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The General Election and the H-Blocks Issue

In the General Election held on 11 June, 1981 two H-Blocks prisoners Kieran Doherty and Patrick Agnew, were elected in the Cavan-Monaghan and Louth constituencies respectively on the seventh count. Kieran Doherty is on hunger strike.

The following table lists the H-Blocks candidates in the General Election and their election results:-

<u>Candidates</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Constituency</u>	<u>FPV</u>	<u>Valid Poll</u>	<u>(a) as % of (b)</u>
<u>Prisoners</u>			(a)	(b)	
1. Kieran Doherty	IRA/hunger-striker	Cavan-Monaghan	9921	60411	15
2. Tom McAllister	IRSP	Clare	2120	45329	4.7
3. Mairead Farrell	IRA	Cork North Central	2751	45452	6.1
4. Anthony O'Hara	IRSP	Dublin West	3034	46758	6.5
5. Sean McKenna	IRA	Kerry North	3860	34285	11.3
6. Martin Hurson	IRA/hunger-striker	Longford/Westmeath	4573	45365	10
7. Patrick Agnew	IRA	Louth	8368	45763	18
8. Joseph McDonnell	IRA/hunger-striker	Sligo/Leitrim	5639	47689	12
9. Kevin Lynch	IRSP/hunger-striker	Waterford	3337	43723	7.6
<u>Others</u>					
0. Vincent Doherty	Peoples Democracy	Dublin North Central	1481	40581	3.6
1. Patrick Healy		Dublin North East	1063	32411	3.3
			45347	487767	9.3

Total National Vote : 1712589

H-Block FPV as % of National Vote : 2.6%

Transfers

The following gives a breakdown of the transfers to and from H-Blocks candidates:-

	<u>% of transfer votes received from other candidates</u>	<u>% of H.Bk. votes transferred on elimination to other candidates</u>
Fianna Fail	21.5	53.3
Fine Gael	32.8	25.5
Labour	17	10
Independents	15.5	1.2
SFWP	11.8	6.8
SLP	.4	3.2
Community	.6	-
Communist	.4	-

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