Doubtful ballot papers - allowed votes



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BALLOT PAPER		BALLOT PAPER VOTE (X) ONLY ONCE		BALLOT PAPER VOTE (X) ONLY ONCE	
Should Scotland be an independent country?		Should Scotland be an independent country?	YES YES	Should Scotland be an independent country?	YES
Allow for YES Rule 31(3)(b) - marked otherwise than by means of a	cross	Allow for YES <i>Berwick-upon-Tweed</i> case and Rule 31(3) than in the proper place	NO	Allow for YES Rule 31(3)(b) - marked otherwise than by	v means of a cross

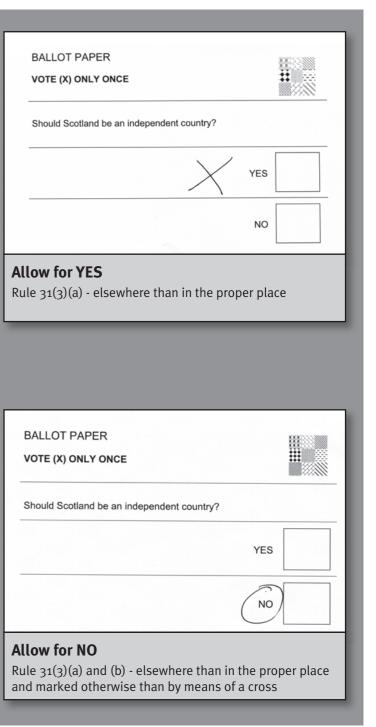
VOTE (X) ONLY ONCE		
Should Scotland be an independent cou	ntry?	
	Y	ES
	/ .	NO X

BALLOT PAPER VOTE (X) ONLY ONCE	
Should Scotland be an independent cou	untry?
	YES Z
	NO
Allow for NO Rule 31(3)(b) and (c) - marked ot	herwise than by means of

a cross and by more than one mark

BALLOT PAPER VOTE (X) ONLY ONCE	
Should Scotland be an independent country?	
	YES
	NOX
Allow for NO <i>Woodward v Sarsons</i> and Rule 31(3)(c) mark	- by more than one

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Doubtful ballot papers - rejected votes



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BALLOT PAPER VOTE (X) ONLY ONCE		BALLOT PAPER VOTE (X) ONLY ONCE		BALLOT PAPER VOTE (X) ONLY ONCE	
Should Scotland be an independent country?		Should Scotland be an independent country?		Should Scotland be an independent country?	
	YES X		YES X		YES YES
Reject Rule 31(2)(b) - voting for both answers		Reject Rule 31(2)(b) - voting for both answers		Reject Rule 31(2)(b) - voting for both answers	

BALLOT PAPER	
Should Scotland be an independent country?	
	YES 2
	NO
Reject Rule 31(2)(d) - void for uncertainty	

BALLOT PAPER VOTE (X) ONLY ONCE	**
Should Scotland be an independent country?	
	YES
3	NO
Reject Rule 31(2)(d) void for uncertainty	

BALLOT PAPER VOTE (X) ONLY ONCE				
Should Scotland be an independent country?				
R. Mac Fadyen 105 Kingston Road	YES X			
	NO			
Reject Woodward v Sarsons and Rule 31(2)(c) - voter can be identified				

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