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## PA News (The Press Association) MESSAGE FORMAT SPECIFICATION <br> In accordance with IPTC TECH7901 (UK Version)

|  | Field Title | Composition | Content/Example |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 3. | Preheader Information | Defined by NAK, CR , LF. <br> One or more groups of 3 alphas, each terminated by SPACE. <br> The last terminated by SPACE, CR , LF \& 5 DEL codes. | See list below |
| 4.1 | Start of Header | One SOH code | SOH |
| 4.2 | Source Identification | Three alphas | HSA for Comprehensive Service or PAS for PACE London's |
| 4.2 | Sequence Number | Four numerics from 0001 to 9999 | e.g. 1347 |
| 4.3 | Field Separator | One space code | SPACE |
| 4.4 | Priority of Story | One numeric from 1 to 5 | See list below |
| 4.5 | Field Separator | One space code | SPACE |
| 4.6 | Category of Story | Three alphas | See list below |
| 4.7 | Field Separator | One space code | SPACE |
| 4.8 | Word Count | Up to 4 numerics, leading zeroes suppressed | e.g. 201 |
| 4.9 | Field Separator | One space code | SPACE |
| 4.10 | Optional Information | Up to 50 characters | e.g. PA PARLY |
| 4.11 | Field Separator | CR LF codes | CR LF |
| 4.12 | Keyword \& Catchline | Page number, keyword in caps, and up to three other words in c\&lc. Maximum 69 characters. | e.g. <br> 2 Thatcher Letter |
| 4.13 | Field Separator | CR LF codes | CR LF |
| 4.14 | Start of Text | One STX code | STX |
| 5. | Message Text |  |  |
| 5 | Slug Information | Not currently used |  |
| 6.1 | End of Text | CR LF \& ETX codes | CR LF ETX |
| 6.2 | Date and Time | Six numerics, 2 each for day, hour \& minute, followed by space. Three alphas for month, followed by space. Two numerics for year. | 231438 May 88 |
| 6.3 | Message Separation Pattern | Quad Left, CR \& 5 LF codes | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Q/L CR LF LF } \\ & \text { LF LF LF } \end{aligned}$ |
| 6.4 | End of Transmission | One EOT \& 3 LF Codes | EOT LF LF LF |

Examples of Content of Preheader Information Field 3 :
AAA Home News
EMB Embargo items
CCC Sports items
NNN Item also on Newswire.
Each or several individual sites 3-alpha codes.
Contents of Priority of Story Field 4.4 :
1 FLASH and RUSH (breaks into any item in transmission)
2 SNAP and RUSHFULL

## 3 SNAPFULL

4 Normal
5 Requested rerun. NB some low priority items will run at priority 5 (eg test messages)
Note: Items broken into by a Priority 1 message
Items will be terminated by the following code sequence:
CR LF CR LF BUST IT CAN EOT CR LF LF LF LF LF LF
The Priority message will then commence in the normal way.
The BUST message will be repeated in full, following completion of the Priority message.
Contents of Category of Story Field 4.6 :
See list sent on system First Tuesday of each month.

## MESSAGE FORMAT AND ADDRESSING MESSAGE HEADER

Messages are transmitted by the Message Switching System using the International Press Telecommunications Council Standard Format 7901. This format is as follows:-

|  | Field Title | Composition |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1. | Preheader Information | Defined by NAK, CR, LF. One or more groups of 3 alphas each terminated by SPACE. The last terminated by SPACE, CR, LF and 5 DEL codes. |
| 2.1 | Start of Header | One SOH code. |
| 2.2 | Source Indentification | Three Alphas |
| 2.3 | Sequence Number | Four numerics from 0001 to 9999 |
| 2.4 | Field Separator | One SPACE code |
| 2.5 | Priority of Story | One numeric from 1 to 4 |
| 2.6 | Field Separator | One SPACE code |
| 2.7 | Category of Story | Three Alphas |
| 2.8 | Field Separator | One SPACE code |
| 2.9 | Word Count | Up to 4 Numerics, leading zeroes suppressed |
| 2.10 | Field Separator | One SPACE code |
| 2.11 | Optional Information | Up to 50 characters |
| 2.12 | Field Separator | CR LF codes |
| 2.13 | Keyword and Catchline | Page number, keyword in caps and up to three other words in c\&Ic. Maximum 69 characters |
| 2.14 | Field Separator | CR LF codes |
| 2.15 | Start of Text | One STX code |
| 3. | Message Text |  |
| 3.1 | Slug Information | Not currently used |
| 4.1 | End of Text | CR LF and ETX codes |
| 4.2 | Date and Time | Six numerics, 2 each for day, hour and minutes, followed by SPACE. Three Alphas for month, followed by SPACE. Two numerics for year. |
| 4.3 | Message Separation Pattern | Quad Left, $C R$ and $5 L F$ codes |
| 4.4 | End of Transmission | One EOT and $3 L F$ codes. |

## MESSAGE FORMAT AND ADDRESSING (cont'd)

A message filed from SYS55 with the input header completed thus:-
INFO PA
PRI 4 CAT HHH_TXT(X)/TAB(T)X
PG 1 TOPIC TRANSPORT KEYWORD Drink $\qquad$ - Police $\qquad$

## ADDRESS AAA

would appear on transmission with the message header:-
AAA HHH
HSA1104 4 HHH 143 PA
1 TRANSPORT Drink Police
with
a) the PRI field of the SII input header as field 2.5 of the output header;
b) the SII CAT Field 1s field 2.7 of the output header;
c) the SII INFO Field 1s field 2.11 of the output header
d) the SII PG, TOPIC and KEYWORD fields combined as field 2.13 of the output header

The SII TXT $(\mathrm{X}) / \mathrm{TAB}(\mathrm{T})$ field of the input header is used to differentiate between normal textual copy and tabular copy for transmission purposes. When an $X$ is inserted the line endings of output copy can be changed from those input on a terminal by the Message Switching system to suit the maximum line character count set for a particular transmission channel; when a T is inserted the original line endings input on a terminal are maintained on transmission.
The contents of Field 1 of the output header - known as the Call Directing Code - are generated using look-up tables in the Message Switching system from whatever address is used.
The Source Identification Field 2.2 of the output header is a parameter set in the Switching system and remains the same for any particular transmission channel - for example, the high speed Provincial Service is HSA, the Fast Results Service is EXT.
The sequence Number field 2.3 is genrated by the Switching system and runs consecutively, reverting to 0001 from 9999.

Field 2.9 is also generated by the Switching system by counting the number of print characters between STX and ETX and dividing by a factor of six.

|  | CODE CONVERSION FOR 5-UNIT TRANSMISSION |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 8-Unit Octal | Characters | 5-Unit Octal | 8-Unit Octal | Characters | 5-Unit Octal |
| 000 | NUL | 00 | 100 | LR | - |
| 001 | SOH | - | 101 | A | 031 |
| 002 | STX | - | 102 | B | 311 |
| 003 | ETX | - | 103 | C | 16I |
| 004 | EOT | - | 104 | D | 111 |
| 005 | ENQ | - | 105 | E | 011 |
| 006 | ACK | - | 106 | F | 15I |
| 007 | BEL | 13f | 107 | G | 321 |
| 010 | BS | - | 110 | H | 24I |
| 011 | HT | - | 111 | I | 061 |
| 012 | LF | 02e | 112 | J | 131 |
| 013 | VT | - | 113 | K | 171 |
| 014 | FF | - | 114 | L | 221 |
| 015 | $C R$ | 10e | 115 | M | 341 |
| 016 | SO | - | 116 | N | 141 |
| 017 | SI | - | 117 | 0 | 301 |
| 020 | DLE | - | 120 | P | 261 |
| 021 | DC1 | - | 121 | Q | 271 |
| 022 | DC2 | - | 122 | R | 121 |
| 023 | DC3 | - | 123 | S | 05I |
| 024 | DC4 | - | 124 | T | 201 |
| 025 | NAK | - | 125 | U | 071 |
| 026 | SYN | - | 126 | V | 361 |
| 027 | ETB | - | 127 | W | 231 |
| 030 | CAN | - | 130 | X | 35I |
| 031 | EmSp | 04e | 131 | Y | 251 |
| 032 | SUB | - | 132 | Z | 211 |
| 033 | ESC | - | 133 | 1/8 | Note 1 |
| 034 | FS | - | 134 | 1/4 | Note 1 |
| 035 | GS | - | 135 | 3/8 | Note 1 |
| 036 | RS | - | 136 | UR | - |
| 037 | US | - | 137 | MINUS | 03f |
| 040 | Space | 04e | 140 | - | 05f |
| 041 | ! | 32f | 141 | a | 031 |
| 042 | ThSp | 04e | 142 | b | 311 |
| 043 | £ | 24f | 143 | c | 161 |
| 044 | EnSp | 04e | 144 | d | 111 |
| 045 | \% | Note 2 | 145 | e | 011 |
| 046 | \& | Note 3 | 146 | f | 151 |
| 047 |  | 05f | 147 | g | 321 |
| 050 | ( | 17f | 150 | h | 241 |
| 051 | ) | 2f | 151 | i | 061 |
| 052 | EmSp | 04e | 152 | j | 131 |
| 053 | + | 21f | 153 | k | 171 |
| 054 | . | 14f | 154 | 1 | 221 |
| 055 | - | 03f | 155 | m | 341 |
| 056 | - | 34f | 156 | n | 141 |
| 057 | 1 | 35 f | 157 | 0 | 301 |
| 060 | 0 | $26 f$ | 160 | p | 261 |
| 061 | 1 | 27f | 161 | q | 271 |
| 062 | 2 | 23 f | 162 | r | 121 |
| 063 | 3 | 01f | 163 | S | 051 |
| 064 | 4 | 12 f | 164 | t | 201 |
| 065 | 5 | $20 f$ | 165 | u | 071 |
| 066 | 6 | $25 f$ | 166 | v | 361 |
| 067 | 7 | 07f | 167 | w | 231 |

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| 8-Unit Octal | Characters | 5-Unit Octal | 8-Unit Octal | Characters | 5-Unit Octal |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 070 | 8 | $06 f$ | 170 | X | 351 |
| 071 | 9 | 30 f | 171 | y | 251 |
| 072 | : | 16 f | 172 | z | 211 |
| 073 | : | 16 f | 173 | 1/2 | Note 1 |
| 074 | QL | - | 174 | 5/8 | Note 1 |
| 075 | QC | - | 175 | 3/4 | Note 1 |
| 076 | QR | - | 176 | $7 / 8$ | Note 1 |
| 077 | ? | 31f | 177 | DEL | 37 |

Note 1: One-character fractions in 8 -unit should be output as three characters preceded by a hyphen, i.e. -1/8.
Note 2: One-character percentage sign should be output as 'p.c.'
Note 3: One-character ampersand should be output as 'and'.
Note 4: 5-unit codes with an 'f' should be preceded by a Figure Shift code (octal 33), with an 'l' by a Letter Shift code (octal 37), those with an 'e' can be in either shift.

## DATA FORMAT ELECTION NOMINATIONS AND RESULTS SPECIFICATION

The following specification is applicable to General Elections and By Elections, European Parliament Elections, Scottish, Welsh and London Assembly Elections and Northern Ireland Assembly and Northern Ireland European Parliament Elections and will cover the nominations and results of the election. The specification caters for the First Past The Post system used in General Elections and By elections, the Additional Member - First Past The Post and top-up Proportional Representation party list system for Scottish, Welsh and London Assembly Elections, the Proportional Representation party list system used for European Parliament Elections and the Single Transferable Vote Proportional Representation system used in Northern Ireland Assembly Elections and Northern Ireland European Parliament Elections.

The information will utilise Record and Field separators which are indicated as $R S$ and $F S$ respectively. Each record will be preceded by $R S n n F S$ where nn stands for record number ( $00-07$ ) and will be terminated by CR LF. If there is no data for a particular record or the record is not applicable, it will not be present. If a record type is shown all fields, preceded by FS SPACE FS, are always present whether they contain data or not.

All Nominations will be transmitted using category code XDA (TTY XTA). Individual General Election and Scottish, Welsh and London Assemblies First Past The Post Results will be transmitted using category code XDB (TTY XTB). Individual Scottish, Welsh and London Assembly Proportional Representation results and individual European Parliament Proportional Representation results will be transmitted using category code XDQ (TTY XTQ). All first past the post collated results will be transmitted using category code XDC (TTY XTC). Scottish, Welsh and London Assembly Proportional Representation collated results and European Parliament Proportional Representation collated results will be category-coded XDR for data format and XTR for TTY. Individual and collated Northern Ireland Assembly and Northern Ireland European Parliament Proportional Representation Results will be transmitted using category code XDP (TTY XTP).

An individual General Election result will carry a catchline of "POLL Result" followed by the Constituency number. Individual constituency results for Scottish, Welsh, London and Northern Ireland Assembly elections will carry a catchline of "POLL Scotland, Wales, London or Ulster", followed by the constituency number. Individual constituency results for European elections will carry the catchline "POLL Europe", followed by the constituency number.

Collated constituency outputs will list a set of constituencies. Collated Nominations will carry a catchline of "ELECTION Nominations Collated" in the case of General Elections, with "ELECTION Scotland Collated", "ELECTION Wales Collated", "ELECTION London Collated" or "ELECTION Ulster Collated" for Assembly Elections and "ELECTION Europe Collated" for European Parliament Elections. Collated Results will carry catchlines of "POLL Results Collated", "POLL Scotland Collated", "POLL Wales Collated", "POLL London Collated", "POLL Ulster Collated" or "POLL Europe Collated". In the case of Scottish, Welsh and London Assembly collated results the Proportional Representation constituencies will be run separately with the first keyword including the word PR, giving catchlines of "POLL Scotland PR Collated", "POLL Wales PR Collated" and "POLL London PR Collated"

Collated General Election Nominations/results by region are not anticipated to be transmitted. If a decision is made to transmit this material the outputs will contain results within one region, and will carry a keyword that corresponds to one of the twelve regions, as appropriate. (EAST ANGLIA, EAST MIDLANDS, GREATER LONDON, NORTH, NORTHERN IRELAND, NORTH WEST, SCOTLAND, SOUTH EAST, SOUTH WEST, WALES, WEST MIDLANDS, YORKS AND HUMBERSIDE).

In all First Past The Post collation transmissions, each page will carry a maximum of 30 constituencies and will be sequentially paged accordingly. Collated nominations for Scottish, Welsh and London Assembly Proportional Representation Elections will be included on an additional page to those for first past the post. Collated results for Scottish, Welsh and London Assembly Proportional Representation Elections will each run on one separate page. Northern Ireland Proportional Representation Constituencies will be run, for collated results, as individual pages, numbered 1 to 18 (on the number of constituencies as at January 1 2002).

The outputs will consist of eight record types from Record 00 through Record 07 . How many of the eight record types are present will depend on the type of output.

Where a constituency has a boundary change, the previous election results are expressed as notional figures which would have happened had those changes been in force at the last election.

Historic material will only be displayed as far back as the last General, Scottish, Welsh, London, Northern Ireland or European Parliament election.

## RECORD 00 contains ten fields showing Constituency details.

Fields one through to eight are applicable to ALL transmissions (Nominations/Results).
Field 1 contains the Constituency number.
Field 2 contains the Constituency name.
Field 3 contains an indication relating to a boundary change, if applicable. This field will contain either the boundary change percentage figure or the indicator " B " where a boundary change is in force and the percentage change is not given.
Field 4 contains the Electorate (the number of people eligible to vote in the election).
Field 5 contains the turnout (the number of people who actually voted in the election).
Field 6 contains the percentage of turnout against the electorate.
Field 7 contains the percentage change in turnout between the election and the last major election. This field will be blank if a boundary change is in force.

Fields eight, nine and ten are ONLY applicable to Northern Ireland Proportional Representation Result outputs.
Field 8 contains the number of valid votes (votes which were not spoilt).
Field 9 contains the quota (the number of votes required for election).
Field 10 contains the sequence number of the current vote count.
RECORD 01 is present ONLY for Scottish and Welsh Proportional Representation nominations and results and European Parliament Proportional Represention nominations and results for the Eastern, East Midlands, North East, North West, South East, South West, West Midlands and Yorkshire and The Humber regional constituencies.
Field 1 contains the names of council areas or parliamentary constituencies included within the regional constituency.
RECORD 02 is ONLY present for all First Past The Post results and Scottish, Welsh and London Assembly Proportional Representation results and European Parliament Proportional Representation results and contains a summary of the election result. The record will consist of eight fields which contain data dependent on whether a boundary change has been indicated in field three in Record 00. Constituencies which are subject to a boundary change will contain notional data, in the fields which indicate "(Notional)", which will only apply to the previous main election.
Field 1 applies to all First Past The Post results and Scottish, Welsh and London Assembly Proportional Representation results and European Parliament Proportional Representation results.
Field 1 contains the majority party's abbreviation.
Fields two and three apply to First Past The Post results ONLY.
Field 2 contains the (Notional) Gain or Hold Indicator.
Field 3 contains the (Notional) losing party.
Fields four through to eight apply to all First Past The Post results and Scottish, Welsh and London Assembly Proportional Representation results and European Parliament Proportional Representation results.
Field 4 contains the majority.
Field 5 contains the majority shown as a percentage of the turnout.
Field 6 contains the (Notional) swing percentage for the constituency.
Field 7 contains the (Notional) Swing To party short name.
Field 8 contains the (Notional) Swing From party short name.

RECORD 03 contains eleven fields indicating candidate details.
Field 1 contains the winning MP Indicator. This field will be set with an asterisk if the candidate has been elected. This field will be blank in Nomination transmissions.

Fields two through to six are applicable for ALL transmissions (Nominations/Results).
Field 2 contains the pre election MP Indicator, if applicable. This field may contain the following: *indicating a sitting MP for the Constituency. + indicating a sitting MP for another Constituency, to include a sitting MP for the constituency if a boundary change is in force.
Field 3 contains the Candidate's title, if present. e.g. Doctor, Professor Mrs etc.
Field 4 contains the Candidate's forename.
Field 5 contains the Candidate's family name.
Field 6 contains the Candidate's party.

Field seven is applicable to all First Past The Post results and Northern Ireland Assembly Proportional Representation results and Northern Ireland European Parliament Proportional Representation Results only.
Field 7 contains the number of votes cast for the candidate. In a Northern Ireland Assembly or Northern Ireland European Parliament Proportional Representation result, this field will contain the number of votes in the first round of counting.

Fields eight and nine are ONLY applicable to First Past The Post Result outputs.
Field 8 contains the percentage of the turnout figure gained by the candidate.
Field 9 contains the percentage change of the turnout gained by the candidate's party at the last main election. Data in this field, if present, will be preceded by a + (plus) or - (minus) indication. This field will be empty if there has been no measurable (two decimal points) change in this data. Field 9 Will NOT contain data when: 1. The Candidate's party did not contest the Constituency in the previous election. 2. The boundary change indication is present in Record 00.

Fields ten and eleven are ONLY applicable to Northern Ireland Proportional Representation Result outputs.
Field 10 contains an indication $(S)$ denoting whether the surplus for an elected candidate or $(D)$ the votes for an eliminated candidate were re-distributed to those candidates still involved in the count. If field 10 contains an indicator, Field 11 will contain a count sequence number which will indicate which count the surplus for an elected candidate or the votes for an eliminated candidate were distributed to those candidates still involved in the count.

RECORD 04 is ONLY be present for Northern Ireland Assembly and Northern Ireland European Parliament Proportional Representation Result transmissions and contains vote sequence and votes attained by the preceding Record 03 Proportional Representation result candidate. The record consists of four fields.
Field 1 contains the sequence number of the vote count.
Field 2 contains the number of additional votes cast for the candidate in the current count.
Field 3 contains the total number of votes achieved for the candidate at the end of the current round.
Field 4 contains an indication as to whether candidate has been elected (*) or eliminated (-) in current count. This record is repeated for all counts in which the candidate is still participating.

RECORD 05 is NOT present for all First Past The Post result transmissions. It contains accumulative first or only count party votes and percentages information. The record consists of four fields.
Field 1 contains the party name.
Field 2 contains the accumulative total first or only count votes achieved by the party.
Field 3 contains the percentage of the turnout figure gained by the accumulative first or only count votes of the party.
Field 4 contains the percentage change of the turnout gained by the party at the last election, whichever is the latest. For a boundary change seat this percentage is notional against the party in the last election.
In Northern Ireland elections this record will be only be unchanged after the first count.

RECORD types 06 and 07 will be repeated for all previous elections including By elections, if applicable. If a boundary change is in force for the current election, these records will only reflect the previous relevant major election in notional terms.

RECORD 06 contains the last Election details. The record will be present for the last relevant major election and will be repeated for all By elections that have been held in the constituency, if applicable. The record will displayed in the order of last relevant main election details first, followed by the By election material in date order, with the latest by election appearing last. The record contains eight fields which contain data dependent on whether a boundary change has been indicated in field three in Record 00. Constituencies which are subject to a boundary change will contain notional data, in the fields which indicate "(Notional)", which will only apply to the previous relevant main election.

Fields one, two and three are applicable to ALL transmissions (Nominations/Results).
Field 1 contains an indicator to indicate whether the last election details were for a General Election (G), a By-Election (B), a Scottish Parliament Election (S), a Welsh Assembly Election (W), a London Assembly Election (L), a Northern Ireland Assembly Election (N), a European Election and Northern Ireland European Election (E).
Field 2 contains the previous Election month indicator. This field will be blank when a boundary change is in force.
Field 3 contains the previous Election year indicator.
Fields four, five and six are NOT applicable to Northern Ireland Assembly Proportional Representation nominations and results and Northern Ireland European Parliament Proportional Representation nominations and results.
Field 4 contains the last election (Notional) majority party short name.
Field 5 contains the last Election (Notional) majority party majority.
Field 6 contains the last Election (Notional) percentage figure of the majority against the turnout.
Fields seven and eight are applicable to ALL transmissions (Nominations/Results)
Field 7 contains the last Election turnout figure.
Field 8 contains the last Election (Notional) percentage figure of turnout against the electorate. These fields may be blank where a boundary change is in force.

RECORD 07 contains the last Election Candidates/Party details, for the previous Record 06. This record will be repeated for all Candidates/Parties, in descending vote order. Where the result is for a Northern Ireland Assembly or Northern Ireland European Parliament Proportional Representation election the record will be repeated for all Candidates/Party, in descending first count vote order. Constituencies which are subject to a boundary change will contain notional data, in the fields which indicate "(Notional)", which will only apply to the previous election. The record consists of five fields.
Fields one and two apply only to First Past The Post and Northern Ireland Assembly and Northern Ireland European Election Proportional Representation nominations.
Field 1 contains an elected MP indicator (*) if applicable.
Field 2 contains the Candidate's family name.
Field 1 and field 2 will be blank for ALL transmissions (Nominations/Results) when a boundary change is in force.
Fields three and four apply to ALL transmissions (nominations/results).
Field 3 contains the Party.
Field 4 contains the Candidate's/Party's (Notional) vote figure - first count vote figure in a Northern Ireland Assembly or Northern Ireland European Parliament Proportional Representation election.
Field 5 contains the percentage of the (Notional) turnout figure gained by the Candidate/Party. This field will be empty in a Northern Ireland Assembly or Northern Ireland European Parliament Proportional Representation result.

The following list defines the data types of fields within the eight record types.

| RECORD 00 | CONSTITUENCY DETAILS |
| :---: | :---: |
| Field 1 Numeric | Preceded by RS 00 FS |
| Field 2 Text | Preceded by FS SPACE FS |
| Field 3 Text | Preceded by FS SPACE FS |
| Field 4 Text | Preceded by FS SPACE FS |
| Field 5 Text | Preceded by FS SPACE FS |
| Field 6 Text | Preceded by FS SPACE FS |
| Field 7 Text | Preceded by FS SPACE FS |
| Field 8 Text | Preceded by FS SPACE FS |
| Field 9 Text | Preceded by FS SPACE FS |
| Field 10 Numeric | Preceded by FS SPACE FS, terminated by CR LF |
| RECORD 01 | PARLIAMENTARY CONSTITUENCIES |
| Field 1 Text | Preceded by RS 01 FS, terminated by CR LF |
| RECORD 02 | ELECTION RESULT SUMMARY |
| Field 1 Text | Preceded by RS 02 FS |
| Field 2 Text | Preceded by FS SPACE FS |
| Field 3 Text | Preceded by FS SPACE FS |
| Field 4 Text | Preceded by FS SPACE FS |
| Field 5 Text | Preceded by FS SPACE FS |
| Field 6 Text | Preceded by FS SPACE FS |
| Field 7 Text | Preceded by FS SPACE FS |
| Field 8 Text | Preceded by FS SPACE FS, terminated by CR LF |
| RECORD 03 | CANDIDATE'S DETAILS |
| Field 1 Text | Preceded by RS 03 FS |
| Field 2 Text | Preceded by FS SPACE FS |
| Field 3 Text | Preceded by FS SPACE FS |
| Field 4 Text | Preceded by FS SPACE FS |
| Field 5 Text | Preceded by FS SPACE FS |
| Field 6 Text | Preceded by FS SPACE FS |
| Field 7 Text | Preceded by FS SPACE FS |
| Field 8 Text | Preceded by FS SPACE FS |
| Field 9 Text | Preceded by FS SPACE FS |
| Field 10 Text | Preceded by FS SPACE FS |
| Field 11 Numeric | Preceded by FS SPACE FS, terminated by CR LF |
| RECORD 04 | CANDIDATE'S DETAILS COUNT (PR RECOUNT) DETAILS |
| Field 1 Numeric | Preceded by RS 04 FS |
| Field 2 Text | Preceded by FS SPACE FS |
| Field 3 Text | Preceded by FS SPACE FS |
| Field 4 Text | Preceded by FS SPACE FS, terminated by CR LF |
| RECORD 05 | PR ACCUMULATIVE PARTY VOTES AND PERCENTAGES |
| Field 1 Text | Preceded by RS 05 FS |
| Field 2 Text | Preceded by FS SPACE FS |
| Field 3 Text | Preceded by FS SPACE FS |
| Field 4 Text | Preceded by FS SPACE FS, terminated by CR LF |

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The following list defines the logical content of fields within the eight Record types. An asterisk will indicate which field is utilised in which transmission type. Where a record is present, fields with no asterisks will be present but empty. Records with no fields used (e.g. Record 02 in nomination outputs) will not be transmitted.

Transmission type headings key : Noms - Nomination outputs, FPTP - First Past The Post result outputs, NIPR - Northern Ireland Proportional Representation result outputs, SWLEPR - Scottish/Welsh/London/Europe proportional representation results outputs.

| Field | Type | Content | Noms | FPTP | NIPR | SWLEPR |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Record 00: | CONSTITUENCY | DETAILS |  |  |  |  |
| Field 1 | Numeric | Constituency Number | $*$ | $*$ | $*$ | $*$ |
| Field 2 | Text | Constituency name | $*$ | $*$ | $*$ | $*$ |
| Field 3 | Numeric | \% Boundary change | $*$ | $*$ | $*$ | $*$ |
| Field 4 | Text | Electorate | $*$ | $*$ | $*$ | $*$ |
| Field 5 | Text | Turnout |  | $*$ | $*$ | $*$ |
| Field 6 | Text | \% Turnout |  | $*$ | $*$ | $*$ |
| Field 7 | Text | \% Change Turnout |  | $*$ | $*$ | $*$ |
| Field 8 | Text | Valid Votes |  |  | $*$ |  |
| Field 9 | Text | Quota |  |  | $*$ |  |
| Field 10 | Numeric | Vote count sequence number |  |  | $*$ |  |

## Record 01: PARLIAMENTARY CONSTITUENCIES

Field 1 Text Party Constituencie

## Record 02: ELECTION RESULT SUMMARY

| Field 1 | Text | Majority Party |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Field 2 | Text | Gain/Hold Ind |
| Field 3 | Text | Losing Party |
| Field 4 | Text | Majority |
| Field 5 | Text | \% Majority |
| Field 6 | Text | Swing |
| Field 7 | Text | Swing To Party |
| Field 8 | Text | Swing From Party |

Record 03: CANDIDATE'S DETAILS

| Field 1 | Text | Elected MP Indicator |  | $*$ | $*$ | $*$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Field 2 | Text | Pre-elect MP Indicator | $*$ | $*$ | $*$ | $*$ |
| Field 3 | Text | Candidate title | * | $*$ | $*$ | $*$ |
| Field 4 | Text | Candidate forename | $*$ | $*$ | $*$ | $*$ |
| Field 5 | Text | Candidate family name | $*$ | $*$ | $*$ | $*$ |
| Field 6 | Text | Party | $*$ | $*$ | $*$ | $*$ |
| Field 7 | Text | Votes |  | $*$ | $*$ |  |
| Field 8 | Text | Turnout \% of |  | $*$ |  |  |
| Field 9 | Text | Gain/Loss \% prev elect |  | $*$ |  |  |
| Field 10 | Text | Redistribution indicator |  |  | $*$ |  |
| Field 11 | Numeric | Vote count sequence number |  |  | $*$ |  |


| Record 04: CANDIDATE'S DETAILS COUNT (PR COUNT) DETAILS |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Field 1 | Numeric | Vote court sequence number | $*$ |
| Field 2 | Text | Current count votes for Candidate | $*$ |
| Field 3 | Text | Total votes for Candidate | $*$ |
| Field 4 | Text | Elected/Eliminated indicator | $*$ |

## Record 05: PR ACCUMULATIVE PARTY VOTES AND PERCENTAGES

| Field 1 | Text | Party Name | $*$ | $*$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Field 2 | Text | Total votes for party | $*$ | $*$ |
| Field 3 | Text | Turnout \% current election | * | $*$ |
| Field 4 | Text | Gain/Loss \% prev elect | $*$ | $*$ |

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| Field | Type | Content | Noms | FPTP | NIPR | SWLEPR |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Record 06: LAST ELECTION'S INFORMATION |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Field 1 | Text | Election Indicator | * | * | * | * |
| Field 2 | Text | Election Month | * | * | * | * |
| Field 3 | Numeric | Election Year | * | * | * | * |
| Field 4 | Text | Party Name | * | * |  | * |
| Field 5 | Text | Majority | * | * |  | * |
| Field 6 | Text | Majority \% | * | * |  |  |
| Field 7 | Text | Turnout | * | * | * | * |
| Field 8 | Text | \% Turnout | * | * | * | * |
| Record 07: LAST ELECTION PARTY VOTING DETAILS |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Field 1 | Text | Elected MP Indicator |  |  | * |  |
| Field 2 | Text | Candidate name | * | * | * |  |
| Field 3 | Text | Party name | * | * | * | * |
| Field 4 | Text | Votes | * | * | * | * |
| Field 5 | Text | \% of turnout | * | * |  | * |

## NOMINATIONS OUTPUT EXAMPLES

## Data Format Nominations will be transmitted using category code XDA TTY Nominations will be transmitted using category code XTA

NOTE: In TTY outputs Candidate details an asterisk displayed preceding the Candidate details will denote the previous MP for that Constituency. Where an existing MP is standing in a different Constituency or where a boundary change is in force the candidate will be indicated as "+".

NOTE: In TTY outputs last election details the month will NOT be displayed and the type of election indicator will NOT be displayed.

The following General Election examples are for test purposes only and do not reflect accurate figures. This format is applicable to all election types. The main difference for proportional representation elections is that there will often be more than one candidate for the same party.

General Election NOMINATION Data Format Output Example (as part of a collated story):
HSA1234 3 XDA 132 PA RUSHFULL
ELECTION Nominations Collated
rs00fs112fs fsCAMBRIDGEfs fsfs fs69,022fs fsfs fsfs fsfs fsfs fsfs fs
rs03fsfs fs+fs fsfs fsMarkfs fsBishopfs fsCfs fsfs fsfs fsfs fsfs fs
rs03fsfs fsfs fsMsfs fsAnnefs fsCampbellfs fsLabfs fsfs fsfs fsfs fsfs fs
rs03fsfs fsfs fsfs fsDavidfs fsHowarthfs fsLDfs fsfs fsfs fsfs fsfs fs
rs03fsfs fsfs fsfs fsTimfs fsCooperfs fsGreenfs fsfs fsfs fsfs fsfs fs
$r s 03 f s f s$ fsfs fsfs $f s$ Dickfs fsBrettell-Winningtonfs $f s$ Loonyfs fsfs fsfs fsfs fsfs fs
rs03fsfs fsfs fsfs fsRogerfs fsChalmersfs fsNLPfs fsfs fsfs fsfs fsfs fs
rs06fsGfs fsMayfs fs $1987 f s$ fsCfs fs5,060fs fs9.35fs fs54,104fs fs77.87
rs07fsfs fsRhodes Jamesfs fsCfs fs21,624fs fs 39.97
rs07fsfs fsWilliamsfs fsLDfs fs16,564fs fs30.62
rs07fsfs fsHowardfs fsLabfs fs15,319fs fs28.31
rs07fsfs fsWrightfs fsGreenfs fs597fs fs 1.10
General Election NOMINATION TTY Output Example (as part of a collated story):
HSA1234 3 XTA 132 PA RUSHFULL
ELECTION Nominations Collated
112 CAMBRIDGE

+ Mark Bishop (C)
Ms Anne Campbell (Lab)
David Howarth (LD)
Tim Cooper (Green)
Dick Brettell Winnington (Loony)
Roger Chalmers (NLP)
Electorate 69,022
1987: C maj 5,060 (9.35\%) - Turnout 54,104 (77.87\%)
Rhodes James (C) 21,624 (39.97\%); Williams (LD) 16,564 (30.62\%); Howard (Lab) 15,319 (28.31\%); Wright (Green) 597
(1.10\%)

General Election NOMINATION Data Format Output Example with Boundary change (as part of a collated story):
HSA1234 3 XDA 132 PA RUSHFULL
ELECTION Nomination Collated
rs00fs112fs fsCAMBRIDGEfs fs22fs fs69,022fs fsfs fsfs fsfs fsfs fsfs fs
$r s 03 f s f s ~ f s+f s$ fsfs $f s M a r k f s ~ f s B i s h o p f s ~ f s C f s ~ f s f s ~ f s f s ~ f s f s ~ f s f s ~ f s ~$
rs03fsfs fsfs fsMsfs fsAnnefs fsCampbellfs fsLabfs fsfs fsfs fsfs fsfs fs
rs03fsfs fsfs fsfs fsDavidfs fsHowarthfs fsLDfs fsfs fsfs fsfs fsfs fs
rs03fsfs fsfs fsfs fsTimfs fsCooperfs fsGreenfs fsfs fsfs fsfs fsfs fs
rs03fsfs fsfs fsfs fsDickfs fsBrettell Winningtonfs fsLoonyfs fsfs fsfs fsfs fsfs fs
rs03fsfs fsfs fsfs fsRogerfs fsChalmersfs fsNLPfs fsfs fsfs fsfs fsfs fs
rs06fsGfs fsfs fs $1987 f s$ fsCfs $f s 5,060 f s$ fs $9.35 f s$ fsfs fs 77.87
rs07fsfs fsfs fsCfs fs21,624fs fs39.97
rs07fsfs fsfs fsLDfs fs $16,564 f s$ fs 30.62
rs07fsfs fsfs fsLabfs fs15,319fs fs28.31
rs07fsfs fsfs fsGreenfs fs597fs fs1.10

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General Election NOMINATION TTY Output Example with Boundary change:
HSA1234 3 XTA 132 PA RUSHFULL
ELECTION Nomination Collated
112 CAMBRIDGE

+ Mark Bishop (C)
Ms Anne Campbell (Lab)
David Howarth (LD)
Tim Cooper (Green)
Dick Brettell Winnington (Loony)
Roger Chalmers (NLP)
Electorate 69,022
$22 \%$ boundary change
1987 notional: C maj 5,060 (9.35\%) - Turnout 77.87\%.
C 21,624 (39.97\%); LD 16,564 (30.62\%); Lab 15,319 (28.31\%); Green 597 (1.10\%)


## FIRST PAST THE POST RESULTS OUTPUT EXAMPLES

Individual Data Format First Past The Post Results will be transmitted using category code XDB Individual TTY First Past The Post Results will be transmitted using category code XTB
Collated Data Format First Past The Post Results will be transmitted using category code XDC Collated TTY First Past The Post Results will be transmitted using category code XTC

NOTE: In TTY outputs Candidate details an asterisk displayed preceding the Candidate details will denote the previous MP for that Constituency. Where an existing MP is standing in a different Constituency or where a boundary change is in force the candidate will be indicated as " + ". Candidates are displayed in vote order with the winning candidate shown as the leading candidate.

NOTE: In TTY outputs last election details the month will NOT be displayed and the type of election indicator will NOT be displayed.

The following General Election examples, which have the same formats as Scottish, Welsh and London Assemblies First Past The Post results, are for test purposes only and do not reflect accurate figures. This format is applicable to all first past the post results.

## General Election FPTP RESULT Data Format Output Example:

HSA1234 3 XDB 132 PA RUSHFULL
POLL Result 112
rs00fs112fs fsCAMBRIDGEfs fsfs fs69,022fs fs50,513fs fs73.18fs fs $4.69 f s$ fsfs fsfs fs rs02fsLabfs fsgainfs fsCfs fs580fs fs1.15fs fs6.40fs fsLabfs fsC rs03fs*fs fsfs fsMsfs fsAnnefs fsCambellfs fsLabfs fs20,039fs fs 39.67 fs fs+11.36fs fsfs fs rs03fsfs fs+fs fsfs fsMarkfs fsBishopfs fsCfs fs19,459fs fs38.52fs fs-1.45fs fsfs fs rs03fsfs fsfs fsfs fsDavidfs fsHowarthfs fsLDfs fs10,037fs fs $19.87 f s$ fs-10.75fs fsfs fs $r s 03 f s f s$ fsfs fsfs fsTimfs fsCooperfs fsGreenfs fs $720 f s$ fs $1.42 f s$ fs $+0.32 f s$ fsfs fs rs03fsfs fsfs fsfs fsDickfs fsBrettell Winningtonfs fsLoonyfs fs175fs fs0.35fs fsfs fsfs fs rs03fsfs fsfs fsfs fsRogerfs fsChalmersfs fsNLPfs fs83fs fs0.16fs fsfs fsfs fs rs06fsGfs fsMayfs fs $1987 f s$ fsCfs fs5.060fs fs $9.35 f s$ fs54,104fs fs 77.87
rs07fsfs fsRhodes Jamesfs fsCfs fs21,624fs fs39.97
rs07fsfs fsWilliamsfs fsLDfs fs16,564fs fs30.62
rs07fsfs fsHowardfs fsLabfs fs 15,319fs fs28.31
rs07fsfs fsWrightfs fsGreenfs fs597fs fs1.10
General Election FPTP RESULT TTY Output Example:
HSA1234 3 XTB 132 PA RUSHFULL
POLL Result 112
112 CAMBRIDGE
Lab gain from C
Ms Anne Campbell (Lab) 20,039 (39.67\%, +11.36\%)

+ Mark Bishop (C) 19,459 (38.52\%, -1.45\%)
David Howarth (LD) 10,037 (19.87\%, -10.75\%)
Tim Cooper (Green) 720 (1.42\%, +0.32\%)
Dick Brettell Winnington (Loony) 175 (0.35\%)
Roger Chalmers (NLP) 83 (0.16\%)
Lab maj 580 (1.15\%)
$6.40 \%$ swing $C$ to Lab
Electorate 69,022; Turnout 50,513 (73.18\%, -4.69\%)
1987: C maj 5,060 (9.35\%) - Turnout 54,104 (77.87\%)
Rhodes James (C) 21,624 (39.97\%); Williams (LD) 16,564 (30.62\%); Howard (Lab) 15,319 (28.31\%); Wright (Green) 597
(1.10\%)

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General Election FPTP RESULT Data Format Output Example with Boundary change:
HSA1234 3 XDB 132 PA RUSHFULL
POLL Result 112
rs00fs $112 f s$ fsCAMBRIDGEfs fs22fs $f s 69,022 f s$ fs $50,513 f s$ fs $73.18 f s$ fsfs fsfs fsfs $f s$ $r s 02 f s L a b f s ~ f s g a i n f s ~ f s C f s ~ f s 580 f s ~ f s 1.15 f s ~ f s 6.40 f s ~ f s L a b f s ~ f s C$
$r s 03 f s^{*} f s$ fsfs $f s M s f s$ fsAnnefs $f s$ Campbellfs $f s L a b f s ~ f s 20,039 f s ~ f s 39.67 f s ~ f s f s ~ f s f s ~ f s$ rs03fsfs fs+fs fsMarkfs fsBishopfs fsCfs fs19,459fs fs38.52fs fsfs fsfs fs
 rs03fsfs fsfs fsfs fsTimfs fsCooperfs fsGreenfs fs720fs fsl.42fs fsfs fsfs fs rs03fsfs fsfs fsfs fsDickfs fsBrettel Winningtonfs fsLoonyfs fs $175 f s$ fs $0.35 f s$ fsfs fsfs fs $r s 03 f s f s$ fsfs fsfs $f s$ Rogerfs $f s$ Chalmersfs $f s N L P f s$ fs83fs $f s 0.16 f s$ fsfs fsfs fs
rs06fsGfs fsfs fs $1987 f s$ fsCfs fs5,060fs fs $9.35 f s$ fsfs fs 77.87
rs07fsfs fsfs fsCfs fs $21,624 f s$ fs 39.97
rs07fsfs fsfs fsLDfs fs16,564fs fs30.62
rs07fsfs fsfs fsLabfs fs $15,319 f s$ fs 28.31
rs07fsfs fsfs fsGreenfs fs597fs fs 1.10
General Election FPTP RESULT TTY Output Example with Boundary change:
HSA1234 3 XTB 132 PA RUSHFULL
POLL Result 112
112 CAMBRIDGE
Lab win - notional Lab gain from C
Ms Anne Campbell (Lab) 20,039 (39.67\%)

+ Mark Bishop (C) 19,459 (38.52\%)
David Howarth (LD) 10,037 (19.87\%)
Tim Cooper (Green) 720 (1.42\%)
Dick Brettell Winnington (Loony) 175 (0.35\%)
Roger Chalmers (NLP) 83 (0.16\%)
Lab maj 580 (1.15\%)
$22 \%$ boundary change
Notional 6.40\% swing C to Lab
Electorate 69,022; Turnout 50,513 (73.18\%)
1987 notional: C maj 5,060 ( $9.35 \%$ ) - Turnout 77.87\%; C 21,624 (39.97\%);
LD 16,564 (30.62\%); Lab 15,319 (28.31\%); Green 597 (1.10\%)


# NORTHERN IRELAND PROPORTIONAL REPRESENTATION RESULTS OUTPUT EXAMPLES 

## Data Format Proportional Representation Results will be transmitted using category code XDP TTY Proportional Representation Results will be transmitted using category code XTP

NOTE: In TTY outputs candidate details an asterisk displayed preceding the Candidate details will denote the previous MP. Where an existing MP is standing in a different Constituency or where a boundary change is in force the candidate will be indicated as "+". Candidates are displayed in vote order for each count.

NOTE: In TTY outputs last election details the month will not be displayed and the type of election indicator will NOT be displayed.

The following Northern Ireland Assembly PR examples, which have the same formats as for Northern Ireland European Parliament results, are for test purposes only and do not reflect accurate data.

Note: Following each count, a transmission of the Data Format output will be made. In all cases, details of ALL candidates and ALL counts will be repeated.

Northern Ireland Assembly PR Data Format First Count Output Example. rs00fs17fs fsULSTER MIDfs fsfs fs61,390fs fs45,951fs fs74.85fs fs-10.53fs fs45,951fs fs6,565fs fs1 rs03fs*fs fsfs fsfs fsOliverfs fsGilesfs fsDUPfs $f s 8,015 f s ~ f s f s ~ f s f s ~ f s f s ~ f s$
rs03fs*fs fsfs fsfs fsPetefs fsDonaldfs fsSFfs fs7,027fs fsfs fsfs fsfs fs rs03fsfs fsfs fsfs fsJohnfs fsBarnesfs fsSDLPfs fs6,495fs fsfs fsfs fsfs fs $r s 03 f s f s$ fsfs $f s f s f s$ Barneyfs fsMacdonaldfs fsSFfs $f s 4,963 f s$ fsfs fsfs fsfs fs rs03fsfs fsfs fsfs fsDavidfs fsHudsonfs fsUUPfs fs4,622fs fsfs fsfs fsfs fs rs03fsfs fsfs fsfs fsSamfs fsDeanfs fsSFfs fs3,676fs fsfs fsfs fsfs fs rs03fs*fs fsfs fsfs fsEdwardfs fsMillsfs fsSDLPfs fs $3,548 f s$ fsfs fsfs fsfs fs rs03fsfs fsfs fsfs fsAndrewfs fsPannerfs fsUUPfs fs2,615fs fsfs fsfs fsfs fs rs03fsfs fsfs fsfs fsPaulfs fsDonnerfs fsSDLPfs fs $1,772 f s$ fsfs fsfs fsfs fs rs03fsfs fsfs fsfs fsPatfs fsMowenfs fsInd Commfs fs1,269fs fsfs fsfs fsfs fs rs03fsfs fsfs fsMrsfs fsAnnafs fsGreeningfs fsAlliancefs fs1,011fs fsfs fsfs fsfs fs rs03fsfs fsfs fsfs fsJamesfs fsMilesfs fsSocfs fs570fs fsfs fsfs fsfs fs rs03fsfs fsfs fsfs fsLenfs fsKamesfs fsCECCfs fs171fs fsfs fsfs fsfs fs rs03fsfs fsfs fsfs fsTerryfs fsOldfs fsWPfs fs157fs fsfs fsfs fsfs fs rs03fsfs fsfs fsfs fsRayfs fsJamesonfs fsNLPfs fs $40 f s$ fsfs fsfs fsfs fs rs05fsSFfs fs15,666fs fs34.09fs fs-6.68 rs05fsSDLPfs fs $11,815 f s$ fs25.71fs fs+3.47
rs05fsDUPfs fs8,015fs fs17.44fs fs-3.94 rs05fsUUPfs fs7,237fs fs15.75fs fs+1.82 rs05fsInd Commfs fs 1,269 fs fs2.76fs fs $r s 05 f s A l l i a n c e f s ~ f s 1,011 f s$ fs $2.20 f s ~ f s+1.20$ rs05fsSocfs fs570fs fs $1.24 f s$ fs +1.06 rs05fsCECCfs fs171fs fs0.37fs fs rs05fsWPfs fs $157 f s$ fs0.34fs fs-0.08 rs05fsNLPfs fs $40 f s$ fs0.09fs fs+0.01 rs06fsNfs fsJunefs fs1998fs fsfs fsfs fsfs fs51,223fs fs85.38 $r s 07 f s^{*} f s$ fsMcCreafs $f s D U P f s f s 10,339 f s$ fs $r s 07 f s^{*} f s$ fsMcGuinnessfs fsSFfs fs8,703fs fs rs07fs*fs fsHaugheyfs fsSDLPfs fs6,410fs fs $r s 07 f s^{*} f s$ fsMolloyfs fsSFfs fs6,008fs fs rs07fs*fs fsKellyfs fsSFfs fs5,594fs fs rs07fsfs fsMcGlonefs fsSDLPfs fs4,666fs fs rs07fs*fs fsArmstrongfs fsUUPfs fs4,498fs fs rs07fsfs fsJunkinfs fsUUPfs fs2,440fs fs rs07fsfs fsBoylefs fsAlliancefs fs $497 f s$ fs rs07fsfs fsMcLeanfs fsDUPfs fs307fs fs rs07fsfs fsDonnellyfs fsWPfs fs207fs fs rs07fsfs fsHutchinsonfs fsSocfs fs91fs fs $r s 07 f s f s f s$ Dalyfs $f s$ NLPfs $f s 38 f s f s$

Northern Ireland Assembly PR Data Format Final Count Output Example.
HSA1234 3 XDP 567 PA RUSHFULL POLL Result 17
rs00fs $17 f s$ fsULSTER MIDfs fsfs $f s 61,390 f s ~ f s 45,951 f s ~ f s 74.85 f s$ fs-10.53fs fs $45,951 f s$ fs $6,565 f s$ fs 10 $r s 03 f s^{*} f s$ fsfs fsfs fsOliverfs fsGilesfs fsDUPfs fs8,015fs fsfs fsfs fsSfs fs2 rs03fs*fs fsfs fsfs fsPetefs fsDonaldfs fsSFfs fs7,027fs fsfs fsfs fsSfs fs3 rs03fs*fs fsfs fsfs fsJohnfs fsBarnesfs fsSDLPfs fs6,495fs fsfs fsfs fsfs fs rs04fs2fs fs4fs fs6,499fs fs
rs04fs3fs fs13fs fs6,512fs fs rs04fs $4 f s$ fs $193 f s$ fs6,705fs fs* rs03fs ${ }^{\star} f s$ fsfs fsfs fsBarneyfs fsMacdonaldfs fsSFfs fs4,963fs fsfs fsfs fsfs fs rs04fs2fs fs1fs fs4,964fs fs rs04fs3fs fs $312 f s$ fs5,276fs fs rs04fs4fs fs $110 f s$ fs5,386fs fs rs04fs5fs fs30fs fs5,416fs fs rs04fs6fs fs249fs fs5,665fs fs rs04fs7fs fs324fs fs5,989fs fs rs04fs8fs fs4fs fs5,993fs fs rs04fs9fs fs0fs fs5,993fs fs* rs03fs*fs fsfs fsfs fsDavidfs fsHudsonfs fsUUPfs fs4,622fs fsfs fsfs fsSfs fs9 rs04fs2fs fs897fs fs5,519fs fs rs04fs3fs fs0fs fs5,519fs fs rs04fs4fs fs34fs fs5,553fs fs rs04fs5fs fs217fs fs5,770fs fs rs04fs6fs fs $113 f s$ fs5,883fs fs rs04fs7fs fs38fs fs5,921fs fs rs04fs8fs fs $2,525 f s$ fs8,446fs fs* rs03fsfs fsfs fsfs fsSamfs fsDeanfs fsSFfs fs3,676fs fsfs fsfs fsfs fs rs04fs2fs fs0fs fs3,676fs fs rs04fs $3 f s$ fs $72 f s$ fs $3,748 f s$ fs rs04fs4fs fs58fs fs 3,806 fs fs rs04fs5fs fs31fs fs $3,837 f s$ fs rs04fs6fs fs 101 fs fs 3,938 fs fs rs04fs7fs fs $135 f s$ fs $4,073 f s$ fs rs04fs8fs fs5fs fs4,078fs fs rs04fs9fs fs1fs fs4,079fs fsrs03fs*fs fsfs fsfs fsEdwardfs fsMillsfs fsSDLPfs fs3,548fs fsfs fsfs fsfs fs rs04fs2fs fs 1 fs fs3,549fs fs rs04fs3fs fs5fs fs $3,554 f s$ fs rs04fs4fs fs91fs fs3,645fs fs rs04fs5fs fs99fs fs3,744fs fs rs04fs6fs fs267fs fs 4,011 fs fs rs04fs7fs fs 1,612 fs $f s 5,623 f s$ fs rs04fs8fs fs168fs fs5,791fs fs rs04fs9fs fs1fs fs5,792fs fs* rs03fsfs fsfs fsfs fsAndrewfs fsPannerfs fsUUPfs fs2,615fs fsfs fsfs fsDfs fs8 rs04fs2fs fs440fs fs 3,055 fs fs rs04fs3fs fs0fs fs $3,055 f s$ fs rs04fs $4 f s$ fs58fs $f s 3,113 f s$ fs rs04fs5fs fs157fs fs3,270fs fs rs04fs6fs fs87fs fs 3,357 fs fs rs04fs7fs fs15fs fs 3,372 fs fsrs03fsfs fsfs fsfs fsPaulfs fsDonnerfs fsSDLPfs fs1,772fs fsfs fsfs fsDfs fs7 rs04fs2fs fs 2 fs fs $1,774 f s$ fs rs04fs3fs fs $4 f s$ fs $1,778 f s$ fs rs04fs4fs fs59fs fs1,837fs fs rs04fs5fs fs 173 fs fs2,010fs fs rs04fs6fs fs $452 f s$ fs2,462fs fs

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rs03fsfs fsfs fsfs fsPatfs fsMowenfs fsInd Commfs fs1,269fs fsfs fsfs fsDfs fs6 rs04fs2fs fs $32 f s$ fs 1,301 fs fs rs04fs 3 fs fs4fs fs $1,305 f s$ fs rs04fs 4 fs fs 142 fs fs $1,447 f s$ fs rs04fs5fs fs271fs fs1,718fs fsrs03fsfs fsfs $f s$ Mrsfs fsAnnafs fsGreeningfs fsAlliancefs fs1,011fs fsfs fsfs fsDfs fs5 rs04fs2fs fs10fs fs1,021fs fs rs04fs3fs fs2fs fs $1,023 f s$ fs rs04fs 4 fs fs $82 f s$ fs $1,105 f s$ fsrs03fsfs fsfs fsfs fsJamesfs fsMilesfs fsSocfs fs570fs fsfs fsfs fsDfs fs4 rs04fs2fs fs13fs fs583fs fs rs04fs3fs fs $3 f s$ fs586fs fsrs03fsfs fsfs fsfs fsLenfs fsKamesfs fsCECCfs fs171fs fsfs fsfs fsDfs fs4 rs04fs2fs fs2fs fs173fs fs rs04fs3fs fs 1 fs fs $174 f s$ fsrs03fsfs fsfs fsfs fsTerryfs fsOldfs fsWPfs fs157fs fsfs fsfs fsDfs fs4 rs04fs2fs fs $5 f s$ fs $162 f s$ fs rs04fs3fs fs0fs fs162fs fsrs03fsfs fsfs fsfs fsRayfs fsJamesonfs fsNLPfs fs40fs fsfs fsfs fsDfs fs 4 rs04fs $2 f s$ fs 11 fs fs51fs fs rs04fs3fs fs0fs fs51fs fsrs05fsSFfs fs15,666fs fs34.09fs fs-6.68 $r s 05 f s$ SDLPfs $f s 11,815 f s$ fs 25.71 fs $f s+3.47$ rs05fsDUPfs fs8,015fs fs17.44fs fs-3.94 rs05fsUUPfs $f s 7,237 f s$ fs $15.75 f s$ fs +1.82 rs05fsInd Commfs fs $1,269 f s$ fs $2.76 f s$ fs rs05fsAlliancefs fs1,011fs fs2.20fs fs+1.20 rs05fsSocfs fs570fs fs1.24fs fs+1.06 rs05fsCECCfs fs 171 fs fs 0.37 fs fs rs05fsWPfs fs157fs fs0.34fs fs-0.08 rs05fsNLPfs fs40fs fs0.09fs fs+0.01 rs06fsNfs fsJunefs fs1998fs fsfs fsfs fsfs fs51,223fs fs85.38 rs07fs*fs fsMcCreafs fsDUPfs fs10,339fs fs rs07fs*fs fsMcGuinnessfs fsSFfs fs8,703fs fs $r s 07 f s^{*} f s$ fsHaugheyfs $f s$ SDLPfs $f s 6,410 f s$ fs rs07fs*fs fsMolloyfs fsSFfs fs6,008fs fs rs07fs*fs fsKellyfs fsSFfs fs5,594fs fs rs07fsfs fsMcGlonefs fsSDLPfs fs $4,666 f s$ fs $r s 07 f s^{\star} f s$ fsArmstrongfs fsUUPfs fs4,498fs fs rs07fsfs fsJunkinfs fsUUPfs fs2,440fs fs rs07fsfs fsBoylefs fsAlliancefs fs $497 f s f s$ rs07fsfs fsMcLeanfs fsDUPfs fs307fs fs rs07fsfs fsDonnellyfs fsWPfs fs207fs fs rs07fsfs fsHutchinsonfs fsSocfs fs91fs fs rs07fsfs fsDalyfs fsNLPfs fs38fs fs

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Northern Ireland Assembly PR TTY Format First Count Output Example.
HSA1234 3 XDP 567 PA RUSHFULL
POLL Result 17
17 ULSTER MID
(First Count)
Giles (DUP) 8,015
Donald (SF) 7,027
John Barnes (SDLP) 6,495
Barney Macdonald (SF) 4,963
David Hudson (UUP) 4,622
Sam Dean (SF) 3,676
Edward Mills (SDLP) 3,548
Andrew Panner (UUP) 2,615
Paul Donner (SDLP) 1,772
Pat Mowen (Ind Comm) 1,269
Mrs Anna Greening (Alliance) 1,011
James Miles (Soc) 570
Len Kames (CECC) 171
Terry Old (WP) 157
Ray Jameson (NLP) 40
Elected: Oliver Giles, Pete Donald
Party share of poll:
SF 15,666 (34.09\%, -6.68\%)
SDLP 11,815 (25.71\%, +3.47\%)
DUP 8,015 (17.44\%, -3.94\%)
UUP 7,237 (15.75\%, +1.82\%)
Ind Comm 1,269 (2.76\%)
Alliance 1,011 (2.20\%, +1.20\%)
Soc 570 (1.24\%, +1.06\%)
CECC 171 (0.37\%)
WP 157 (0.34\%, -0.08\%)
NLP 40 (0.09\%, +0.01\%)
Electorate 61,390; Turnout 45,951 (74.85\%, -10.53\%)
1998: Turnout 51,223 (85.38\%)
First Count - McCrea (DUP) 10,339; McGuinness (SF) 8,703; Haughey
(SDLP) 6,410; Molloy (SF) 6,008; Kelly (SF) 5,594; McGlone (SDLP)
4,666; Armstrong (UUP) 4,498; Junkin (UUP) 2,440; Boyle (Alliance)
497; McLean (DUP) 307; Donnelly (WP) 207; Hutchinson (Soc) 91; Daly
(NLP) 38. Elected: McCrea, McGuinness, Haughey, Molloy, Kelly,
Armstrong

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Northern Ireland PR TTY Format Final Count Output Example.
HSA1234 3 XDP 567 PA RUSHFULL
POLL Result 17
17 ULSTER MID
(First Count)
Giles (DUP) 8,015
Donald (SF) 7,027
John Barnes (SDLP) 6,495
Barney Macdonald (SF) 4,963
David Hudson (UUP) 4,622
Sam Dean (SF) 3,676
Edward Mills (SDLP) 3,548
Andrew Panner (UUP) 2,615
Paul Donner (SDLP) 1,772
Pat Mowen (Ind Comm) 1,269
Mrs Anna Greening (Alliance) 1,011
James Miles (Soc) 570
Len Kames (CECC) 171
Terry Old (WP) 157
Ray Jameson (NLP) 40
Elected: Oliver Giles, Pete Donald
Party share of poll:
SF 15,666 (34.09\%, -6.68\%)
SDLP 11,815 (25.71\%, +3.47\%)
DUP 8,015 (17.44\%, -3.94\%)
UUP 7,237 (15.75\%, +1.82\%)
Ind Comm 1,269 (2.76\%)
Alliance 1,011 (2.20\%, +1.20\%)
Soc 570 (1.24\%, +1.06\%)
CECC 171 (0.37\%)
WP 157 (0.34\%, -0.08\%)
NLP 40 (0.09\%, +0.01\%)
(Second Count)
Distribution of Giles's surplus
John Barnes (SDLP) 6,499
Barney Macdonald (SF) 4,964
David Hudson (UUP) 5,519
Sam Dean (SF) 3,676
Edward Mills (SDLP) 3,549
Andrew Panner (UUP) 3,055
Paul Donner (SDLP) 1,774
Pat Mowen (Ind Comm) 1,301
Mrs Anna Greening (Alliance) 1,021
James Miles (Soc) 583
Len Kames (CECC) 173
Terry Old (WP) 162
Ray Jameson (NLP) 51
(Third Count)
Distribution of Donald's surplus
John Barnes (SDLP) 6,512
Barney Macdonald (SF) 5,276
David Hudson (UUP) 5,519
Sam Dean (SF) 3,748
Edward Mills (SDLP) 3,554
Andrew Panner (UUP) 3,055

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Pat Mowen (Ind Comm) 1,305
Mrs Anna Greening (Alliance) 1,023
James Miles (Soc) 586
Len Kames (CECC) 174
Terry Old (WP) 162
Ray Jameson (NLP) 51
Eliminated: James Miles, Len Kames, Terry Old, Ray Jameson
(Fourth Count)
Distribution of Miles's, Jameson's, Kames's and Old's votes
John Barnes (SDLP) 6,705
Barney Macdonald (SF) 5,386
David Hudson (UUP) 5,553
Sam Dean (SF) 3,806
Edward Mills (SDLP) 3,645
Andrew Panner (UUP) 3,113
Paul Donner (SDLP) 1,837
Pat Mowen (Ind Comm) 1,447
Mrs Anna Greening (Alliance) 1,105
Elected: John Barnes
Eliminated: Mrs Anna Greening
(Fifth Count)
Distribution of Greening's votes
Barney Macdonald (SF) 5,416
David Hudson (UUP) 5,770
Sam Dean (SF) 3,837
Edward Mills (SDLP) 3,744
Andrew Panner (UUP) 3,270
Paul Donner (SDLP) 2,010
Pat Mowen (Ind Comm) 1,718
Eliminated: Pat Mowen
(Sixth Count)
Distribution of Mowen's votes
Barney Macdonald (SF) 5,665
David Hudson (UUP) 5,883
Sam Dean (SF) 3,938
Edward Mills (SDLP) 4,011
Andrew Panner (UUP) 3,357
Paul Donner (SDLP) 2,462
Eliminated: Paul Donner
(Seventh Count)
Distribution of Donner's votes
Barney Macdonald (SF) 5,989
David Hudson (UUP) 5,921
Sam Dean (SF) 4,073
Edward Mills (SDLP) 5,623
Andrew Panner (UUP) 3,372
Eliminated: Andrew Panner

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Barney Macdonald (SF) 5,993
David Hudson (UUP) 8,446
Sam Dean (SF) 4,078
Edward Mills (SDLP) 5,791
Elected: David Hudson
(Ninth Count)
Distribution of Hudson's surplus
Barney Macdonald (SF) 5,993
Sam Dean (SF) 4,079
Edward Mills (SDLP) 5,792
Elected: Barney Macdonald, Edward Mills
Electorate 61,390; Turnout 45,951 (74.85\%, -10.53\%)
1998: Turnout 51,223 (85.38\%)
First Count - McCrea (DUP) 10,339; McGuinness (SF) 8,703; Haughey (SDLP) 6,410; Molloy (SF) 6,008; Kelly (SF) 5,594; McGlone (SDLP)
4,666; Armstrong (UUP) 4,498; Junkin (UUP) 2,440; Boyle (Alliance)
497; McLean (DUP) 307; Donnelly (WP) 207; Hutchinson (Soc) 91; Daly
(NLP) 38. Elected: McCrea, McGuinness, Haughey, Molloy, Kelly,
Armstrong

# SCOTTISH, WELSH AND LONDON ASSEMBLIES AND EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT PROPORTIONAL REPRESENTATION RESULTS OUTPUT EXAMPLES 

Data Format Proportional Representation Results will be transmitted using category code XDQ TTY Proportional Representation Results will be transmitted using category code XTQ Data Format Proportional Representation Collated Results will be transmitted using category code XDR TTY Proportional Representation Collated Results will be transmitted using category code XTR

NOTE: In TTY outputs candidate details an asterisk displayed preceding the Candidate details will denote the previous standing MP. Where an existing MP is standing in a different Constituency or where a boundary change is in force the candidate will be indicated as "+". Candidates are displayed in vote order for each count.

NOTE: In TTY outputs last election details the month will NOT be displayed and the type of election indicator will NOT be displayed.

The following Welsh Assembly PR examples, which have the same format as for Scottish and London Assemblies PR results and
European Parliament PR results, are for test purposes only and do not reflect accurate data.

| Welsh Assembly PR Data Format Output Example. |
| :--- |
| $r s 00 f s 103 f s f s$ WALES MID \& WEST $f s$ fsfs $f s 478,252 f s$ fs $215,500 f s ~ f s 45.06 f s$ |
| rs $s$ - $9.15 f s$ |
| rs |

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Welsh Assembly PR TTY Output Example.
103 WALES MID \& WEST
(Brecon \& Radnorshire; Carmarthen East \& Dinefwr; Carmarthen West \& Pembrokeshire South; Ceredigion; Llanelli;
Meirionnydd Nant Conwy; Montgomeryshire; Preseli Pembrokeshire)
Elected: Peter Evans (C), Ron Ronalds (Lab), Ms Caroline Hart (LD), Ms June Rhodes (PC)
Lab 73,673 (34.19\%, +9.64\%)
PC 69,518 (32.26\%, -6.29\%)
C 41,700 (19.35\%, +2.65\%)
LD 22,130 (10.27\%, -4.17\%)
Green 4,667 (2.17\%, -1.35\%)
Ind 1,353 (0.63\%)
NLP 917 (0.43\%, +0.11\%)
United Soc 828 (0.38\%)
Comm 714 (0.33\%)
Lab maj 4,155 (1.93\%)
7.97\% swing PC to Lab

Electorate 478,252; Turnout 215,500 (45.06\%, -9.15\%)
1999 PC maj 30,712 (14.00\%) - Turnout 219,357 (54.21\%)
PC 84,554 (38.55\%); Lab 53,842 (24.55\%); C 36,622 (16.70\%); LD 31,683 (14.44\%); Green 7,718 (3.52\%); Soc Lab 3,019
(1.38\%); Ind Turner 1,214 (0.55\%); NLP 705 (0.32\%)

## REFERENDUMS SPECIFICATION

## Data Format Referendum results will be category code XRA TTY Referendum results will be category code XRB Data Format Referendum Collated results will be category code XRC TTY Referendum Collated results will be category code XRD

The following specification is applicable to all Referendums results. It uses the same Records and Fields as elections, leaving unapplicable fields blank. Please note that in the event of there not being a previous comparable Referendum further fields will be blank.

The information will utilise Record and Field separators which are indicated as $R S$ and $F S$ respectively. Each record will be preceded by $R S n n F S$ where nn stands for record number ( $00-07$ ) and will be terminated by CR LF. If there is no data for a particular record or the record is not applicable, it will not be present. If a record type is shown, all fields, preceded by FS SPACE FS, are always present whether they contain data or not.

An individual Referendum result will carry a Topic of "REFERENDUM" followed by a selected Keyword - for example "Euro" in the case of a Referendum on the European single currency, followed by the Voting area number.

Collated Results will carry catchlines of "REFERENDUM, (keyword) Collated".
Referendum collated results by region are not anticipated to be transmitted. If a decision is made to transmit this material the outputs will contain results within one region, and will carry a keyword that corresponds to one of the twelve regions, as appropriate. (EAST ANGLIA, EAST MIDLANDS, GREATER LONDON, NORTH, NORTHERN IRELAND, NORTH WEST, SCOTLAND, SOUTH EAST, SOUTH WEST, WALES, WEST MIDLANDS, YORKSHIRE AND HUMBERSIDE).

In all Collated Referendum transmissions, each page will carry a maximum of 30 Voting areas and will be sequentially paged accordingly.

The outputs will consist of eight record types from Record 00 through Record 07 . How many of the eight record types are present will depend on the type of output.

Historic material will only be displayed as far back as the last comparable Referendum.
RECORD 00 contains ten fields showing Voting area details, three of which are not applicable and are left blank.
Field 1 contains the Voting area number.
Field 2 contains the Voting area name.
Field 3 contains an indication relating to a boundary change, if applicable. This field will contain either the boundary change percentage figure or the indicator " B " where a boundary change is in force and the percentage change is not given. It will rarely be used.
Field 4 contains the Electorate (the number of people eligible to vote in the Referendum).
Field 5 contains the turnout (the number of people who actually voted in the Referendum).
Field 6 contains the percentage of turnout against the electorate.
Field 7 contains the percentage change in turnout between the election and the last comparable Referendum. This field will be blank if a boundary change is in force or there is no comparable previous Referendum.
Fields 8, 9 and 10 are not applicable.
RECORD 01.
Field 1 contains the names of council areas or parliamentary constituencies included within Voting areas.
RECORD 02 consists of eight fields, five of which are not applicable and left blank.
Field 1 contains the winning proposition or answer.
Fields 2 and 3 are blank.
Field 4 contains the winning majority.
Field 5 contains the winning majority shown as a percentage of the turnout.
Fields 6, 7 and 8 are blank.

## RECORD 03 contains eleven fields, of which six are blank and the remainder indicate Proposition or Answer details

 and votes.Field 1 contains the winning Proposition/Answer indicator. This field will be set with an asterisk if the Proposition/Answer is the winning one.
Fields 2 to 5 are blank.
Field 6 contains the Proposition/Answer.
Field 7 contains the number of votes cast for the Proposition/Answer.
Field 8 contains the percentage of the turnout figure gained by the Proposition/Answer.
Field 9 contains the percentage change of the turnout gained by the Proposition/Answer compared with the last comparable
Referendum. Data in this field, if present, will be preceded by a + (plus) or - (minus) indication. This field will be empty if there has been no measurable (two decimal points) change in this data or if there is no previous comparable Referendum.
Fields 10 and 11 are blank.

## RECORDS 04 and 05 are not applicable and will not appear.

RECORD types 06 and 07 will be repeated for previous comparable Referendums. If there is no previous comparable referendum they will not appear.

RECORD 06 contains the last comparable Referendum details. The record has eight fields.
Field 1 contains an indicator of a Referendum result (R).
Field 2 contains the previous Referendum month indicator.
Field 3 contains the previous Referendum year indicator.
Field 4 contains the last Referendum winning Proposition/Answer short name.
Field 5 contains the last Referendum winning majority.
Field 6 contains the last Referendum percentage figure of the majority against the turnout.
Field 7 contains the last Referendum turnout figure.
Field 8 contains the last Referendum percentage figure of turnout against the electorate.
RECORD 07 contains five fields, one of which will be blank. It contains the last Referendum Propositions/Answers details, for the previous Record 06. This record will be repeated for each Proposition/Answer in descending vote order.
Field 1 contains a previous winning Proposition/Answer indicator (*) if applicable.
Field 2 is blank.
Field 3 contains the Proposition/Answer.
Field 4 contains the Proposition/Answer vote figure.
Field 5 contains the percentage of the turnout figure gained by the Proposition/Answer.

# REFERENDUM RESULTS OUTPUT EXAMPLES 

> Data Format Referendum results will be category code XRA TTY Referendum results will be category code XRB
> Data Format Referendum Collated results will be category code XRC
> TTY Referendum Collated results will be category code XRD

NOTE: In TTY outputs last Referendum details the month will NOT be displayed and the Referendum indicator will NOT be displayed.

Referendum result for one proposition and two answers with no previous result Data Format example: rs00fs116fs fsNORFOLKfs fsfs fs630,412fs fs $455,433 f s ~ f s 72.24 f s ~ f s f s ~ f s f s ~ f s f s ~ f s$ rs02fsKeep the poundfs fsfs fsfs fs 47,191 fs fs10.36fs fsfs fsfs fs rs03fsfs fsfs fsfs fsfs fsfs fsScrap the poundfs fs204,121fs fs $44.82 f s$ fsfs fsfs fs rs03fs*fs fsfs fsfs fsfs fsfs fsKeep the poundfs fs251,312fs fs55.18fs fsfs fsfs fs

Referendum result for one proposition and two answers with no previous result TTY example:
116 NORFOLK
Scrap the pound 204,121 (44.82\%)
Keep the pound 251,312 ( $55.18 \%$ )
Keep the pound maj 47,191 (10.36\%)
Electorate 630,412; Turnout 455,433 (72.24\%)
Referendum result for one proposition and two answers with councils or constituencies included within the voting area and no previous result Data Format example:
rs00fs $116 f s$ fsNORFOLKfs fsfs $f s 630,412 f s$ fs $455,433 f s ~ f s 72.24 f s ~ f s f s ~ f s f s ~ f s f s ~ f s$
rs01fsBreckland; Broadland; Great Yarmouth; King's Lynn and West Norfolk; North Norfolk; Norwich; South Norfolk rs02fsKeep the poundfs fsfs fsfs fs 47,191 fs fs10.36fs fsfs fsfs fs
rs03fsfs fsfs fsfs fsfs fsfs fsScrap the poundfs fs204,121fs fs $44.82 f s$ fsfs fsfs fs
rs03fs*fs fsfs fsfs fsfs fsfs fsKeep the poundfs fs251,312fs fs55.18fs fsfs fsfs fs
Referendum result for one proposition and two answers with councils or constituencies included within the voting area and no previous result TTY
116 NORFOLK
(Breckland; Broadland; Great Yarmouth; King's Lynn and West Norfolk; North
Norfolk; Norwich; South Norfolk)
Scrap the pound 204,121 (44.82\%)
Keep the pound 251,312 (55.18\%)
Keep the pound maj 47,191 (10.36\%)
Electorate 630,412; Turnout 455,433 (72.24\%)
Referendum result for one proposition and two answers with previous result Data Format example:
rs00fs116fs fsNORFOLKfs fsfs fs630,412fs $f s 455,433 f s$ fs $72.24 f s$ fs $+8.07 f s$ fsfs $f s f s ~ f s$ rs02fsKeep the poundfs fsfs fsfs $f s 47,191$ fs fs10.36fs fsfs fsfs fs

$r s 03 f s^{*} f s$ fsfs $f s f s$ fsfs $f s f s$ fsKeep the poundfs $f s 251,312 f s f s 55.18 f s$ fs $+4.83 f s$ fsfs $f s$
rs06fsRfs fsAugustfs fs2002fs fsKeep the poundfs fs2,809fs fs0.69fs fs404,303fs fs64.17
rs07fsfs fsfs fsScrap the poundfs fs200,747fs fs49.65
$r s 07 f s^{\star} f s$ fsfs $f s K$ eep the poundfs $f s 203,556 f s f s 50.35$
Referendum result for one proposition and two answers with previous result TTY example
116 NORFOLK
Scrap the pound 204,121 (44.82\%, -4.83\%)
Keep the pound 251,312 (55.18\%, +4.83\%)
Keep the pound maj 47,191 (10.36\%)
Electorate 630,412; Turnout 455,433 (72.24\%, +8.07\%)
2002:Keep the pound maj 2,809 (0.69\%) - Turnout 404,303 (64.17\%)
Scrap the pound 200,747 ( $49.65 \%$ ); Keep the pound 203,556 (50.35\%)

Referendum result for two propositions with two answers each with no previous result Data Format example: rs00fs3fs fsGATESHEADfs fsfs fs151,305fs fs81,098fs fs53.60fs fsfs fsfs fsfs fs rs02fsScrap assemblyfs fsfs fsfs fs18,676fs fs23.03fs fsfs fsfs fs rs03fs*fs fsfs fsfs fsfs fsfs fsScrap assemblyfs fs $49,887 f s$ fs 61.51 fs fsfs fsfs fs rs03fsfs fsfs fsfs fsfs fsfs fsKeep assemblyfs fs31,211fs fs38.49fs fsfs fsfs fs rs00fs3fs fsGATESHEADfs fsfs fs151,305fs fs79,861fs fs52.78fs fsfs fsfs fsfs fs rs02fsKeep tax powerfs fsfs fsfs fs $127 f s$ fs 0.16 fs $f s f s$ fsfs $f s$ rs03fsfs fsfs fsfs fsfs fsfs fsScrap tax powerfs fs $39,867 f s$ fs $49.92 f s$ fsfs fsfs fs rs03fs* ${ }^{\star}$ fs fsfs fsfs fsfs fsfs fsKeep tax powerfs fs39,994fs fs50.08fs fsfs fsfs fs

Referendum result for two propositions with two answers each with no previous result TTY example: 3 GATESHEAD
Scrap assembly 49,887 (61.51\%)
Keep assembly 31,211 (38.49\%)
Scrap assembly maj 18,676 (23.03\%)
Electorate 151,305; Turnout 81,098 (53.60\%)
3 GATESHEAD
Scrap tax power 39,867 (49.92\%)
Keep tax power 39,994 (50.08\%)
Keep tax power maj 127 (0.16\%)
Electorate 151,305; Turnout 79,861 (52.78\%)
Referendum result for two propositions with two answers each with previous result Data Format example: rs00fs3fs fsGATESHEADfs fsfs fs $151,305 f s$ fs81,098fs $f s 53.60 f s$ fs-1.81fs fsfs fsfs fs rs02fsScrap assemblyfs fsfs fsfs fs18,676fs fs23.03fs fsfs fsfs fs
rs03fs*fs fsfs fsfs fsfs fsfs fsScrap assemblyfs fs49,887fs fs61.51fs fs+18.54fs fsfs fs rs03fsfs fsfs fsfs fsfs fsfs fsKeep assemblyfs $f s 31,211$ fs $f s 38.49 f s ~ f s-18.54 f s$ fsfs fs rs06fsRfs fsAugustfs fs2002fs fsKeep assemblyfs fs11,659fs fs14.05fs fs82,983fs fs55.41 rs07fsfs fsfs fsScrap assemblyfs fs 35,662 fs fs 42.98
$r s 07 f s^{*} f s$ fsfs fsKeep assemblyfs $f s 47,321$ fs $f s 57.02$
rs00fs3fs fsGATESHEADfs fsfs fs151,305fs fs79,861fs fs52.78fs fs-2.12fs fsfs fsfs fs rs02fsKeep tax powerfs fsfs fsfs fs127fs fs0.16fs fsfs fsfs fs rs03fsfs fsfs fsfs fsfs fsfs fsScrap tax powerfs fs $39,867 f s ~ f s 49.92 f s$ fs $+2.49 f s$ fsfs fs rs03fs*fs fsfs fsfs fsfs fsfs fsKeep tax powerfs fs39,994fs fs50.08fs fs-2.49fs fsfs fs rs06fsRfs fsAugustfs fs2002fs fsKeep tax powerfs fs4,224fs fs5.14fs fs82,218fs fs54.90 rs07fsfs fsfs fsScrap tax powerfs fs $38,997 f s$ fs 47.43
rs07fs*fs fsfs fsKeep tax powerfs fs 43,221 fs fs52.57
Referendum result for two propositions with two answers each with previous result TTY example:
3 GATESHEAD
Scrap assembly 49,887 (61.51\%, +18.54\%)
Keep assembly 31,211 (38.49\%, -18.54\%)
Scrap assembly maj 18,676 (23.03\%)
Electorate 151,305; Turnout 81,098 (53.60\%, -1.81\%)
2002:Keep assembly maj 11,659 (14.05\%) - Turnout 82,983 (55.41\%)
Scrap assembly 35,662 (42.98\%); Keep assembly 47,321 (57.02\%)
3 GATESHEAD
Scrap tax power 39,867 (49.92\%, +2.49\%)
Keep tax power 39,994 (50.08\%, -2.49\%)
Keep tax power maj 127 (0.16\%)
Electorate 151,305; Turnout 79,861 (52.78\%, -2.12\%)
2002:Keep tax power maj 4,224 (5.14\%) - Turnout 82,218 (54.90\%)
Scrap tax power 38,997 (47.43\%); Keep tax power 43,221 (52.57\%)
Referendum result for three propositions with one answer each with no previous result Data Format example: rs00fs1fs fsDARLINGTONfs fsfs fs76,274fs fs72,296fs fs94.78fs fsfs fsfs fsfs fs
rs02fsElected mayorfs fsfs fsfs fs8,167fs fs11.30fs fsfs fsfs fs
$r s 03 f s^{\star} f s$ fsfs fsfs fsfs fsfs fsElected mayorfs fs35,778fs fs49.49fs fsfs fsfs fs
rs03fsfs fsfs fsfs fsfs fsfs fsElected mayor and managerfs fs $8,907 f s$ fs $12.32 f s$ fsfs fsfs fs rs03fsfs fsfs fsfs fsfs fsfs fsStatus quofs $f s 27,611$ fs $f s 38.19 f s$ fsfs $f s f s f s$

Referendum result for three propositions with one answer each with no previous result TTY example:
1 DARLINGTON
Elected mayor 35,778 (49.49\%\%)
Elected mayor and manager 8,907 (12.32\%\%)
Status quo 27,611 (38.19\%)
Elected mayor maj 8,167 (11.30\%)
Electorate 76,274; Turnout 72,296 (94.78\%)
Referendum result for three propositions with one answer each with a previous result Data Format example: rs00fs1fs fsDARLINGTONfs fsfs fs76,274fs fs72,296fs fs94.78fs fs+47.31fs fsfs fsfs fs rs02fsElected mayorfs fsfs fsfs fs8,167fs fs11.30fs fsfs fsfs fs
rs03fs*fs fsfs fsfs fsfs fsfs fsElected mayorfs fs35,778fs fs49.49fs fs+17.43fs fsfs fs rs03fsfs fsfs fsfs fsfs fsfs fsElected mayor and managerfs fs8,907fs fs12.32fs fs-23.16fs fsfs fs rs03fsfs fsfs fsfs fsfs fsfs fsStatus quofs fs27,611fs fs38.19fs fs+5.73fs fsfs fs rs06fsRfs fsJulyfs fs2002fs fsElected mayor and managerfs fs1,079fs fs $3.02 f s ~ f s 35,732 f s ~ f s 47.48$ rs07fsfs fsfs fsElected mayorfs fs $11,455 f s$ fs 32.06
$r s 07 f s^{\star} f s$ fsfs $f s$ Elected mayor and managerfs fs $12,678 f s$ fs 35.48
$r s 07 f s f s ~ f s f s ~ f s S t a t u s ~ q u o f s ~ f s 11,599 f s ~ f s 32.46$
Referendum result for three propositions with one answer each with no previous result TTY example:
1 DARLINGTON
Elected mayor 35,778 (49.49\%, +17.43\%)
Elected mayor and manager 8,907 (12.32\%, -23.16\%)
Status quo 27,611 (38.19\%, +5.73\%)
Elected mayor maj 8,167 (11.30\%)
Electorate 76,274; Turnout 72,296 (94.78\%, +47.31\%)
2002:Elected mayor and manager maj 1,079 (3.02\%) - Turnout 35,732 (47.48\%)
Elected mayor 11,455 (32.06\%); Elected mayor and manager 12,678 (35.48\%);
Status quo 11,599 (32.46\%)

## ELECTION CATEGORY CODES

The following list itemises the category codes and what they will apply to.
XDA Data Format Nominations output.
XTA TTY nominations output.
XDB Data Format Individual first past the post results output.
XTB TTY Individual first past the post results output.
XDC Data Format Collated first past the post results output.
XTC TTY Collated first past the post results output.
XDP Northern Ireland Data Format proportional representation results.
XTP Northern Ireland TTY Proportional representation results.
XDQ Data Format Scottish, Welsh and London Assembly and European Parliament proportional representation results
XTQ TTY Scottish, Welsh and London Assembly and European Parliament proportional representation results
XDR Data Format Scottish and Welsh Assembly and European Parliament collated proportional representation results
XTR TTY Scottish and Welsh Assembly and European Parliament collated proportional representation results
XDG Data Format State of parties output
XTH General statistical TTY outputs.
XTJ Election rushes (TTY).
XRA Data Format Referendum Results.
XRB TTY Referendum Results.
XRC Data Format Referendum Collated Results.
XRD TTY Referendum Collated Results.
XLD Local Election Data Format results and collated Data Format results.

XLR Local election TTY results and collated TTY results.
XLE Local election TTY statistics.

## DATA FORMAT ELECTION STATE OF PARTIES SPECIFICATION

The State of Parties will be transmitted using category code XDG
TTY State of Parties, which contains additional information, will be transmitted using category code XTH

The output contains two records, Record 00 and Record 01, and contains the catchline "POLL State of Parties".
RECORD 00 contains one field showing the specified number of results.
RECORD 01 contains four fields and will be repeated for all major parties, and "Others".
Field 1 contains the party abbreviation.
Field 2 contains the total number of seats won by the party.
Field 3 contains the number of seats gained by the party.
Field 4 contains the number of seats lost by the party.
The information will utilise Record and Field separators which are indicated as $R S$ and $F S$ respectively. Each record will be preceded by $R S n n F S$ where nn stands for record number (00-01) and will be terminated by CR LF. Each Field within a record will be preceded by FS SPACE FS. If there is no data for a particular record the RS code, numerics and FS code will not be present. The
FS SPACE FS code strings will always be present within a record whether the field contains data or not.
The Records and Fields are as follows:

| RECORD 00 | NUMBER OF RESULTS |
| :---: | :---: |
| Field 1 Numeric | Preceded by RS 00 FS |
| RECORD 01 | PARTY SEATS DETAILS |
| Field 1 Text | Preceded by RS 01 FS |
| Field 2 Numeric | Preceded by FS SPACE FS |
| Field 3 Numeric | Preceded by FS SPACE FS |
| Field 4 Numeric | Preceded by FS SPACE FS, terminated by CR LF |

The Records and fields are as follows:
Field Type Content Example

## Record 00: NUMBER OF RESULTS

Field 1 Numeric $\quad$ No. of Results 659

## Record 01: PARTY SEATS

| Field 1 | Text | Party Name | Lab |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Field 2 | Numeric | Total Seats | 412 |
| Field 3 | Numeric | Seats Gained | 4 |
| Field 4 | Numeric | Seats Lost | 10 |

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OUTPUT EXAMPLE
HSA1234 4 XDG 132 PA 1 POLL State of Parties
rs00fs659
rs01fsLabfs fs412fs fs4fs fs10
rs01fsCfs fs166fs fs11fs fs7
rs01fsLDfs fs52fs fs7fs fs2
rs01fsSNPfs fs5fs fsfs fs1
rs01fsUUPfs fs6fs fs2fs fs5
rs01fsPCfs fs4fs fs1fs fs1
rs01fsDUPfs fs5fs fs3fs fs1
rs01fsSFfs fs4fs fs2fs fs
rs01fsSDLPfs fs3fs fsfs fs
rs01fsGreenfs fsfs fsfs fs
rs01fsAlliancefs fsfs fsfs fs
rs01fsKHHCfs fs1fs fs1fs fs
rs01fsSpeakerfs fs1fs fsfs fs
rs01fsWPfs fsfs fsfs fs
rs01fsUKUfs fsfs fsfs fs1
rs01fsOthersfs fsfs fsfs fs }
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OUTPUT EXAMPLE (in TTY):
HSA1234 4 XTH 132 PA
1 POLL State of Parties
After 659 results out of 659 for the General Election the state of parties is:

| Party | Total | Gains | Losses | Total | Share | Change | Forecast |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | seats |  |  | votes | \% | \% |  |
| Lab | 412 | 4 | 10 | 10,724,593 | 40.67 | -2.53 | 412 |
| C | 166 | 11 | 7 | 8,357,588 | 31.70 | +1.01 | 166 |
| LD | 52 | 7 | 2 | 4,814,322 | 18.26 | +1.50 | 52 |
| SNP | 5 |  | 1 | 464,314 | 1.76 | -0.23 | 5 |
| UUP | 6 | 2 | 5 | 216,839 | 0.82 | -0.00 | 6 |
| PC | 4 | 1 | 1 | 195,893 | 0.74 | +0.23 | 4 |
| DUP | 5 | 3 | 1 | 181,999 | 0.69 | +0.35 | 5 |
| SF | 4 | 2 |  | 175,933 | 0.67 | +0.26 | 4 |
| SDLP | 3 |  |  | 169,865 | 0.64 | +0.03 | 3 |
| Green |  |  |  | 166,477 | 0.63 | +0.42 |  |
| Alliance |  |  |  | 28,999 | 0.11 | -0.09 |  |
| KHHC | 1 | 1 |  | 28,487 | 0.11 |  | 1 |
| Speaker | 1 |  |  | 16,053 | 0.06 |  | 1 |
| WP |  |  |  | 2,352 | 0.01 |  |  |
| UKU |  |  | 1 |  |  |  |  |
| Others |  |  | 3 | 823,283 | 3.12 |  |  |
| TOTALS |  |  |  | 26,366,997 |  | Lab Maj | rity 165 |

## DATA FORMAT LOCAL ELECTION RESULTS SPECIFICATION

## Local Election Results (Full Council and One Third Council) will be transmitted using category code XLD The TTY version will be transmitted using category code XLR

Two different types of Results will be transmitted: Result Details and Regional Results (Collated) Details. Topic will be POLL in all cases. Result Details will contain only one council. In the keyword the first word will indicate the region or council type (England, Scotland, Wales, London, Metro, Non Met, Unitary). This will be followed in the same keyword field by the Council name, This will always start 10 characters from the start of the keyword field in order to enable searching by council name. Regional Results (Collated) Details will contain results within one region or council type. The first keyword will be the name of the Region or council type (England, Scotland, Wales, London, Metro, Non Met, Unitary). The second keyword will be the word "Collated".

The outputs will consist of five records from Record 00 through Record 04.
Record 00 will consist of two fields and will indicate the Council name and textual information.
Field 1 will contain the Council name.
Field 2 will contain a Council "Boundary change" text string (if applicable).
Record 01 will hold the Council Status after the Election, and will consist of three fields.
Field 1 will contain the winning party.
Field 2 will contain the losing party.
Field 3 will contain (if applicable) a text string to indicate:

1) "No change", if no change in controlling party.
2) "gains from NOC" (No Overall Control), with the gaining party included in the first field.
3) "loses to NOC" (No Overall Control), with the losing party included in the second field.
4) NOC No change, if no party in overall control, with no party included in first or second fields.

Record 02 will hold the seats won by each party, and will consist of two fields.
Field 1 will contain the Party name.
Field 2 will contain the seats won by that party from those up for election.
This record is only present in PART COUNCIL (normally one third) results, and will NOT be present in Full Council Elections. It will be repeated for all parties who have won seats out of those up for election in a PART COUNCIL election.

Record 03 will indicate the seat gains and losses for each party, and will consist of three fields.
Field 1 will contain the Party name.
Field 2 will contain a text string indicating either "gain" or 'lose' ("up" or "down" in boundary change results).
Field 3 will contain number of Seats gained or lost (up or down in boundary change results).
Record 04 will indicate the seats status for each party after the Election, and will consist of two fields.
Field 1 will contain the Party name.
Field 2 will contain the total seats it now has on the council.
The information will utilise Record and Field separators which are indicated as $R S$ and $F S$ respectively. Each record will be preceded by $R S$ nn FS where nn stands for record number ( $00-04$ ) and will be terminated by CR LF. Each Field within a record will be preceded by FS SPACE FS. If there is no data for a particular record the RS code, numerics and FS code will not be present.

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The records and fields are as follows:

| Field | Content |  | Example |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Record | 0 | COUNCIL NAME/BOUNDARY CHANGE INDICAT |  |
| Field 1 | Council Name | Preceded by RS 00 FS | Sunderland |
| Field 2 | Text | Preceded by FS SPACE FS, terminated by CR LF | Boundary change |
| Record | 1 | COUNCIL STATUS AFTER ELECTION |  |
| Field 1 | Winning Party | Preceded by RS 01 FS | Lab |
| Field 2 | Losing Party | Preceded by FS SPACE FS | C |
| Field 3 | Text | Preceded by FS SPACE FS, terminated by CR LF | NOC No change |
| Record | 2 : | PARTY SEATS WON |  |
| Field 1 | Party Name | Preceded by RS 02 FS | C |
| Field 2 | Seats won | Preceded by FS SPACE FS, terminated by CR LF | 8 |

Record 3 : PARTY GAINS AND LOSSES
Field 1 Party Name Preceded by RS 03 FS C
Field 2 Text Preceded by FS SPACE FS lose (or down)
Field 3 Seats gained/lost Preceded by FS SPACE FS, terminated by CR LF 6
Record 3 will be repeated for all parties that gain or lose seats.
Record 4 : NEW COUNCIL
Field 1 Party Name Preceded by RS 04 FS $L a b$
Field 2 Seats Preceded by FS SPACE FS, terminated by CR LF 20
Record 4 will be repeated for all parties with seats on the council after the election.

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OUTPUT EXAMPLE (ONE THIRD COUNCIL)
HSA1234 4 XLD BT 132 PA
1 \text { POLL Non Met Amber Valley}
rs00fsAmber Valleyfs fs
rs01fsLabfs fsCfs fs
rs02fsCfs fs7
rs02fsLabfs fs5
rs02fsIndfs fs1
rs02fsLDfs fs1
rs03fsCfs fslosefs fs5
rs03fsLabfs fsgainfs fs5
rs04fsLabfs fs22
rs04fsCfs fs17
rs04fsIndfs fs2
rs04fsLDfs fs1
rs04fsGreenfs fs1
OUTPUT EXAMPLE (ONE THIRD COUNCIL) (in TTY)
HSA1234 4 XLR BT 110 PA
1 POLL Non Met Amber Valley
Amber Valley
Lab gain from C
C 7, Lab 5, Ind 1, LD 1
C lost 5, Lab gain 5
New council: Lab 22, C 17, Ind 2, LD 1, Green }
OUTPUT EXAMPLE (FULL COUNCIL)
HSA1234 4 XLD BT 132 PA
1 \text { POLL Wales Colwyn}
rs00fsColwynfs fs
rs01fsfs fsfs fsNOC No change
rs03fsLabfs fsgainfs fs3
rs03fsLDfs fsgainfs fs1
rs03fsCfs fslosefs fs1
rs03fsIndfs fslosefs fs3
rs04fsLDfs fs14
rs04fsIndfs fs12
rs04fsLabfs fs5
rs04fsCfs fs3
rs04fsVacantfs fs1
OUTPUT EXAMPLE (FULL COUNCIL) (in TTY)
HSA1234 4 XLR BT 100 PA
1 \text { POLL Wales Colwyn}
Colwyn
NOC No change
Lab gain 3, LD gain 1, C lose 1, Ind lose 3.
New council: LD 14, Ind 12, Lab 5, C 3, Vacant }
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OUTPUT EXAMPLE (FULL COUNCIL WITH BOUNDARY CHANGE)
HSA1234 4 XLD BY 100 PA
1 POLL Non Met Basingstoke
rs00fsBasingstokefs fsBoundary change
rs01fsCfs fsfs fsNo change
rs03fsLabfs fsupfs fs3
rs03fsLDfs fsupfs fs 1
rs03fsCfs fsdownfs fs 1
rs03fsIndfs fsdownfs fs3
rs04fsCfs fs22
rs04fsLabfs fs 11
rs04fsLDfs fs4
rs04fsIndfs fs2
rs04fsRfs fs1

PA News Data Format Specifications
OUTPUT EXAMPLE (FULL COUNCIL WITH BOUNDARY CHANGE) (in TTY)
HSA1234 4 XLR BT 76 PA
1 POLL Non Met Basingstoke
Basingstoke (Boundary change)
C No change
Lab up 3, LD up 1, C down 1, Ind down 3.
New council: C 22, Lab 11, LD 4, Ind 2, R 1
Council election statistics, in TTY only, give details by party of total councils won, control changes, total seats won by party and total net seat changes by party.

The topic is POLL and keyword Parties. Category code is XLE.
OUTPUT EXAMPLE
With results available from 15 councils, PA News calculates the state of parties as follows;

| Party | Total <br> Councils | Change in <br> control | Seats <br> won | Net Change <br> in seats |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Lab | 4 |  | 297 | +11 |
| LD | 3 | +1 | 161 | +4 |
| C | 1 |  | 201 | -15 |
| Ind |  |  | 50 | +1 |
| Others | 7 | -1 |  | -1 |
| NOC | 7 |  |  |  |

