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## **Scottish Parliament Election – Thursday 7 May 2026**

### **Aberdeenshire East constituency Aberdeenshire West constituency Banffshire and Buchan Coast constituency**

I enclose a nomination pack for the Scottish Parliament election in the constituencies of Aberdeenshire East; Aberdeenshire West; & Banffshire and Buchan Coast; to be held on Thursday 7 May 2026.

As the Constituency Returning Officer, I plan to accept nomination papers between **10am** and **4pm** on any weekday from Tuesday 17 March 2026, at any one of our designated Constituency Election Offices.

To assist in ensuring that an appropriate member of staff is on hand to receive nominations, candidates (and/or their election agents) are strongly encouraged to contact the Elections Team in advance to arrange an appointment for checking and lodging their nomination papers.

**Please note that nominations must be lodged not later than 4pm on Wednesday 1 April 2026.**

Candidates are advised to read the Electoral Commission's Guidance for Candidates and Agents, which contains relevant information for this election and which can be found at <https://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/guidance-candidates-and-agents-scottish-parliament-elections>.

Yours faithfully

**Jim Savege**  
**RETURNING OFFICER**

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