



Hereditary Peers' By-election, 22 March 2005: Result

In the by-election to replace the late Lord Aberdare, a total of 348 valid votes were cast. In addition, there were 4 spoilt ballot papers. There were 687 Members of the House eligible to vote. Of the 36 candidates, 26 received one or more first-preference votes. After 23 transfers of votes, the voting for the remaining 3 candidates was as follows:

Earl of Carlisle	61
Viscount Eccles	168
Lord Monkswell	67

The successful candidate was therefore **Viscount Eccles**.

Overleaf are details of the votes cast for each candidate at each stage of the count. The left-hand column lists all 36 candidates. The next column shows the number of first-preference votes for each candidate. Subsequent columns (which are numbered) show the number of votes for each candidate after each transfer of votes from excluded candidates. An **X** in a column shows that the candidate concerned was excluded at that stage. The penultimate row shows the total number of votes at each stage, i.e. after excluding any votes which could not be transferred because no further preference was marked. The last row shows the number of votes required at that stage for a candidate to be elected, i.e. half the total (rounded up).

A 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 of all the other candidates combined, that candidate is elected.
- Otherwise the votes for the candidate or candidates with fewest 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 paper on which no further preference is marked is set aside as non-transferable.

The poll was supervised and the count was conducted by Electoral Reform Services.

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Clerk of the Parliaments

Results of House of Lords hereditary peers' by-election, 22 March 2005

1st-preference		Votes after transfers																						
Candidate	votes	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
V. Addison (Conservative)	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	X														
E. Alexander of Tunis (Conservative)	1	X																						
L. Biddulph (Conservative)	0 X																							
L. Birdwood (Conservative)	0 X																							
L. Birkett (Crossbench)	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	10	10	12	X					
L. Cadman	0 X																							
E. Carlisle (Liberal Democrat)	49	49	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	51	51	51	51	51	53	54	54	55	59	61
E. Cathcart (Conservative)	32	32	32	32	32	32	33	33	33	33	33	33	33	33	33	34	35	36	36	38	40	41	44	X
L. Clifford of Chudleigh (Crossbench)	1	1	X																					
L. De Ramsey (Conservative)	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	12	12	12	13	14	X				
V. Eccles (Conservative)	92	92	92	92	93	93	93	93	93	93	93	93	94	94	96	96	98	102	104	111	119	129	146	168
L. Gainford (Conservative)	0 X																							
L. Glanusk (Crossbench)	1	1	1	X																				
L. Harlech (Conservative)	0 X																							
V. Hood (Conservative)	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	X									
L. Killlearn (Conservative)	1	1	1	1	X																			
E. Kimberley (Conservative)	0 X																							
E. Kinnoull (Conservative)	1	1	1	1	1	X																		
L. Margadale (Conservative)	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	X										
V. Massereene and Ferrard (Conservative)	1	1	1	1	1	1	X																	
L. Milverton (Conservative)	0 X																							
L. Monkswell (Labour)	63	63	63	63	63	63	63	63	63	63	64	64	64	64	64	64	64	64	64	64	64	65	67	67
L. Morris (Conservative)	0 X																							
L. Newall (Conservative)	0 X																							
L. Norrie (Conservative)	19	19	19	19	19	19	19	20	20	21	22	22	22	22	22	22	25	27	27	28	31	X		
L. Poole (Conservative)	3	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	X								
L. Rathcavan (Conservative)	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	10	X						
L. Rowallan (Conservative)	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	X																
D. Rutland (UKIP)	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	X													
E. Stockton (Conservative)	22	22	22	22	22	23	23	23	24	24	24	25	25	25	25	26	27	27	31	34	35	39	X	
L. Sudeley (Conservative)	0 X																							
L. Terrington (Conservative)	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	X											
V. Torrington (Conservative)	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	11	13	14	14	14	14	14	14	X			
L. Tryon (Crossbench)	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	X												
L. Vivian (Conservative)	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	X															
V. Weir (Conservative)	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	X							
VOTES EXCLUDED AT EACH STAGE		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	3	0	0	14	13	20
TOTAL CONTINUING VOTES AT EACH STAGE	348	348	348	348	348	348	348	348	348	348	348	347	347	347	347	346	346	346	343	343	343	329	316	296
VOTES NEEDED IN ORDER TO BE ELECTED	174	174	174	174	174	174	174	174	174	174	174	174	174	174	174	173	173	173	172	172	172	165	158	148