

# **SCOTTISH INDEPENDENCE REFERENDUM 2014**

## **STATEMENT OF RESULTS FOR THE WHOLE OF SCOTLAND**

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I, Mary Pitcaithly, Chief Counting Officer at the Scottish Independence Referendum held on 18 September 2014, am pleased to confirm that all ballot papers have now been verified and counted, and I am content that the results are accurate. Accordingly, I hereby certify and declare:

1. The total number of ballot papers counted in the referendum for the whole of Scotland is 3,623,344. The turnout is 84.6%.

2. The total number of votes cast in favour of each answer to the referendum question for the whole of Scotland is as follows:

<b>Outcome</b>	<b>Number of votes</b>
Yes	1,617,989
No	2,001,926
Rejected	3,429

3. The reasons for rejection are as follows:

<b>Reason for rejection</b>	<b>Number of papers</b>
a) want of an official mark	16
b) voting in favour of both answers	691
c) writing or mark by which voter could be identified	168
d) unmarked or void for uncertainty	2,554

4. Therefore, the majority of valid votes cast yesterday by the people of Scotland in response to the referendum question, “Should Scotland be an independent country?” were in favour of No.

Mary Pitcaithly, Chief Counting Officer  
September 2014