

APPENDIX 2

REPORT OF THE PARLIAMENTARY REGISTRAR

REPORT BY PARLIAMENTARY REGISTRAR
TO CONSTITUENCY BOUNDARIES COMMISSION

During the week of 19th October 2009, the Constituency Boundaries Commission (CBC) convened its meeting of Commissioners. During the session, Dr. Kevin Mayall, consultant to the Parliamentary Registry made Geographic Mapping presentations, reviewing current constituency boundaries with the view for possible amendments. This was supplemented by site visits to new housing developments located throughout the island of Bermuda. In addition, the Director of the Department of Statistics and her team of statisticians made a presentation on Bermuda Population Projections. Finally, as part of the Commission's remit, a town hall meeting was hosted at the Bermuda Underwater Institute (BUEI). This meeting was to seek the public's input into the decision making process.

At the conclusion of its official sittings, commissioners requested that the Parliamentary Registrar identify all known qualified electors and to certify such findings to the best of his knowledge.

In an effort to satisfy this request, the Registrar obtained from the Department of Immigration a recent copy of the Bermudian Status Register data file as of October 20th 2009 including only persons 18 years and older. This data file consisted of 55,341 records which were electronically matched with the 41,400 records on the Parliamentary Register of voters. A total of 13,941 unmatched records were identified, indicating those with Bermudian status but not registered to vote. These 13,941 records were then matched with the Registry General's data file of deceased Bermudians from May 2000. This resulted in the identification of 5,448 deceased potential voters, which reduced the list from 13,941 to 8,493 records of living Bermudians 18 years and older. Additional data quality checks to remove anomalies due to mismatching of first, middle and last names were employed. This technique reduced that number from 8,493 to 5,110 living Bermudians who are eligible but not registered to vote.

One final attempt was made to identify those records of persons who have died overseas. The Parliamentary Registrar made a request to the Director of the Social Insurance Department, whose office is responsible for pensioners on the island, to review the data file of persons born between 1920 and 1930. It was confirmed that some of these persons on the Bermudian Status Register had died and their records of death was not recorded by the Registry General's office. This data mining exercise identified a number of records which were deleted from the file of 5,110, resulting in a final list of 4,865 potential eligible voters.

As a cautionary note, Bermudians who have died overseas or in Bermuda and for whom a subsequent coroner's inquest is required, their names will remain on the Bermudian Status record until a notification is submitted.

I wish to note that in conducting this exercise the final number of qualified electors does not take into account international migrations. Therefore, the final list may include eligible voters who have left their residence in Bermuda and now reside overseas, but we see no reasonable way of eliminating these individuals for the purposes of the Commission. However, in our efforts to ensure an accurate register; during 2007/2008 we conducted a verification exercise which commenced with a mail out to all registered voters on file. (see Registration Details Form Appendix 3). Upon receipt of returned mail and completion of the data inputs, we were able to identify some 704 (see section 'A' of appendix 3) who were removed from the register. With that said, my expert determination is that the total number of qualified unregistered electors is 4,865 which should be added to the list of 41,400 registered voters for a total of 46,265. I am quite satisfied with the figure.

Attached for your consideration are three appendix tables. The first provided by the Department of Statistics detailing their projections as 2009 Projected Population Aged 18 Years and Older by Constituency and Age group, a copy of our Registration Details Form as well as a list of the names of 4,865 qualified electors.

Finally, as an update we are currently compiling new data set, and loading into the maps. This will enable us to view the additional qualified voters as data point. (points with voter counts), onto the maps as they are currently constructed with the registered voters.

Respectfully submitted

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Parliamentary Registrar