

ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF BACKBENCH BUSINESS COMMITTEE: RESULT

In the election for Members of the Backbench Business Committee on Tuesday 29 June 2010, a total of 248 valid votes were cast. There were 11 invalid ballot papers.

The following were candidates in the election:

Mr David Anderson (Blaydon) (Labour)
Mr Peter Bone (Wellingborough) (Conservative)
Katy Clark (North Ayrshire and Arran) (Labour)
Philip Davies (Shipley) (Conservative)
Jane Ellison (Battersea) (Conservative)
John Hemming (Birmingham, Yardley) (Liberal Democrat)
Mr Philip Hollobone (Kettering) (Conservative)
Alison Seabeck (Plymouth, Moor View) (Labour)

The Order of the House of 15 June provides that constraints shall be applied to the count so that:

- the membership corresponds to the party composition determined by Mr Speaker which, including the Chair, shall reflect as closely as possible the composition of the House; and
- at least two women and two men shall be elected.

On 23 June, following the election of the Chair of the Backbench Business Committee, the Speaker announced that, in addition to the Chair, the Committee would be composed of 4 Conservative Members, 2 Labour and one Liberal Democrat.

There was therefore no requirement for the following candidates to appear on the ballot paper:

Mr Peter Bone	(Conservative)
Philip Davies	(Conservative)
Jane Ellison	(Conservative)
John Hemming	(Liberal Democrat)
Mr Philip Hollobone	(Conservative)

In the secret ballot on 29 June among the remaining three Labour candidates, the following were elected:

Mr David Anderson
Alison Seabeck.

About the voting system

Each Member has one vote, which is transferable. They place candidates in their preferred order using the figures '1', and '2'. The figure '1' represents the vote and is mandatory. The other is a contingency marking and is optional but may allow the elector to influence the final result. Members express preferences until they are unable, or do not wish, to differentiate between the remaining candidates.

The votes are counted with reference to a quota, which is the number of votes a candidate requires to be elected. The quota is the number of valid votes cast divided by the number of places to be filled plus one (3 in this election). The quota in this election was 82.67.

The results

The table below shows the first preference votes cast for each candidate. The two elected candidates reached the quota on the first round.

Candidate	First preference votes received	
Mr David Anderson	99	ELECTED
Katy Clark	57	
Alison Seabeck	92	ELECTED