

ELECTION FOR CHAIRS OF SELECT COMMITTEES: RESULT

Nominations for chairs of the 25 elected select committees and the chair of the backbench business committee closed on Wednesday 10 June and elections were held by secret ballot on Wednesday 17 June 2015.

No ballot was necessary for 12 committees for which a single nomination had been received, as follows:

<i>Committee:</i>	<i>Elected:</i>
Communities & Local Government	Mr Clive Betts
Energy & Climate Change	Angus Brendan MacNeil
Environment, Food & Rural Affairs	Neil Parish
Northern Ireland Affairs	Mr Laurence Robertson
Procedure	Mr Charles Walker
Public Administration and Constitutional Affairs	Mr Bernard Jenkin
Scottish Affairs	Pete Wishart
Standards	Kevin Barron
Treasury	Mr Andrew Tyrie
Transport	Mrs Louise Ellman
Welsh Affairs	David T.C. Davies
Women and Equalities	Mrs Maria Miller

In the contested elections, a total of 621 ballot papers were submitted, the ballots being counted under the Alternative Vote system. The following candidates were elected:

<i>Committee:</i>	<i>Elected:</i>
Backbench Business	Ian Mearns
Business, Innovation & Skills	Iain Wright
Culture, Media & Sport	Jesse Norman
Defence	Dr Julian Lewis
Education	Neil Carmichael
Environmental Audit	Huw Irranca-Davies
Foreign Affairs	Crispin Blunt
Health	Dr Sarah Wollaston
Home Affairs	Keith Vaz
International Development	Stephen Twigg
Justice	Robert Neill
Petitions	Helen Jones
Public Accounts	Meg Hillier
Science & Technology	Nicola Blackwood
Work & Pensions	Frank Field

The full breakdown of voting in each contest, indicating the votes attributable to each candidate after each redistribution of the votes of eliminated candidates, is set out in the tables below.

1. BACKBENCH BUSINESS COMMITTEE				Total 1st round valid votes: 604
	1 st round	2 nd round		
Sarah Champion	190	261		
Ian Mearns	245	283	ELECTED	
Mr Barry Sheerman	169	-		
<i>Not redistributed</i>		60		

2. BUSINESS INNOVATION & SKILLS				Total 1st round valid votes: 581
	1 st round	2 nd round	3 rd round	
Mr Adrian Bailey	197	247		
Dr Roberta Blackman-Woods	165	-		
Iain Wright	219	281	ELECTED	
<i>Not redistributed</i>		53		

3. CULTURE, MEDIA & SPORT					Total 1st round valid votes: 600
	1 st round	2 nd round	3 rd round	4 th round	
Damian Collins	87	90	-	-	
Damian Green	93	97	122	-	
Jason McCartney	42	-	-	-	
Jesse Norman	221	240	268	319	ELECTED
Graham Stuart	157	164	178	211	
<i>Not redistributed</i>	—	9	23 (32)	38 (70)	

4. DEFENCE				Total 1st round valid votes: 589
	1 st round	2 nd round		
Richard Benyon	208	242		
Dr Julian Lewis	260	314	ELECTED	
Bob Stewart	121			
<i>Not redistributed</i>		33		

5. EDUCATION				Total 1st round valid votes:597
	1 st round	2 nd round		
Neil Carmichael	224	294	ELECTED	
Tim Loughton	191	252		
Caroline Nokes	182	--		
<i>Not redistributed</i>	—	51		

6. ENVIRONMENTAL AUDIT COMMITTEE				Total 1st round valid votes:594
	1 st round	2 nd round		
Barry Gardiner	209			
Huw Irranca-Davies	307	ELECTED		
Dr Alan Whitehead	78			
<i>Not redistributed</i>	—			

7. FOREIGN AFFAIRS					Total 1st round valid votes:577
	1 st round	2 nd round	3 rd round	4 th round	
Mr John Baron	123	127	140	-	
Crispin Blunt	173	178	209	281	ELECTED
Richard Graham	92	95	-	-	
Daniel Kawczynski	22	-	-	-	
Nadhim Zahawi	167	173	207	231	
<i>Not redistributed</i>	—	4	17 (21)	44 (65)	

8. HEALTH				Total 1st round valid votes: 596
	1 st round			
David Tredinnick	64			
Dr Sarah Wollaston	532	ELECTED		
<i>Not redistributed</i>	—			

9. HOME				Total 1st round valid votes: 604
	1 st round			
Fiona MacTaggart	192			
Keith Vaz	412	ELECTED		
<i>Not redistributed</i>	—			

10. INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT				Total 1st round valid votes: 595
	1 st round	2 nd round	3 rd round	
Fabian Hamilton	128	150		
Albert Owen	106	123		
Yasmin Qureshi	101	-		
Stephen Twigg	260	295	ELECTED	
<i>Not redistributed</i>	—	27		

11. JUSTICE					Total 1st round valid votes:579
	1 st round	2 nd round	3 rd round	4 th round	
Mr David Burrowes	105	116	150	-	
Mr Jonathan Djanogly	140	151	164	212	
John Howell	66	-	-	-	
Sir Edward Leigh	78	86	-	-	
Robert Neill	190	214	232	283	ELECTED
<i>Not redistributed</i>	—	12	21 (33)	51 (84)	

12. PETITIONS				Total 1st round valid votes:558
	1 st round			
Helen Jones	307	ELECTED		
Nick Smith	251			
<i>Not redistributed</i>	—			

13. PUBLIC ACCOUNTS					Total 1st round valid votes: 612
	1 st round	2 nd round	3 rd round	4 th round	
Helen Goodman	99	115	-		
Mr David Hanson	80	-	-		
Meg Hillier	211	246	303	ELECTED	
Ms Gisela Stuart	222	241	270		
<i>Not redistributed</i>		10	29 (39)		

14. SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY				Total 1st round valid votes:587
	1 st round	2 nd round	3 rd round	
Nicola Blackwood	230	243	279	ELECTED
Dr Phillip Lee	118	130	149	
Stephen McPartland	52	-	-	
Stephen Metcalfe	93	99	-	
Dr Poulter	94	103	115	
<i>Not redistributed</i>	—	12	32 (44)	

15.WORK & PENSIONS				Total 1st round valid votes: 611
	1 st round	2 nd round		
Frank Field	307	ELECTED		
Kate Green	248			
Teresa Pearce	56			
<i>Not redistributed</i>	—			