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PRESS NOTICE

ASSEMBLY VACANCY FILLED

Douglas Bain, the Chief Electoral Officer, today announced that Alastair Ian Ross has been returned as a member of the Assembly for the East Antrim constituency to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Thomas George Dawson.

Note for Editors

The procedure for filling vacancies in the Assembly is set out in the Northern Ireland Assembly (Elections) Order 2001. At the time of nominations each candidate may submit to the CEO a list of up to six substitutes. When the CEO is told by the Speaker that a vacancy has occurred he contacts the substitutes in turn until one who is willing and able to serve as a MLA is identified. That process has been followed in the present case.