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Dear Mr Katsambanis

**2017 Community Development and Justice Standing Committee
Inquiry into the Administration and Management of the 2017
State General Election**

I refer to correspondence received from the Deputy Chair, Mr M J Folkard, MLA dated 9 November 2017 requesting further information. The answers to the further questions are as follows:

1. The predicted number of potential electors is broadly based on enrolment figures but also there are a number of variables that can affect actual turnout. These include the transient nature of the electorate and the impact of events such as flooding and cyclonic weather conditions; and reduced access to voting services as a result of remoteness.
2. In total, postal votes were sent to 2450 electors at overseas locations with the UK being the most common destination. Of these only 265 were returned in time to be added to the count.
3. a) The four Mining and Pastoral districts are declared to be remote areas and are self-evidently so. However, they may contain areas within them (such as regional centres) that are not treated by the Commission as remote.

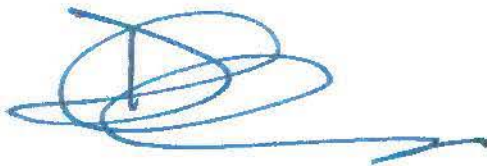
b) A person is entitled to be enrolled in the district where their usual place of abode is located, notwithstanding their occasional absence from that district. Absent any objections to an elector's enrolment, the Commission is guided by the information which the elector declares, noting that some

electors may divide their time between different localities depending upon their personal circumstances.

Where an elector lists a PO Box in their enrolment details, the Commission only uses that address for the despatch of any notices it may generate. A PO Box has no application to voting entitlement, which is based solely on each elector's registered residential address.

c) Not applicable.

Yours sincerely

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David Kerslake
ELECTORAL COMMISSIONER

20 November 2017