

Respondent Burden for the Annual Electoral Statistics Collection in Scotland – December 2016

Number of Responses

An RPF29 form is required for each of the **59** Westminster Parliamentary Constituencies from the 15 Electoral Registration Officers across Scotland

Median time to respond in hours

This varies according to the data processing systems of the local offices. On the basis of discussion with a small number of colleagues in Electoral Registration Offices, it is estimated that each RPF29 return takes a median time of **1.5 hours** to complete. Note that information on Scottish Parliamentary Constituencies is collected over and above the RPF29 collection and this has been factored into this calculation.

Hourly Rate of typical respondent

Varying grades of staff are employed to complete these forms, although the results must be checked and signed off by the responsible Electoral Registration Officer. The latest available estimated median hourly pay rate for public administrative employees in Scotland in 2016 was **£15.05**.

(Refer to Table 5 (5.5a) in the report on [Annual Survey of Hours Earnings](#) by Office of National Statistics, ONS)

Hence the respondent burden for Electoral Statistics data collection in 2016 was

$$59 \times 1.5 \times \text{£}15.05 = \text{£}1,331.93$$