

### SCHEDULE 3

#### Issue and receipt of postal ballot papers

##### *Receipt of postal ballot papers*

##### **Notice of opening of postal ballot paper envelopes**

**16.**—(1) The constituency returning officer shall give not less than 48 hours' notice in writing of each occasion on which a postal voters' ballot box and the envelopes contained in it are to be opened to—

- (a) each candidate in a constituency election; and
  - (b) in the case of an election for an Assembly electoral region, each individual candidate and the election agent for each registered party standing nominated.
- (2) Such a notice shall specify—
- (a) the time and place at which such an opening is to take place; and
  - (b) the number of agents a candidate or registered political party may appoint under paragraph 6(2) to attend each opening.