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(05 May 2010) Punters are in the final furlong of the 2010 Election and to make things more interesting on Election night Paddy Power have issued a whole host of betting markets.

Paddy Power are speculating not just on the overall result but a wide range of other markets to get voters through the long night of results including the expected turnout, whether Labour will slump to third in the vote, first constituency to declare and first minister to admit defeat. With over 690 markets, including all constituencies, the bookie will also be betting in-running throughout the night until a winner is declared – if there is one.

Highlights include:

- Punters anticipating high voting turnout
- Lib Dems just 6/5 to record more votes than Labour
- Houghton & Sunderland South hot favourite in race to declare first
- Mandelson favourite Minister to admit defeat first at 13/8
- £25million to be gambled on Election nationwide

Bookies Predict £25million Nationwide Gamble

Paddy Power anticipate over £25million being gambled on the Election across the UK with the success of the TV debates forcing the bookie to revise the figure from a £20million forecast prior to the campaign. 2005's Election saw about £10million being gambled on the result.

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The TV debates appear to have caught the public's imagination and bookies are expecting a significant increase in the turnout compared to 2005's 61%. An increase to 65-70% is the 6/4 favourite with more than 70% also popular at 13/8.

All eyes could be on Sunderland for the race to declare first with Houghton & Sunderland South the big favourites at just 2/7 to announce their winner before anyone else. Sunderland Central and Washington & Sunderland West could be the closest rivals.

UK Election Turnout

13/8	70% or more
6/4	65-70%
5/2	60-65%
7/1	55-60%
16/1	50-55%
40/1	Under 50%

Lib Dems To Beat Labour

8/13	No
6/5	Yes

First Constituency to Declare

2/7	Houghton & Sunderland South
13/2	Sunderland Central

8/1 Washington & Sunderland West
11/1 Wrexham
12/1 Foyle
14/1 Birmingham Ladywood

CABINET CRASH?

Will it be a case of every man for himself should the Labour ship go down? Ministers are already sounding some early notes of concern and Paddy Power are betting on who will be the first to admit defeat, making Peter Mandelson the 13/8 favourite. Punters watching the election coverage through the night can also bet on when or if Gordon Brown officially concedes defeat.

First Minister to concede defeat (after voting closes)

13/8 Mandelson
4/1 Lord Adonis
5/1 Johnson
6/1 Jowell
8/1 Harman
10/1 D Miliband
12/1 Balls
12/1 Burnham
14/1 E Milliband
16/1 Straw
16/1 Darling

What time will Brown officially concede defeat?

20/1 Midnight
7/2 Midnight-3am
8/1 3am-6am
10/1 6am-9am
11/4 9am-Midday
5/2 Midday-3pm
11/8 3pm or later

Cabinet Crash

11/4 No Cabinet Minister to lose their seat
9/4 1-2 Ministers to lose their seat
15/8 3-4 Ministers to lose their seat
4/1 5-6 Ministers to lose their seat
7/1 7 or more Ministers to lose their seat

ELECTION RESULT

Paddy Power have already paid out early on who will win the Election, declaring the Conservatives winners as punters pushed their price to win most seats to just 1/16. However punters are undecided if they will get a majority with a Tory majority flip-flopping for favouritism with a hung parliament. Hung parliament just edges it currently at 4/5 to the Tory majority at Evens.

9/4 Two Elections in 2010

Who will win most Seats?

1/16 Cons
8/1 Lab
25/1 Lib Dems

Majority Betting

4/5 Hung Parliament
Evs Cons Majority
33/1 Lab Majority
66/1 Lib Dem Majority

Conservative Majority

11/10 Defeat or no majority
7/4 2-20 Seat Majority
5/2 22-40 Seat Majority
6/1 42-60 Seat Majority
16/1 62-80 Seat Majority
20/1 82-100 Seat Majority
18/1 Over 100 Seat Majority

Best Pollster

2/1 YouGov
9/4 Angus Reid
7/2 ICM
4/1 ComRes
5/1 Ipsos-MORI
5/1 Populus

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