

## SCHEDULE 5

### Assembly election rules

## PART 2

### **Stages common to contested and uncontested elections**

#### *Notice of election*

#### **Notice of election: constituency election and regional election**

3.—(1) At a constituency election, the constituency returning officer shall publish notice of the election stating—

- (a) the place and times at which nomination papers are to be delivered;
- (b) that forms of nomination paper may be obtained at that place and at those times; and
- (c) the date of the poll in the event of a contest.

(2) At a regional election, the regional returning officer shall prepare a notice of election stating—

- (a) the place or places and times at which nomination papers are to be delivered;
- (b) that forms of nomination papers may be obtained at that place or those places and at those times; and
- (c) the date of the poll in the event of a contest,

and he shall deliver, or cause to be delivered, the notice to each constituency returning officer for an Assembly constituency in the Assembly electoral region.

(3) A notice of election under paragraph (1) or (2) must also state—

- (a) the arrangements which apply for the payment of the deposit required by rule 10 to be made by means of electronic transfer of funds; and
- (b) the date by which—
  - (i) applications to vote by post or proxy; and
  - (ii) other applications and notices about postal or proxy voting,

must reach the registration officer in order that they may be effective for the election.

(4) On receipt of a notice under paragraph (2) a constituency returning officer shall publish it.