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**PRESS RELEASE**

**ELECTORAL OFFICE MEETS KEY PERFORMANCE TARGETS**

The major finding of the 2006-2007 statutory annual report of the Chief Electoral Officer reports that the five out of the six key targets on its Business Plan were achieved.

The Electoral Office met its targets in voter registration, election delivery, Boundary Commission matters, polling stations projects, and providing advice to Government on electoral matters. The sixth area, a bespoke IT based project supporting continuous registration, was cancelled because of potential high cost and other risks.

The report which was laid before both Houses of Parliament by the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland covers the work undertaken by the Chief Electoral Officer and his staff during the period 1 April 2006 to 31 March 2007.

Commenting on the report Douglas Bain said:

**“As the end of what has been a busy first year for me as Chief Electoral Officer, I would like to pay tribute to my staff for their efforts and hard work. When our business plan was drawn up, elections to the Assembly were unlikely and I am delighted that we were able to deliver a very successful election for the people of Northern Ireland whilst still achieving so many of the key business targets.**

**I would also recognise and thank the many others who assisted us in our work during the year including, the Electoral Commission, the political parties and, of course, the electors. Without their support little would have been possible.”**

## Notes for Editors

- Douglas Bain was appointed Chief Electoral Officer on 1 June 2006.
- The canvass in autumn 2006 was the last annual canvass. The next full canvass is not due until 2010. The annual canvass has been replaced by a process of “continuous registration” under which individuals are added to and removed from the electoral registers as their details change.
- An independent survey conducted on behalf of the Electoral Commission showed that 90% of the electors at the Assembly elections were satisfied or very satisfied with their general experience.
- The report is available on [www.eoni.org.uk](http://www.eoni.org.uk)