

SCHEDULE

Article 2

Amendment to the Scheme

1. The Scheme is amended as follows.
2. In paragraph 1(2) (definitions)—
 - (a) omit the definition of “English voters”;
 - (b) omit the definition of “European election”;
 - (c) in the definition of “Northern Ireland voters” omit “, a European election”;
 - (d) in the definition of “Scottish voters” omit “, a European election”; and
 - (e) in the definition of “Welsh voters” omit “, a European election”.
3. In paragraph 3(2) (eligible parties)—
 - (a) omit the “and” after paragraph (e);
 - (b) after paragraph (f) insert—

“and

(fa) the Social Democratic and Labour Party.”.
4. In paragraph 5 (allocation between eligible parties)—
 - (a) after sub-paragraph (a) insert—

“(aa) the Democratic Unionist Party and the Social Democratic and Labour Party may each receive an amount not exceeding the aggregate of—

 - (i) the amount determined by dividing £1 million by the number of eligible parties; and
 - (ii) the amount determined for that year in accordance with paragraphs 6, 7 and 8A.”; and
 - (b) in sub-paragraph (b) omit “the Democratic Unionist Party,”.
5. In paragraph 7(3) (calculation of notional shares)—
 - (a) for paragraph (a) substitute—

“(a) for England, is the number of votes cast in England for that party at the Westminster election which most closely precedes 7th March prior to the start of the year in question, expressed as a percentage of the total number of votes cast by persons who voted in England at that election;” and
 - (b) for paragraph (b) substitute—

“(b) for Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales, is the number found by the application (separately as regards each country) of the formula—

$$(A \times B) + (C \times D)$$

where—

A is the number of votes cast in Northern Ireland, Scotland or Wales (as the case may be) at the Westminster election which most closely precedes 7th March prior to the start of the year in question, expressed as a percentage of the total number of votes cast by Northern Ireland voters, Scottish voters or Welsh voters (as the case may be);

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B is the number of persons who voted in Northern Ireland, Scotland or Wales (as the case may be) at that election, expressed as a percentage of the number of persons eligible to vote in the country in question at that election;

C is the number of votes cast for that party—

- (i) as regards Northern Ireland, in Northern Ireland at the Northern Ireland election that most closely precedes 7th March prior to the start of the year in question;
- (ii) as regards Scotland, in Scotland at the Scottish election that most closely precedes 7th March prior to the start of the year in question;
- (iii) as regards Wales, in Wales at the Welsh election that most closely precedes 7th March prior to the start of the year in question, expressed as a percentage of the total number of votes cast by Northern Ireland voters, Scottish voters or Welsh voters (as the case may be); and

D is the number of persons who voted at the election concerned, expressed as a percentage of the number of persons eligible to vote at that election.”.

6. After paragraph 8 insert—

“Determination of Democratic Unionist and Social Democratic and Labour shares

8A. The Commission is to—

- (a) add the notional shares calculated in accordance with paragraph 7 for the Democratic Unionist Party and the Social Democratic and Labour Party; and
- (b) divide the resultant amount by two.”.