

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: -

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

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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