

Dear,

I refer to your correspondence of 6 September 2007 and would provide the following information in relation to the sale of the electoral register in Northern Ireland:

1. Are details in the full or edited electoral roll that you are responsible for sold on to third parties? Exactly what details about householders are sold?

In accordance with the Representation of the People (Northern Ireland) Amendment Regulations 2002, the edited version of the electoral register may be sold to any person for any purpose. The full register may only be sold to:

- Government Departments (for the purposes of crime prevention or vetting of employees)
- Credit Reference Agencies registered under Part III of the Consumer Credit Act 1974

The register includes the names, addresses and elector numbers of electors. If an elector can only vote at certain elections, this is indicated with a Flag (e.g. a 'G' Flag indicates a European elector who may only vote in Local Government and NI Assembly elections). If an elector has not reached the age of 18 when the register is published, the date at which they will become 18 is listed next to their name. Copies of the full register sold to Government Departments and Credit Reference Agencies also include an 'X' flag to indicate whether the elector has opted out of the edited register.

2. Which companies and/or individuals have you sold either the full or edited electoral roll to in exchange for payment in the years 2005-2006, 2006-2007? If the figures for 2006-2007 are unavailable, please provide this information for 2004-2005 or whichever period is most recent and appropriate. Please provide the names, addresses and contact details for companies and individuals who have paid for this access.

In 2005-06 the electoral register was sold to 76 people/organisations. In 2006-07 the electoral register was sold to 49 people/organisations. Due to Data Protection legislation we are unable to provide the names, addresses and contact details of individuals who have purchased the electoral register. The details of organisations which have purchased the register are detailed in Annex A. We have provided the addresses of organisations where available.

3. How much does the council for which you are the Electoral Registration Officer charge for access to either the full or edited electoral register and what is the total annual revenue your area makes from these sales? Please provide figures for the year 2005-2006 and 2006-2007. Again, if 2006-2007 figures are unavailable, please supply 2004-2005 or whichever period is most relevant and appropriate.

The full and edited electoral registers are available for inspection free-of-charge. If a person or organisation wishes to purchase a register and is entitled to do so in accordance with the legislation, the fees (also stated in the legislation) are as follows:

- on CD-ROM - £20 fee plus £1.50 per 1,000 entries (or remaining part of 1,000 entries)

- in printed form - £10 fee plus £5 per 1,000 entries (or remaining part of 1,000 entries)

In 2005-06 the total annual revenue from sales of the electoral register was £29,174.27. In 2006-07 the total annual revenue from sales of the electoral register was £26,161.00.

I hope this is helpful. If you should have any further queries please contact me.

Yours sincerely

Information Officer

Annex A – Organisations which have purchased the electoral register 2005-06 and 2006-07

2005/06				
Name	Address 1	Address 2	Town	Postcode
Translink	-	-	-	-
Rate Collection Agency	Department of Finance & Personnel	Rathgael House	Bangor	BT19 7NA
Queens University	-	-	-	-
Price Waterhouse Coopers	-	-	-	-
NHSSB	-	-	-	-
Belfast City Council	Corporate Services Department	City Hall	Belfast	BT1 5GS
Housing Executive	34-45 Boat Street	-	Newry	BT34 2DB
Mortgage & Property Matters	-	-	-	-
SEELB	Grahambridge Road	Dundonald	Belfast	BT16 2HS
Openway Mortgages & Loans	1st Floor North Building, Twin Spires Centre	155 Northumberland Street	Belfast	BT13 2JF
Experian	Talbot House	Talbot Street	Nottingham	NG80 1TH
Equifax Plc	PO Box 1139	-	Bradford	BD1 5UT
The Mortgage Shop	-	-	-	-
Nationwide Building Society	-	-	-	-
Call Credit Plc	One Park Lane	Leeds	West Yorkshire	LS3 1EP
Departmental Solicitors Office	2nd Floor, Centre House	79 Chichester Street	Belfast	BT1 4JE
Aristotle	Apollo House	56 New Bond Street	London	W1S 1RG
Stiles Community Association	Ardview Centre	8-10 Ardneglass Gardens	Antrim	BT41 1RH
The Belfast Public Libraries	Bibliographical Services Dept	Royal Avenue	Belfast	BT1 1EA
Inland Revenue	Hampton House	55 Royal Avenue	Belfast	BT1 1FX
The Mortgage Shop	132 Great Victoria Street	-	Belfast	BT2 7BG
Premier Power	-	-	-	-
SEELB Information Librarian	Library & Information Service	Windmill Hill	Ballynahinch	BT24 8DH
Belfast City Council	Development Directorate Section	4-10 Linenhall Street	Belfast	BT2 8BP
Ballinascreen Credit Union	-	-	-	-
Larne Power Station Kilroot	-	-	-	-
Sperrin Lakeland Trust	-	-	-	-
Cavanagh / Kelly Accountants	38 Northland Row	Dungannon	-	-
Portadown Credit Union	-	-	-	-
Rainbow Bingo	-	Omagh	-	-
Lurgan Credit Union	-	-	-	-
Mentor	-	-	-	-
Church	150-164 Albertbridge Road	-	Belfast	BT5
McAleer & Co. Solicitors	-	-	-	-
Balnamore Community Assoc.	-	-	-	-

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Terra Travel	High Street	-	Portadown	-
GEES	-	-	-	-
P & O Port of Larne	-	-	-	-
Western Building Systems	7 Washing Bay Road	-	Coalisland	-
PSNI Newry	-	-	-	-
Saint Mary's	-	-	-	-
Randalstown FPC	-	-	-	-
TD Gibson & Company	Morrison House	-	Portadown	-
Randlstown FPC	-	-	-	-
TD Gibson & Company	-	-	-	-
Omagh Minerals Ltd	-	-	-	-
2006/07				
Rate Collection Agency	Department of Finance & Personnel	Rathgael House	Bangor	BT19 7NA
Hampton Estate Agency Ltd	-	-	-	-
Environmental & Heritage Service	Commonhealth House	35 Castle Street	Belfast	BT1 1GU
BT	Grd F1 Lakeview House, Fraser Road	Priory Business Park	Bedford	MK44 3WH
Social Security Agency	Queen Elizabeth Road	Enniskillen	Fermanagh	BT74 7BR
Experian	Talbot House	Talbot Street	Nottingham	NG80 1TH
Call Credit Plc	One Park Lane	Leeds	West Yorkshire	LS3 1EP
Equifax Plc	PO Box 1139	-	Bradford	BD1 5UT
Craigavon Borough Council	Central Services Dept, Carn Industrial Estate	Portadown	Craigavon	BT63 5RH
Aristotle	Apollo House	56 New Bond Street	London	W1S 1RG
Remax	5 Jinglers Court	Newry Street	Banbridge	BT32 3YJ
Court Credit Union	271 Shankill Road	-	Belfast	BT13 1FT
OPM	252b Gray's Inn Road	-	London	WC1X 8XG
SEELB	Library & Information Service	Windmill Hill	Ballynahinch	BT24 8DH
CM Surveys	-	-	-	-
Mentor	-	-	-	-
Tullylish Parish	-	-	-	-
HR Wilson Associates	-	-	-	-
Donaghmore Community Assoc.	-	-	-	-
Corpus Christie Services	-	-	-	-
Property Management Ireland	-	-	-	-
Newry & Mourne Council	-	-	-	-
Waterside Credit Union	-	-	-	-
Ballymena Council	-	-	-	-

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Salight Foundation Ltd	-	-	-	-
VLA	Scarffes Entry	Omagh	-	-
Ballymena Credit Union	-	-	-	-
Warrenpoint Credit Union	Tony Fearne	-	-	-
Omagh District Council	-	-	-	-
Cavanagh / Kelly Accountants	38 Northland Row	Dungannon	-	-
Broughshane Community Assoc.	-	-	-	-