

SCHEDULE 1

THE REGIONAL ASSEMBLY AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT REFERENDUM RULES

PART 5

Final Proceedings

Counting officer's certification

60.—(1) When the Chief Counting Officer has determined not to direct that any re-count (or further re-count) shall take place, he shall direct the counting officers—

- (a) in the case of a Regional Assembly referendum that they—
 - (i) may make their certification under section 128(5) of the 2000 Act; and
 - (ii) provide final versions of their statements of rejected ballot papers; and
- (b) in the case of a local government referendum that they—
 - (i) may make their certification under article 9(1)(d) of the Regional Assembly and Local Government Referendums Order 2004; and
 - (ii) provide final versions of their statements of rejected ballot papers.

(2) The counting officer, having made a certification in relation to the referendum for which he acts, shall—

- (a) forthwith give the Chief Counting Officer notice of the matters so certified; and
 - (b) as soon as reasonably practicable give the Chief Counting Officer notice of the number of rejected ballot papers under each head shown in the final statement of rejected ballot papers.
- (3) When authorised by the Chief Counting Officer to do so, the counting officer shall—
- (a) make a declaration of the matters so certified; and
 - (b) give public notice of the matters so certified together with the number of rejected ballot papers under each head shown in the final statement of rejected ballot papers.

Notice of result of referendum

61. The Chief Counting Officer, having made a certification in relation to the Regional Assembly referendum under section 128(6) of the 2000 Act and, where local government referendums have been held in the region, a certification under article 9(1)(f) of the Regional Assembly and Local Government Referendums Order 2004 in relation to all the local government referendums in the region, shall—

- (a) forthwith make a declaration of the matters so certified; and
- (b) as soon as reasonably practicable give public notice of the matters so certified together with the number of rejected ballot papers under each head shown in the statements of rejected ballot papers.