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# The election of Deputy Speakers

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# Summary

## 2019 results and arrangements

The election for Deputy Speakers at the beginning of the 2019 Parliament took place on 8 January 2020. The Speaker [announced](#) the results on the same evening. Dame Eleanor Laing was elected Chairman of Ways and Means, Dame Rosie Winterton was elected First Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means, and Nigel Evans was elected as Second Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means. Six candidates had been nominated, five Conservatives and one Labour.

On 20 December 2019, the Speaker [announced](#) that the ballot for the election of Deputy Speakers in the 2019 Parliament would take place on Wednesday 8 January 2020. Nominations were to be submitted from 10am to 5pm on 27 June.

The Commons Briefing Note, [Election of Deputy Speakers on 8 January 2020](#) (December 2019), set out the arrangements for nominations, the ballot and the count, in more detail.

Ballots have previously been held to elect Deputy Speakers at the beginning of the 2010, 2015 and 2017 Parliaments, and a by election was held in October 2013.

## Background to the introduction of elections for Deputy Speakers

This Paper provides background information on the introduction of elections for Deputy Speaker and details of previous results.

In June 2010, the Deputy Speakers were elected by the House of Commons in a secret ballot. Before this, Deputy Speakers had been appointed by the House on a motion moved, without notice, by a Government minister.

In July 2009, the Speaker proposed that the Deputy Speakers should be elected by ballot. Following the Speaker's announcement, the Procedure Committee decided to examine the matter. First it considered principles, and set them out in a report, [Election of the Deputy Speakers: Principles](#), in November 2009. The House endorsed the Procedure Committee's report in January 2010.

Following that endorsement, the Procedure Committee set out detailed proposals for the election of Deputy Speakers, in its report [Election of the Speaker and of the Deputy Speakers](#), which was published in February 2010. A motion to give effect to the Procedure Committee's recommendations was agreed on 4 March 2010.

## Previous results

Early in the 2010 Parliament, on 26 May 2010, the Speaker announced that the ballot to elect the Deputy Speakers would take place on 8 June 2010. Nominations were to be submitted from 10am to 5pm on Monday 7 June.

Nine candidates were nominated, and on 8 June 2010, Lindsay Hoyle was elected Chairman of Ways and Means, Nigel Evans was elected First Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means, and Dawn Primarolo was elected as Second Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means.

On 11 September 2013, the Speaker announced that Nigel Evans had resigned as a Deputy Speaker. An election to fill the vacancy took place on 16 October. Seven candidates were nominated. Eleanor Laing was elected First Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means.

At the beginning of the 2015 Parliament, the Speaker announced that the ballot for the election of Deputy Speakers would take place on Wednesday 3 June 2015. Nominations were to be submitted from 10 am to 5 pm on Monday 1 June. When nominations closed, three candidates had been nominated. The ballot was held to determine which candidate was elected to each position. On 3 June, the Speaker announced the results: Mr Lindsay Hoyle was elected Chairman of Ways and Means. Mrs Eleanor Laing was elected First Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means. Natascha Engel was elected Second Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means.

At the beginning of the 2017 Parliament, the Speaker announced that the ballot for the election of Deputy Speakers would take place on Wednesday 28 June 2017. Nominations were to be submitted from 10 am to 5 pm on Tuesday 27 June. When nominations closed, four candidates had been nominated. Mrs Eleanor Laing was the only candidate from the same side of the House as the Speaker, so was elected First Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means without appearing on the ballot paper. On 28 June, the Speaker announced the results: Mr Lindsay Hoyle was elected Chairman of Ways and Means. Mrs Eleanor Laing was elected First Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means. Dame Rosie Winterton was elected Second Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means.

# 1. Introduction

On 2 July 2009 Speaker Bercow announced in a statement to the House that he intended to introduce a ballot for the election of the Deputy Speakers (the Chairman of Ways and Means and the two Deputy Chairmen of Ways and Means):

**Mr. Speaker:** I would like to make a short statement on two matters. First, the House is served by three outstanding Deputy Speakers, but my election was an indication that the House was ready to accept change. In a modern democracy that puts Parliament first, I am convinced that the choice of such office holders should be determined not by consultation but by the process of election. By convention, and as supported by the Procedure Committee in 2002, the combination of the Speaker and three Deputy Speakers should be drawn equally from the Government and Opposition Benches. A change now is therefore appropriate. Accordingly, I am proposing that a ballot or ballots should be conducted in the House to choose one Deputy Speaker from the Opposition side and two from the Government side of the House. I have consulted the usual channels and I hope to bring that about shortly after the House returns in October.<sup>1</sup>

The Procedure Committee subsequently published two reports on electing Deputy Speakers. The first was on the arguments for and against a ballot for Deputy Speakers while the second was on procedure for the ballot.

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<sup>1</sup> HC Deb 2 July 2009 c496

## 2. Procedure Committee - Election of the Deputy Speakers: Principles Report

On 2 November 2009, the Procedure Committee published an interim report, entitled *Election of the Deputy Speakers: Principles*.<sup>2</sup> The report sought the endorsement of the House on the principle of elected Deputy Speakers and how the new occupants of the Chair should be chosen. The Committee resolved to publish a full report of its findings, if its principles were approved by the House, in time to be implemented at the start of the new Parliament in 2010.

The report outlined the procedure that was then followed for appointing the Deputy Speakers:

Under the present system the House appoints a Deputy Speaker by agreeing to a motion moved, without notice, by a member of the Government (since 1979 this has been the Leader of the House). At the start of a Parliament, the motion may first be made on the day of the Queen's Speech, immediately before the opening of the debate on the Loyal Address. [...]

Where vacancies occur in the middle of a Session, the motion to appoint a new Deputy is again made without notice and may occur on any day. [...]

In each case the motion is amendable and can be subject to a division. [...]

The name put to the House for each post is the result of consultation between the usual channels, having regard to the conventions that the Speaker's team should show a balance between Government and Opposition benches, that the team should reflect the gender balance within the House, that the candidate is likely to be acceptable to the House as a whole and that the Speaker has no objection to him or her. These conventions were codified and endorsed by our predecessor Committee in 2002 which drew particular attention to the last of them because of the perceived requirement for the three Deputy Speakers to "work as a close-knit team with the Speaker of the day" and for the Speaker to "have every confidence in their abilities, their judgment and their capacity to command respect across the House". [...]

Once elected the Deputy Speakers usually remain in office until the end of the Parliament unless their post becomes vacant through death, resignation or elevation to the role of Speaker. Although by convention the panel should demonstrate a party balance (see above), there is no precedent for any Deputy to stand down to ensure the restoration of that balance following the election of a new Speaker. The 2002 Procedure Committee, whilst strongly endorsing the principle of balance, considered that in the circumstances where the House chose a Speaker from one party at a time when two of the three sitting Deputy Speakers were also

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<sup>2</sup> Procedure Committee, [Election of the Deputy Speakers: Principles](#), 2 November 2009, HC 1080 2008-09



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members of that party, “it would be unfair to expect a Deputy Speaker to resign merely to re-balance the team”.<sup>3</sup>

The Procedure Committee of the 2001-05 Parliament, while advocating reform, rejected the idea of elected Deputy Speakers on the basis that three separate ballots would not serve the interests of creating a “unified team of deputies who can work easily with each other and the Speaker”.<sup>4</sup> The old Procedure Committee also saw three separate ballots as cumbersome. However, in 2009, the Procedure Committee, advocated elected Deputies in principle, citing the move as a mark of a modern democracy and noting the success of the election of the current Speaker under the new secret ballot procedure.<sup>5</sup>

The Procedure Committee did acknowledge, however, that the use of a ballot system would make it difficult to maintain a party balance within the Speaker’s team but asserted the importance of doing so.<sup>6</sup>

The Committee suggested two methods of electing Deputy Speakers. The first would be to divide the House into two electoral colleges (by party) who could each elect a preferred candidate. The second method would be for the House to have a ballot on each vacant post. The Procedure Committee backed the second of these methods on the grounds that as the occupants of the Chair “serve the whole House, they should be elected by the whole House”.<sup>7</sup>

Foreseeing that the election of Deputy Speakers was likely to result in unintended consequences, it asked the House for more time to consider implications of a change to the appointment procedure.

### 2.1 Approval of the principle of electing Deputy Speakers

The House debated the Procedure Committee’s report on 6 January 2010 on the motion:

That this House approves the Fourth Report from the Procedure Committee of Session 2008-09 (House of Commons Paper No. 1080); endorses the principle that the Deputy Speakers should be chosen through a ballot of the whole House; and endorses the preparation by the Procedure Committee of detailed proposals for the election of the Deputy Speakers and the consideration by the Committee of the introduction of term-limits for the Speaker and Deputy Speakers.<sup>8</sup>

Members expressed support for the recommendations, in principle, stating “The motion reflects changing times”.<sup>9</sup> Andrew Pelling

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<sup>3</sup> Procedure Committee, [Election of the Deputy Speakers: Principles](#), 2 November 2009, HC 1080 2008-09, para 6

<sup>4</sup> Procedure Committee, [Election of the Deputy Speakers: Principles](#), 2 November 2009, HC 1080 2008-09, para 12

<sup>5</sup> Procedure Committee, [Election of the Deputy Speakers: Principles](#), 2 November 2009, HC 1080 2008-09, para 14

<sup>6</sup> Procedure Committee, [Election of the Deputy Speakers: Principles](#), 2 November 2009, HC 1080 2008-09, para 9

<sup>7</sup> Procedure Committee, [Election of the Deputy Speakers: Principles](#), 2 November 2009, HC 1080 2008-09, para 23

<sup>8</sup> HC Deb 5 January 2010 c235

<sup>9</sup> HC Deb 5 January 2010 c236

concluded the debate by raising a concern that Members might use the election as a weapon against an unpopular Speaker:

Under the current process, although the appointment of Deputy Speakers is at the discretion of the House, they are very much part of a team. I can imagine that the stresses and strains of being part of a Speakership team are significant, and it is important not to get ourselves into a situation in which the House might elect a Deputy Speaker against the wishes of a Speaker with whom the House had fallen out.<sup>10</sup>

The motion was, however, passed without a division.

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<sup>10</sup> HC Deb 5 January 2010 c239



### 3. Procedure Committee – Election of the Speaker and Deputy Speakers Report

The Procedure Committee published detailed proposals in its report, *Election of the Speaker and of the Deputy Speakers*, in February 2010.<sup>11</sup>

Following on from its 2009 report, the Procedure Committee recommended that the Speaker and Deputy Speaker posts should be comprised of two members from the Government and two members from the Opposition. The Opposition would be defined as all members not belonging to the Government side. The Committee highlighted that this would be valuable in a hung parliament situation where “a handful of seats changing hands could alter the majority/minority balance”.<sup>12</sup>

The Committee believed it was important to maintain a gender balance within the Speaker’s team and recommended that the election rules should stipulate that the House had to elect at least one man and one woman to the vacant posts, even at the expense of passing over more popular candidates to achieve this.<sup>13</sup>

It recommended that the election of Deputy Speakers should, as far as possible, mirror the procedure for electing the Speaker. As there are three posts to fill instead of one, however, the Committee suggested the number of sponsors required for a candidate to stand should be capped at no more than ten but no less than six (the Committee recommended that the minimum number of sponsors required to stand for Speaker should be increased from 12 to 15). The Committee saw no need for candidates to require cross-party support (unlike the Speaker) as it was likely and natural that candidates would receive support because of their party allegiance. The Committee did concede that likely partisanship might make it difficult to construct ‘teams’ as compliant and collegiate as those appointed through the usual channels.<sup>14</sup>

The Committee recommended that the election of Deputy Speakers should take place at the beginning of a Parliament. Deputy Speakers would serve until the dissolution of the Parliament they were elected to serve. In the new Parliament, however, unlike the Speaker, the Deputy Speakers would be subjected to a new ballot because of possible changes in the composition of the House. Previous Deputies would be eligible to stand again. Until the results were declared, the Committee recommended that the former Deputy Speakers should continue to take

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<sup>11</sup> Procedure Committee, *Election of the Speaker and of the Deputy Speakers*, 3 February 2010, HC 341 2009-10

<sup>12</sup> Procedure Committee, *Election of the Speaker and of the Deputy Speakers*, 3 February 2010, HC 341 2009-10, para 37

<sup>13</sup> Procedure Committee, *Election of the Speaker and of the Deputy Speakers*, 3 February 2010, HC 341 2009-10, para 44

<sup>14</sup> Procedure Committee, *Election of the Speaker and of the Deputy Speakers*, 3 February 2010, HC 341 2009-10, para 45

the Chair. If necessary, these posts could be filled by the longest serving members of the Chairmen's Panel who were returned to the House.

The terms of office of the Deputies would run independently of the Speaker. A by-election would not be triggered if a new Speaker was elected from a different side of the House unless the Speaker vacancy was filled by a Deputy Speaker. If the Speaker vacancy was filled by a Deputy Speaker, a by-election would be held amongst candidates from the relevant party to restore party balance. "Where the party balance is altered but there is no vacancy, as was the case in 2009, no by-election is called for."<sup>15</sup>

The Committee saw no need for a "protracted period for nominations before the election itself, other than to allow candidates time to gather sponsors. A minimum of two days should be sufficient between the notification that there will be an election and the ballot itself."<sup>16</sup>

During the election of a Speaker, candidates have the opportunity to address the House before the initial ballot. The Committee did not think this was appropriate for the Deputy Speakers as their roles are limited to supporting the Speaker in his role and his vision for the House. Yet as Members may be requested to choose Deputy Speakers at the beginning of a Parliament with little knowledge of the candidates, the Committee advocated submitting, along with nomination papers, a written statement of "no more than 500 words which could be incorporated into a single booklet, accompanied by their photographs, and made available to Members from the Vote Office."<sup>17</sup> These nomination papers should be submitted between 10.00am and 5.00pm on the day before that nominated by the Speaker for the election. A list of candidates would then be made available in the Vote Office, on the internet and emailed to all Members after the nomination deadline.

On the day of the election, the ballot should provisionally open at 11am and close at 12pm (subject to other business commitments) with Members voting in a room appointed by the Speaker. The result would then be announced on the floor of the House. Unlike with the election of a Speaker, the Committee saw no need for a motion confirming the result:

We therefore recommend that the Standing Orders governing the election of the Deputy Speakers provide for the Speaker to declare the result of the ballot and direct that an entry be made in the Journal that the successful candidates have been duly elected. The Chairman and Deputies should then take up office the following day.<sup>18</sup>

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<sup>15</sup> Procedure Committee, [Election of the Speaker and of the Deputy Speakers](#), 3 February 2010, HC 341 2009-10, para 82

<sup>16</sup> Procedure Committee, [Election of the Speaker and of the Deputy Speakers](#), 3 February 2010, HC 341 2009-10, para 49

<sup>17</sup> Procedure Committee, [Election of the Speaker and of the Deputy Speakers](#), 3 February 2010, HC 341 2009-10, para 57

<sup>18</sup> Procedure Committee, [Election of the Speaker and of the Deputy Speakers](#), 3 February 2010, HC 341 2009-10, para 60

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In the event that the House was holding a ballot for just one of the Deputy Speaker posts, the Committee recommended a by-election system where one of the other Deputies could contest the vacancy without resigning his or her seat. If the Deputy were successful the next best placed candidate “who fulfilled the necessary criteria would fill the vacancy thus created by the Deputy.”<sup>19</sup>

In *Election of the Speaker and of the Deputy Speakers*, the Procedure Committee produced a draft timetable of the proposed new arrangements for the election of Deputy Speakers:

**Day the House meets:** Election of the Speaker

**Day of the Queen’s Speech:** announcement of arrangements for election of Deputy Speakers

**Day 3 of Queen’s Speech:** election of Deputy Speakers<sup>20</sup>

The Committee invited the House to accept its recommendations.

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<sup>19</sup> Procedure Committee, *Election of the Speaker and of the Deputy Speakers*, 3 February 2010, HC 341 2009-10, para 61

<sup>20</sup> Procedure Committee, *Election of the Speaker and of the Deputy Speakers*, 3 February 2010, HC 341 2009-10, para 89

## 4. Motion to implement the Procedure Committee's recommendations

A motion to give effect to the Procedure Committee's recommendations first appeared among the Remaining Orders and Notices on 2 March 2010, in the name of the Leader of the House:

### ELECTION OF THE DEPUTY SPEAKERS

Ms Harriet Harman

That the following Standing Order be made, with effect from the beginning of the next Parliament:—

- (1) At the commencement of every Parliament, or from time to time, as necessity may arise, the Speaker shall notify the House of the arrangements to be made to elect a Chairman of Ways and Means and two Deputy Chairmen of Ways and Means, who shall be known respectively as the First and the Second Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means.
- (2) The election shall be by secret ballot.
- (3) Preparatory arrangements for a ballot shall be made under the supervision of the Clerk of the House.
- (4) (a) Nominations of candidates shall be in writing and shall be received by the Clerk of the House between 10.00 am and 5.00 pm on the day before the House is to elect the Deputy Speakers.  
  
(b) Each nomination shall consist of a brief signed statement made by the candidate declaring his willingness to stand for election accompanied by the signatures of not fewer than six nor more than 10 Members. No Member shall sign more than three such statements and if any Member does so, his signature shall no longer be valid.  
  
(c) As soon as practicable following the close of nominations, lists of the candidates and their sponsors and the statements shall be placed in the Members' lobby and published.
- (5) (a) A ballot shall take place between eleven o'clock and twelve o'clock in a place appointed by the Speaker.  
  
(b) Each Member intending to vote shall be provided with a ballot paper bearing the names of the candidates listed in alphabetical order.  
  
(c) Each such Member may vote for as many or as few candidates on the ballot paper as he wishes, marking them in order of preference.  
  
(d) Counting shall take place under arrangements made by the Clerk of the House.  
  
(e) The ballot shall be counted under the Single Transferable Vote System with constraints that of those elected:
  - (i) two candidates shall come from the opposite side of the House to that from which the Speaker was drawn, the first of which candidates will be Chairman of Ways and Means

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and the second, Second Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means,

(ii) one candidate shall come from the same side of the House as that from which the Speaker was drawn and shall be First Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means, and

(iii) at least one man and at least one woman shall be elected across the four posts of Speaker and Deputy Speakers.

(f) The Speaker shall have discretion to vary the timings given in this order and power to give final directions on any matter of doubt arising from the conduct of a ballot or from an individual ballot paper.

(6) As soon as practicable after the votes have been counted the Speaker shall announce to the House the results of the ballot and direct the Clerk to enter the names of the elected Members in the Journal.

(7) Where a ballot is needed to elect to a single post of Deputy Speaker as a result of a change in the Speaker, the election shall be held with candidates from only the relevant side of the House.

(8) Each Deputy Speaker elected under this order is so elected to serve until the end of the Parliament.

(9) The Deputy Chairmen shall be entitled to exercise all the powers vested in the Chairman of Ways and Means, including his powers as Deputy Speaker.

### 4.1 Motion agreed

On 4 March 2010, the House agreed to the Procedure Committee's recommendations for the election of Deputy Speakers.<sup>21</sup> Debate on the motion was included in a wider debate covering a number of motions to give effect to proposals from the Select Committee on Reform of the House of Commons.<sup>22</sup>

During the debate on the on the motion, the Leader of the House, Harriet Harman, explained that the motion would "give effect to the Procedure Committee's recommendations on the election of Deputy Speakers by ballot".<sup>23</sup> Later in the debate, Greg Knight, chair of the Procedure Committee, provided an overview of the Committee's recommendations on the election of Deputy Speakers.<sup>24</sup>

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<sup>21</sup> HC Deb 4 March 2010 cc1099-1100

<sup>22</sup> A number of proposals from the Reform Committee were agreed to without a division on 22 February 2010, after a general debate on the Report. On 4 March, two hours were provided for an allocation of time motion, debate on the Procedure Committee's recommendation on the election of Deputy Speakers, and debate on five motions (on Chair Terminology; Election of Committee Chairs; Election or Removal of Chairs of Select Committees; Election of Members of Select Committees; and Backbench Business Committees) and amendments relating to the Reform Committee proposals that had not been agreed "on the nod" on 22 February

<sup>23</sup> HC Deb 4 March 2010 c1066

<sup>24</sup> HC Deb 4 March 2010 cc1073-1074

## 5. Election 2010

On Wednesday 26 May 2010, the day after the Queen’s Speech, the Speaker confirmed the procedure and timetable for the first election of Deputy Speakers:

**Mr Speaker:** I want to make a very short statement. In accordance with Standing Order No. 2A, I will now announce the arrangements for the ballot for the election of Deputy Speakers. The ballot will be held in the Division Lobbies from 11 am to 12 noon on Tuesday 8 June. Nominations may be submitted in the Lower Table Office from 10 am to 5 pm on the day before the ballot—Monday 7 June. A briefing note with more details about the election will be made available to Members and published on the intranet.<sup>25</sup>

The briefing note referred to by the Speaker was made available on the parliamentary intranet only.<sup>26</sup>

On 27 May, the Speaker made a further statement. He announced that the ballot would be open for an additional hour:

Yesterday, I announced the timing of the ballot for the election of Deputy Speakers on Tuesday 8 June. I am now announcing an extension to the time, in order to allow Members to take part in the ballot and to attend the service for the new Parliament in St Margaret’s, which is being held that morning. The ballot for the election of Deputy Speakers will therefore be open from 10 am to 12 noon on Tuesday 8 June.<sup>27</sup>

### 5.1 Temporary Deputy Speakers

The day before the Speaker’s announcement, on 25 May 2010, the House agreed that the Speaker could nominate up to three Deputy Speakers to serve until the election process had been completed:

*Ordered,*

That the Speaker may nominate no more than three Members as Deputy Speakers to serve until the House has elected Deputy Speakers in accordance with the provisions of Standing Order No. 2A; and that the Members so nominated shall exercise all the powers vested in the Chairman of Ways and Means as Deputy Speaker.<sup>28</sup>

Without this power, the Speaker would have been the only Member able to the Chair when the House was sitting.

The Speaker used this power to nominate Sir Alan Haselhurst and Hugh Bayley as Deputy Speakers, to serve until the election process was completed. The *Votes and Proceedings* recorded:

Pursuant to the Order of the House today, the Speaker has nominated Sir Alan Haselhurst and Hugh Bayley as Deputy

<sup>25</sup> HC Deb 26 May 2010 c169

<sup>26</sup> House of Commons, *Ballot for the election of deputy Speakers*, Commons Briefing Note No 6, 26 May 2010. (It was replaced by the briefing Note issued for the Deputy Speaker election on 16 October 2013; and now by the [2015 edition](#) of the Note.)

<sup>27</sup> HC Deb 27 May 2010 c302

<sup>28</sup> HC Deb 25 May 2010 c30

Speakers to serve until the House has elected Deputy Speakers in accordance with the provisions of Standing Order No. 2A.<sup>29</sup>

## 5.2 Nominations and result

On 7 June 2010, when nominations closed, nine candidates had been nominated for the three places as Deputy Speakers. They were:

<b>Candidates</b>	<b>Side of House</b>	<b>Gender</b>
Tom CLARKE	Opposition	Male
Geoffrey CLIFTON-BROWN	Government	Male
Nigel EVANS	Government	Male
Roger GALE	Government	Male
George HOWARTH	Opposition	Male
Lindsay HOYLE	Opposition	Male
Anne McINTOSH	Government	Female
Dawn PRIMAROLO	Opposition	Female
Marsha SINGH	Opposition	Male

Source: House of Commons, [Deputy Speaker Candidates announced](#)

On 8 June 2010, the Speaker announced that Lindsay Hoyle, Nigel Evans and Dawn Primarolo had been elected as Deputy Speakers:

I will now announce the result of the ballot held today for the election of Deputy Speakers. Mr Lindsay Hoyle was elected Chairman of Ways and Means. Mr Nigel Evans was elected First Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means. Dawn Primarolo was elected Second Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means. They will take up their posts tomorrow. I congratulate those elected, and I look forward to working with them.

The results of the count, under the single transferable vote system, will be made available as soon as possible in the Vote Office and published on the intranet.<sup>30</sup>

The full results are set out in Appendix 1 of this Note.

<sup>29</sup> House of Commons, *Votes and Proceedings*, 25 May 2010, p30

<sup>30</sup> HC Deb 8 June 2010 c182



## 6. Review of the procedure for electing Deputy Speakers

In October 2011, the Procedure Committee reported on the elections for positions in the House that took place in 2010 (election of the Speaker, Deputy Speakers, select committee chairs, the Chair of the Backbench Business Committee and the selection of select committee members). The Procedure Committee concluded that the election of Deputy Speakers “ran smoothly”.<sup>31</sup> However, it noted that despite its predecessor committee arguing against candidates issuing manifestos (it suggested a booklet of brief statements by all the candidates), outside organisations arranged hustings: the Committee was told that these had been helpful.<sup>32</sup>

The Procedure Committee considered this matter again in its 2011 report and recommended that candidates should be able to address the House before a ballot took place and that Standing Orders should be amended to allow this.<sup>33</sup> Standing Orders have not been amended.

The Committee also recommended the adoption of a Standing Order to allow the appointment of up to three temporary Deputy Speakers to chair debates between the Queen’s Speech and the election of the Deputy Speakers.<sup>34</sup>

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<sup>31</sup> Procedure Committee, [2010 elections for positions in the House](#), 31 October 2011, HC 1573 201-12, para 27

<sup>32</sup> Procedure Committee, [2010 elections for positions in the House](#), 31 October 2011, HC 1573 201-12, paras 28-29

<sup>33</sup> Procedure Committee, [2010 elections for positions in the House](#), 31 October 2011, HC 1573 201-12, para 29

<sup>34</sup> Procedure Committee, [2010 elections for positions in the House](#), 31 October 2011, HC 1573 201-12, para 30

## 7. Election to fill a vacancy following the resignation of a Deputy Speaker, 2013

### 7.1 First Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means: Resignation, September 2013

On 11 September 2013, the Speaker announced that Nigel Evans had formally resigned as Deputy Speaker, and that he would make an announcement about the “arrangements for the election by the House of a new First Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means when the House returns in October”.<sup>35</sup> Later in the day, Nigel Evans made a personal statement to the House.<sup>36</sup>

### 7.2 Arrangements for the election

On 8 October 2013, the Speaker outlined the arrangements for the election to fill the vacancy created by Nigel Evans’ resignation:

In accordance with Standing Order No. 2A, I am now able to inform the House of the detailed arrangements. Nominations to fill the vacancy must be received in writing in the Lower Table Office between 10 am and 5 pm on Tuesday next, 15 October. The rules concerning nomination will be set out in the announcements section of the Order Paper, and an information note for Members will be available from the Vote Office and on the intranet.<sup>37</sup>

The rules concerning nomination, ballot and count were set out in the announcements section of the Order Paper:

- Nominations had to be received between 10am and 5pm on Tuesday 15 October 2013 (the day before the ballot).
- Only members of a party represented in the Government could be candidates in the election.
- The ballot, if required, would take place between 11.30am and 2.00pm on Wednesday 16 October 2013 in the Aye Lobby.
- Members had one vote, which was transferable.
- The ballot would be counted under the Single Transferrable Vote system, in accordance with Standing Order No. 2A(5)(e).
- As soon as practicable after the votes have been counted the Speaker would announce to the House the results of the ballot.<sup>38</sup>

### 7.3 Nominations and campaigning

On 15 October 2013, when nominations closed, seven candidates had been nominated for the vacancy, all were Conservative Members:

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<sup>35</sup> [HC Deb 11 September 2013 c959](#)

<sup>36</sup> [HC Deb 11 September 2013 cc979-980](#)

<sup>37</sup> [HC Deb 8 October 2013 c58](#)

<sup>38</sup> House of Commons, [Order Paper](#), 9 October 2013, Announcements

## **Candidates**

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David AMESS

Henry BELLINGHAM

Brian BINLEY

Simon BURNS

Nadine DORRIES

Eleanor LAING

Gary STREETER

Source: House of Commons, [Election of Deputy Speaker, 16 October 2013 – Candidates and their sponsors](#)

The House of Commons published a list of candidates and their sponsors,<sup>39</sup> and the candidates' personal statements.<sup>40</sup>

Before nominations were received, the prospective candidates appeared before the 1922 Committee (Conservative MPs) and the Parliamentary Labour Party.<sup>41</sup> In addition, on 15 October, Dods arranged a hustings event in the Palace, which was widely reported.<sup>42</sup>

## **7.4 Result**

On 16 October 2013, the Speaker announced that Eleanor Laing had been elected as First Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means:

I am now in a position to announce the result of the election of a Deputy Speaker, following the ballot held today.

Five hundred and fifty-one votes were cast, with no spoilt ballot papers. The counting went to six stages. Five hundred and thirteen valid votes were cast in that round, excluding those ballot papers whose preferences had been exhausted. The quota to be reached was therefore 257 votes. The person elected First Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means with 273 votes is Mrs Eleanor Laing. The other candidate in that round was Mr Brian Binley, who received 240 votes.

Eleanor Laing will take up her post immediately.<sup>43</sup>

The full results were made available online and are set out in Appendix 2 of this Note.

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<sup>39</sup> House of Commons, [Election of Deputy Speaker, 16 October 2013 – Candidates and their sponsors](#)

<sup>40</sup> House of Commons, [Election of a Deputy Speaker, Candidates](#), 15 October 2013

<sup>41</sup> Paul Goodman, [Streeter shines at '22 Deputy Speaker hustings](#), 9 October 2013; BBC News, [Conservative deputy Speaker hopefuls pitch for Labour votes](#), 14 October 2013

<sup>42</sup> For example, BBC News, [Deputy Speaker contest: Best of seven](#), 15 October 2013; Donald Macintyre, [Donald Macintyre's Sketch: A seat at the Mad Hatter's Tea Party](#), 15 October 2013

<sup>43</sup> [HC Deb 16 October 2013 c801](#)

## 8. Election 2015

On 27 May 2015, the Speaker announced that the ballot for the election of Deputy Speakers in the 2015 Parliament would take place on Wednesday 3 June 2015:

In accordance with Standing Order No. 2A, I will now announce the arrangements for the ballot for the election of Deputy Speakers. The ballot will be held in Committee Room 6 from 10 am to 1.30 pm on Wednesday 3 June. Nominations may be submitted in the Lower Table Office from 10 am to 5 pm on Monday 1 June. A briefing note with more details about the election will be published on the intranet. Nomination forms are available in the Lower Table Office and the Vote Office.<sup>44</sup>

The Commons Briefing Note, [Ballot for the election of Deputy Speakers](#), set out the arrangements for nominations, the ballot and the count, in more detail.

### 8.1 Temporary Deputy Speakers

As noted above in section 6, the Procedure Committee recommended the adoption of a Standing Order to allow the appointment of up to three temporary Deputy Speakers to chair debates between the Queen's Speech and the election of the Deputy Speakers.<sup>45</sup> No proposal for such a Standing Order change was brought before the House.

However, on 26 March 2015, arrangements were made for the period after the 2015 General Election and before the election of Deputy Speakers. The House agreed that the Speaker should have the power to nominate up to three temporary Deputy Speakers:

*Ordered,*

That, at the start of the 2015 Parliament, the Speaker may nominate no more than three Members as Deputy Speakers to serve until the House has elected Deputy Speakers in accordance with the provisions of Standing Order No. 2A; and that the Members so nominated shall exercise all the powers vested in the Chairman of Ways and Means as Deputy Speaker.<sup>46</sup>

On 27 May 2015, when the Speaker announced the arrangements for the ballot, he also announced that he had nominated Sir Roger Gale and George Howarth to serve as temporary Deputy Speakers until the House elected Deputy Speakers.<sup>47</sup>

### 8.2 Nominations and result

When nominations closed on 1 June 2015, three candidates had been nominated for the three Deputy Speaker positions (Chairman of Ways

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<sup>44</sup> [HC Deb 27 May 2015 c30](#). Standing Order No 2A provides that nominations should be made on the day before the ballot but the Standing Order also allows the Speaker discretion to vary timings

<sup>45</sup> Procedure Committee, [2010 elections for positions in the House](#), 31 October 2011, HC 1573 201-12, para 30

<sup>46</sup> [HC Deb 26 March 2015 c1632](#)

<sup>47</sup> [HC Deb 27 May 2015 c30](#)

and Means, and First and Second Deputy Chairmen of Ways and Means).<sup>48</sup>

An election was required to determine which candidate was elected to each position.

The Speaker announced the result of the ballot on the afternoon of 3 June:

I shall now announce the result of the ballot that was held today for the election of Deputy Speakers. Mr Lindsay Hoyle was elected Chairman of Ways and Means. Mrs Eleanor Laing was elected First Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means. Natascha Engel was elected Second Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means. I congratulate all three colleagues who have been elected, and I greatly look forward to working with them.<sup>49</sup>

The full results were made available online and are set out in Appendix 3 of this briefing paper.

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<sup>48</sup> House of Commons, *Business Today*, 2 June 2015, Announcements – Election of Deputy Speakers

<sup>49</sup> [HC Deb 3 June 2015 c633](#)

## 9. Election 2017

On 22 June 2017, the Speaker announced that the ballot for the election of Deputy Speakers in the 2017 Parliament would take place on Wednesday 28 June 2017:

In accordance with Standing Order No. 2A, I will now announce the arrangements for the ballot for the election of Deputy Speakers. The ballot will be held in Committee Room 8 from 10 am to 1.30 pm on Wednesday 28 June. Nominations may be submitted in the Table Office and in the procedural hub in Portcullis House from 10 am to 5 pm on Tuesday 27 June. Nomination forms, and a briefing note with more details about the election, are available in the Table Office, the procedural hub and the Vote Office. I hope that is helpful to colleagues.<sup>50</sup>

The Commons Briefing Note, [Ballot for the election of Deputy Speakers](#) (June 2017), sets out the arrangements for nominations, the ballot and the count, in more detail.

On Monday 26 June 2017, the Speaker made a further announcement. He told the House that if only one Conservative MP was nominated they would not be on the ballot paper and would be declared elected as First Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means:

On Thursday last, I informed the House about arrangements for the election of Deputy Speakers. Nominations are due tomorrow and the ballot will be held on Wednesday morning. I thought it would be helpful to all Members if I informed the House now, rather than late tomorrow afternoon when nominations close, that I have decided, after consultation with the Clerks and in the light of technical advice from the Electoral Reform Society, which is the House's adviser on ballots, that if—and I stress if—there is only one candidate from the Conservative side of the House and there are more than two candidates from the other side, the name of the sole Conservative candidate will not be on the ballot paper and will be declared in due course as elected as First Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means, in much the same way as happens when there is an unopposed candidate for the Chair of a Select Committee.<sup>51</sup>

This decision reflects the objective of ensuring a balance between the Government side and the Opposition side in the Speaker's team (see section 2).

### 9.1 Temporary Deputy Speakers

As noted above in section 6, the Procedure Committee recommended the adoption of a Standing Order to allow the appointment of up to three temporary Deputy Speakers to chair debates between the Queen's Speech and the election of the Deputy Speakers.<sup>52</sup> But no proposal for such a Standing Order change has been brought before the House.

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<sup>50</sup> [HC Deb 22 June 2017 c213](#)

<sup>51</sup> [HC Deb 26 June 2017 c300](#)

<sup>52</sup> Procedure Committee, [2010 elections for positions in the House](#), 31 October 2011, HC 1573 201-12, para 30

On the day of the Queen’s Speech, the House agreed to a motion moved by Andrea Leadsom, the Leader of the House:

*Ordered,*

That the Speaker may nominate no more than three Members as Deputy Speakers to serve until the House has elected Deputy Speakers in accordance with the provisions of Standing Order No. 2A; and that the Members so nominated shall exercise all the powers vested in the Chairman of Ways and Means as Deputy Speaker.<sup>53</sup>

The Speaker used this power to nominate Sir David Amess and George Howarth as Deputy Speakers, to serve until the election process was completed. The *Votes and Proceedings* recorded:

Pursuant to the Order of the House today, the Speaker has nominated Sir David Amess and Mr George Howarth as temporary Deputy Speakers to serve until the House has elected Deputy Speakers in accordance with the provisions of Standing Order No. 2A.<sup>54</sup>

## 9.2 Nominations and result

When nominations closed on 27 June 2017, four candidates had been nominated for the three Deputy Speaker positions. Details of the nominations received were set out on the Order Paper on 28 June. In accordance with the Speaker’s statement on 26 June, it was confirmed that as Eleanor Laing was the only nomination from the same side of the House as the Speaker, she was elected as First Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means:

Mrs Eleanor Laing is the sole candidate from the same side of the House as that from which the Speaker was drawn, and will be elected First Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means. Her name will not appear on the ballot paper.<sup>55</sup>

An election was required to determine which candidates were elected as Chairman of Ways and Means and Second Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means.

The Speaker announced the result of the ballot on 28 June:

I shall now announce the result of the ballot that was held today for the election of Deputy Speakers. Mr Lindsay Hoyle was elected as Chairman of Ways and Means. Mrs Eleanor Laing was elected as First Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means. Dame Rosie Winterton was elected as Second Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means. I congratulate all three colleagues who have been elected, and I greatly look forward to working with them. I also want to thank the hon. Member for City of Durham (Dr Blackman-Woods) for contesting the election ...<sup>56</sup>

The full results were made available online and are set out in Appendix 4 of this briefing paper.

<sup>53</sup> [HC Deb 21 June 2017 c33](#)

<sup>54</sup> House of Commons, [Votes and Proceedings](#), 21 June 2017

<sup>55</sup> House of Commons, [Order Paper](#), 28 June 2015, Announcements – Election of Deputy Speakers

<sup>56</sup> [HC Deb 28 June 2017 c634](#)



## 10. Election 2019

On 20 December 2019, the Speaker announced that the ballot for the election of Deputy Speakers in the 2019 Parliament would take place on Wednesday 8 January 2020:

I will now announce the arrangements for the ballot for the election of Deputy Speakers. The ballot will be held in Committee Room 8 from 10 am to 1.30 pm on Wednesday 8 January. Nominations shall be submitted to the Table Office between 10 am and 6 pm on Tuesday 7 January. Nomination forms and the briefing note with more details about the election are available in the Table Office, the super-hub and Vote Office. I hope this is helpful to colleagues.<sup>57</sup>

The Commons Briefing Note, [Election of Deputy Speakers on 8 January 2020](#) (December 2019), set out the arrangements for nominations, the ballot and the count, in more detail.

### 10.1 Temporary Deputy Speakers

As noted above in section 6, the Procedure Committee recommended the adoption of a Standing Order to allow the appointment of up to three temporary Deputy Speakers to chair debates between the Queen's Speech and the election of the Deputy Speakers.<sup>58</sup> But no proposal for such a Standing Order change has been brought before the House.

On the day of the Queen's Speech, the House agreed to a motion moved by Jacob Rees-Mogg, the Leader of the House:

*Ordered,*

That, for the period up to the first sitting day following the election of the Deputy Speakers under Standing Order No. 2A, Sir Roger Gale be Chairman of Ways and Means, Sir George Howarth be First Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means and Sir Gary Streeter be Second Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means.<sup>59</sup>

Because the Government intended that the *European Union (Withdrawal Agreement) Bill 2019-20* should be considered in a Committee of the whole House before the election of the Deputy Speakers, the motion provided for Sir Roger Gale to be Chairman of Ways and Means. In 2017, the temporary Deputy Speakers were appointed as such. This change ensured that Sir Roger was able select and group amendments whilst the House sat as a committee.

### 10.2 Nominations and result

When nominations closed on 7 January 2020, six candidates had been nominated for the three Deputy Speaker positions. Details of the nominations received were set out in a paper made available in the Vote Office (see Box 1).

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<sup>57</sup> [HC Deb 20 December 2019 c145](#)

<sup>58</sup> Procedure Committee, [2010 elections for positions in the House](#), 31 October 2011, HC 1573 201-12, para 30

<sup>59</sup> [HC Deb 19 December 2019 c28](#)

**Box 1: Election of Deputy Speakers, 8 January 2020****Candidates and their sponsors**

<b>Name, constituency and side of the House</b>	<b>Sponsors</b>
<b>Amess, Sir David</b> Southend West Government side	Sarah Champion, Rehman Chisti, Rosie Cooper, Martyn Day, Jackie Doyle-Price, Mr Mark Francois, Mary Glindon, Gillian Keegan, Dr Julian Lewis, Andrew Rosindell
<b>Bone, Mr Peter</b> Wellingborough Government side	Chris Heaton-Harris, Philip Davies, Tom Pusglove, Tom Hunt, Mr Philip Hollobone, Mr David Jones, Mr William Wragg, Sir Christopher Chope, Mr Marcus Fysh, Richard Fuller
<b>Evans, Mr Nigel</b> Ribble Valley Government side	Mr David Davis, Joanna Cherry, Caroline Nokes, Nicola Richards, Kate Griffiths, Andy Carter, Rehman Chisti, Carolyn Harris, Tracey Crouch, Eddie Hughes
<b>Goodwill, Mr Robert</b> Scarborough and Whitby Government side	Jeremy Hunt, Dan Jarvis, Tim Farron, Jacob Young, Mrs Helen Grant, Luke Pollard, Dr Lisa Cameron, Anna McMorrin, Scott Benton, Dame Eleanor Laing
<b>Dame Eleanor Laing</b> Epping Forest Government side	Gagan Mohindra, Dr Liam Fox, Chris Bryant, Mr Alistair Carmichael, Stewart Malcolm MacDonald, Sir Charles Walker, Virginia Crosbie, Mr Robert Goodwill, Martin Docherty-Hughes, Dame Rosie Winterton
<b>Dame Rosie Winterton</b> Doncaster Central Opposition side	Margaret Beckett, Sir Bernard Jenkin, Marsha de Cordova, Christine Jardine, Claire Hanna, Kevin Brennan, Joanna Cherry, Sir Jeffrey M Donaldson, Liz Saville Roberts, Dame Eleanor Laing

**Dame Rosie Winterton** is the sole candidate from the same side of the House as that from which the Speaker was drawn, and, having been duly nominated, will be elected First Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means. Her name will not appear on the ballot paper on 8 January.

The ballot will take place between 10am and 1.30pm in Committee Room 8.

As Dame Rosie Winterton was the only nomination from the same side of the House as the Speaker, she was elected as First Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means and her name did not appear on the ballot paper.

An election was required to determine which candidates were elected as Chairman of Ways and Means and Second Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means.

The Speaker announced the result of the ballot on the evening of 8 January:

I will now proceed to read the results. The first to be elected is Dame Eleanor Laing, who is also the first ever woman to be elected Chairman of Ways and Means. *[Applause.]* No clapping, whatever we do!

I will now announce the next positions. Dame Rosie Winterton was elected First Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means, and Mr Nigel Evans was elected Second Deputy Chairman.

I congratulate those who have been elected, and look forward to working with the new Speaker's team. As I said earlier, this is the first time a woman has been elected to the position of Chairman of Ways and Means, so it is an historic occasion for the House.

The results of the count will be made available in the Vote Office as soon as possible, and will be published online.<sup>60</sup>

The full results were made available online and are set out in Appendix 5 of this briefing paper.

### 10.3 Concerns about the process

On 7 January 2020, in a point of order, Sir Bernard Jenkin raised concerns about the process for electing the Deputy Speakers:

On a point of order, Mr Speaker. I apologise for raising a complicated matter, but I hope that you have been given warning that this might be raised. It concerns the election tomorrow of a Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means and the other Deputy Speakers. There is a deal of confusion about how the voting system works. It is extremely complicated, because we are electing three posts, but with restrictions. There must be one woman. There must be one Member of the Opposition and two must come from the Government side, and one will be Chairman of Ways and Means. Can you clarify, therefore, that a voter's first preferences may be counted even if that voter's first preference choice is elected, which may affect the outcome of the election of the Chairman of Ways and Means?

In response, the Speaker said that it was too late to make changes to for this election but indicated that the process could be changed if Members were unhappy with it:

I am amazed that the hon. Gentleman did not raise that in 2010, when I stood. You have managed to cope with the system all this time. You have managed to accept it until now, and I find it quite strange for this suddenly to be raised at the last minute. The House has been aware of this voting system and it has accepted it. However, I think that this is slightly premature because at 6 o'clock we will know how the system will work and whether one candidate is automatically elected. That may be a woman—I am not sure. It might be better if we waited until 6 pm to see what the system throws up because this answer will be different, depending on what happens.

However, I assure the House that I was not impressed with this system in 2010. The House has had many chances to change it. If Members are unhappy, it is up to the House to change the system. Please do so, because back in 2010 I genuinely thought that it was not the best. If you are still telling me that it is not good now, there is a way to do something, but I find it strange that we have waited all this time to raise this.<sup>61</sup>

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<sup>60</sup> [HC Deb 8 January 2020 c548](#)

<sup>61</sup> [HC Deb 7 January 2019 c275](#)

## Appendix 1: Election of Deputy Speakers (June 2010)

Number to elect: 3  
 Total Valid Vote 515  
 Quota: 128.75  
 Invalid Papers: 5

Candidates [side of House, gender]	1st Stage	2nd Stage		3rd Stage		4th Stage		5th Stage	
		Exclusion of Singh		Exclusion of McIntosh		Exclusion of Howarth		Exclusion of Clifton-Brown and Gale	
Tom CLARKE [Opposition, male]	47	2	49	1	50	9	59	9	68
Geoffrey CLIFTON-BROWN [Government, male]	57	0	57	4	61	4	65	-65	0
Nigel EVANS [Government, male] <b>First Elected</b>	124	0	124	4	128	5	133		133
Roger GALE [Government, male]	48	2	50	3	53	2	55	-55	0
George HOWARTH [Opposition, male]	40	1	41	1	42	-42	0		0
Lindsay HOYLE [Opposition, male] <b>Second elected</b>	90	2	92	10	102	6	108	53	161
Anne McINTOSH [Government, female]	24	1	25	-25	0		0		0
Dawn PRIMAROLO [Opposition, female] <b>Third elected</b>	76	1	77	0	77	16	93	35	128
Marsha SINGH [Opposition, male]	9	-9	0		0		0		0
Non-distributable remainders of surpluses									
Non-transferable (preferences exhausted)				2	2		2	23	25
<b>TOTAL</b>			515		515		515		515

Source: House of Commons, [Election of Deputy Speakers: Result Sheet](#)

## Appendix 2: Election of First Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means (October 2013)

Number to elect: 1  
 Total Valid Vote 551  
 Quota: see below  
 Invalid Papers: 0

Candidates	1st Stage	2nd Stage		3rd Stage		4th Stage		5th Stage		6th Stage	
		Exclusion of Dorries		Exclusion of Amess		Exclusion of Burns		Exclusion of Streeter		Exclusion of	
		Transfers	Total	Transfers	Total	Transfers	Total	Transfers	Total	Transfers	Total
David AMESS	27	1	28	-28	0						
Henry BELLINGHAM	87	0	87	8	95	23	118	38	156	-156	
Brian BINLEY	126	4	130	11	141	12	153	19	172	68	240
Simon BURNS	64	2	66	4	70	-70	0				
Nadine DORRIES	13	-13	0								
Eleanor LAING	148	5	153	3	156	17	173	31	204	69	273
Gary STREETER	86	1	87	0	87	8	95	-95	0		
Non-transferable (preferences exhausted)		0		2		10	10	7		19	
TOTAL	551		551		549		549		532		513
Quota	276		276		275		270		257		257

Source: House of Commons, [Deputy Speaker Election Result Sheet](#), October 2013

## Appendix 3: Election of Deputy Speakers (June 2015)

### Deputy Speaker Election Result Sheet

Number to Elect: 3  
 Total 1st Round Valid Vote 432  
 Invalid papers: 1

Candidates [side of House, gender]	1st Stage
ENGEL [Opposition, Female] <b>Elected third</b>	46
HOYLE [Opposition, Male] <b>Elected first</b>	302
LAING [Government, Female] <b>Elected second</b>	84
TOTAL	432
Quota	144

Source: House of Commons, [Deputy Speaker Election Result Sheet](#)

## Appendix 4: Election of Deputy Speakers (June 2017)

### Deputy Speaker Election Result Sheet

Number of invalid votes: 4  
Quota: 164.34

Candidates	First Stage	Second stage	
		Surplus from	
		Hoyle	
		Change	New total
BLACKMAN-WOODS, Dr Roberta (Opposition, Female)	51	149 papers @ transfer value of 0.64 = 95.36	146.36
HOYLE, Lindsay (Opposition, Male) <b>Elected First</b>	354		
WINTERTON, Dame Rosie (Opposition Female) <b>Elected Second</b>	88	145 papers @ transfer value of 0.64 = 92.80	180.80
Non-distributable remainder of surplus		1.50	1.50
Total	493		493

***Mrs Eleanor Laing** was the sole candidate from the same side of the House as that from which the Speaker was drawn so was elected First Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means without her name appearing on the ballot paper.*

Source: House of Commons, [Deputy Speaker Election Result Sheet](#), House of Commons news, [Election of Deputy Speakers](#), 28 June 2017



## Appendix 5: Election of Deputy Speakers (January 2020)

### Deputy Speaker Election 2020 - Result Sheet

Number of invalid votes:	2
Fixed quota:	190.34

Candidates	First Stage	Second Stage		Third Stage	
		Transfer of surplus from Laing		Exclusion of Bone	
		Votes transferred at value of 0.42			
		Change	New total	Change	New total
AMESS, Sir David (Government, Male)	42	30 papers @ value of 0.42 = 12.6	54.6	5.84	60.44
BONE, Peter (Government, Male)	19	10 papers @ value of 0.42 = 4.2	23.2		
EVANS, Nigel (Government, Male) Elected second	149	68 papers @ value of 0.42 = 28.56	177.56	10.84	188.4
GOODWILL, Robert (Government, Male)	54	164 papers @ value of 0.42 = 122.88	122.88	2.42	125.34
LAING, Dame Eleanor (Government, Female) Elected first	307	-116.66	190.34		190.34
Non-transferable votes (preferences exhausted)				4.1	4.1
Non-distributable remainder of surplus		2.42	2.42		2.42
TOTAL	571		571		

Total number of active votes	571	378.24	374.14
Quote/number of votes to be elected	190.34	189.12	187.07

Source: House of Commons, [Deputy Speaker Election 2020 - Result Sheet](#); House of Commons news, [Deputy Speakers Elected](#), 9 January 2020

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