

SCHEDULE 2

SCOTTISH PARLIAMENTARY ELECTION RULES

PART V

DISPOSAL OF DOCUMENTS

Sealing up of ballot papers

68.—(1) On the completion of the counting at a contested election the constituency returning officer shall—

- (a) where the votes have been counted by electronic means, seal up in packets the ballot papers and a complete electronic copy of the information stored in the electronic counting system held in a device suitable for the purposes of its storage; or
- (b) where the votes have been counted by manual means, seal up in separate packets the counted and rejected ballot papers.

(2) The constituency returning officer shall not open the sealed packets of—

- (a) tendered ballot papers,
- (b) the completed corresponding number lists,
- (c) certificates as to employment on duty on the day of the poll, or
- (d) marked copies of the register of electors (including any marked copy notices issued under section 13B(3B) or (3D) of the 1983 Act) and lists of proxies.

(3) Where the votes have been counted electronically, the constituency returning officer shall thereafter arrange for all original electronic data and records relating to the election to be removed from the electronic counting system.