



HOUSE OF LORDS

Hereditary peers' by-election, November: result

In the by-election following the death of Viscount Simon, 264 valid votes were cast. All members of the House of Lords who had taken the oath and were not on leave of absence, disqualified or suspended from the service of the House, were eligible to vote.

On the first count all candidates received one or more first-preference votes. At the first count, Lord Hacking received over 50% of the total vote:

Lord Hacking, 159 votes

The successful candidate was therefore Lord Hacking.

Overleaf are details of the votes cast for each candidate. The left-hand column lists all candidates. The next column shows the number of first preference votes for each candidate.

Note on the voting system

- The election was conducted using the alternative vote system (also known as preferential voting).
- Under this system, voters rank in order as many candidates as they wish.
- Initially only first-preference votes are counted.
- If the vote for any one candidate equals or exceeds the votes for all the other candidates combined, that candidate is elected.
- Otherwise the votes for the candidate or candidates with fewest votes (or, in the event of a tie, fewest first-preference votes) are transferred to whichever of the continuing candidates is marked by that voter as their next available preference, and the votes thus transferred are added to the first-preference votes of those candidates. The process is repeated until one candidate has as many votes as all the other remaining candidates combined.
- Any ballot on which no further preference is marked is non-transferable.

The poll was conducted using electronic means and the count was conducted by Civica Election Services.

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Simon Burton
Clerk of the Parliaments

Distribution of votes

| | First-preference votes |
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| Biddulph, L. | 23 |
| Hacking, L. | 159 |
| Kennet, L. | 82 |
| VOTES EXCLUDED AT EACH STAGE | 0 |
| TOTAL CONTINUING VOTES AT EACH STAGE | 264 |
| VOTES NEEDED IN ORDER TO BE ELECTED | 132 |