

FAST FACT!

Informal votes – otherwise known as ‘donkey votes’ – are votes which are not counted in an election because the ballot was either not completed, completed incorrectly or identifies the voter in some way. In Australian federal elections, informal votes make up around 5% of votes

(Source: AEC, 2022)



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EPISODE EIGHT: ‘HIGH INSECURITY’

When Cat is lumped with a suffocating security detail, Ollie and Miro must put their differences aside to take the lead on the Agitator hunt.

1. Through her internal monologue, the audience hears Cat drily referring to emojis to describe her situation. For example, she ‘inserts eyeroll emoji’ when sandwiched between her two new security guards in the car. Briefly explain the possible purpose of the emoji references, then suggest three other emojis that could be ‘inserted’ into Cat’s experiences throughout this episode.
2. When working as her campaign manager, Cat posted a political message on Sadie’s social media account without her knowledge or consent. Why was this problematic? As a mock policy document outline the steps a campaign team could use to plan, assess and release new messages on social media.
3. The Prime Minister relinquished her Spanish citizenship when she won her seat and launched a career in parliament. This is because a constitutional rule in Australia prohibits federal political candidates from holding dual citizenship. How might the public react if Prime Minister Pérez cannot find evidence of her renounced citizenship?
4. Cat advocates for lowering the voting age in Australia. Answer the following questions in a written response:
 - What are some potential opportunities and challenges of a lower voting age?
 - If the voting age really were lowered in Australia, what would be a fair age?
 - Which political issues would you be most passionate about voting on?