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Sixty-three percent turnout for special services voters

KINGSTON, Jamaica; The sorting of ballots by the Electoral Office of Jamaica (EOJ) indicates that *63 percent* of the police, military and Election Day workers (EDWs) voting population cast their ballots at 282 polling stations island-wide on Monday, February 22. Of the 39, 108 special services personnel, 24, 721 voted as shown in the results below:

Category	Number on Voters List	Numbers of ballots	% Turnout
Election Day Workers	<i>26, 498</i>	<i>18,469</i>	<i>70%</i>
Police	<i>10,041</i>	<i>5,322</i>	<i>53%</i>
Military	<i>2,569</i>	<i>930</i>	<i>36%</i>
Total	<i>39,108</i>	<i>24,721</i>	<i>63%</i>

This compares with 74.6% for EDWs, 56.2% for the police and 39.8% for the military and 68.3% overall turnout in the 2011 General Election.

Orrette Fisher, Director of Elections indicates that the voting process went smoothly yesterday.

“The polls opened on time at 8 a.m. and we have not received any reports of any incidences taking place. It was a smooth process and we had fair turnout of voters,” he said.

Voting for police, military and EDWs takes place three days before the rest of the population. Special service voters’ ballots are placed in individual envelopes which are then sorted the night after the election and will be counted on Election Day along with the ballots cast by civilian non-Election Day workers. While the Electoral Office has determined how many ballots have been received, there is no indication of how the electors have voted as the envelopes remain sealed until the counting on Election Day.

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