

## SCHEDULE 4

### ISSUE AND RECEIPT OF POSTAL BALLOT PAPERS

#### *Receipt of postal ballot papers*

#### **Opening of postal voters' ballot box**

**18.**—(1) So long as the constituency returning officer ensures that there is at least one sealed postal voters' ballot box for the reception of covering envelopes up to the time of the close of the poll, the other postal voters' ballot boxes may be opened by him prior to that time.

(2) Each postal voters' ballot box shall be opened by the constituency returning officer in the presence of any agents, if in attendance.

(3) The last postal voters' ballot box and the postal ballot box shall be opened at the counting of the votes under rule 55 of the Scottish Parliamentary Election Rules.