

## SECURITY STATEMENT

Your attention is drawn to the provisions of section 66 (1), (2), (3) and (6) of the Representation of the People Act 1983 (as amended) and set out below.

These provisions concern the maintenance of secrecy of the voting and should be read carefully before you attend any polling station or the count venue.

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### Representation of the People Act 1983

#### Section 66 (1) (2) (3) and (6)

(1) The following persons -

- (a) every returning officer and every presiding officer or clerk attending the polling station;
- (b) every candidate or election agent or polling agent

shall maintain and aid in maintaining the secrecy of voting and shall not, except for some purpose authorised by law, communicate to any person before the poll is closed any information as to -

- (1) the name of any elector or proxy for an elector who has or has not applied for a ballot paper or voted at a polling station
- (2) the number on the register of electors of any elector who, or whose proxy, has or has not applied for a ballot paper or voted at a polling station or
- (3) the official mark

(2) Every person attending at the counting of the votes shall maintain and aid in maintaining the secrecy of voting and shall not

- (a) ascertain or attempt to ascertain at the counting of the votes the number on the back of any ballot paper;
- (b) communicate any information obtained at the counting of the votes as to the candidate for whom any vote is given on any ballot paper.

(3) No person shall -

- (a) interfere with or attempt to interfere with a voter when recording his vote;
- (b) otherwise obtain or attempt to obtain in a polling station information as to the candidate for whom a voter in that station is about to vote or has voted;
- (c) communicate at any time to any person any information obtained in a polling station as to the candidate for whom a voter in that station is about to vote or has voted, or as to the number on the back of the ballot paper given to a voter at that station;
- (d) directly or indirectly induce a voter to display his ballot paper after he has marked it so as to make known to any person the name of the candidate for whom he has or has not voted.

If a person acts in contravention of this section, he shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 5 on the standard scale or imprisonment for a term not exceeding six months.