



**National Conference
7 September 2006**

**Changes in legislation -
the practical implications
and support arrangements**

**Kate Sullivan, Andrew Scallan
and John Turner**



Implementation of EA Act

- **Where possible in time for May 2007**
- **Registration provisions in force for 2006 canvass**
 - **Duty on ERO to maximise registration**
 - **New offence of supplying false information**
- **Regulations to be laid in October 2006**
- **Devolved arrangements**
- **Rules for local government elections**



Amendments to 2001 Regulations

- **Anonymous registration & amendments (r.7,8,10,14,17,19-25)**
- **Objections to register entries (r.9,11,12)**
- **Review of entitlement to be registered (r.13)**
- **Appeals against decision of ERO (r.15)**
- **Amendments to register - clerical**



Amendments to 2001 Regulations

- **Supply of register to include notices of alteration (r.32 & 33)**
- **Corresponding number lists (r.34-36)**
- **Absent voting - personal identifiers (r.39-45)**
- **Proxy voting (r.46)**
- **Detained mental patients (r.47-48)**
- **Cancelled postal ballot paper (r.49)**



Amendments to 2001 Regulations

- **Poll cards (r.50 & 51)**
- **Marked list - postal voters (r.52-58)**
- **Postal ballot papers face down (r.56)**
- **Supply/inspection of absent voter lists (r.60 & 61)**
- **Supply of register outside EEA (r.63)**
- **Supply of information from elections documents (r.65)**



Amendments to 2001 Regulations

- **Maundy Thursday (r.66 & 67)**
- **Postal voter - redirection address (r.68)**
- **Notification to proxy voter if removed from postal voting list (r.69)**
- **Declaration of identity to become postal voting statement (r.70)**
- **New forms of postal voting statement (r.71)**



Absent voting - transitional provisions

- **Personal identifiers required from existing absent voters (r.2)**
- **Information to be provided by ERO (r.3)**
- **Determination of refusal/failure to provide information (r.4)**
- **Removal from AV records (r.5)**



Review of polling district/places

- **Consequential upon new provisions with EA Act (s.16) - amends s.18 of RPA 1983**
- **New s.18C - One year and four year rules for review**
- **Publication of representations (r.3)**
- **Completion of review - information to be published (r.4)**



Service Voters' Order

- **Only applies to a member of the forces (or spouse/civil partner)**
- **Period of registration extended to 3 years (art.2)**
- **Reminders to be sent three months before end of 3 year period (art.3)**



Encouraging participation - Expenses

- **Provides for reimbursement of expenses for encouraging participation under EA Act (s.69(4))**
- **Maximum amount - £2.5 million p.a. (r.2)**



Combination Regulations

- **Makes necessary changes to comply with EA Act**
 - **Postal vote provisions**
 - **Corresponding number lists**
 - **Death of parliamentary candidate**
 - **Guidance to voters**

AEA - Training & Guidance

- **Appointment of Training Manager**
- **Working closely with EC and DCA**
- **Training courses on new Regs. - January/February 2007**
- **Using website to publish “latest” information**