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ELECTORAL ACT

IN EXERCISE of the powers conferred by section 41 of the Electoral Act 1989, the Electoral Commission with the approval of Cabinet makes the following Regulations -

1 Short Title

- (1) This Regulations may be cited as the Electoral (Amendment) Regulations 2014.
- (2) In these Regulations, the Electoral Regulations 2010 shall be referred to as the Principal Regulations.

2 New Regulation 4A

The Principal Regulations is amended by inserting immediately after regulation 4 the following new regulation 4A –

“4A Spoilt ballot papers

Pursuant to section 12(6) of the Act, after the spoilt ballot paper has been returned to the returning officer, the returning officer shall –

- (a) cancel every such spoilt ballot paper by writing across the face thereof the words “Spoilt by voter, and a fresh ballot paper issued” and writing his initials thereon;
- (b) if any ballot paper is inadvertently spoilt by the returning officer or any other official, cancel it by writing across the face thereof the words

“Spoilt by official” and the words “and a fresh ballot paper issued” if that is the case, and writing his initials thereon;

- (c) retain all spoilt ballot papers in his possession until the close of poll.”.

Made at Nuku'alofa this 26th day of June 2014.

Electoral Commission