

THE ELECTORAL OFFICE FOR NORTHERN IRELAND

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PUBLICATION OF THE ELECTORAL REGISTER

The Chief Electoral Officer for Northern Ireland, Denis Stanley, today announced publication of the Electoral Register which will be used for elections in May. (The District Council elections are to be held across the United Kingdom on 5 May and there is intense press speculation that the Prime Minister may also call a Westminster General Election for the same date.)

Commenting on publication of the Register, Denis Stanley said,

“The Northern Ireland Register now stands at 1,148,486 electors. This includes 70,363 names brought forward from the September 2004 Register under legislation passed last month by Parliament. This should ensure that everyone entitled to vote at the forthcoming election is able to exercise their franchise in May, even though they failed to re-register at last autumn’s canvass or subsequently.

MAY ELECTIONS

Mr Stanley went on to say,

“With Elections on 5 May poll cards will be despatched later this month to everyone on the Register (except the recently deceased, the names of whom will continue to be removed right up to the date of the poll). The poll card will show the elector’s name and address and give details of the polling station they are assigned to use. It will also give details of the four forms of photographic identity which every elector appearing at the polls must by law show. These are as follows:

- a. a current Passport issued by the United Kingdom or any other Member State of the European Community;
- b. a current Northern Ireland or Great Britain full driving licence or a Northern Ireland provisional licence, all of which must bear the photograph of the holder;
- c. a current Senior SmartPass issued under the Northern Ireland Concessionary Fares Scheme;
- d. a current Electoral Identity Card.

“In order to assist electors who do not have any one of the required documents, the Electoral Office will during April again be running a series of mobile application sites for the Electoral Identity Card. The location and timing of these are shown on the Electoral Office website (www.electoralficeni.gov.uk). There are also fixed application sites for the Card at each of the Area Electoral Offices around the Province. The last date for submitting an application for the Card is 19 April which, providing that all the correct details have been supplied and the person’s name is on the Register, should ensure that a Card is posted out in good time for the May elections.

NEW TELEPHONE NUMBER

The Electoral Office is centralising its telephone system with effect from 4 April 2005. There will be only one number electors will need from that date – 028 9044 6688. Commenting Mr Stanley said, “The purpose in the centralised number is to provide a better service to electors, particularly during registration and in the run up to elections. No longer will it be necessary to look up the number of the local Area Electoral Office before making a call, the new number will allow the elector to access all parts of the Electoral Office. Callers who need to speak to their local Area Electoral Office can, of course, be transferred straight away, but we believe the majority of calls will be able to be handled at our central location which should prove easier for electors as well as taking the pressure off hard-pressed Area Office staff at peak times.”

LONDONDERRY AREA ELECTORAL OFFICE

Due to a serious problem with the building in Queen Street in Londonderry it has been necessary to relocate the Office to temporary accommodation at Strand Road, adjacent to Waterloo Place. The temporary office will operate throughout the election period as follows:

2nd Floor
Embassy Building
3 Strand Road
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The Londonderry Area Electoral Office can be contacted via the Central Electoral Office number, 028 9044 6688.

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