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**INDICATIVE VOTES: BEST DONE WITH PREFERENCE VOTING**

**While binary voting sometimes doesn’t work,**

**preference voting invariably does produce**

**not only a social choice but also a social ranking**

As the attached analysis of last Monday’s indicative votes shows, any form of preferential voting would be better than binary voting.

The best forms are preferential points voting – the original but now known as the modified Borda count, MBC – and/or the Condorcet rule. In most profiles, the MBC social choice and the Condorcet winner are the same.

If the MBC social choice gets a mediocre score, the said option may be only the MPs’ least unpopular choice. If its score is rather more, it may be their best possible compromise. And if its a good score, it may be regarded as parliament’s consensus.

**RECOMMENDATION**: All indicative votes should be done preferentially.

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