

State election up and running.

The starter's gun has been fired. The 2017 State general election is officially up and running.

With the issue of the writs, candidate nominations for both Houses of Parliament are now open and close at 12.00 noon Friday 10 February.

Electoral Commissioner, David Kerslake said that a record number of registered political parties will contest the election.

"At the 2013 general election there were just seven registered parties. This has now increased to 16. No doubt there will be a corresponding significant increase in the number of candidates nominating at this election", he said.

Mr Kerslake added that electors had just a few days to ensure they are on the electoral roll or to update their enrolment.

Electoral rolls for this election close at 6.00pm, Thursday 9 February 2017.

Electors can check and update their enrolment online at www.elections.wa.gov.au
Elector enquiries can also be made to the election helpline 136306.

Election Day is Saturday 11 March. Early voting is available from Monday 20 February.

Ends

The Electoral Commissioner is available for interview by contacting WAEC media on media@waec.wa.gov.au