



WAEC Media Alert

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR THE MEDIA

VOTE COUNTING UPDATE

Counting of votes in the State general election is nearing completion. Updated results are available at www.elections.wa.gov.au

Legislative Assembly

Distribution of preferences has been finalised for 42 of the 59 districts. A further 10 will be completed today (Wednesday 22 March) and the remainder tomorrow.

As each district is finalised this is flagged in the results section of the website as “Result Declared”, with the formal declaration by the Returning Officer usually following within a couple of days depending upon the local availability of candidates.

Legislative Council

The process of checking and counting Legislative Council ballot papers is more involved than that for the Assembly and typically takes longer, with the results data entered into the Commission’s vote counting system to be counted electronically.

Once all ballot paper votes have been data entered each returning officer will separately initiate the electronic count and then declare the result. This is scheduled to occur by Thursday this week for each of the six regions.

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Authorised by the Electoral Commissioner 22 March 2017