

Thank you for your email of 5 May.

The postal and proxy vote figures you seek will be published on our website as soon as they are available and are accordingly exempt from disclosure to you pursuant to section 22 of the Freedom of Information Act. Whilst the new data is held it has yet to be formatted and analysed. It is reasonable in these circumstances that it be withheld from disclosure until that is done.

The numbers on the parliamentary and local government registers are available on the website by following the links to 'Statistics' – 'Electorate Statistics'. The eligible electorate figure for this election can be found by following the links 'Elections' – 'Parliamentary Election 2010'.

I will provide you with the total number of EU nationals registered as electors as soon as practicable although as I am sure you will appreciate there may be some delay due to the election.

I note your suggestion regarding amending our website. There is no evidence to suggest that there is any confusion about this matter. As you will know poll cards for a Parliamentary election are not sent to EU citizens.

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