

FRANCE

**Supplementary information on the Senate elections of 25 September 1983
(reported in the XVIIIth Chronicle)**

General Considerations and Conduct of the Elections

In 1983, the Senate electoral college comprised 46,146 delegates including 156 Deputies, 1289 general councillors, 45 members of a territorial assembly and 44,666 delegates of municipal councils. Candidatures amounted to 388. A total of 47 Senators were re-elected while 51 were newcomers, to which must be added four Senators representing French citizens residing abroad. Polling results favoured the opposition parties, particularly the *Rassemblement pour la Republique* (RPR). On 3 October 1984, Mr. Alan Poher was re-elected Senate President.

Statistics*1. Distribution of Senators according to Professional Category*

Agricultural professions.	52
Salaried employees.	51
Legal and liberal professions.	46
Medical professions.	42
Educators.	41
Commercial and industrial professions	40
Civil servants and public officials.	33
Unemployed.	8
	313*

2. Distribution of Senators according to Sex

Men	308
Women	9
	317

•No data as to four remaining Senators.

3. Distribution of Senators according to Age Group

35-40 years	.6
41-50 »	39
51-60 »	.126
61-70 »	.109
71-80 »	32
Over 80 years	I
Average age: 59 years.	313*

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