



AEA statement on the report of the House of Lords Select Committee

The House of Lords Select Committee on the Electoral Registration and Administration Act 2013 has today (8 July 2020) published its report "An electoral system fit for today? More to be done."

Peter Stanyon, chief executive of the Association of Electoral Administrators (AEA), said:

"Today's House of Lords Select Committee report is hugely important. It echoes conclusions from our own post-election statements; and builds on earlier joint Law Commission reports.

"We fully endorse the Select Committee's recommendations, and particularly welcome the emphasis on reviewing both current administrative deadlines and the funding and resourcing of elections and electoral registration."

"This amplified call for action is something we and our members hope to see translated into positive change for voters, candidates, and electoral administrators alike. We are ready and willing to support implementation as soon as it is feasible, taking into account the current pandemic and existing programme of electoral reform.

"A significant cross-section of AEA members gave evidence to the Committee, and it is particularly pleasing to see the expertise and commitment of the electoral administrative community acknowledged in today's report, which cites: *"the exceptional professionalism with which administrators have dealt with the unprecedented series of major electoral events that have taken place in recent years, while also managing the implementation of the new registration system and navigating the legal and administrative challenges of existing electoral law."*

"We wholeheartedly agree with the Committee that: *"It is clear that, where the system of running and managing elections works well, it is due in large part to their [electoral administrators'] dedication and hard work."*

The Select Committee's report can be viewed on its website [here](#).