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SCOTTISH STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**The Loch Lomond and The Trossachs  
National Park Elections (Scotland) Order 2002**

**PART III**

**ISSUE AND RECEIPT OF BALLOT PAPERS**

**Attendance at counting of votes**

**37.**—(1) The returning officer shall make arrangements for counting the votes in the presence of the counting agents as soon as practicable after 4.00 p.m. on the day of the poll and shall give to the counting agents notice in writing of the time and place at which he or she will begin to count the votes.

(2) No person other than—

- (a) the returning officer and his or her staff,
- (b) the candidates and their partners, and
- (c) the counting agents,

may be present at the counting of the votes, unless permitted by the returning officer to attend.

(3) A person not entitled to attend at the counting of the votes shall not be permitted to do so by the returning officer unless he or she is satisfied that the efficient counting of the votes will not be impeded.

(4) The returning officer shall give the counting agents all such reasonable facilities for overseeing the proceedings, and all such information with respect to them, as he or she can give them consistently with the orderly conduct of the proceedings and the discharge of his or her duties in connection with them.

(5) In particular, where the votes are counted by sorting the ballot papers according to the candidate for whom the vote is given and then counting the number of ballot papers for each candidate, the counting agents shall be entitled to satisfy themselves that the ballot papers are correctly sorted.