

2005 election



INSTRUCTIONS TO NUMBER TAKERS

1. Your function is to wait outside the Polling Station and ask each voter for his or her polling number. This number is on the official polling card. Voters do not need to bring this card with them to the polling station, but most do.

2. You can not demand an elector's number, but most people give the information willingly. Enter all the numbers on the teller's pad which was handed to you by the previous teller, along with a rosette or badge and a pen (please remember to pass them on to the next teller when he or she arrives to relieve you). If an elector does not know his or her polling number, obtain their name and address. If only a surname is given note whether the voter is male (M) or female (F). If you were unable to get any information, put a cross in one box on the telling pad to indicate we have missed someone. PLEASE WRITE CLEARLY.

3. You must at all times obey the instructions of the Presiding Officer (official in charge of the Polling Station) and any policemen on duty. Do not obey instruction given or passed on by opposing party workers. If you have any problems or queries tell the helper who calls to collect the telling slips at regular intervals, or contact the Committee Room. Do NOT give telling slips to anyone you do not recognise or to anyone who does not have paper identification signed by the agent (note the signature below.)

4. You MUST NOT attempt, or even appear to attempt, to discover how an elector has voted or is intending to vote. However, if an elector tells you how he or she has voted (which sometimes happens) then make a note on the telling pad by the relevant polling number.

5. It is normal for opposing tellers to co-operate as it is in the interests of each party to obtain a full list of polling numbers. If they miss a number pass it on, as long as they are willing to do the same for you. Take care that opposing tellers do not read out false numbers as this will prevent us from operating an effective organisation. See each elector's polling card if you can.

6. Keep a look-out for problems or questionable practices, eg: the Opposition trying to influence voters in the polling Station; their cars with stickers on them being parked for long periods in the Polling Station grounds. Report such happenings to the HQ.

7. Please arrive at your Polling Station on time, and do not leave until you are relieved. Never leave the Polling Station un-manned.

8. Don't forget to vote yourself if you are able to do so.

YOUR TELLING DUTY IS AT FROM TO

If in difficulty contact the Committee Room at

Telephone: or the Agent on.....

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP - WE DO APPRECIATE IT.