

## SCHEDULES

### SCHEDULE 1

#### PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS RULES

#### PART II

##### STAGES COMMON TO CONTESTED AND UNCONTESTED ELECTIONS

##### *ISSUE OF WRIT AND NOTICE OF ELECTION*

##### *Issue of writ*

- 3 (1) Writs for parliamentary elections shall continue to be sealed and issued in accordance with the existing practice of the office of the Clerk of the Crown.
- (2) Each writ shall be in the form in the Appendix and shall be directed to the returning officer by the title of his office as returning officer (and not by his name) and conveyed to him.
- (3) Her Majesty may by Order in Council—
- (a) specify the manner in which writs are to be conveyed, whether by post, by an officer appointed by the Lord Chancellor or, as regards Northern Ireland, the Secretary of State, or otherwise, and make different provision for different classes of writs ; and
  - (b) provide for the giving of receipts for writs by persons to whom they are delivered or who may receive them in the course of their conveyance.
- (4) Delivery of the writ to a person for the time being authorised by law to act as deputy for the officer who by virtue of his office is returning officer shall be as good as delivery to the returning officer.
- (5) An Order in Council under this rule—
- (a) may require a returning officer to provide an address to which writs are to be conveyed and any change of that address; and
  - (b) may provide for recording those addresses ; and
  - (c) may provide that the delivery of a writ to a person found in and for the time being in charge of a place so recorded as the office of a returning officer shall be as good as delivery to that returning officer.
- (6) The person to whom the writ is delivered shall endorse the date of receipt on the writ in the form shown in the Appendix.
- (7) A draft of an Order in Council under this rule shall be laid before Parliament, and any such Order may provide for any incidental or supplemental matter.