

MEDIA RELEASE — 2014 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS

Over 166,000 postal votes returned so far

Another fair return today (Friday 24 October) has seen the response rate for this year's local government elections climb to 44.29%. This compares with 41.58% at the same stage of the 2011 elections.

Electoral Commissioner Julian Type encouraged all electors, who have not already done so, to take the time to record their votes and post them as soon as possible to ensure they are counted.

"Consider your vote right away so that you don't miss the deadline."

Votes must be received by 10:00 am next Tuesday 28 October.

Tally room

Counting of votes will start in the afternoon of Tuesday 28 October at centres in Devonport, Hobart and Launceston. Progressive first preference figures are expected to be posted from about 6:00 pm onwards.

The figures will be available on the TEC website, and will also be posted at the TEC tally room in the Hound and Horse Bar, Tattersalls Park (Elwick Racecourse). The tally room will be open from 5:00 pm.

Media, candidates and the public are most welcome to visit the tally room.

ENDS — 4:30 pm Friday 24 October 2014

For further information — Julian Type ELECTORAL COMMISSIONER