

**REPORT ON THE BY-ELECTION
IN THE CONSTITUENCY OF ST. JOHN
HELD ON 20 JANUARY 2011**

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1. ISSUE OF THE WRIT AND PROCLAMATIONS

1.1 On Wednesday 29 December 2010, the Governor-General acting in accordance with Section 47 (2) of the Constitution of Barbados, issued a Writ to fill the vacancy in the House of Assembly occasioned by the death of The Honorable David John Howard Thompson, Q.C., who was the Member of Parliament for the constituency of St. John.

1.2 The Writ, also issued in accordance with Section 36 of the Representation of The People Act, Cap 12 of the Laws of Barbados (hereinafter referred to as the "Act"), appointed the dates for Nomination Day, Polling Day and the day for the Return of the Writ as follows:-

5 January 2011	-	Nomination Day
20 January 2011	-	Polling Day
21 January 2011	-	Latest day for the return of the Writ to the Governor-General.

1.3 On Wednesday 29 December 2010, in accordance with Section 18 (1) (a) of the Act, the Governor-General issued a Proclamation declaring the period ending the 17th day of January 2011 as the Special Electoral Registration Period and, by Order, appointed Thursday 13 January 2011 as:

1. The Polling Day for Foreign Service Electors at Missions, in accordance with Rule 44 (1); and
2. The Special Polling Day for Election Officers, in accordance with Rule 30 (2A).

2. NOTICE OF ELECTION

- 2.1 The Notice of Election was published in the Official Gazette of 29 December 2010 and the Nation and Advocate Newspapers of 30 December 2010, in accordance with the provisions of Rule 2 of the House of Assembly Election Rules.

3. REVISED REGISTER OF ELECTORS – PRELIMINARY LIST

- 3.1 The Electoral and Boundaries Commission (hereinafter referred to as the Commission) published the Revised Register of Electors also known as the Preliminary List of Electors on 30 December 2011, in accordance with the provisions of Section 18 (1) (b) of the Act.
- 3.2 The Preliminary List which comprised eight thousand four hundred and thirteen (8,413) electors was made available to the two political parties. It was also placed in the Public Library, the Electoral Department and the Registration/Revising Centre for public viewing. On the 30 December 2010, a notice was placed in the press, which invited the public to inspect the Preliminary List. The notice stated that Saturday, 8 January was the last day on which all Objections were to be filed with the Registering Officers at the Revising Centre.
- 3.3 The public was also informed through public notices, in the newspapers, that they should be registered on or before Thursday, 6 January 2011, in order to be eligible to vote at the election.
- 3.4 The Revising Centre established under Regulation 35 (3) of the Representation of the People (Registration of Electors) Regulations 1990 was located at **The St. John's Primary School**. The Centre was opened to the Public from 31 December, 2010 to 6 January, 2011 with the exception of Saturday, 1 January and Sunday, 2 January, 2011.
- 3.5 In accordance with Regulation 35A of the Representation of the People (Registration of Electors) Regulations 1990 Thursday, 6 January 2011 was fixed as the last date for the receipt of claims while Saturday, 8 January 2011 was fixed as the last date for the receipt of objections.

3.6 Lists setting out the names of persons who filed claims were prepared daily and made available for inspection by members of the public. In this regard, a total of fifty one (51) claims were entered in the Register.

3.7 No objections were filed.

4. ELECTION ADMINISTRATION

4.1 The By-Election of 20 January 2011 was conducted by the Commission in accordance with the provisions of the Representation of the People Act and Section 42 (1) of the Constitution of Barbados which provides:- “The election of members to the House of Assembly shall be conducted under the direction and supervision of the Commission”. The members of the Commission are:-

Mr. Owen L. Estwick, GCM, BCH	- Chairman
Dame Billie Miller, DA, BCH	- Deputy Chairman
Ms. Kim Thompson	- Member
Mr. Larry A C Smith, LLB (Hons.)	- Member
Mr. John H. Haynes, BSM, JP	- Member

4.2 The Commission, in accordance with Section 30 (1) of the Act appointed Ms. Angela Taylor the Supervisor of Elections and the Governor General, in accordance with Section 30 (2) of the Act, appointed Mr. Ian Browne, the Deputy Supervisor of Elections.

4.3 In accordance with Section 31 of the Act, the Commission appointed Mr. Richard O’Neale Harris as the Returning Officer and in accordance with Section 32, appointed Mr. Henson Ricardo Alleyne as the Election Clerk. A total of eighty seven (87) Election Officers were engaged in the conduct of the elections, in the following categories:-

Category	Number
CLERICAL ASSISTANTS	1
COUNTING ASSISTANTS	9
ELECTION CLERK	1
POLL CLERKS	51
PRESIDING OFFICERS	24
RETURNING OFFICER	1
TOTAL	87

5. TRAINING OF ELECTION OFFICERS

Training for election workers was conducted at the St. John's Primary School on 8 and 15 January 2011 respectively.

6. THE CANDIDATES

- 6.1 On the 5 January 2011 two persons were duly nominated to contest the seat in the election as listed below:

Barbados Labour Party - Mr. Hudson Everett Griffith
Democratic Labour Party - Mrs. Marie-Josephine Mara Thompson

7. POLLING STATIONS

- 7.1 In establishing Polling Stations, the fifteen (15) Polling Districts were divided into twenty three (23) Polling Divisions, housed in six government buildings and nine privately owned properties as listed below:

POLLING DISTRICT	POLLING DIVISION	POLLING STATION
JA1	A-K	St Margaret's Primary School
JA1	L-Z	St Margaret's Primary School
JA2	A-H	St John's Primary School
JA2	I-Z	St John's Primary School
JA3	A-Z	The "BRC" Building, St John's Parish Church

JA4	A-J	Wesleyan Holiness Church, Edgecliff
JA4	K-Z	Wesleyan Holiness Church, Edgecliff
JB1	A-H	Gall Hill Community Centre
JB1	I-Z	Gall Hill Community Centre
JB2	A-H	Mt. Tabor Primary School
JB2	I-Z	Mt. Tabor Primary School
JC1	A-Z	Church Army Hall, Spooners
JC2	A-H	Marian Retreat House, Verdun
JC2	I-Z	Marian Retreat House, Verdun
JC3	A-Z	Faith Temple Pentecostal Church, Wilson Hill
JC4	A-Z	United Holy Church of America, Cherry Grove
JD1	A-Z	St Gabriel's Church (Kendal)
JD2	A-Z	The Lodge School
JE1	A-G	St Mark's Anglican Church
JE1	H-Z	St Mark's Anglican Church
JE2	A-Z	Society Primary School
JE3	A-G	Wesleyan Holiness Church, Massiah Street
JE3	H-Z	Wesleyan Holiness Church, Massiah Street

8. PUBLIC RELATIONS

- 8.1 In addition to the Public Notices in the print and electronic media informing the electors of the period for claims and objections, circulars were sent to all electors informing them of the Polling District in which they were registered and the Polling Station at which they were registered to vote.
- 8.2 In order to facilitate the provision of information to electors on Polling Day, Information Centres were set up at the Electoral Department's Office in Bridgetown and at the St. John's Primary School. The location of the Centres had also been published in the print and electronic media prior to Polling Day.

9. REGISTER FOR ELECTIONS

- 9.1 In accordance with Section 18 (3) of the Act, the Commission published a Register for Elections on Tuesday 18 January 2011, which comprised eight thousand, four hundred and sixty four (8 464) electors. It was made available to the political parties and the nominated candidates. It was also displayed for public inspection at the Public Library and the Electoral Department.

10. VOTING

10.1 VOTING BY ELECTION OFFICERS

10.1.1 Thursday 13 January 2011 was designated Polling Day for the Election Officers.

Mr. Richard O'Neale Harris was appointed by the Commission as the Special Presiding Officer to supervise the voting of election officers, and polling was conducted between 7.00 a.m. and 5.00 p.m., at the "BRC" Building in the St. John's Parish Church. Fifteen (15) Election Officers voted on this day.

10.1.3 The ballot box containing the votes cast by Election Officers was transported by the Returning Officer, accompanied by Police Officers and the Candidates' Polling Agents, to the Electoral Department's vault where it was secured. It remained under twenty-four hour police watch until it was transported to the Counting Centre on Thursday 20 January 2011.

10.2. VOTING BY FOREIGN SERVICE ELECTORS

10.2.1 Thursday 13 January 2011 was also designated as Polling Day for the Foreign Service Electors.

10.2.2 One (1) member of the official staff of the Consulate General of Barbados at Miami made application to be treated as a Foreign Service Elector. The Electoral and Boundaries Commission, in accordance with the provisions of Section 13 (1) of the Act, accordingly, appointed the Consul General of Miami as the Presiding Officer at the Consol.

10.3 VOTING BY OTHER ELECTORS

10.3.1 On Thursday 20 January 2011, the day designated as Polling Day for all other registered electors, polling was conducted between 6.00 a.m. and 6.00 p.m., at the designated stations in the constituency.

10.3.2 Eight thousand four hundred and forty eight (8 448) persons were registered to vote on Polling Day.

11. COUNTING OF VOTES AND PUBLICATION OF RESULTS

11.1 Transport Board buses with Police escorts were used to transport Presiding Officers with ballot boxes, other Election Officers and Polling Agents to the Counting Centre. Counting commenced immediately after all Presiding Officers delivered the ballot boxes and election materials to the Returning Officer.

11.1.2 The Returning Officer made periodic reports to the media on the progress of the Count until the final tally was given and the winning candidate declared.

13. RETURNING OFFICER'S REPORT

13.1 The Returning Officer, Mr. Richard Harris reported that:

1. The Ballot Paper Accounts for the twenty three Polling Stations were correct,
2. Discipline at:
 - a. Nomination was "Good"
 - b. Polling Stations was "Very Good"
 - c. The Counting Centre was "Very Good" and
3. The state of the election papers received from the Presiding Officers was "Fairly Good".

14. ELECTION EXPENSES

14.1 In accordance with Section 52 (1) of the Act, the Candidates/Election Agents filed a Statement of Election Expenses with the Supervisor of Elections within seven weeks of the declaration of the results of the election.

14.2 Candidates/Election Agents are allowed to incur expenses to a maximum of \$10.00 in respect of each person registered as a voter in the constituency for a maximum of \$84,640.00

14.3 The following is a summary of the candidates' election expenses.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Expenditure</u>	<u>Date of Receipt</u>
Mr. Hudson Everett Griffith	\$37,714.07	2011-03-10
Mrs. Marie-Josephine Mara Thompson	\$58,744.01	2011-03-11

15. APPRECIATION

- 15.1 The Commission wishes to thank all those who contributed in any way to the successful completion of the 20 January 2011 By-Election.
- 15.2 Special thanks are extended to the Commission's legal counsel, Carrington and Sealy; the Government Printer and staff; the Chief Information Officer and staff; Officers of the Ministry of Education; the Commissioner and members of the Royal Barbados Police Force; the Management and staff of the Transport Board; the Government Electrical Engineer and staff; the Post Master General and staff; the Caribbean Broadcasting Corporation; Starcom Network Inc.; the Barbados Advocate; the Nation Publishing Company; the owners of properties which were used as Polling Stations; the Election Officers and the staff of the Electoral and Boundaries Commission - Electoral Department.

16. STATISTICAL DATA

- 16.1 The accompanying tables present in detail the election results showing:-
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| Table 1 | - | The summary of the number and percentage of votes cast for the political parties |
| Table 2 | - | The summary of votes cast for individual candidates by party |
| Table 3 | - | The summary of the total number and percentage of valid and rejected votes |
| Table 4 | - | The number of registered electors, number and percentage who voted, by candidate, and the number of valid and rejected votes by polling district. |

ANGELA TAYLOR
SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS
31 MARCH 2011

TABLE 1

BY-ELECTION - ST. JOHNSUMMARY OF THE NUMBER AND PERCENTAGE OF VOTES CAST
FOR THE POLITICAL PARTIES

TOTAL VALID VOTES CAST	BARBADOS LABOUR PARTY		DEMOCRATIC LABOUR PARTY	
	NO. OF VOTES	PERCENTAGE	NO. OF VOTES	PERCENTAGE
5166	553	10.7	4,613	89.3

TABLE 2

SUMMARY OF VOTES CAST FOR INDIVIDUAL CANDIDATES BY
PARTY

NAME OF CANDIDATE	POLITICAL PARTY	VOTES CAST
Hudson E. Griffith	Barbados Labour Party	553
Marie-Josephine M. Thompson	Democratic Labour Party	4613

TABLE 3**BY-ELECTION - ST. JOHN****SUMMARY OF THE TOTAL NUMBER AND PERCENTAGE OF
VALID AND REJECTED VOTES**

TOTAL VOTES CAST	TOTAL VALID VOTES	PERCENTAGE OF VALID VOTES	REJECTED VOTES	PERCENTAGE OF REJECTED VOTES
5182	5166	99.7	16	0.3

TABLE 4

BY-ELECTION - ST. JOHNTHE NUMBER OF REGISTERED ELECTORS, NUMBER AND PERCENTAGE WHO VOTED BY CANDIDATE ANDTHE NUMBER OF VALID AND REJECTED VOTES BY POLLING DISTRICT

POLLING DISTRICT	NUMBER OF REGISTERED ELECTORS			NUMBER OF ELECTORS WHO VOTED			PER-CENT-AGE	NUMBER OF VOTES CAST FOR		TOTAL VALID VOTES CAST	REJECTED VOTES
	TOTAL	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL	MALE	FEMALE		GRIFFITH	THOMPSON		
JA1	645	319	326	373	169	204	57.8	23	347	370	3
JA2	835	425	410	567	270	297	67.9	39	527	566	1
JA3	307	178	129	184	91	93	59.9	18	166	184	0
JA4	616	306	310	346	163	183	56.2	39	306	345	1
JB1	649	320	329	421	186	235	64.9	36	384	420	1
JB2	788	407	381	459	216	243	58.2	96	363	459	0
JC1	330	160	170	229	102	127	69.4	6	219	225	4
JC2	837	429	408	550	258	292	65.7	32	516	548	2
JC3	290	146	144	155	66	89	53.4	21	134	155	0
JC4	520	264	256	302	132	170	58.1	88	213	301	1
JD1	493	230	263	298	136	162	60.4	35	263	298	0
JD2	291	157	134	174	90	84	59.8	11	163	174	0
JE1	915	455	460	539	248	291	58.9	52	487	539	0
JE2	365	194	171	240	127	113	65.8	16	222	238	2
JE3	583	280	303	345	147	198	59.2	41	303	344	1
Total	8,464	4,270	4,194	5,182	2,401	2,781	61.2	553	4,613	5,166	16

ELECTION OFFICERS

BY-ELECTION - ST. JOHN

LIST OF PRESIDING OFFICERS

POLLING DISTRICT	LOCATION	NAME	ADDRESS
JA1 A-K	St. Margaret's Primary School	Coreen Haynes	St Margarets Vlge St. John
JA1 L-Z	St. Margaret's Primary School	Roosevelt Taitt	Foster Hall St. John
JA2 A-H	St. John's Primary School	Samantha Haynes	Coach Hill St. John
JA2 I-Z	St. John's Primary School	Trevor Waldron	Millers Ld Massiah St St. John
JA3 A-Z	"BRC" Building, St John's Parish Church	Gwendoline Bridgeman-Bushell	27 Briar Hall Gdns Christ Church
JA4 A-J	Unity Wesleyan Holiness Church	Michael Cox	45 Appleby Gdns St. James
JA4 K-Z	Unity Wesleyan Holiness Church	Heather Toppin	81 Groves Cottage St. George
JB1 A-H	Community Centre, Gall Hill	Samuel Elcock	Carters Rd St. John
JB1 I-Z	Community Centre, Gall Hill	Julia Mayers	Sherbourne #3 St. John
JB2 A-H	Mt. Tabor Primary School	Kathyann Chandler	Ashbury St. George
JB2 I-Z	Mt. Tabor Primary School	Rodney Garnes	Hothersal St. John

POLLING DISTRICT	LOCATION	NAME	ADDRESS
JC1 A-Z	Church Army Hall, Spooners	Pedro White	Spooners St. John
JC2 A-H	Marian Retreat House, Verdun	Paul Gibson	273 Union Dev St. Philip
JC2 I-Z	Marian Retreat House, Verdun	Diana Cheeseman	Gall Hill #1 St. John
JC3 A-Z	Faith Temple Pentecostal Church, Wilson Hill	Eudora White	Lemon Arbour St. John
JC4 A-Z	United Holy Church of America, Cherry Grove	Cheryl Sargeant-Speede	Cliff St. John
JD1 A-Z	St. Gabriel's Church	Shawn Parris	Halton Lane St. John
JD2 A-Z	The Lodge School	Etwyn Greaves	Massiah St St. John
JE1 A-G	St. Mark's Anglican Church	Angela Watson	College Savannah St. John
JE1 H-Z	St. Mark's Anglican Church	Vernese Collymore	College Savannah St. John
JE2 A-Z	Society Primary School	Alwyn Lewis	Society St. John
JE3 A-G	Wesleyan Holiness Church, Massiah Street	Sandra Brathwaite	Massiah St St. John
JE3 H-Z	Wesleyan Holiness Church, Massiah Street	Ronaghan Garnes	Hothersal St. John

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LIST OF POLL CLERKS

POLLING DISTRICT	LOCATION	NAME	ADDRESS
JA1 A-K	St. Margaret's Primary School	Marjorie Goddard	Newcastle St. John
JA1 A-K	St. Margaret's Primary School	Katrina Haynes-Perryman	St Margarets Vlge St. John
JA1 L-Z	St. Margaret's Primary School	Ronda Hope-Lovell	Martins Bay St. John
JA1 L-Z	St. Margaret's Primary School	Veronica Straker	Newcastle St. John
JA2 A-H	St. John's Primary School	Monique Haynes	Colleton Gdns St. John
JA2 A-H	St. John's Primary School	Ucilma Lashley	Coach Hill St. John
JA2 I-Z	St. John's Primary School	Jacqueline Bishop-O'neal	Haynes Hill St. John
JA2 I-Z	St. John's Primary School	Shyrelle Howell	17 Glebe Ld St. John
JA3 A-Z	"BRC" Building, St John's Parish Church	Gracie Bolden	Pot House St. John
JA3 A-Z	"BRC" Building, St John's Parish Church	Ramon Harris	Pool Ld #1 St. John
JA4 A-J	Unity Wesleyan Holiness Church	Andrea Holdip	Gall Hill #2 St. John

POLLING DISTRICT	LOCATION	NAME	ADDRESS
JA4 A-J	Unity Wesleyan Holiness Church	Garry Trotman	Carters Rd St. John
JA4 K-Z	Unity Wesleyan Holiness Church	Melanese Culpepper	Edgecliff St. John
JA4 K-Z	Unity Wesleyan Holiness Church	Gloria Hollingsworth	Clifton Hall St. John
JB1 A-H	Community Centre, Gall Hill	Stephanie Elcock	Carters Rd St. John
JB1 A-H	Community Centre, Gall Hill	Andrea Seale	Neils Tntry St. Michael
JB1 I-Z	Community Centre, Gall Hill	Brandi Estwick	3 1st Ave Amity Lodge Christ Church
JB1 I-Z	Community Centre, Gall Hill	Annette Shorey	Sherbourne St. John
JB2 A-H	Mt. Tabor Primary School	Gail Riley	Venture #1 St. John
JB2 A-H	Mt. Tabor Primary School	Priscilla Sealy	Hothersal St. John
JB2 I-Z	Mt. Tabor Primary School	Jurston Harris	Doughlin Rd Weston St. James
JB2 I-Z	Mt. Tabor Primary School	Joan Jordan	Hothersal St. John
JC1 A-Z	Church Army Hall, Spooners	Rommel Aimey	Pool Ld St. John

POLLING DISTRICT	LOCATION	NAME	ADDRESS
JC2 A-H	Marian Retreat House, Verdun	Shirley Hutson	Gall Hill #1 St. John
JC2 I-Z	Marian Retreat House, Verdun	Tamara Dottin	Gall Hill #2 St. John
JC2 I-Z	Marian Retreat House, Verdun	Audine Waithe	Gall Hill #1 St. John
JC3 A-Z	Faith Temple Pentecostal Church, Wilson Hill	Eldona Reid	Moore's Ld St. John
JC3 A-Z	Faith Temple Pentecostal Church, Wilson Hill	Paula Trotman	Gall Hill #2 St. John
JC4 A-Z	United Holy Church of America, Cherry Grove	Roger Batson	Three Houses Hill St. Philip
JC4 A-Z	United Holy Church of America, Cherry Grove	Lasonta Howell	Cherry Grove St. John
JD1 A-Z	St. Gabriel's Church	Natalie Toppin	81 Groves Cottage St. George
JD1 A-Z	St. Gabriel's Church	Makala Toppin	Kendal St. John
JD2 A-Z	The Lodge School	Anthea Brathwaite	Guinea Ld St. John
JD2 A-Z	The Lodge School	Christine Glasgow	Rosegate St. John
JE1 A-G	St. Mark's Anglican Church	Pauline Vaughan	51 Fortesque St. Philip
JE1 A-G	St. Mark's Anglican Church	Judy Watson	College Savannah St. John

POLLING DISTRICT	LOCATION	NAME	ADDRESS
JE1 H-Z	St. Mark's Anglican Church	Malcolm Glasgow	Rosegate St. John
JE1 H-Z	St. Mark's Anglican Church	Chermerdene Lashley	College Savannah St. John
JE2 A-Z	Society Primary School	Shirley Forde-Brathwaite	Haynes Hill St. John
JE2 A-Z	Society Primary School	Hazel Lewis	Society St. John
JE3 A-G	Wesleyan Holiness Church, Massiah Street	Janice Greenidge	Lovell Rd Massiah St St. John
JE3 A-G	Wesleyan Holiness Church, Massiah Street	Tanya Reid-Hutchinson	Moore's Ld St. John
JE3 H-Z	Wesleyan Holiness Church, Massiah Street	Lesa Collins	24 Gays St. Peter
JE3 H-Z	Wesleyan Holiness Church, Massiah Street	Paul Puckerin	Rosegate St. John
Information Centre	St. John's Primary School	Nicole Catwell	Cherry Grove St. John
Information Centre	St. John's Primary School	Renaldo Hinkson	Arthur Seat St. Michael
Constituency	Constituency (Floating)	Sonia Moore	Wilson Hill St. Joseph

BY-ELECTION - ST. JOHN
LIST OF COUNTING ASSISTANTS

NAME	ADDRESS
Osbert Bascombe	5 Thomas Gap, Brittons New Rd, Christ Church
Deane Belgrave	Hothersal, St. John
Gale Brathwaite	Massiah St, St. John
Timothy Chandler	12 Walkers Park, St. George
Anthony Cook	Newcastle, St. John
Corlita Doyle	Fisherpond, St. Thomas
Adolphus Hurdle	College Savannah ,St. John
Austin Hutson	Cheshire, St. John
Gloria Medford	3 Briar Hall Gdns, Christ Church

BY-ELECTION - ST. JOHN
LIST OF ELECTION OFFICERS FOR SPECIAL POLLING DAY

PRESIDING OFFICER

NAME	ADDRESS
Richard Harris	61 Palm Cres, Fortesque, St. Philip

POLL CLERKS

NAME	ADDRESS
Henson Alleyne	Well House, St. Philip
Maria Belgrave	Hothersal, St. John

