

26 October 2009

Dear Sirs,

I refer to your FOI request dated 22 September, as amended by your letter of 29 September, and now enclose tables giving, where it is held, the information requested.

Should you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully,

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Chief Electoral Officer for Northern Ireland



CUSTOMER SERVICE EXCELLENCE

Table 1
Registration applications received and refused

Constituency	Year to 01.12.08		Year to 01.12.07		Year to 01.12.06		Year to 01.12.05		Year to 01.12.04	Year to 01.12.03	Year to 01.12.02
	Received	Refused	Received	Refused	Received	Refused	Received	Refused			
Belfast East	5011	633	3035	153	1273	61	1837	169			
Belfast North	4905	950	5246	489	1291	116	3686	394			
Belfast South	9689	1283	3898	266	1201	127	2575	324			
Belfast West	4818	789	8826	764	1564	171	6865	905			
East Antrim	7292	838	3301	223	730	28	1889	213			
East Londonderry	7463	935	2839	135	690	40	1475	67			
Fermanagh And South Tyrone	6635	932	4167	254	801	38	4091	323			
Foyle	10346	1354	5239	286	1108	77	4149	312			
Lagan Valley	9844	795	4730	156	1103	39	2116	113			
Mid Ulster	6089	356	4723	247	1072	63	2582	119			
Newry And Armagh	7140	1172	5501	367	795	70	4054	330			
North Antrim	6995	258	5708	320	1127	75	1917	144			
North Down	9363	829	3813	227	891	59	2251	127			
South Antrim	5791	931	4603	388	1029	45	2724	261			
South Down	6834	674	5539	295	861	24	2813	145			
Strangford	6299	604	3652	146	921	23	1945	102			
Upper Bann	11627	1519	4704	272	711	36	2059	156			
West Tyrone	8112	818	4569	236	693	36	4145	287			
TOTAL	134253	15670	84093	5224	17861	1128	53173	4491			

Notes

1. 'Received' includes electors who apply a second or subsequent time following refusal of a previous application.
2. 'Refused' includes all cases in which the registration officer was not satisfied that the applicants met the statutory criteria including already being registered, not eligible by reason of age, nationality or residence in Northern Ireland, failure to provide a National Insurance number, unsigned or incomplete application.
3. The provisions of section 13BA of the Representation of the People Act 1983 was not in force during the relevant periods.

Table 2
No. of Service Voters (Includes Crown Servants/British Council Employees)

Constituency	Year to 01.12.08	Year to 01.12.07	Year to 01.12.06	Year to 01.12.05	Year to 01.12.04	Year to 01.12.03	Year to 01.12.02
Belfast East	6	10					
Belfast North	4	4					
Belfast South	0	0					
Belfast West	1	0					
East Antrim	14	10					
East Londonderry	8	8					
Fermanagh And South Tyrone	16	13					
Foyle	4	1					
Lagan Valley	47	13					
Mid Ulster	3	3	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available
Newry And Armagh	7	6					
North Antrim	14	10					
North Down	10	14					
South Antrim	20	9					
South Down	115	85					
Strangford	8	13					
Upper Bann	12	8					
West Tyrone	3	3					
TOTAL	292	210					

Notes

1. Separate information is not held on service voters, Crown servants and British Council employees. The figures given cover all these categories.
2. Information is not available on the number of applications received or refused. The figures given are for the number of electors registered on 1 December of each year by virtue of a declaration under section 15 of the Representation of the People Act 1983. They do not include persons entitled to register pursuant to such a declaration who elected to register under another provision of that Act.

Table 3
Applications for absent votes (temporary for each election)

Constituency	NI Assembly Election 07.03.07		Westminster Parliamentary Election 05.05.05		Local Government Election 05.05.05		European Parliamentary Election 10.06.04		NI Assembly Election 26.11.03	
	Received	Refused	Received	Refused	Received	Refused	Received	Refused	Received	Refused
Belfast East	200	31	266	17			104	21	209	36
Belfast North	431	52	411	70			198	32	274	71
Belfast South	248	40	377	20			168	30	239	53
Belfast West	867	184	662	89			427	79	263	101
East Antrim	242	12	350	26			95	6	227	34
East Londonderry	394	66	906	142			555	119	814	204
Fermanagh And South Tyrone	2091	291	3245	406			2212	407	3148	984
Foyle	1083	108	2420	246			987	152	954	223
Lagan Valley	395	64	497	47			253	59	571	90
Mid Ulster	1346	119	2076	229	Not Available	Not Available	1001	186	1465	311
Newry And Armagh	1375	392	1926	384			1026	256	1282	356
North Antrim	541	30	1055	137			507	58	478	116
North Down	186	20	435	35			146	10	244	34
South Antrim	390	22	453	16			149	16	282	64
South Down	858	169	1365	167			328	69	876	245
Strangford	219	20	469	20			159	22	271	30
Upper Bann	423	66	609	89			392	67	519	118
West Tyrone	2117	195	2896	346			1659	360	2117	412
TOTAL	13406	1881	20418	2486			10366	1949	14233	3482

Notes

1. 'Received' includes duplicate applications from the same elector.
2. 'Refused' includes not registered as an elector for the relevant election, application form unsigned or otherwise incomplete, false information on application form, all instances in which the registration officer was not satisfied that the applicant met the statutory criteria and applications received out of time.
3. Separate figures for postal and proxy vote applications not available.