

SECTION 13
SCOTTISH PARLIAMENTARY BY-ELECTIONS SINCE 1945

Date	Seat	Con	Lab	SNP	Lib	Others	Turnout	Comment
9/4/45	Scottish Universities	71.2 (Ind)			28.8 (N. Lib)		44.6	Independent gain from National Liberal
12/4/45	Motherwell		48.6	51.4			54.0	SNP victory in absence of Con candidate
General Election of 1945, seats:		27	37	0		7		
3/10/45	Edinburgh, East	38.4	61.6				51.0	
7/2/46	South Ayrshire	36.4	63.6				69.0	
12/2/46	Glasgow, Cathcart	52.5	37.1	10.4			55.6	
29/8/46	Glasgow, Bridgeton	21.6	28.0			34.3 ILP 16.1 Others	53.3	ILP held seat against Labour
22-27/11/46	Scottish Universities	68.2	11.5		8.0	12.3	50.7	
26/11/46	Aberdeen, South	54.8	45.2				65.6	
5/12/46	Kilmarnock	32.5	59.7	7.8			63.4	Willie Ross enters Parliament
27/11/47	Edinburgh, East	34.3	50.6	5.0	10.1		63.0	
28/1/48	Glasgow, Camlachie	43.7	42.1		1.2	6.4 ILP 6.6 Others	56.8	Conservative gain
18/2/48	Paisley	43.2	56.8				76.0	
30/9/48	Glasgow, Gorbals	28.6	54.5			16.9 Comm	50.0	
7/10/48	Stirling & Falkirk Burghs	42.8	49.0	8.2			72.9	
25/11/48	Glasgow, Hillhead	68.4	31.6				56.7	
(Thirteen of the fifty-one by-elections between the 1945 and 1950 General Elections were fought in Scotland. This is much greater than Scotland's percentage of seats).								
General Election of 1950, seats:		Con	Lab	SNP	Lib	Others	Turnout	
		31	37	0	2	1		
25/4/50	Dunbartonshire, West	49.6	50.4				83.4	
25/10/50	Glasgow, Scotstoun	50.8	47.3			1.9	73.7	

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General Election of 1951, seats:		35	35	0	1			
17/7/52	Dundee, East	35.6	56.3	7.4		0.7	71.5	
8/4/54	Edinburgh, East	42.4	57.6				61.8	
14/4/54	Motherwell	39.3	56.4			4.3	70.5	
21/12/54	Inverness	41.4	22.6		36.0		49.2	
27/1/55	Edinburgh, North	59.4	40.6				46.4	
General Election of 1955, seats:		36	34	0	1			
8/12/55	Greenock	46.3	53.7				75.3	
29/5/57	Edinburgh, South	45.6	30.9		23.5		65.8	
13/3/58	Glasgow, Kelvingrove	41.6	48.0			10.4	60.5	
12/6/58	Argyll	46.8	25.7		27.5		67.1	
20/11/58	Aberdeenshire, East	48.6	27.1		24.3		65.9	
9/4/59	Galloway	50.4	23.9		25.7		72.7	
(The SNP did not contest by-elections in the 1950, 51 or 55 Parliaments)								
General Election of 1959, seats:		31	38	0	1	1		
19/5/60	Edinburgh, North	54.2	30.3		15.5		53.8	
20/4/61	Paisley	13.2	45.4		41.4		68.1	
8/11/61	Fife, East	47.5	26.4		26.1		67.3	
16/11/61	Glasgow, Bridgeton	20.7	57.5	18.7		3.1	41.9	SNP challenge begins. Gain Tory votes
14/6/62	West Lothian	11.4	50.9	23.3	10.8	3.6	71.1	
22/11/62	Glasgow, Woodside	30.1	36.1	11.1	21.7	1.0	54.7	Labour gain with Lib help
7/11/63	Kinross & West Perthshire	57.4	15.2	7.3	19.5	0.6	76.1	
21/11/63	Dundee, West	39.4	50.6	7.4		2.6 Comm	71.6	
12/12/64	Dumfriesshire	40.9	38.5	9.7	10.9		71.6	
14/5/64	Rutherglen	44.5	55.5				82.0	
Date	Seat	Con	Lab	SNP	Lib	Others	Turnout	Comment
General Election of 1964, seats:		24	43	0	4			
24/3/65	Roxburgh, Selkirk & Peebles	38.6	11.3		49.2		82.2	Lib gain from Con.
General Election of 1966, seats:		20	46	0	5			
9/3/67	Glasgow, Pollok	36.9	31.2	28.2	1.9	1.8	75.7	Con win from Lab with SNP help
2/11/67	Hamilton	12.5	41.5	46.0			73.7	First SNP breakthrough
30/10/69	Glasgow, Gorbals	18.6	53.4	25.0		3	58.5	Much Lab relief at holding seat
19/3/70	South Ayrshire	25.6	54.0	20.4			76.3	More Lab relief
General Election of June, 1970, seats:		23	44	1	3			
16/9/71	Stirling & Falkirk	18.9	46.5	34.6			60.0	Impressive SNP performance
1/3/73	Dundee, East	25.2	32.7	30.2	8.3	3.6	70.6	
8/11/73	Edinburgh, North	38.7	24.0	18.9	18.4		54.5	
8/11/73	Glasgow, Govan	11.7	38.2	41.9	8.2		51.7	Immense boost to SNP morale
General Election of Feb., 1974, seats:		21	40	7	3			
General Election of Oct., 1974, seats:		16	41	11	3			
13/4/78	Glasgow, Garscadden	18.2	45.4	32.0		3.1		Immense boost to Labour morale
31/5/78	Hamilton	13.0	51.0	33.4	2.6		72.0	