	1,763	1,469	1,677	391	76	63	130	0			102	22	9,257	4,567	
Counts 33 – 40	Total transferred	1	0	1	1	5	4	6	2	2	10	-63	16				11	4			TURALE excluded
	Total votes	136	68	193	1,326	1,849	1,767	1,475	1,679	393	86	0	146				113	26	9,257	4,560	
Counts 41 – 48	Total transferred	16	-68	17	4	2	5	5	2	4	0		1				7	5			HOUGHTON excluded
	Total votes	152	0	210	1,330	1,851	1,772	1,480	1,681	397	86		147				120	31	9,257	4,554	
Counts 49 – 56	Total transferred	3		4	5	3	8	4	4	4	-86		38				11	2			BIGG excluded
	Total votes	155		214	1,335	1,854	1,780	1,484	1,685	401	0		185				131	33	9,257	4,547	
Counts 57 – 64	Total transferred	-155		58	9	9	13	13	11	12			4				27	-1			BROWN excluded
	Total votes	0		272	1,344	1,863	1,793	1,497	1,696	413			189				158	32	9,257	4,534	
Counts 65 – 72	Total transferred			7	17	19	26	19	9	21			-189				71	0			WILLIAMS excluded
	Total votes			279	1,361	1,882	1,819	1,516	1,705	434			0				229	32	9,257	4,499	
Counts 73 – 80	Total transferred			-279	30	23	33	23	59	33							77	1			RUBENACH-QUINN excluded
	Total votes			0	1,391	1,905	1,852	1,539	1,764	467							306	33	9,257	4,460	
Counts 81 – 88	Total transferred				57	53	79	70	73	-467							138	-3			PYECROFT excluded
	Total votes				1,448	1,958	1,931	1,609	1,837	0							444	30	9,257	4,392	
Counts 89 – 96	Total transferred				-1,448	226	244	499	410								74	-5			BATT excluded
	Total votes				0	2,184	2,175	2,108	2,247								518	25	9,257	4,358	
Counts 97 – 103	Total transferred					615	820	-2,108	492								183	-2			GOSS excluded
	Total votes					2,799	2,995	0	2,739								701	23	9,257	4,267	
Counts 104 – 111	Total transferred					1,209	1,255		-2,739								280	-5			MCQUEENEY excluded
	Total votes					4,008	4,250		0								981	18	9,257	4,130	FARRELL elected
Percentages						48.5%	51.5%														

Appendix D

Party register

Political parties may apply to register under the *Electoral Act 2004* with the TEC.

Party registration enables endorsed candidates to be listed under the name of the party on parliamentary ballot papers.

As at 30 June 2025, the following 7 parties were registered under the Act (alphabetical order):

- » Animal Justice Party
- » Australian Labor Party
- » Jacqui Lambie Network
- » The Liberal Party of Australia, Tasmanian Division
- » The National Party of Australia – Tasmania
- » Shooters, Fishers and Farmers Party Tasmania
- » Tasmanian Greens