



Paul Orders  
Electoral Registration Officer  
Cardiff Council

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Dear Paul,

**Re Voter Registration for Cardiff prisoners and European Elections May 23<sup>rd</sup>**

As the deadline for electoral registration in order to take part in the European elections is May 7<sup>th</sup>, please could you tell me as a matter of urgency what action Cardiff ERO staff have taken to ensure that all remand and other eligible prisoners currently in Cardiff Prison are registered to vote.

I spoke to the Governor and one of her senior staff recently about the arrangements for remand prisoners who constitute about 20% of their inmates. This is part of an Assembly inquiry into potentially extending the franchise to all prisoners. However remand prisoners and others have been eligible for some years. See Prison Service Order 4650 issued 29/02/2001 attached.

Regardless of whether individuals plan to vote on May 23<sup>rd</sup>, they need to be registered so they have the option to vote. I look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards,

Cc John Griffiths AM, Chair of the Equalities, Local Government and Communities Committee