

SCHEDULE 1

THE REGIONAL ASSEMBLY AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT REFERENDUM RULES

PART 3

Receipt by the Counting Officer of Ballot Papers

Rejection of invalid security statement for defacement of ballot number

44.—(1) Where the covering envelope contains a security statement which is invalid because the ballot number is so defaced that the ballot number is not capable of being successfully scanned electronically, the counting officer shall—

- (a) mark the security statement “rejected”;
- (b) open the ballot paper envelope (if any);
- (c) attach the covering envelope and any ballot paper envelope to the security statement and, place them in the receptacle for rejected votes;
- (d) mark any ballot paper as “provisionally rejected” and place it in the receptacle for rejected votes.