



HOUSE OF LORDS

Labour hereditary peers' by-election, July 2021: result

In the by-election following the death of Lord Rea on 1 June 2020, there was only one candidate. There was therefore no requirement for a ballot to take place and accordingly, the Clerk of the Parliaments certified that **Viscount Stansgate** was the successful candidate. I will announce this formally to the House on Monday 12 July.

Notes on the election process:

- As only one nomination was received the candidate has been elected unopposed.
- Standing Order 9 (5)¹ provides that by-elections shall be conducted in accordance with arrangements made by the Clerk of the Parliaments. Under Section 2(6) of the House of Lords Act 1999, any question whether a person is excepted from section 1 (no-one shall be a member of the House of Lords by virtue of a hereditary peerage) shall be decided by the Clerk of the Parliaments, whose certificate shall be conclusive.

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¹ <https://www.parliament.uk/globalassets/documents/publications-records/house-of-lords-publications/rules-guides-for-business/standing-order-public-business/standing-orders-public.pdf>