

Freedom of Information Request

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Freedom of Information request regarding Bachelor Thesis – Data on Elections

Request:

I am a Lithuanian 4th-year bachelor student of Economics and Politics at ISM University of Management and Economics in Vilnius, Lithuania.

Currently, I am conducting research for my bachelor thesis on the Impact of Concurrence between Emigrant Voting and Government Partisanship on Return Migration. In particular, it aims to investigate whether there is a relationship between returning emigrants and voting results in different countries.

Understanding migrants' preferences can be helpful for political parties and governments in adjusting to their needs and preferences in order to attract more expatriates to come back.

I would like to include Your country in my research, thus I am contacting you with a request to guide me on where to find or, better, to provide me with the result data of elections of the last 15 years in your country. Specifically, I am looking for results of emigrant citizens voting from abroad. I am interested in the winner of the emigrant constituency (what party/candidate was a leader within emigrants).

Response provided by the Registrar-General of Electors:

Guernsey does not collect information regarding 'emigrant' voting in Elections.

Persons entitled to vote

To vote in elections in Guernsey you need to register to be included on the electoral roll. To be eligible to register to vote, you must be:

- *15 years of age or older (you won't be able to vote until you're 16)*
- *ordinarily resident in Guernsey*

- *have been ordinarily resident in Guernsey for the last two years consecutively or for a total of five years at any time.*

Information regarding the nationality of a person voting is therefore not collected as this data is not required to register to vote in Guernsey.

Election results

Data is available regarding the results of elections but this is simply the names of the candidates who stood, the names of the candidates elected and the number of votes they received and it will not provide any information regarding the nationality of the candidates or the voters.

Results of emigrant voting

To vote in an election a person must be ordinarily resident in Guernsey. The only people registered on the Electoral Roll who would vote from abroad are those who are temporarily absent from the Island and require a postal vote to vote in an Election. We cannot provide any data of how people of different nationalities vote in Elections as votes are cast in a secret ballot.

In Guernsey, the electoral system changed in 2020 to move to an Island-wide electoral system. This means that the 38 People's Deputies are elected in a single, Island-wide constituency and the voter can vote for up to 38 candidates during a General Election.