

### Ministerial Submission

09-579  
24/03/2009

**FOR:** MR SMITH (ACTION) MR MCMULLAN (INFO) MR CREAN (INFO)  
**From:** John Fisher, AS SEB, 2891 **Contact:** s 22 1(a)(ii) Desk Officer, s 22 1(a)(ii)  
**Subject:** INDONESIA: LEGISLATIVE ELECTIONS

<b>Urgency:</b> To provide information before Indonesian elections on 9 April	
<b>Key Issues:</b> s 22 1(a)(ii)	
<b>Recommendation:</b> That you: (a) s 22 1(a)(ii)  (b)	<b>Decision:</b>  <u>Noted</u>  <u>Noted</u>  <u>Please Discuss</u>
<b>Domestic/Media Considerations:</b> No	
<b>Action:</b>  f Stephen Smith 23/03/09	
<b>Through/Information:</b>  Bob McMullan      Simon Crean / /                      / /	<u>Noted</u>

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**Background:**

s 22 1(a)(ii)

Recent polls suggest the Democrats could win over 20 per cent of the vote, a significant improvement from 2004 (eight per cent) and, technically, enough for Yudhoyono to run for President without support from a coalition of other parties. (Presidential candidates require the support of a party, or parties, with 20 per cent of DPR seats or 25 per cent of votes.) s 22 1(a)(ii)

2. Polling in Indonesia is still a relatively inexact science, complicated by high numbers of undecided voters (over 20 per cent) and partisan polling. There are, however, a number of credible polls (Attachment A) which, over recent months, have consistently shown growing support for Yudhoyono's party s 22 1(a)(ii)

4. The 2009 elections should also see a further consolidation in the number of parties in the DPR, which should lead to a more workable parliament. (Parties need at least 2.5 per cent of votes to secure any DPR seats.) The parties of Soeharto-era generals and presumptive presidential candidates, Prabowo Subianto (Gerindra) and Wiranto (Hanura), are both polling under four per cent. s 22 1(a)(ii)  
s 22 1(a)(ii) s 33 (a)(iii)

5. The official three-week campaign period for the general elections began on 16 March with 38 parties contesting the 560 DPR seats. New methods of vote allocation, based on votes for individual candidates rather than party lists, should help improve local representation and accountability. s 22 1(a)(ii)

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### Ministerial Submission

09-733  
17/04/2009

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Subject: INDONESIA'S ELECTIONS: YUDHOYONO CONSOLIDATING

<b>Urgency:</b> by 26 April, to ensure timely awareness of significant political developments.	
<b>Key Issues:</b> s 22 1(a)(ii)	
<b>Recommendation:</b> That you:  (a) s 22 1(a)(ii)  (b)  (c)  (d)	<b>Decision:</b>  <u>Noted</u>  <u>Noted</u>  <u>Noted</u>  <u>Noted</u>  <del><u>Please Discuss</u></del>
<b>Domestic/Media Considerations:</b> Yes, Australian media is showing keen interest	
<b>Action:</b>   Stephen Smith 26 14/4/09	
<b>Through/Information:</b>  Simon Crean      Bob McMullan / /                    / /	<u>Noted</u>

**Background:**

Yudhoyono's Democrat Party (PD) has won the 9 April parliamentary elections s 22 1(a)(ii)

With around 20 per cent of the vote, PD is well ahead of Vice-President Jusuf Kalla's Golkar and ex-President Megawati's PDI-P, each on around 15 per cent. s 22 1(a)(ii)

New parties Gerindra and Hanura, led respectively by former generals Prabowo Subianto and Wiranto, are on around 5 per cent and 4 per cent respectively. s 22 1(a)(ii)

2. With his nomination assured and a stronger political base behind him, Yudhoyono is better placed than in 2004 to form government on his terms s 22 1(a)(ii)


3. The 2009 elections should produce a less diverse legislature, with only nine parties meeting the 2.5 per cent threshold required to win seats in parliament, compared with 21 parties currently represented. s 22 1(a)(ii)

5. s 33 (a)(iii)

s 22 1(a)(ii)

s 33 (a)(iii)

6. It may take weeks yet for election authorities to announce final results, due on 9 May. s 22 1(a)(ii)

  
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s 22 1(a)(ii)

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### Ministerial Submission

09-1034  
25/05/2009

FOR: MR SMITH (ACTION) MR CREAN (INFO) MR MCMULLAN (INFO)  
From: John Fisher, AS, 2891 Contact: s 22 1(a)(ii) Executive Officer, s 22 1(a)(ii)

Subject: INDONESIA: PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS - THE CANDIDATES

Urgency: by 29 May to ensure update is current	
Key Issues: s 22 1(a)(ii) <span style="float: right;">s 33 (a)(iii)</span>  s 22 1(a)(ii)	
Recommendation: That you: (a) s 22 1(a)(ii)  (b)  (c)	Decision:  <u>Noted</u>  <u>Noted</u>  <u>Noted</u>  <b><u>Please Discuss</u></b>
Domestic/Media Considerations: No Action:   Stephen Smith 30/5/09	
Through/Information:  Simon Crean      Bob McMullan / /                    / /	<u>Noted</u>

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**Background:**

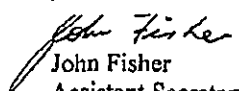
The final line-up of candidates for Indonesia's Presidential elections highlights Yudhoyono's firm favouritism to win re-election. Barring any major shocks, the major question is whether Yudhoyono will secure the more than 50 per cent of the vote required on 8 July to avoid a second-round two-way run off in September. s 22 1(a)(ii)

Yudhoyono continues to poll well ahead of his two rivals, former President Megawati and current Vice President Kalla, recording 70 per cent support in one poll.

s 22 1(a)(ii)

s 33 (a)(iii)

s 22 1(a)(ii)

  
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