

## SCHEDULE

### Form of Canvass and Form of Words about the Two Versions of the Register

## PART II

### *Form of words about the two versions of the register*

#### **The two versions of the register**

The electoral registration officer makes and keeps two versions of the electoral register - the full register and the edited register.

**Please say in your application if you wish your name and address to be excluded from the edited register.**

#### **The full register**

The full register lists everyone who is entitled to vote and includes their address. You can check it by calling at your local electoral registration office, the council offices or at some local libraries. Only certain people and organisations can have copies of the full register, and they can only use it for specified purposes. The main use of the full register is for elections and referendums, but it can also be used for other purposes such as the prevention and detection of crime and for checking your identity when you have applied for credit. Details of others who can have copies of the full register and what they can use it for are given in the Representation of the People (Scotland) (Amendment) Regulations 2002 (S.I. 2002 No. 1872).

It is a criminal offence not to comply with the Regulations. For example, it is a criminal offence either to pass the full register on to anyone or to use it for any purpose, except as allowed by the Regulations.

The Scottish Parliament (Elections etc.) Order 2002, Schedule 1 (S.I. 2002 No. 2779) also makes provision about those who can have copies of the full register and what they can use it for, in the context of elections to the Scottish Parliament.

The Regulations and Order are available on the internet at [www.legislation.hms0.gov.uk/stat.htm](http://www.legislation.hms0.gov.uk/stat.htm) or you can buy a copy from The Stationery Office Ltd.

#### **The edited register**

The edited register leaves out the names and addresses of people who have asked for them to be excluded from that version of the register. The edited register can be bought by anyone who asks for a copy and they may use it for any purpose.