Indicator methodological note: **GOVERNANCE INPUT**

Indicator description	*DFID spend on elections*
Technical Definition / Methodological summary	*ARIES Input Sector Code (ISC) 15161 on Elections spend by DFID financial year.* *This indicator covers all programme design and support to technical and political support to electoral processes in DFID country offices. It includes both direct bilateral and imputed multilateral elections spend.*
Version Control	Amended 8 April 2013 to clarify that an imputed figure for election spend through multilateral programmes will also be presented Amended 12 June 2013 to include worked example of imputing a multilateral share.
Rationale	*Gives an idea of scale of one area of DFID Governance programme spend.*
Country office role	*To report annually on all bilateral elections spend.* *(Note that there is no additional action for Country Offices or spending Departments other than recording expenditure in ARIES)*
Data source	*ARIES ISC 15161 on Elections (Bilateral expenditure)* *OECD DAC Creditor reporting System (Multilateral Expenditure)*
Reporting Organisation	*DFID*
Data included	*Bilateral DFID spend supporting electoral processes.* *The Annual Report should also include a report of imputed multilateral contributions.*
Formula / Data calculation	*Bilateral data are calculated from existing reporting code.* *Multilateral estimates are produced by FCPD in accordance with the methodology used for the National Statistics publication. In particular it assumed that DFID core funding to multilateral organisations is spent in the same proportion as the overall spending of that organisation.*
Worked example	*Assume a given multilateral agency disburses $600m of core funding in a given year. The OECD DAC Creditor Reporting System shows that $12m (or 2%) is spent on elections (CRS code 15151). $150m (or 25%) of the core funding disbursed was contributed by DFID.* *The imputed share of the multilateral spend on elections for that agency is: $600m x 2% x 25% = $3m* *This calculation is repeated for all multilateral agencies that spend against the elections CRS code and the results are summed.*

Most recent baseline	*£19.8m in 2008/09*
Good performance	*N/A. Different countries hold different elections in different years. An increase or decrease in annual reporting figures is no reflection on DFID performance.*
Return format	*Number*
Data dis-aggregation	*N/A*
Data availability	*Bilateral data are available quarterly. Time lag 1 month. Imputed multilateral spend is calculated annually by DFID and there is a 2 year time lag for imputed multilateral spend. Note that meaningful comparison should only use annual financial spend figures.*
Time period/ lag	*See above.*
Quality assurance measures	*In case of doubt the Central policy team responsible for elections support may be consulted to check that no programme is included in the bilateral expenditure due to incorrect coding.*
Data issues	*Data are subject to correct inputting by DFID programme officers.*
Additional comments	*This indicator can only reflect the financial contribution aspects of DFID's electoral support. It does not reflect related influencing or analytical activity by DFID staff. Nor can it reflect wider, cross-Whitehall work, with the FCO on political dialogue, for example with electoral candidates.*