

# **THE ELECTORAL OFFICE FOR NORTHERN IRELAND**



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## **LAGAN VALLEY ASSEMBLY MEMBER ANNOUNCED**

Douglas Bain, the Chief Electoral Officer, today gave notice that Marietta Farrell from Rostrevor has been returned as a member of the Assembly for the Lagan Valley constituency with effect from 9 January 2007.

Ms Farrell takes up the seat left vacant by Patricia Lewsley.

### Notes to Editors

Patricia Lewsley resigned the seat following her appointment as the Children's Commissioner.

The law provides that on election each Assembly member can provide the Chief Electoral Officer with a list of substitutes to fill their seat if it falls vacant for any reason. Ms Farrell was the first substitute on Ms Lewsley's list. The law further provides that once the substitute informs the Chief Electoral Officer that he or she is willing and able to serve then the Officer must declare them returned as a member of the Assembly and give public notice of that fact.