



HIGH COURT OF AUSTRALIA

MR SCOTT LUDLAM

TAKE NOTICE that the High Court of Australia will sit as the Court of Disputed Returns pursuant to s 376 of the *Commonwealth Electoral Act* 1918 (Cth) at 10:15am (AEST) on Thursday 24 August 2017 at the Commonwealth Law Courts Building, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, for the purpose of giving directions as to the hearing and determination by the Court of Disputed Returns of the following questions transmitted by the Senate on Wednesday 9 August 2017 pursuant to s 377 of the *Commonwealth Electoral Act* 1918 (Cth):

- (a) whether by reason of s 44(i) of the Constitution there is a vacancy in the representation of Western Australia in the Senate for the place for which Senator Ludlam was returned;
- (b) if the answer to Question (a) is 'yes', by what means and in what manner that vacancy should be filled;
- (c) if the answer to Question (a) is 'no', is there a casual vacancy in the representation of Western Australia in the Senate within the meaning of s 15 of the Constitution; and
- (d) what directions and other orders, if any, should the Court make in order to hear and finally dispose of this reference.

Any person who desires to place any evidence before or make any submission to the Court should apply to the Court by email addressed to Senate.Reference.Ludlam@hcourt.gov.au by 12:00noon on Monday 21 August 2017 setting out the reasons why they should be granted leave to appear before the Court. The Court may determine such application on the papers or invite the person to appear and make oral submissions to the Court in Brisbane (or by video-link if required) at 10:15am (AEST) on Thursday 24 August 2017.

Inquiries should be directed to the Registry in Canberra by telephoning (02) 6270 6862.

DATED 11 AUGUST 2017

Andrew Phelan
Chief Executive and Principal Registrar