



Crossbench hereditary peers' by-election

This notice confirms arrangements for the by-election following the death of Viscount Slim.

Electors

Viscount Slim was one of the hereditary peers elected by the Crossbench hereditary peers. Therefore, under Standing Order 10(2) the voters in this by-election will be the excepted hereditary peers belonging to the Crossbench group, of whom there are currently 31 eligible to vote. A list is annexed.

Candidates

Those eligible to be candidates are hereditary peers on the register maintained by the Clerk of the Parliaments.

The deadline for registration of candidature was 5 pm on Tuesday 5 March 2019. Fourteen candidates registered to stand; a list is below. Candidates were invited to submit a written statement of up to 75 words; those statements are also below.

A hustings organised by the Convenor of the Crossbench Peers will be held in the morning of Tuesday 19 March 2019. The Convenor's office will contact candidates and electors with further details shortly.

Voting timetable

Ballot papers will be posted to electors by Electoral Reform Services on Monday 11 March and the list of candidates and statements will be published on Tuesday 12 March 2019. Completed papers should be returned to the Office of the Clerk of the Parliaments either by post or in person by **5 pm on Tuesday 26 March 2019**. Ballot papers received after this time will not be counted. Electors should use the pre-addressed envelopes sent with the ballot papers.

Voting system

The Alternative Vote system will be used. Voters place the figure 1 in the box next to the name of the candidate they most strongly support, the figure 2 against the next most favoured candidate, and so on. Voters may cast as many or as few votes as they wish. In order to be elected, the first successful candidate must receive at least as many votes as all the other candidates put together. In the event of this not happening after first-preference votes have been allocated, the votes of the candidates receiving the lowest number of first-preference votes will be shared out according to the second preference marked on them. This will be repeated until one candidate has at least half of the total valid votes.

Ballot papers will be invalidated if:

- any number is used more than once, or
- in the opinion of the Returning Officer (the Clerk of the Parliaments) the ballot paper is illegible or ambiguous.

Results

The count will be conducted by Electoral Reform Services.

The result will be announced in the House of Lords chamber by the Clerk of the Parliaments at a convenient moment (likely to be after oral questions) on Wednesday 27 March 2019.

The full results, including the number of first-preference votes cast for each candidate and the position after each transfer of votes, will be available in the Printed Paper Office and the Library soon after the announcement by the Clerk of the Parliaments. The results will also be published online at www.parliament.uk

11 March 2019

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Clerk of the Parliaments

List of electors

Elected by a party or group and sitting as Crossbench peers:

Aberdare, L.	Lytton, E.
Brookeborough, V.	Mountevans, L.
Carrington, L.	Palmer, L.
Clancarty, E.	Peel, E.
Cork and Orrery, E.	Rosslyn, E.
Craigavon, V.	Russell of Liverpool, L.
Cromwell, L.	St John of Bletso, L.
Devon, E.	Sandwich, E.
Erroll, E.	Somerset, D.
Freyberg, L.	Stair, E.
Greenway, L.	Thurlow, L.
Hylton, L.	Trevethin and Oaksey, L.
Kinnoull, E.	Vaux of Harrowden, L.
Listowel, E.	Waverley, V.

Elected by the whole House and sitting as Crossbench peers:

Colville of Culross, V.
Falkland, V.
Mar, C.

List of candidates

Albemarle, E.
Aldington, L.
De Ramsey, L.
Dormer, L.
Effingham, E.
Glenconner, L.
Hampton, L.
Hankey, L.
Meston, L.
Mountgarret, V. (*Mountgarret, L.*)
Powerscourt, V. (*Powerscourt, L.*)
Ravensdale, L.
Southampton, L.
Spens, L.

Candidature statements

Albemarle, E.

Lacking a career in conventional industries, you may well ask, what could I offer the House of Lords ?

I believe, a fresh perspective.

After two decades living and working overseas in creative industries, my varied life and work experience has taught me an awareness of a dynamic multi cultural society through the prism of technology and design.

I am now firmly rooted in E Sussex where I split my time between land management and design consulting.

Aldington, L.

Followed family into banking, worked in UK, US, Asia, Europe. Best network is Germany.

Committed to the Arts (Royal Academy and Salzburg Festivals), encouraging giving (Institute of Philanthropy) understanding China (Cheung Kong Business School) supporting SMEs (Machfastgroup) and International Dialogue (Ditchley).

Concerns are young people, the regions, financing the NHS, digital regulation and improving my own landscape garden.

De Ramsey, L.

I believe my practical and political experiences with climate, the environment, flood defence, housing, farming in the UK and Africa and research at Rothamsted which have been gained through my roles as –

First Chairman, the Environment Agency,

Chairman, Farm-Africa,

Chairman, Cambridge Water Co.

President, Association of Drainage Authorities

President, the Country Landowners Association

President, the Royal Agricultural Society

would enable me to make a worthwhile contribution to the deliberations of the House.

Dormer, L.

With over 35 years in-depth knowledge and experience of the international defence sector, acquired through my work with major defence suppliers including Babcock, QinetiQ and Cobham, I believe I bring a unique insight that will be of value to the House of Lords. I have a Naval Architecture degree and a Cranfield MBA. I was politically active in the 1980s in Newcastle and in Oxfordshire in the 1990s. I voted to remain.

Effingham, E.

Am former National President of Royal British Legion (RBL), the leading ex-service charity.

Have outstanding knowledge of its activities and skills, particularly:

- Disabilities
- Wheelchair procurement
- Pensions advice
- Care home staff recruitment.

Am communications and naval intelligence specialist liaising with American & British agencies: CIA, NSA, GCHQ, DIA.

There is absolutely no doubt that all these skills are fully transferable.

I believe that the RBL deserves recognition and representation in your Lordships' House.

Glenconner, L.

I am determinedly independent of mind and can contribute to the Crossbench by providing a keen and creative voice in the Upper chamber. At the age of 25 I represent a younger professional generation and would make a strong contribution to the debates and committees of the House. These are uncertain times in our continuously changing society and I would bring fresh insights and ideas to the House of Lords.

Hampton, L.

State secondary academy teacher living and working in Hackney.
Former media business owner advising non-governmental organisations and FTSE 100 companies. Cricket coach at local community club. Passionate about importance of education, design and sport in the future prosperity of the UK.

Hankey, L.

Member HOL 1996-2000. Founded APG for Architecture and Planning

Career:- Adviser to World Bank, ADB, DTI, MOD, British Council, English Heritage, ICOMOS-UK, Royal Households.

Special experience:- Planning Policy Development in numerous countries including China, Philippines, Indonesia, India, Pakistan, Middle East, North Africa, Caribbean, and UK

Present focus:-

- Marketing UK Ltd;
- Understanding values, cultural diversity, inclusion;
- Holistic planning;
- Historic environments,
- Ethical democracy, good governance, devolution;
- Relationship between Parliament and the professions.

Meston, L.

Practising barrister from 1973 (QC from 1996) until 1999 (mainly family law). Since then a circuit judge (now London based).

Active member of Lords 1984-1999, latterly a Crossbencher.

Particularly involved in Bills concerning children, domestic abuse, divorce.

Committees included EU Sub-committee A, Medical Ethics select committee, Statutory Instruments, Consolidation Bills, Personal Bills.

Believe strongly in effective scrutiny of legislation and the value of Crossbench independence and objectivity.

Would commit fully to involvement in the Lords.

Mountgarret, V. (Mountgarret, L.)

All my previous statements portray accurately my reasons for wanting to represent the electorate. Thank you.

Powerscourt, V. (Powerscourt, L.)

I work as a BACP registered therapist in private practice in Cardiff, having previously been Lead Counsellor at the University of South Wales. This allows me the flexibility to attend the House two days a week.

My previous career in copy, design & print production, within national and international charities, provides an additional breadth of valuable experience.

Ravensdale, L.

I am a chartered engineer with extensive experience of international defence and nuclear energy programmes.

Now a project director for a leading engineering consultancy firm, I manage teams to deliver reactor engineering projects for a major nuclear client.

Additional expertise in digital transformation and defence procurement.

A political independent, I would champion the Midlands and commit to regular attendance alongside my consultancy work; benefitting the House by maintaining my expert knowledge of engineering and industry.

Southampton, L.

[No candidature statement submitted.]

Spens, L.

Knowledge/experience;

- **Foreign relations/regulators;** ex-Chairman EU Financial Regulator's data reporting Standing Committee. Legislations MiFID2, MiFIR, EMIR, MAR delivered. FCA Head of Market Monitoring (market abuse) 2009-16.
- **Governance;** Chairman Whitechapel Think Tank ('Blockchain') governance. EU and FCA statutory committees. B.S.Inst. member. Security Cleared. Expert Witness.
- **HoL Economic Affairs Select Committee;** called to give evidence on Blockchain (DLT) technology. 15:50 start;
<https://parliamentlive.tv/event/index/d24ec0a5-222e-4a2b-a5af-5e45b937bd6a?in=15:06:14>
- **Charity;** Senior Advisor ID2020 at UN (SDG 16.9 Legal-identity for all), ex-Chair FCA Charity committee.