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This paper provides summary and detailed results of the second elections to the National Assembly for Wales, which took place on 1 May 2003.

The paper provides data on voting trends and electoral turnout for constituencies, electoral regions and for Wales as a whole.

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## Summary

- The electoral system for electing members of the National Assembly for Wales is known as the *Alternative Member System*.
- Labour secured the highest share of the vote in the 2003 Assembly elections (38.3%), followed by Plaid Cymru (20.5%), the Conservatives (19.5%) and the Liberal Democrats (13.3%).
- The United Kingdom Independence Party (UKIP) fielded 40 candidates. None was elected. UKIP secured 2.9% of the vote overall.
- One Independent candidate, John Marek, was elected to represent the Wrexham constituency.
- The average turnout across regions and constituencies was 38.2%, down by 8% compared with 1999, and ranged from 50.4% in Ynys Mon to 24.9% in Alyn and Deeside.
- One-half of all Assembly Members are women (30), two-thirds of whom are Labour members.
- 46 Assembly Members were re-elected and there are 14 new AMs.

### Key Statistics

	1999		2003	
<b>Votes</b> (Constituency + Regional)				
Conservative	330,339	16.2%	332,157	19.5%
Labour	746,328	36.5%	651,173	38.3%
Liberal Democrat	265,865	13.0%	228,233	13.4%
Plaid Cymru	602,620	29.5%	347,836	20.5%
Others	99,930	4.9%	140,556	8.3%
	1999	2003	Change	
<b>Seats</b>				
Conservative	9	11	2	
Labour	28	30	2	
Liberal Democrat	6	6	0	
Plaid Cymru	17	12	-5	
Others	0	1	1	
<b>Turnout</b>	46%	38%	-8%	
<b>Assembly Members</b>				
Women	24	30	6	
Men	36	30	-6	



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## I Introduction

The second elections to the National Assembly for Wales took place on Thursday, 1 May 2003, simultaneously with the Scottish Parliament elections and local authority elections in England.<sup>1</sup>

The electoral system for electing members of the National Assembly is known as the *Additional Member System*. Voters are given two ballot papers. The first is used to elect each of forty constituency Assembly Members (AMs) under the traditional first-past-the-post system. The second ballot paper is used to elect four AMs from each of five electoral regions. These additional members are elected so that the total representation from each geographical area, including those members elected under first-past-the-post, corresponds as closely as possible with the share of the votes cast for each political party in the region.<sup>2</sup>

Labour gained the highest share of the vote (38.3%), both in the constituency (40.0%) and regional (36.6%) ballots. Labour also secured the highest number of seats (30), up by two seats compared with the 1999 elections. Labour's share of the vote was up by 1.2% in the regional ballot and 2.4% in the constituency ballot. Labour improved its share of the vote most significantly in Rhondda (up by 21.1%), although in Wrexham the party's share fell by 21.0%. Labour's highest absolute majority was recorded in Blaenau Gwent (11,736 votes).

Plaid Cymru are the second largest party in the Assembly with 12 seats, polling 20.5% of the vote overall. However, Plaid Cymru's performance was significantly poorer than in 1999. Its national share of the vote fell by 9.0% and the party lost five seats. In the regional ballot, Plaid Cymru's share of the vote fell by 10.8% in the regions and was down by 7.2% in the constituency ballot. The party's share of the vote fell in all constituencies bar three. In the Islwyn constituency, Plaid Cymru's share fell by 22.8%. Its highest absolute majority was recorded in Caernarfon (5,905 votes), while in Meirionnydd Nant Conwy the party secured 57.4% of the vote.

The Conservatives polled 19.5% of the vote, up by 3.4% compared with 1999, gaining two seats and taking their total representation in the Assembly to eleven. The Conservatives' share of the vote in the regional ballot was 2.7% higher than in 1999, and up by 4.1% in the constituency ballot. The Conservatives' share of the vote increased

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<sup>1</sup> Further information relating to the 2003 Assembly elections can be obtained from the Electoral Commission at <http://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/election-data>. Also see National Assembly for Wales Members' Research Service *Research Paper 03/072: 2003 Assembly Election Results* (May 2003)

<sup>2</sup> For a fuller description of the operation of the Alternative Member System, including an example of the allocation of regional ('top-up') seats, see Library Research Paper 99/51 *Welsh Assembly Elections: 6 May 1999* available at <http://www.parliament.uk/commons/lib/research/rp99/rp99-051.pdf>

most significantly in the Monmouth constituency (up by 16.7% compared with 1999), where it had a majority of 8,510 votes.

The Liberal Democrats increased their share of the vote by just 0.4% to 13.4% and they continue to hold six seats in the Assembly. In the regional ballot, their share of the vote increased by 0.2% while in the constituency ballot their share improved by 0.7%. The Liberal Democrats' share of the vote increased by 16.8% in the Ceredigion constituency, but fell by 8.0% in Montgomeryshire. The party's highest absolute majority was recorded in the Cardiff Central constituency (7,156 votes).

The United Kingdom Independence Party fielded forty candidates, none of whom was elected in either the regional or constituency ballots. Overall, UKIP received 49,222 votes and the party's share of the vote was 2.9%. In the Gower constituency, UKIP obtained 10.3% of the vote while in Ynys Mon the party's share was just 1.9%. In the regional ballot, UKIP polled 4.4% in South Wales West but only 2.6% in North Wales.

The average overall turnout across regions and constituencies was 38.2%, down by 8.0% compared with the 1999 Assembly elections. Turnout was highest in Ynys Mon (50.4%) and lowest in Alyn and Deeside (24.9%). Turnout was generally higher in Mid and West Wales where it exceeded 40% in all constituencies, and lowest in South Wales. Compared with the 1999 Assembly elections, turnout fell in all constituencies, with the exception of Wrexham where it increased by just 0.2%. Turnout fell most sharply in the Caernarfon constituency, down by 15.3% to 45.0%.

The largest majority was recorded in Blaenau Gwent (11,736) and the smallest in Llanelli (21) and Conwy (72). Three other constituency members were returned with majorities of under 1,000 votes.

The number of women Members rose (from 24 in 1999) to 30 in 2003, accounting for one-half of all seats in the Assembly, a higher proportion than any of the national parliaments abroad who report their data to the Inter-Parliamentary Union.<sup>3</sup> The number of women in the National Assembly also compares favourably with the number of female MPs in the House of Commons (18%) and MSPs in the Scottish Parliament (33%). 63% of female Assembly Members belong to the Labour group, while one-half of both the Liberal Democrat and Plaid Cymru groups in the Assembly are women.

There are 14 new members of the National Assembly, nine of whom are constituency members and 5 representing regional seats. Forty-six AMs were re-elected for a second term while Helen Mary Jones returns to the Assembly as a regional AM having lost her constituency seat.

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<sup>3</sup> Inter-Parliamentary Union data relating to women in parliaments abroad can be found at: <http://www.ipu.org/wmn-e/arc/classif010303.htm>

## II Summary Results

**Table 1: National Assembly for Wales elections: 1 May 2003**

Party	Constituency ballot				
	Candidates	Votes	% of total	Seats won	Change
Conservative	41	169,432	19.9%	1	0
Labour	39	340,515	40.0%	30	3
Liberal Democrat	40	120,220	14.1%	3	0
Plaid Cymru	40	180,183	21.2%	5	-4
UKIP	20	19,795	2.3%	0	0
Others	20	20,258	2.4%	1	1
Total	200	850,403	100.0%	40	

  

Party	Regional ballot				
	Candidates	Votes	% of total	Seats won	Change
Conservative	40	162,725	19.2%	10	2
Labour	45	310,658	36.6%	0	-1
Liberal Democrat	30	108,013	12.7%	3	0
Plaid Cymru	30	167,653	19.7%	7	-1
UKIP	20	29,427	3.5%	0	0
Others	105	71,076	8.4%	0	0
Total	270	849,552	100.0%	20	

  

Party	Total				
	Candidates	Votes	% of total	Seats won	Change
Conservative	81	332,157	19.5%	11	2
Labour	84	651,173	38.3%	30	2
Liberal Democrat	70	228,233	13.4%	6	0
Plaid Cymru	70	347,836	20.5%	12	-5
UKIP	40	49,222	2.9%	0	0
Others	125	91,334	5.4%	1	1
Total	470	1,699,955	100.0%	60	

**Table 2: National Assembly for Wales elections: 6 May 1999**

	<b>Constituency ballot</b>			
	Candidates	Votes	% of total	Seats won
Conservative	40	162,133	15.8%	1
Labour	40	384,671	37.6%	27
Liberal Democrat	40	137,857	13.5%	3
Plaid Cymru	40	290,572	28.4%	9
Others	39	47,992	4.7%	0
Total	199	1,023,225	100.0%	40

  

	<b>Regional ballot</b>			
	Candidates	Votes	% of total	Seats won
Conservative	5	168,206	16.5%	8
Labour	5	361,657	35.4%	1
Liberal Democrat	5	128,008	12.5%	3
Plaid Cymru	5	312,048	30.5%	8
Others	24	51,938	5.1%	0
Total	44	1,021,857	100.0%	20

  

	<b>Total</b>			
	Candidates	Votes	% of total	Seats won
Conservative	45	330,339	16.2%	9
Labour	45	746,328	36.5%	28
Liberal Democrat	45	265,865	13.0%	6
Plaid Cymru	45	602,620	29.5%	17
Others	63	99,930	4.9%	0
Total	243	2,045,082	100.0%	60

**Table 3: Percentage share of the vote, by party**

<b>2003 Assembly election</b>			
	<b>Constituency</b>	<b>Region</b>	<b>All seats</b>
Conservative	19.9%	19.2%	19.5%
Labour	40.0%	36.6%	38.3%
Liberal Democrat	14.1%	12.7%	13.4%
Plaid Cymru	21.2%	19.7%	20.5%
Others	4.7%	11.8%	8.3%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

  

<b>1999 Assembly election</b>			
	<b>Constituency</b>	<b>Region</b>	<b>All seats</b>
Conservative	15.8%	16.5%	16.2%
Labour	37.6%	35.4%	36.5%
Liberal Democrat	13.5%	12.5%	13.0%
Plaid Cymru	28.4%	30.5%	29.5%
Others	4.7%	5.1%	4.9%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

  

<b>Change 1999-2003</b>			
	<b>Constituency</b>	<b>Region</b>	<b>All seats</b>
Conservative	4.1%	2.7%	3.4%
Labour	2.4%	1.2%	1.8%
Liberal Democrat	0.7%	0.2%	0.4%
Plaid Cymru	-7.2%	-10.8%	-9.0%
Others	0.0%	6.7%	3.4%

### III Constituency results

**Table 4: Constituency results - number of votes by constituency**

	Con	Lab	Lib Dem	PC	UKIP	Others	Total	Electorate	Turnout	Majority
<b>Mid and West Wales</b>										
Brecon and Radnorshire	8,017	3,130	13,325	1,329	1,042	...	26,843	53,739	50.0%	5,308
Carmarthenshire East and Dinefwr	3,576	8,355	1,866	12,969	...	...	26,766	54,110	49.5%	4,614
Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire	4,917	8,384	2,222	7,869	...	58	23,450	56,403	41.6%	515
Ceredigion	2,523	3,308	7,265	11,883	940	...	25,919	52,940	49.0%	4,618
Llanelli	1,712	9,916	1,644	9,895	...	...	23,167	57,428	40.3%	21
Meirionnydd Nant Conwy	2,485	2,891	1,100	8,717	...	...	15,193	33,742	45.0%	5,826
Montgomeryshire	5,572	2,039	7,869	1,918	1,107	985	19,490	45,598	42.7%	2,297
Preseli Pembrokeshire	6,741	8,067	2,799	5,227	...	...	22,834	55,195	41.4%	1,326
<b>North Wales</b>										
Alyn and Deeside	3,533	7,036	2,509	1,160	826	...	15,064	60,518	24.9%	3,503
Caernarfon	2,402	5,770	1,392	11,675	...	...	21,239	47,173	45.0%	5,905
Clwyd South	3,548	6,814	1,666	3,923	501	2,210	18,662	53,452	34.9%	2,891
Clwyd West	7,257	7,693	1,743	4,715	715	...	22,123	54,463	40.6%	436
Conwy	5,152	6,467	2,914	6,395	...	...	20,928	54,443	38.4%	72
Delyn	4,896	6,520	2,880	2,586	...	...	16,882	54,426	31.0%	1,624
Vale of Clwyd	5,487	8,256	1,630	2,516	...	...	17,889	49,319	36.3%	2,769
Wrexham	2,228	5,566	1,701	1,329	...	6,539	17,363	50,508	34.4%	973
Ynys Mon	7,197	6,024	2,059	9,452	481	...	25,213	49,998	50.4%	2,255
<b>South Wales Central</b>										
Cardiff Central	2,378	4,100	11,256	1,795	...	1,069	20,598	62,470	33.0%	7,156
Cardiff North	9,873	10,413	3,474	2,679	1,295	...	27,734	64,528	43.0%	540
Cardiff South and Penarth	4,864	8,978	3,154	2,538	...	585	20,119	65,505	30.7%	4,114
Cardiff West	3,583	10,420	2,914	2,859	929	...	20,705	60,523	34.2%	6,837
Cynon Valley	984	10,841	1,120	3,724	...	...	16,669	44,473	37.5%	7,117
Pontypridd	2,438	12,206	3,443	5,286	1,025	...	24,398	63,204	38.6%	6,920
Rhondda	504	14,170	680	6,216	524	909	23,003	50,463	45.6%	7,954
Vale of Glamorgan	9,614	12,267	2,049	3,921	...	...	27,851	68,947	40.4%	2,653
<b>South Wales East</b>										
Blaenau Gwent	1,131	13,884	2,148	1,889	719	...	19,771	52,927	37.4%	11,736
Caerphilly	2,570	11,893	1,281	6,919	590	2,134	25,387	68,152	37.3%	4,974
Islwyn	1,848	11,246	1,268	3,926	...	2,201	20,489	51,170	40.0%	7,320
Merthyr Tydfil and Rhymney	1,539	11,148	1,324	2,986	...	1,423	18,422	55,768	33.0%	8,160
Monmouth	15,989	7,479	2,973	1,355	...	...	27,796	62,451	44.5%	8,510
Newport East	4,157	7,621	2,768	1,555	987	...	17,088	56,563	30.2%	3,464
Newport West	6,301	10,053	2,094	1,678	1,102	198	21,426	61,238	35.0%	3,752
Torfaen	3,188	10,152	2,746	2,092	1,377	...	19,555	61,264	31.9%	6,964
<b>South Wales West</b>										
Aberavon	1,732	11,137	1,840	3,324	...	722	18,755	50,208	37.4%	7,813
Bridgend	7,066	9,487	2,980	1,939	677	...	22,149	62,540	35.4%	2,421
Gower	4,646	10,334	2,775	3,502	2,444	...	23,701	60,523	39.2%	5,688
Neath	2,011	11,332	2,048	6,386	...	410	22,187	56,759	39.1%	4,946
Ogmore	1,532	9,874	1,567	3,370	...	410	16,753	49,565	33.8%	6,504
Swansea East	1,135	8,221	4,224	2,223	1,474	133	17,410	57,252	30.4%	3,997
Swansea West	3,106	7,023	3,510	4,461	1,040	272	19,412	58,749	33.0%	2,562

**Table 5: Constituency results - share of votes by constituency**

	Con	Lab	Lib Dem	PC	UKIP	Other	Total	Majority
<b>Mid and West Wales</b>								
Brecon and Radnorshire	29.9%	11.7%	49.6%	5.0%	3.9%	...	100.0%	19.8%
Carmarthenshire East and Dinefwr	13.4%	31.2%	7.0%	48.5%	...	...	100.0%	17.2%
Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire	21.0%	35.8%	9.5%	33.6%	...	0.2%	100.0%	2.2%
Ceredigion	9.7%	12.8%	28.0%	45.8%	3.6%	...	100.0%	17.8%
Llanelli	7.4%	42.8%	7.1%	42.7%	...	...	100.0%	0.1%
Meirionnydd Nant Conwy	16.4%	19.0%	7.2%	57.4%	...	...	100.0%	38.3%
Montgomeryshire	28.6%	10.5%	40.4%	9.8%	5.7%	5.1%	100.0%	11.8%
Preseli Pembrokeshire	29.5%	35.3%	12.3%	22.9%	...	...	100.0%	5.8%
<b>North Wales</b>								
Alyn and Deeside	23.5%	46.7%	16.7%	7.7%	5.5%	...	100.0%	23.3%
Caernarfon	11.3%	27.2%	6.6%	55.0%	...	...	100.0%	27.8%
Clwyd South	19.0%	36.5%	8.9%	21.0%	2.7%	11.8%	100.0%	15.5%
Clwyd West	32.8%	34.8%	7.9%	21.3%	3.2%	...	100.0%	2.0%
Conwy	24.6%	30.9%	13.9%	30.6%	...	...	100.0%	0.3%
Delyn	29.0%	38.6%	17.1%	15.3%	...	...	100.0%	9.6%
Vale of Clwyd	30.7%	46.2%	9.1%	14.1%	...	...	100.0%	15.5%
Wrexham	12.8%	32.1%	9.8%	7.7%	...	37.7%	100.0%	5.6%
Ynys Mon	28.5%	23.9%	8.2%	37.5%	1.9%	...	100.0%	8.9%
<b>South Wales Central</b>								
Cardiff Central	11.5%	19.9%	54.6%	8.7%	...	5.2%	100.0%	34.7%
Cardiff North	35.6%	37.5%	12.5%	9.7%	4.7%	...	100.0%	1.9%
Cardiff South and Penarth	24.2%	44.6%	15.7%	12.6%	...	2.9%	100.0%	20.4%
Cardiff West	17.3%	50.3%	14.1%	13.8%	4.5%	...	100.0%	33.0%
Cynon Valley	5.9%	65.0%	6.7%	22.3%	...	...	100.0%	42.7%
Pontypridd	10.0%	50.0%	14.1%	21.7%	4.2%	...	100.0%	28.4%
Rhondda	2.2%	61.6%	3.0%	27.0%	2.3%	4.0%	100.0%	34.6%
Vale of Glamorgan	34.5%	44.0%	7.4%	14.1%	...	...	100.0%	9.5%
<b>South Wales East</b>								
Blaenau Gwent	5.7%	70.2%	10.9%	9.6%	3.6%	...	100.0%	59.4%
Caerphilly	10.1%	46.8%	5.0%	27.3%	2.3%	8.4%	100.0%	19.6%
Islwyn	9.0%	54.9%	6.2%	19.2%	...	10.7%	100.0%	35.7%
Merthyr Tydfil and Rhymney	8.4%	60.5%	7.2%	16.2%	...	7.7%	100.0%	44.3%
Monmouth	57.5%	26.9%	10.7%	4.9%	...	...	100.0%	30.6%
Newport East	24.3%	44.6%	16.2%	9.1%	5.8%	...	100.0%	20.3%
Newport West	29.4%	46.9%	9.8%	7.8%	5.1%	0.9%	100.0%	17.5%
Torfaen	16.3%	51.9%	14.0%	10.7%	7.0%	...	100.0%	35.6%
<b>South Wales West</b>								
Aberavon	9.2%	59.4%	9.8%	17.7%	...	3.8%	100.0%	41.7%
Bridgend	31.9%	42.8%	13.5%	8.8%	3.1%	...	100.0%	10.9%
Gower	19.6%	43.6%	11.7%	14.8%	10.3%	...	100.0%	24.0%
Neath	9.1%	51.1%	9.2%	28.8%	...	1.8%	100.0%	22.3%
Ogmore	9.1%	58.9%	9.4%	20.1%	...	2.4%	100.0%	38.8%
Swansea East	6.5%	47.2%	24.3%	12.8%	8.5%	0.8%	100.0%	23.0%
Swansea West	16.0%	36.2%	18.1%	23.0%	5.4%	1.4%	100.0%	13.2%

**Table 6: Changes in turnout and shares of vote by constituency, 1999-2003**

	Turnout			Change in share of vote 1999-2003			
	2003	1999	Change	Con	Lab	Lib Dem	PC
<b>Mid &amp; West Wales</b>							
Brecon & Radnorshire	50.0%	57.1%	-7.1%	5.3%	-6.0%	5.1%	-3.1%
Carmarthen East & Dinefwr	49.5%	60.9%	-11.4%	4.9%	-0.5%	0.2%	-4.6%
Carmarthen West & South Pembrokeshire	41.6%	50.6%	-9.0%	2.9%	0.6%	2.8%	3.7%
Ceredigion	49.0%	57.7%	-8.7%	0.5%	-2.9%	16.8%	-2.0%
Llanelli	40.3%	48.6%	-8.3%	0.8%	3.0%	-3.2%	0.5%
Meirionnydd Nant Conwy	45.0%	57.3%	-12.3%	4.9%	1.6%	-0.1%	-6.4%
Montgomeryshire	42.7%	49.4%	-6.7%	5.9%	-1.8%	-8.0%	-6.7%
Preseli Pembrokeshire	41.4%	53.6%	-12.2%	6.9%	1.0%	0.8%	-2.0%
<b>North Wales</b>							
Alyn & Deeside	24.9%	32.0%	-7.1%	5.5%	-4.6%	6.8%	-4.4%
Caernarfon	45.0%	60.3%	-15.3%	2.7%	4.4%	3.8%	-10.9%
Clwyd South	34.9%	40.5%	-5.6%	-0.1%	-5.6%	-2.2%	-4.2%
Clwyd West	40.6%	46.8%	-6.2%	4.8%	3.8%	-5.8%	-6.0%
Conwy	38.4%	49.1%	-10.7%	6.1%	0.8%	-2.6%	0.0%
Delyn	31.0%	44.1%	-13.1%	7.0%	-6.1%	4.1%	-5.0%
Vale of Clwyd	36.3%	43.4%	-7.1%	8.1%	8.5%	2.9%	-5.3%
Wrexham	34.4%	34.2%	0.2%	-2.9%	-21.0%	-6.1%	-7.6%
Ynys-Mon	50.4%	59.9%	-9.5%	9.3%	1.0%	3.0%	-15.1%
<b>South Wales Central</b>							
Cardiff Central	33.0%	44.8%	-11.8%	-0.2%	-10.1%	12.4%	-6.0%
Cardiff North	43.0%	51.3%	-8.3%	4.2%	-1.2%	-3.6%	-4.1%
Cardiff South & Penarth	30.7%	37.7%	-7.0%	5.7%	-3.4%	3.1%	-4.4%
Cardiff West	34.2%	40.2%	-6.0%	2.5%	-11.3%	5.2%	-0.8%
Cynon Valley	37.5%	45.5%	-8.0%	1.1%	19.4%	-0.3%	-20.1%
Pontypridd	38.6%	45.7%	-7.1%	1.6%	11.7%	-3.6%	-11.4%
Rhondda	45.6%	50.2%	-4.6%	-0.6%	21.1%	-1.7%	-21.7%
Vale of Glamorgan	40.4%	48.3%	-7.9%	2.4%	9.1%	-1.6%	-9.9%
<b>South Wales East</b>							
Blaenau Gwent	37.4%	48.2%	-10.8%	0.2%	8.4%	-0.6%	-11.6%
Caerphilly	37.3%	43.2%	-5.9%	2.4%	2.6%	-7.4%	-6.9%
Islwyn	40.0%	47.3%	-7.3%	2.2%	15.4%	-3.6%	-22.8%
Merthyr Tydfil & Rhymney	33.0%	44.9%	-11.9%	3.4%	16.6%	0.5%	-10.9%
Monmouth	44.5%	51.1%	-6.6%	16.7%	-5.4%	-3.9%	-1.3%
Newport East	30.2%	35.5%	-5.3%	1.5%	-4.8%	2.2%	-4.7%
Newport West	35.0%	42.3%	-7.3%	1.2%	-0.7%	-1.9%	-4.8%
Torfaen	31.9%	39.2%	-7.3%	7.3%	14.0%	3.1%	-0.2%
<b>South Wales West</b>							
Aberavon	37.4%	46.8%	-9.4%	2.3%	8.1%	-3.8%	-4.6%
Bridgend	35.4%	41.6%	-6.2%	11.7%	5.6%	-2.2%	-10.9%
Gower	39.2%	47.3%	-8.1%	5.5%	8.2%	-0.1%	-9.2%
Neath	39.1%	48.0%	-8.9%	2.0%	5.6%	-0.6%	-7.0%
Ogmore	33.8%	41.5%	-7.7%	2.6%	10.8%	2.4%	-6.9%
Swansea East	30.4%	36.1%	-5.7%	-1.5%	1.6%	5.2%	-14.7%
Swansea West	33.0%	40.0%	-7.0%	0.6%	1.5%	3.1%	-3.5%

**Table 7: Constituency ballot results by region and party**

	Con	Lab	LibDem	PC	UKIP	Others	Total	Electorate	Turnout
Mid and West Wales	35,543	46,090	38,090	59,807	3,089	1,043	183,662	409,155	44.9%
North Wales	41,700	60,146	18,494	43,751	2,523	8,749	175,363	474,300	37.0%
South Wales Central	34,238	83,395	28,090	29,018	3,773	2,563	181,077	480,113	37.7%
South Wales East	36,723	83,476	16,602	22,402	4,775	5,956	169,934	469,533	36.2%
South Wales West	21,228	67,408	18,944	25,205	5,635	1,947	140,367	395,596	35.5%
<i>All regions</i>	169,432	340,515	120,220	180,183	19,795	20,258	850,403	2,228,697	38.2%
Mid and West Wales	19.4%	25.1%	20.7%	32.6%	1.7%	0.6%	100.0%		
North Wales	23.8%	34.3%	10.5%	24.9%	1.4%	5.0%	100.0%		
South Wales Central	18.9%	46.1%	15.5%	16.0%	2.1%	1.4%	100.0%		
South Wales East	21.6%	49.1%	9.8%	13.2%	2.8%	3.5%	100.0%		
South Wales West	15.1%	48.0%	13.5%	18.0%	4.0%	1.4%	100.0%		
<i>All regions</i>	19.9%	40.0%	14.1%	21.2%	2.3%	2.4%	100.0%		

## IV Regional results

**Table 8: Regional ballot results - number of votes by region**

	Con	Lab	LibDem	PC	UKIP	Others	Total	Electorate	Turnout
Mid and West Wales	35,566	46,451	30,177	51,874	5,945	14,185	184,198	409,155	45.0%
North Wales	38,543	55,250	17,503	41,640	4,500	17,592	175,028	474,300	36.9%
South Wales Central	33,404	74,369	24,926	27,956	6,920	13,472	181,047	480,113	37.7%
South Wales East	34,231	76,522	17,661	21,384	5,949	13,984	169,731	469,533	36.1%
South Wales West	20,981	58,066	17,746	24,799	6,113	11,843	139,548	395,596	35.3%
<i>All regions</i>	162,725	310,658	108,013	167,653	29,427	71,076	849,552	2,228,697	38.1%

**Table 9: Regional ballot results - share of votes by region**

	Con	Lab	LibDem	PC	UKIP	Others	Total
Mid and West Wales	19.3%	25.2%	16.4%	28.2%	3.2%	7.7%	100.0%
North Wales	22.0%	31.6%	10.0%	23.8%	2.6%	10.1%	100.0%
South Wales Central	18.5%	41.1%	13.8%	15.4%	3.8%	7.4%	100.0%
South Wales East	20.2%	45.1%	10.4%	12.6%	3.5%	8.2%	100.0%
South Wales West	15.0%	41.6%	12.7%	17.8%	4.4%	8.5%	100.0%
<i>All regions</i>	19.2%	36.6%	12.7%	19.7%	3.5%	8.4%	100.0%

**Table 10: Variation between share of constituency and regional ballot votes, and turnout, by region**

	Con	Lab	LibDem	PC	UKIP	Others	Turnout
Mid and West Wales	0.0%	-0.1%	4.4%	4.4%	-1.5%	-7.1%	-0.1%
North Wales	1.8%	2.7%	0.5%	1.2%	-1.1%	-5.1%	0.1%
South Wales Central	0.5%	5.0%	1.7%	0.6%	-1.7%	-6.0%	0.0%
South Wales East	1.4%	4.0%	-0.6%	0.6%	-0.7%	-4.7%	0.1%
South Wales West	0.1%	6.4%	0.8%	0.2%	-0.4%	-7.1%	0.2%
<i>All regions</i>	0.8%	3.5%	1.4%	1.5%	-1.1%	-6.0%	0.1%

**Table 11: Seats by seat type, party and region**

	Region					Total
	Mid & West Wales	North Wales	South Wales Central	South Wales East	South Wales West	
<b>Constituency seats</b>						
Labour	3	6	7	7	7	30
Plaid Cymru	3	2	0	0	0	5
Conservative	0	0	0	1	0	1
Liberal Democrat	2	0	1	0	0	3
Independent	0	1	0	0	0	1
<i>All parties</i>	8	9	8	8	7	40
<b>Regional seats</b>						
Labour	0	0	0	0	0	0
Plaid Cymru	1	1	2	1	2	7
Conservative	3	2	2	2	1	10
Liberal Democrat	0	1	0	1	1	3
Independent	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>All parties</i>	4	4	4	4	4	20
<b>All seats</b>						
Labour	3	6	7	7	7	30
Plaid Cymru	4	3	2	1	2	12
Conservative	3	2	2	3	1	11
Liberal Democrat	2	1	1	1	1	6
Independent	0	1	0	0	0	1
<i>All parties</i>	12	13	12	12	11	60

## V Appendix

**Table A1: Highest and lowest turnouts by region**

	Constituency	Turnout
<b>Highest turnout</b>		
Mid and West Wales	Brecon and Radnorshire	50.0%
North Wales	Ynys Mon	50.4%
South Wales Central	Rhondda	45.6%
South Wales East	Monmouth	44.5%
South Wales West	Gower	39.2%
<b>Lowest Turnout</b>		
Mid and West Wales	Llanelli	40.3%
North Wales	Alyn and Deeside	24.9%
South Wales Central	Cardiff South and Penarth	30.7%
South Wales East	Newport East	30.2%
South Wales West	Swansea East	30.4%

**Table A2: Largest and smallest majorities by party**

<b>Absolute majority</b>		
	Constituency	Majority
<b>Largest</b>		
Conservative	Monmouth	8,510
Labour	Blaenau Gwent	11,736
Liberal Democrat	Cardiff Central	7,156
Plaid Cymru	Caernarfon	5,905
<b>Smallest</b>		
Conservative	<i>see note below</i>	
Labour	Llanelli	21
Liberal Democrat	Montgomeryshire	2,297
Plaid Cymru	Ynys Mon	2,255
<b>Percentage majority</b>		
<b>Largest</b>		
Conservative	Monmouth	30.6%
Labour	Blaenau Gwent	59.4%
Liberal Democrat	Cardiff Central	34.7%
Plaid Cymru	Meirionnydd Nant Conwy	38.3%
<b>Smallest</b>		
Conservative	<i>see note below</i>	
Labour	Llanelli	0.1%
Liberal Democrat	Montgomeryshire	11.8%
Plaid Cymru	Ynys Mon	8.9%

Note only one Conservative candidate was returned as an Assembly Member

**Table A3: Highest and lowest shares of the constituency vote by major party**

<b>Highest</b>		<b>Lowest</b>	
<b>Conservative</b>			
Monmouth	57.5%	Rhondda	2.2%
Cardiff North	35.6%	Blaenau Gwent	5.7%
Vale of Glamorgan	34.5%	Cynon Valley	5.9%
Clwyd West	32.8%	Swansea East	6.5%
<b>Labour</b>			
Blaenau Gwent	70.2%	Montgomeryshire	10.5%
Cynon Valley	65.0%	Brecon and Radnorshire	11.7%
Rhondda	61.6%	Ceredigion	12.8%
Merthyr Tydfil and Rhymney	60.5%	Meirionnydd Nant Conwy	19.0%
<b>Liberal Democrat</b>			
Cardiff Central	54.6%	Rhondda	3.0%
Brecon and Radnorshire	49.6%	Caerphilly	5.0%
Montgomeryshire	40.4%	Islwyn	6.2%
Ceredigion	28.0%	Caernarfon	6.6%
<b>Plaid Cymru</b>			
Meirionnydd Nant Conwy	57.4%	Monmouth	4.9%
Caernarfon	55.0%	Brecon and Radnorshire	5.0%
Carmarthenshire East and Dinefwr	48.5%	Wrexham	7.7%
Ceredigion	45.8%	Alyn and Deeside	7.7%

**Table A4: Members of the National Assembly for Wales****Constituency****Mid and West Wales**

Brecon and Radnorshire	Kirsty Williams	Liberal Democrat
Carmarthenshire East and Dinefwr	Rhodri Glyn Thomas	Plaid Cymru
Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire	Christine Gwyther	Labour
Ceredigion	Elin Jones	Plaid Cymru
Llanelli	Catherine Thomas	Labour
Meirionnydd Nant Conwy	Lord Dafydd Elis Thomas	Plaid Cymru
Montgomeryshire	Mick Bates	Liberal Democrat
Preseli Pembrokeshire	Tamsin Dunwoody-Kneafsey	Labour

**North Wales**

Alyn and Deeside	Carl Sergeant	Labour
Caernarfon	Alun Jones	Plaid Cymru
Clwyd South	Karen Sinclair	Labour
Clwyd West	Alun Pugh	Labour
Conwy	Denise Idris-Jones	Labour
Delyn	Sandie Mewies	Labour
Vale of Clwyd	Ann Jones	Labour
Wrexham	Dr John Marek	Independent
Ynys Mon	Ieuan Wyn Jones	Plaid Cymru

**South Wales Central**

Cardiff Central	Jenny Randerson	Liberal Democrat
Cardiff North	Sue Essex	Labour
Cardiff South and Penarth	Lorraine Barrett	Labour
Cardiff West	Rhodri Morgan	Labour
Cynon Valley	Christine Chapman	Labour
Pontypridd	Jane Davidson	Labour
Rhondda	Leighton Andrews	Labour
Vale of Glamorgan	Jane Hutt	Labour

**South Wales East**

Blaenau Gwent	Peter Law	Labour
Caerphilly	Jeffrey Cuthbert	Labour
Islwyn	Irene James	Labour
Merthyr Tydfil and Rhymney	Huw Lewis	Labour
Monmouth	David Davies	Conservative
Newport East	John Griffiths	Labour
Newport West	Rosemary Butler	Labour
Torfaen	Lynne Neagle	Labour

**South Wales West**

Aberavon	Dr Brian Gibbons	Labour
Bridgend	Carwyn Jones	Labour
Gower	Edwina Hart	Labour
Neath	Gwenda Thomas	Labour
Ogmore	Janice Gregory	Labour
Swansea East	Val Lloyd	Labour
Swansea West	Andrew Davies	Labour

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<b>Mid and West Wales</b>	Professor Nicholas Bourne	Conservative
	Glyn Davies	Conservative
	Lisa Francis	Conservative
	Helen Mary Jones	Plaid Cymru
<b>North Wales</b>	Brynle Williams	Conservative
	Mark Isherwood	Conservative
	Eleanor Burnham	Liberal Democrat
	Janet Ryder	Plaid Cymru
<b>South Wales Central</b>	Jonathan Morgan	Conservative
	David Melding	Conservative
	Leanne Wood	Plaid Cymru
	Owen John Thomas	Plaid Cymru
<b>South Wales East</b>	Laura Anne Jones	Conservative
	William Graham	Conservative
	Michael German	Liberal Democrat
	Jocelyn Davies	Plaid Cymru
<b>South Wales West</b>	Janet Davies	Plaid Cymru
	Dr Dai Lloyd	Plaid Cymru
	Alun Cairns	Conservative
	Peter Black	Liberal Democrat