

The information requested by you on 4 July is as follows –

Has a report been compiled by the Electoral Office in relation to, or including, the work done by 'additional polling clerks' on Election Day, Thursday 4th June 2009?

No written report has been prepared on the work done by the additional poll clerks.

I would like to request a full financial breakdown of the cost incurred by hiring 'additional polling clerks', including the process of hire, advertising, training, hours of work and any other cost that I have not mentioned.

The total amount paid was £28,932.18 inclusive of VAT.

Was the presiding officer contacted by any 'additional polling clerk' in relation to any perceived illegal activity by any polling agent during the course of the Election Day on Thursday, 4th June, 2009?

No presiding officers were contacted by an additional poll clerk in relation to illegal activity by polling agents. That may be because either there was no such activity or the presence of the additional clerks acted as an effective deterrent.

Were any polling agents warned by 'additional polling clerks' in relation to any perceived illegal activity during the course of the Election Day on Thursday, 4th June, 2009?

No polling agents were warned by these clerks. That could be because either there was no illegal activity or the presence of the clerks acted as an effective deterrent.

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