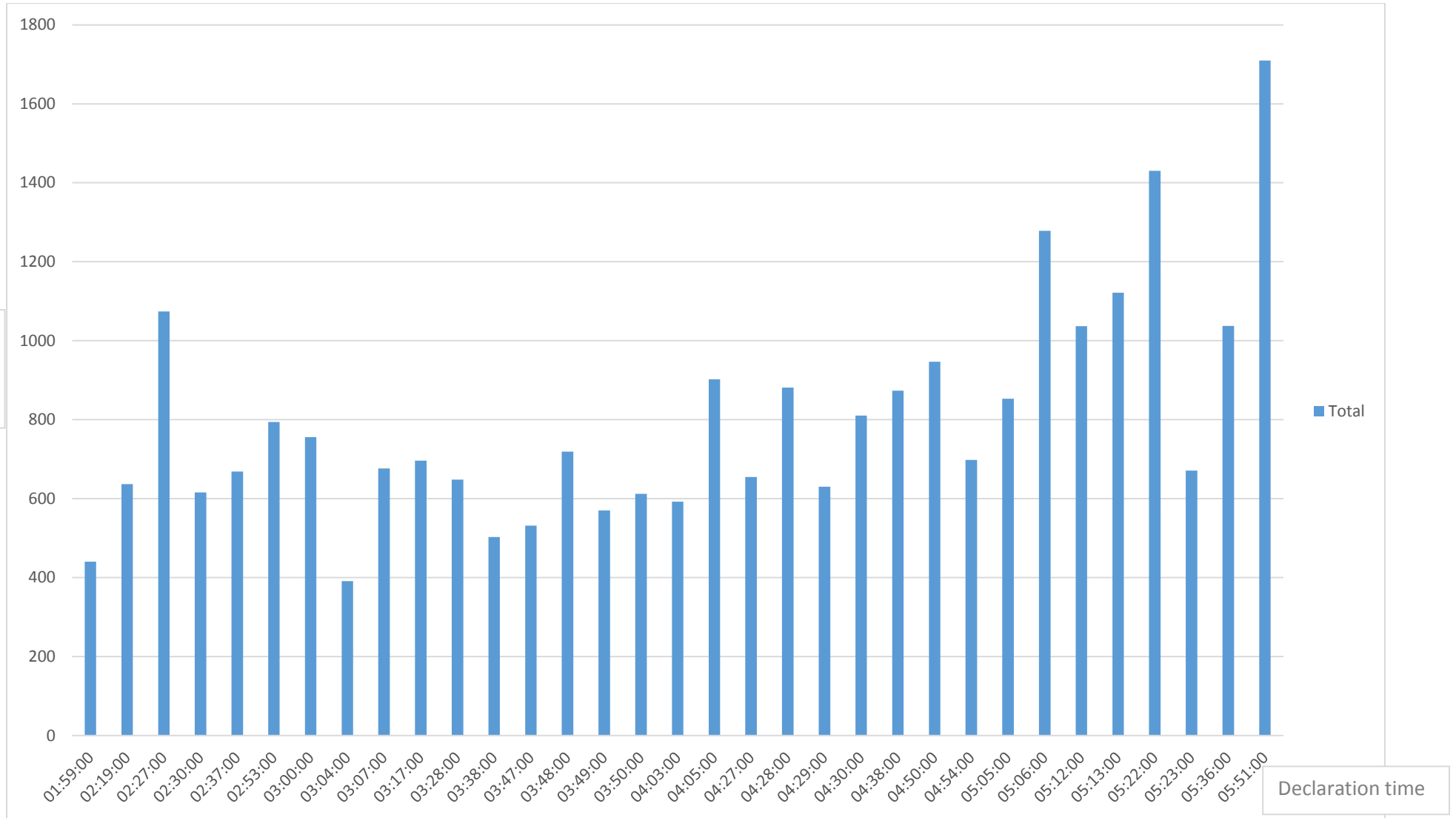


Table to show the relationship of votes per count staff to the declaration time



What does the table tell us?

- The blue bars show the ratio of votes to count staff – the shorter the bar, the fewer votes each counting staff had to count
- The general trend shows that the lower the ratio of votes to counting staff the earlier the declaration time
- If there was a direct relationship the table would show blue bars going continuously upwards
- But it is not a direct relationship – the shortest blue bar does not give the earliest declaration time
- This means there are other factors that influence the declaration time

What other factors can influence the declaration time?

There are a whole range of factors, here's a few:

- Speed of getting the ballot boxes into the count and allocated to a counting team
- The total number of ballot boxes
- The number of count staff allocated to each ballot box
- The method of counting (mini-counts, what size)
- Speed of individual counters
- Number of supervising staff
- Requirements for form filling
- How the results are calculated and checked – the accountants
- Timing of adjudication (e.g during the count or at the end)
- Tolerance / variance
- Layout of the count
- Speed and method of decision making
- Recounts