



# DUBLIN SOUTH (5 seats)

Electorate.....	<b>89,464</b>	Spoiled .....	<b>418</b>
Total Poll.....	<b>61,622</b>	Total Valid Poll.....	<b>61,204</b>
Turnout .....	<b>68.88%</b>	Quota .....	<b>10,201</b>

Overall change: **PD loss, FG gain**

### Outgoing TDs

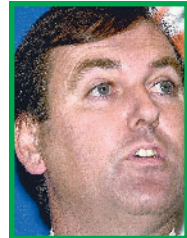
Séamus Brennan .....	FF
Tom Kitt .....	FF
Olivia Mitchell .....	FG
Liz O'Donnell .....	PD
Eamon Ryan .....	GP

## Elected



**SÉAMUS BRENNAN:** Fianna Fáil's leading deputy in this constituency is the outgoing Minister for Social and Family Affairs. Minister for transport from 2002 to 2004, he was government chief whip for five years from 1997. A TD for 26 years, the 58-year-old has had a high national profile and is an assiduous constituency worker. Mild-mannered but shrewd and persuasive, he is

well-liked on all sides of the House. Fianna Fáil general secretary from 1973 to 1980, he was a taoiseach's nominee in the Seanad for four years from 1977. He also held cabinet positions in previous administrations. He was minister for tourism and transport from 1989 to 1991, with communications added to his portfolio the following year. He also served as minister for education from 1992 to 1993 and minister for commerce for a year after that.



**TOM KITT:** A former national school teacher, Tom Kitt finally made it to the Cabinet table as Government chief whip and junior minister in 2004. An ambitious but bland TD, he was elected for the first time 20 years ago after three failed attempts in the three elections during the 1981 to 82 period. Kitt (54) has served as minister of state in a number of departments. They include the role

of minister of state for overseas aid from 1993 to 1994, a portfolio that he reprised in 2002 with the added responsibility of human rights. He is a brother of Galway East senator, now TD again Micheál Kitt and Áine Kitt Brady, the successful Kildare North candidate. Their father, Michael Kitt, was a TD for Galway East from 1948 to 1951 and from 1957 until 1975.



**OLIVIA MITCHELL:** Fine Gael's transport spokeswoman, Olivia Mitchell, was first elected to the Dáil in 1997. She previously ran unsuccessfully as a candidate in Dublin South in the 1989 and 1992 general elections.

After Fine Gael's implosion in 2002 when it lost three-quarters of its Dublin deputies, she and Laois-Offaly deputy Olwyn Enright became the only two female TDs in the party, a situation that changed Fine Gael's atmosphere and style of operation. She was a member of Dublin County Council from 1985 to 1994 and of Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Council for the following decade. Before her appointment as transport spokeswoman, she held the health portfolio but this was given to Dr Liam Twomey when the Wexford TD moved from the ranks of Independent deputies to join Fine Gael.



**ALAN SHATTER:** Another shock victim of Fine Gael's 2002 implosion, Alan Shatter has returned to the Dáil after a five-year absence. The 56-year-old solicitor is an expert in divorce legislation, author of a number of legal tomes and has written a novel. His Judicial Separation and Family Law Reform (1989), Adoption (1991) and Landlord and Tenant (Amendment) 1994 Bills

were among the only private member's Bills enacted into law in recent decades. He was a TD for 21 years before his unexpected departure and defeat to Eamon Ryan of the Greens, and was a local authority councillor for 20 years until 1999, serving first on Dublin County Council and then South Dublin County Council. The only Jewish representative in the Dáil, he served on most of Fine Gael's front benches of the 1980s and 1990s.



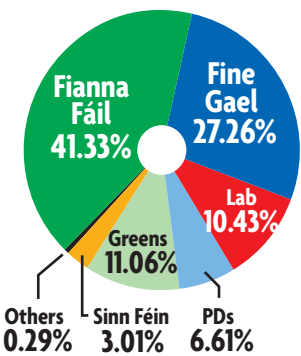
**EAMON RYAN:** A leading light in the Green Party and spoken of as a future leader, Eamon Ryan has avoided the fate of the party's first TD Roger Garland who had a single term in the Dáil when he was elected in 1989 in Dublin South. He is the party's spokesman on transport as well as communications, marine and natural resources, along with enterprise, trade and employment. The

second-term TD was co-opted to Dublin City Council in 1998 after John Gormley stood down when he became a TD, and he retained the council seat in the 1999 local elections. The 43-year-old deputy is a former managing director of Irish Cycling Safaris and is a founding chairman of the Dublin Cycling Campaign. He is passionate about the need for a total transformation of the transport system and reform of local government.

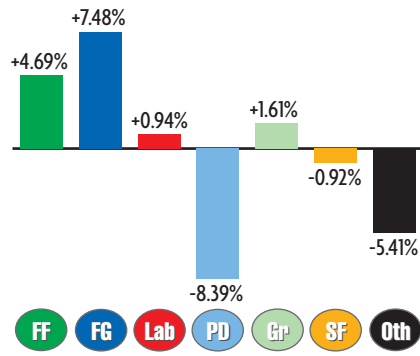
## Count

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COUNT		Distribution of Brennan surplus	Distribution of Nic Cormaic, Ó Gógáin, Tracey votes	Distribution of Kitt surplus	Distribution of O'Leary votes	Distribution of Culhane votes	Distribution of O'Donnell votes	Distribution of White votes	Distribution of Ryan surplus
Brennan, Seamus* (FF)	13,373								
Kitt, Tom* (FF)	8,487	(+1,637) 10,124	(+301) 10,425						
Mitchell, Olivia* (FG)	8,037	(+111) 8,148	(+79) 8,227	(+9) 8,236	(+1,308) 9,544	(+447) 9,991	(+855) 10,846		
Ryan, Eamon* (GP)	6,768	(+117) 6,885	(+598) 7,483	(+28) 7,511	(+303) 7,814	(+565) 8,379	(+802) 9,181	(+2,708) 11,889	
Shatter, Alan (FG)	5,752	(+68) 5,820	(+51) 5,871	(+4) 5,875	(+783) 6,658	(+234) 6,892	(+474) 7,366	(+2,090) 9,456	(+1,349) 10,805
O'Donnell, Liz* (PD)	4,045	(+209) 4,254	(+74) 4,328	(+9) 4,337	(+89) 4,426	(+94) 4,520			
White, Alex (Lab)	3,575	(+54) 3,629	(+214) 3,843	(+11) 3,854	(+191) 4,045	(+1,694) 5,739	(+223) 5,962		
Corrigan, Maria (FF)	3,438	(+840) 4,278	(+237) 4,515	(+140) 4,655	(+93) 4,748	(+145) 4,893	(+1,923) 6,816	(+501) 7,317	(+339) 7,656
O'Leary, Jim (FG)	2,897	(+31) 2,928	(+63) 2,991	(+6) 2,997					
Culhane, Aidan (Lab)	2,809	(+58) 2,867	(+185) 3,052	(+17) 3,069	(+186) 3,255				
Nic Cormaic, Sorcha (SF)	992	(+29) 1,021							
Tracey, Shaun (SF)	851	(+13) 864							
Ó Gógáin, Liam (Ind)	180	(+5) 185							
Non-transferable			268	0	44	76	243	663	0
ELECTED:	Brennan		Kitt				Mitchell	Ryan	Shatter
ELIMINATED:		Nic Cormaic, Ó Gógáin, Tracey		O'Leary	Culhane	O'Donnell	White		

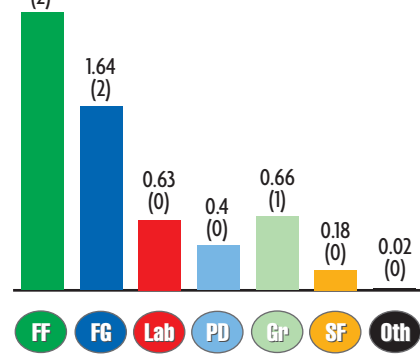
### Share of the vote



### Gains / losses since 2002



### Quotas (seats)



## Story of the count

The Progressive Democrats' loss was Fine Gael's gain, with Alan Shatter taking advantage of Liz O'Donnell's dramatic defeat to claw back the seat he lost in 2002.

Fianna Fáil's Minister for Social and Family Affairs Séamus Brennan was first past the post with 13,373 first-preference votes, comfortably exceeding the quota.

PD deputy leader O'Donnell polled 4,045 first preferences, less than half her 2002 tally, before going on to lose the seat she had held for 15 years on the sixth count.

A misplaced vote bundle at the count centre in Ballinteer led to some confusion over Shatter and party colleague Olivia Mitchell's first-preference votes. When the first count was announced, Shatter's total was 1,000 short of what the tally figures had projected – a huge discrepancy. It was subsequently discovered that the missing votes had been erroneously allocated to Mitchell.

Nevertheless, Shatter had to wait until the ninth and final count to confirm his comeback. Fianna Fáil chief whip Tom Kitt had the second

highest share of first-preference votes and retained his seat on the third count, with transfers from Brennan helping to tip him over.

Mitchell secured re-election on the seventh count, while the Greens' Eamon Ryan had to wait until the following count to confirm his return to the Dáil, assisted by a hefty transfer from Labour candidate Alex White.

Sinn Féin's two candidates, Sorcha Nic Cormaic and Shaun Tracey, were early casualties, as was Independent Liam Ó Gógáin. **Mary Fitzgerald**