

SCHEDULES

SCHEDULE 2

RULES FOR CONDUCT OF THE REFERENDUM

PART 1

REFERENDUM RULES

COUNTING OF VOTES

Direction to conduct re-count

- 43 (1) On the completion of the counting of the votes (including any re-count under rule 41), and on the completion of any re-count under this rule, the counting officer must draw up a statement showing—
- (a) the total number of ballot papers counted, and
 - (b) the number of votes cast in favour of each answer to the question asked in the referendum.
- (2) Once the statement is drawn up the counting officer must—
- (a) in the case of a voting area in a region for which a Regional Counting Officer is appointed, inform the Regional Counting Officer of the contents of the statement;
 - (b) in the case of any other voting area, inform the Chief Counting Officer of the contents of the statement.
- (3) The Regional Counting Officer or Chief Counting Officer must then either—
- (a) direct the counting officer to have the votes re-counted, or
 - (b) direct the counting officer to make the certification under section 128(5) of the 2000 Act.
- (4) The Regional Counting Officer or Chief Counting Officer may give a direction under paragraph (3)(a) only if the officer thinks that there is reason to doubt the accuracy of the counting of the votes in the counting officer's voting area.
- (5) A counting officer who is given a direction under paragraph (3)(a) must—
- (a) begin the re-count as soon as practicable, and
 - (b) if the officer does not begin the re-count immediately, notify the counting agents of the time and place at which it will take place.
- (6) A counting officer may not make the certification under section 128(5) of the 2000 Act until directed to do so under paragraph (3)(b).