

10,000 called to man polls

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Almost ten thousand council staff will be deployed to work during the municipal elections on Sunday, at 377 pollings stations and 17 counting stations in the Urban and Regional Council polls.

Nine thousand staff will be deployed at the polling stations and 900 at the counting stations.

A spokesman for the Boundary and Election Commission said yesterday this was a 30 per cent increase on the number deployed in last September's district board elections, when around 6,000 staff were used.

The spokesman said the increase in manpower for this election followed complaints that staff could not vote last time because they were tied up with work at the polling stations.

He said on Sunday, the staff will work shifts and be given time to vote during the 7am to 10pm opening of the stations.