

So – what was wrong with our 2nd Referendum on Lisbon?

The "suspect anomalies" of the second referendum of the Lisbon treaty are so obvious and clearly visible for everyone to see, that it is beyond me, why this has never been properly investigated! The first Lisbon Treaty referendum was called, "*the 28th Amendment to the Constitution Act*" and followed in chronological order all previous amendments whether they were accepted or not. The same number '28' was applied to the second vote also as *the 28th Amendment* when in correct order it should have been "*the 29th Amendment*". What difference does it make is the obvious question one would ask? It meant that large scale fraud could have been done since the ballot papers of the vote from the 1st referendum on the Lisbon Treaty would be indistinguishable from the second vote ballot papers laid side by side. The law states very clearly that referendum papers the same as all ballot papers must be officially destroyed within 6 months of the poll and a certificate of destruction of same be issued. **But no Certificate of Destruction of papers from the 1st Referendum on the Lisbon treaty has ever been issued.** The further irregularity was that contrary to the 1992/97 Electoral Acts, the ballot boxes for Lisbon 2 were delivered, not to Garda stations and Army barracks as required by law and be held there until the morning of the poll but to the private homes of returning officers two days before the referendum was due to be held. One further significant incident is that two senior representatives of the Anti-Lisbon campaign had agreed with the National Returning Officer that they could attend the national count centre in Dublin Castle overnight and supervise the custody of the ballot boxes which would be stored there until the count began the following morning. When they arrived at the centre to take up duty, they were denied access by Gardaí and told to leave the premises or be forcibly ejected.