

**Submission no. 2**

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Extract from e-mail from Mr M Danby

Dear Judy,

Thank you very much for your notice about preparing an evaluation on the new method of counting divisions. I would propose option 4 be adopted, which is that the existing Whips (i.e 4) count divisions standing at the Hansard desk, rather than next to the Speaker. This would, in my view, obviate the confusion that sometimes exists, and is caused by having 8 tellers, it would save time, as the main problem that the 4 regular tellers (i.e. the 4 Whips have) is seeing people who are obscured by others, and who can not be seen from the positions next to the Speaker. I believe this would be a fairer comparison than with the old arrangements, and would lead to greater accuracy over time. The problem of accuracy with the 8 tellers has not been fully tested, but will in my view, inevitably arise with the effluxion of time.

Michael