

**PARLIAMENTARY BY-ELECTION**

**21 SEPTEMBER 2000**

**SOUTH ANTRIM CONSTITUENCY**

**RESULTS**

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**STATISTICS**

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## INTRODUCTION

1. This summary of the results of the Parliamentary By-Election in Northern Ireland on 21 September 2000 was compiled from information provided by and returns made by the Deputy Returning Officer for the constituency involved. The name and address of the office for the purpose of the election is given on page 2.
2. On page 4 the candidates descriptions given are those contained in the candidates nomination forms.
3. The electorate figure given is the actual number of persons entitled to vote on 21 September 2000.
4. \* before the name of a candidate indicates a forfeited deposit.
5. Percentages where given are rounded up or down to the first decimal place.
6. The total number of candidates was six.
7. One candidate forfeited his deposit.

## DEPUTY RETURNING OFFICER

### Constituency

South Antrim

### Deputy Returning Officer

Mr W Dewart  
3(A) Portland Avenue  
Glengormley  
NEWTOWNABBEY  
BT36 5EY

### Count Centre

Valley Leisure Centre  
40 Church Road  
NEWTOWNABBEY  
BT36 7LJ

## TIMETABLE - PARLIAMENTARY BY ELECTION - 21 SEPTEMBER 2000

### SOUTH ANTRIM

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| Receipt of writ                                                                                          | - Friday 25 August 2000                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Publication of notice of election<br>(arranged by HQ in Belfast Telegraph,<br>Irish News and Newsletter) | - Not later than 4.00 pm<br>Tuesday 29 August 2000                                                                                                                                                 |
| Delivery of nomination papers                                                                            | - Between 10 am and 4 pm on<br>Wednesday 30 August 2000<br>Thursday 31 August 2000<br>Friday 1 September 2000<br>Monday 4 September 2000<br>Tuesday 5 September 2000<br>Wednesday 6 September 2000 |
| Delivery of notices of withdrawals of<br>candidature                                                     | - Between 10 am and 4 pm on<br>Wednesday 30 August 2000<br>Thursday 31 August 2000<br>Friday 1 September 2000<br>Monday 4 September 2000<br>Tuesday 5 September 2000<br>Wednesday 6 September 2000 |
| The making of objections to nomination<br>papers                                                         | - Not later than 5pm on Wednesday<br>6 September 2000                                                                                                                                              |
| Publication of statement of persons<br>nominated                                                         | - 5 pm on Wednesday 6 September 2000 or<br>as soon afterwards as any objections are<br>disposed of                                                                                                 |
| Receipt of postal vote applications                                                                      | - Not later than 5.00 pm on Friday<br>1 September 2000                                                                                                                                             |
| Receipt of late postal vote applications on<br>grounds of PHYSICAL ILLNESS only                          | - Not later than 5.00 pm on Wednesday<br>13 September 2000                                                                                                                                         |
| POLLING DAY                                                                                              | - Between 7 am to 10 pm on Thursday<br>21 September 2000                                                                                                                                           |

**Saturdays and Sundays have been disregarded**

**NOTE: Monday 28 August is Bank Holiday**

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### POST-ELECTION TIME-TABLE

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| Last day for the delivery to the <u>Deputy<br/>Returning Officer</u> of Returns of<br>Election Expenses | - Not later than 5.00 pm on Friday,<br>27 October 2000 |
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## CONSTITUENCY OF SOUTH ANTRIM

Total electorate	71,047		
Total votes polled	30,690	(43.20%)	
Spoiled votes	123	(0.17%)	
Total valid votes	30,567	(43.02%)	

Name of candidate (surname first)	Description (if any)	Number of votes given for the candidate	% vote
Burnside, David Wilson Boyd	Ulster Unionist	10,779	35.26
*Collins, David Howard	Natural Law Party	49	0.16
Ford, David R J	Alliance	2,031	6.64
McClelland, Donovan	S D L P	3,496	11.44
McCrea, Robert Thomas William	Democratic Unionist Party (D.U.P.)	11,601	37.95
Meehan, Martin	Sinn Fein	2,611	8.54
		<b>30,567</b>	

### Robert Thomas William McCrea was elected

The number of ballot papers rejected and not counted was as follows:

1.	Want of the official mark	3
2.	Voting for more than one candidate	100
3.	Writing or mark by which voter could be identified	-
4.	Unmarked or void for uncertainty	20

	TOTAL	123
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## ANALYSIS OF POSTAL BALLOT PAPERS ISSUED AND RETURNED (PART 1)

Constituency	Number of Postal Ballot Papers Issued	Column (1) as a percentage of Total Electorate	Column (1) as a percentage of Total Votes Cast	Postal Ballot Papers received before the close of poll		Column (4) as a percentage of Total Votes Cast
				No.	Percentage	
SOUTH ANTRIM	472	.66%	1.54%	339	71.82%	1.10%

## ANALYSIS OF POSTAL BALLOT PAPERS ISSUED AND RETURNED (PART 2)

	Issue and receipt of Postal Ballot Papers							Count of Ballot Papers		
CONSTITUENCY	Col 1	Col 2	Col 3	Col 4	Col 5	Col 6	Col 7	Col 8	Col 9	Col 10
SOUTH ANTRIM	472	-	-	339	11	7	115	339	337	2

- 1 Total number of postal ballot papers issued {including papers issued under Regulation 88 (2)}.
- 2 Number of postal ballot papers issued under Regulation 88 (2).
- 3 Number of ballot papers returned as part of sets of documents under Regulation 88 (1) too late for another ballot paper to be issued
- 4 Number of covering envelopes received by the Deputy Returning Officer before the close of the poll, excluding any returned either as undelivered or under Regulation 88 (1).
- 5 Number of covering envelopes received by the Deputy Returning Officer after the close of the poll, excluding any returned as undelivered.
- 6 Number of covering envelopes returned as undelivered up to the date of this statement.
- 7 Number of covering envelopes which have not been received by the Deputy Returning Officer at the date of this statement.
- 8 Number of covering envelopes received by the Deputy Returning Officer before the close of the poll, excluding any returned either as undelivered or under Regulation 88 (1)
- 9 Number of ballot paper returned by postal voters which were included in the count of ballot papers.
- 10 Number of cases in which the covering envelope or its contents were marked "rejected".