

SCOTTISH PARLIAMENTARY ELECTION

ELECTION OF REGIONAL MEMBERS OF THE SCOTTISH PARLIAMENT

SOUTH SCOTLAND REGION

5 May 2016

I, **Gavin Stevenson**, being the Regional Returning Officer for the Scottish Parliamentary Election for the South Scotland Region, **HEREBY GIVE NOTICE** that in the election of Regional Members to represent the **SOUTH SCOTLAND**, the votes cast were:-

| PARTY DESCRIPTION AND DESCRIPTION (IF ANY) OF INDIVIDUAL CANDIDATES | VOTES CAST |
|--|-------------------|
| Clydesdale and South Scotland Independent | 1,485 |
| RISE – Respect, Independence, Socialism and Environmentalism - Scotland's Left Alliance | 1,097 |
| Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party - Ruth Davidson for a Strong Opposition | 100,753 |
| Scottish Green Party - Sarah Beattie-Smith for South of Scotland | 14,773 |
| Scottish Labour Party - Choose kids, not cuts | 56,072 |
| Scottish Liberal Democrats | 11,775 |
| Scottish National Party (SNP) - Nicola Sturgeon for First Minister | 120,217 |
| Solidarity – Scotland's Socialist Movement - Tommy Sheridan – IndyRef2 | 1,294 |
| UK Independence Party (UKIP) -UKIP | 6,726 |

The Regional Member seats for the South Scotland have been allocated and I therefore declare the following candidates elected as Members of the Scottish Parliament for the South Scotland Region.

| | NAME | | PARTY |
|---|------------------|-----|--|
| 1 | Claudia Beamish | for | Scottish Labour Party |
| 2 | Joan McAlpine | for | Scottish National Party (SNP) |
| 3 | Rachael Hamilton | for | Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party |
| 4 | Emma Harper | for | Scottish National Party (SNP) |
| 5 | Colin Smyth | for | Scottish Labour Party |
| 6 | Paul Wheelhouse | for | Scottish National Party (SNP) |
| 7 | Brian Whittle | for | Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party |

The number of ballot papers rejected and not counted at this election was: -

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| Want of Official Mark | 0 |
| Vote for more than one Party | 103 |
| Writing identifying Voter | 3 |
| Unmarked or uncertain | 425 |

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| TOTAL ELECTORATE | 533,815 |
| TOTAL VOTES CAST | 314,723 |
| TOTAL VOTES REJECTED | 531 |
| PERCENTAGE POLL (votes counted) | 59.0% |

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Gavin Stevenson
Regional Returning
Officer
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