

It's official: Sturgeon surge is now the Sturgeon slump

Official figures published today have confirmed that the Sturgeon surge has turned into a 'Sturgeon slump'.

Labour's General Election campaign manager James Kelly said Nicola Sturgeon can no longer claim to speak for all of Scotland having secured less than a third of votes in last week's council elections.

The Electoral Management Board for Scotland data shows that nationally the SNP vote stands at 32 per cent – dramatically down 18 points on its 2015 General Election showing.

Labour defied the pollsters to win three councils, tie in first place in one more, and was just one seat behind the SNP in another two.

The figures show that voters are turning their backs on the SNP on the basis of a divisive second independence referendum.

Labour General Election campaign manager James Kelly said:

"It's official – the Sturgeon surge has turned into a Sturgeon slump with the threat of a divisive second independence referendum hanging over Scotland.

"How can Nicola Sturgeon claim to speak for all of Scotland having secured less than a third of the vote?"

"In 2015 the SNP secured half of the Scottish vote, and these official figures show that has now plummeted by 18 points.

"It is clear that more and more people are getting sick and tired of the SNP's obsession with dividing us again.

"Labour believes that together we're stronger. That is why the only way that people across Scotland can reject this Tory Government and reject the threat of a divisive second independence referendum is to vote Labour on June 8."