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Hi Andrew,

Please see from paragraph 6 of this AGS advice:

[1988.06.17 - Referendum \(Machinery Provisions\) Act 1984 \(The Act\) ss.24, 25 and 93 \(A254772\)](#)

In particular at paras 7 and 8:

7. In the first place, I confirm your understanding that ballot- papers marked with ticks only would be formal, the ticks denoting approval in each case. However, ballot-papers marked with crosses only would be informal as there would be no clear indication of the voter's intention. A cross may be used, by itself, variously to denote approval or disapproval.

8. Further, in paragraph 9 of this Department's earlier memorandum you were advised that votes marked with ticks and crosses were formal. This is because where a tick and a cross are juxtaposed, the tick denotes approval and the cross disapproval.

If you need anything else please let us know.

Kind regards,

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