

SCHEDULE 1  
FURTHER PROVISION ABOUT VOTING IN THE REFERENDUM

**PART 3**

POSTAL VOTING: ISSUE AND RECEIPT OF BALLOT PAPERS

*Procedure in relation to postal voting statements: personal identifier verification*

- 36 (1) This paragraph applies in the circumstances described in paragraph 34(3).
- (2) The counting officer must determine whether the postal voting statement is duly completed and, as part of that process, must compare the date of birth and the signature on the postal voting statement against the date of birth and the signature contained in the personal identifiers record relating to the person to whom the postal ballot paper was addressed.
- (3) Where the counting officer determines that the statement is not duly completed, the counting officer must mark the statement “rejected”, attach it to the ballot paper envelope, or if there is no such envelope, the ballot paper, and, subject to sub-paragraph (4), place it in the receptacle for rejected votes (verification procedure).
- (4) Before placing a postal voting statement in the receptacle for rejected votes (verification procedure), the counting officer must—
- (a) show it to the postal ballot agents,
  - (b) permit the agents to view the entries in the personal identifiers record relating to the person to whom the postal ballot paper was addressed, and
  - (c) if any agent objects to the counting officer’s decision, add the words “rejection objected to”.
- (5) The counting officer must then examine the number on the postal voting statement against the number on the ballot paper envelope and, where they are the same, the counting officer must place the statement and the ballot paper envelope respectively in the receptacle for postal voting statements (verification procedure) and the receptacle for ballot paper envelopes.
- (6) Where—
- (a) the number on a valid postal voting statement is not the same as the number on the ballot paper envelope, or
  - (b) that envelope has no number on it,
- the counting officer must open the envelope.
- (7) Sub-paragraph (8) applies where—
- (a) there is a valid postal voting statement but no ballot paper envelope, or
  - (b) the ballot paper envelope has been opened under paragraph 34(4) or sub-paragraph (6).
- (8) The counting officer must place—
- (a) in the postal ballot box, any postal ballot paper the number on which is the same as the number on the valid postal voting statement,

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- (b) in the receptacle for rejected votes (verification procedure), any other ballot paper, with the valid postal voting statement attached and marked “provisionally rejected”,
- (c) in the receptacle for rejected votes (verification procedure), any valid postal voting statement marked “provisionally rejected” where there is no postal ballot paper, and
- (d) in the receptacle for postal voting statements (verification procedure), any valid statement not disposed of under paragraph (b) or (c).