

Analysis of allegations of electoral malpractice at the June 2009 elections

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Table 5: ACPO PNICC recorded cases at the June 2009 elections in Great Britain by RPA 1983 offence and outcome

Revised and updated (December 2010)
to include the outcome of the 16 cases resolved since the report was published.

One false registration case which is part of a wider identity fraud investigation in Devon and Cornwall remains unresolved.

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Summary title of offence	RPA 1983 section	Cases	Allegations	Outcomes – cases				
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A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
Registration								
False information for a registration application ¹	13D(1)	6	16	5	0	0	1	1 (2 people received 1 month in prison) ²
False information for a postal/proxy voting application	13D(1A)	2	6	2	0	0	0	0
Other registration offences	4, 12, 49	1	1	1	0	0	0	0
Registration subtotal¹		9	23	8	0	0	1	1
Nomination								
False statement in nomination paper	65A(1)	6	8	6	0	0	0	0
Nomination subtotal		6	8	6	0	0	0	0

¹ One registration case has two outcomes, so when outcomes are added together (columns E to I) there is apparently one more case than the total number of cases shown in column C in the registration subtotal.

² Four allegations relating to this case were recorded as requiring no further action, but in the same case three charges of false registration resulted in one person pleading guilty to two charges and one person pleading guilty to one charge. Both were sentenced to one month in prison, concurrent with six months for financial fraud.

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Campaign								
Printer's name and address on election publications (Imprint)	110	9	12	7	2	0	0	0
False statements as to candidates	106(1)	4	4	4	0	0	0	0
Return of expenses	75–85	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Campaign subtotal		13	16	11	2	0	0	0

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Voting								
Personation/legal incapacity to vote/multiple voting ³	60–62A	13	53	9	3	1	0	1
Tampering with ballot papers	65(1) (b–f)	2	2	1	1	0	0	0
Bribery, treating, undue influence	113–115	4	4	3	1	0	0	0
Voting subtotal³		19	59	13	5	1	0	1

³ One personation case has two outcomes, so when outcomes are added together (columns E to I) there is apparently one more case than the total number of cases shown in column C in the voting subtotal. In this case one person was given a caution and the other received informal police advice.

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Administration								
Breach of official duty	63	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Administration subtotal		0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Miscellaneous								
Broadcasting	93	1	1	1	0	0	0	0
Miscellaneous subtotal		1	1	1	0	0	0	0
Total⁴		48	107	39	7	1	1	2

⁴ One registration case and one personation case each have more than one outcome, so when outcomes are added together (columns E to I) there are apparently two more cases than the total number of cases shown in column C of the total.