

SCHEDULE 3

Combined Authority Mayoral Election (Combination of Polls) Rules

PART 4

Contested elections

Sealing of ballot boxes

- 34.**—(1) Immediately before the commencement of the poll, the presiding officer must—
- (a) show the ballot box, empty, to such persons, if any, as are present in the polling station, so that they may see that the box is empty,
 - (b) lock up the box (if it has a lock),
 - (c) place the presiding officer’s seal—
 - (i) on the lock, or
 - (ii) where the ballot box has no lock, on the box,in such a manner as to prevent its being opened without breaking the seal,
 - (d) place the box in his or her view for the receipt of ballot papers, and
 - (e) keep the box locked and sealed or, as the case may be, sealed.