

ACTIVITY	Seat Allocation – Tied quotients
SUPPLEMENTARY PROCEDURE	For determining tied quotient by lot
APPLIES	When one or more final quotients, for different political parties and/or candidates, is tied
LAW	Electoral Act 2014 , section 104(8) (at page 42)

One of the situations anticipated under section 104(8) of the [Electoral Act 2014](#) (at page 42) is when the final quotient to be ascertained – that is, the fifty-fifth (55th) quotient – is of exactly the same value for one or more political parties and/or independent candidates.

Section 104(8) provides that, when this situation occurs, the Commission must *determine by lot* which of the quotients is to be selected for the purpose of allocating the fifty-fifth (55th) seat in Parliament.

1. The Commission has decided that the process to be used for the determination by lot is drawing numbered balls out of a barrel in a similar manner as the barrel ball draw is conducted for the allocation of candidate numbers.
2. The Commission will invite representatives of the affected political parties and/or independent candidates to attend at the National Count Centre and participate in the barrel ball draw.
3. Because the Commission cannot announce the final results of the election until the final quotient is determined, this process must be conducted promptly. If an invited party or candidate (or their nominated representative) cannot promptly attend the barrel ball draw, the Commission will need to proceed without their participation.

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