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On 25 March, my Private Secretary wrote to you enclosing a paper which looked at methods of allocating seats following the election.

Following representations received from the parties, it has been decided that the second of the options canvassed in the 25 March paper will be used to allocate seats. This is described in the paper as the Droop quota plus d'Hondt rule. In order to ensure that only five seats can be awarded in any one constituency, one vote will be added to the Droop quota.

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