

SCHEDULE 2

ABSENT VOTERS

APPENDIX OF FORMS
PROXY PAPER

REPRESENTATION OF THE PEOPLE ACTS
EUROPEAN PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS ACT 2002

Constituency Area

European Parliamentary Electoral Region of Northern Ireland

Name of Proxy

Address

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.....

is hereby appointed as proxy for

(Name of elector)

*[who is qualified to be registered for

(Qualifying address)

*[who qualifies as an overseas elector in respect of the above constituency] to vote for him/her at

*[the *[parliamentary] *[European Parliamentary] election for the above *[constituency] *[European Parliamentary electoral region] on (date)

*[any *[parliamentary] *[European Parliamentary] election for the above *[constituency] *[European Parliamentary electoral region]]

*[This proxy appointment is not valid until

Signature

Electoral Registration Officer

Address

.....

.....

Date

*Delete whichever is inappropriate

YOUR RIGHT TO VOTE AS PROXY

1. This proxy paper gives you the right to vote as proxy on behalf of the elector whose name is given overleaf. However, you may not vote as proxy at the same election for more than two electors of whom you are not the husband, wife, parent, grandparent, brother, sister, child or grandchild.

2. Your appointment as proxy may be for a particular election only, or it may be for an indefinite period.

If it is for a particular election, you have the right to vote as proxy only at the election specified in the proxy paper.

If it is for an indefinite period, you have in general the right to vote as proxy at any parliamentary or European Parliamentary election for which the elector is qualified to vote until the electoral registration officer informs you to the contrary.

3. You may vote as proxy at the polling station allotted to the elector on whose behalf you are appointed. Shortly before polling day you will be sent a proxy poll card telling you where the polling station is. You do not need to take either the poll card or this proxy paper to the polling station but you may find it helpful to do so.

4. If you cannot vote in person at the polling station, you should consult the electoral registration officer about whether you satisfy the entitlement to vote by post.

**EUROPEAN PARLIAMENTARY ELECTION
ELECTORAL REGION OF NORTHERN IRELAND**

DECLARATION OF IDENTITY

DECLARATION BY VOTER

Ballot Paper No.

- I hereby declare that I am the person to whom the ballot paper numbered as above was sent.

Date of Birth must be given below except where the voter is a proxy.

- My date of birth is

D	D	M	M	Y	Y	Y	Y
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Voter's signature _____

CERTIFICATION BY WITNESS

The voter, who is personally known to me, has signed this declaration in my presence.

Witness's signature _____

Name of Witness _____

(WRITE CLEARLY)

Address of Witness _____

(WRITE CLEARLY)

SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON THE BACK OF THIS FORM

INSTRUCTIONS TO THE VOTER

1. You must sign this declaration of identity in the presence of a person known to you. That person should then sign this declaration as a witness, adding his or her name and address. You must also give your date of birth where indicated (unless voting as a proxy). Without all the above the declaration will be invalid.
2. Mark your vote by putting "1" against the candidate of your first choice, "2" against the candidate of your second choice and so on. Do this secretly; if you cannot vote without assistance, the person assisting you must not disclose how you have voted.
3. You may show your preference for as many or as few candidates as you wish but you should not show the same preference against more than one candidate. Put no other mark on the ballot paper, or your vote may not be counted.
4. Put the ballot paper in the small envelope marked "A" and seal it. Then put the envelope marked "A", together with the declaration of identity, in the larger envelope marked "B". Return it without delay. The ballot paper must be received by the Deputy Returning Officer not later than the close of the poll.
5. If you receive more than one ballot paper, remember that it is illegal to vote more than once (otherwise than as proxy) at the same election.
6. At this election you cannot vote in person at a polling station, even if you receive an official poll card.
7. If you inadvertently spoil your ballot paper, you can apply to the deputy returning officer for another one. With your application you must return, in your own envelope, the spoiled ballot paper and the declaration of identity. Remember that there is little time available if a fresh postal ballot paper is to be issued and counted.

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ELECTORAL REGION OF NORTHERN IRELAND

STATEMENT AS TO POSTAL BALLOT PAPERS

**PARLIAMENTARY
CONSTITUENCY OF** _____

DATE OF POLL _____

A Issue of postal ballot papers	Number
1. Total number of postal ballot papers issued under Sch 2 – PART II – Para 20 of the European Parliamentary Elections (NI) Regulations 2004.	
2. Total number of postal ballot papers issued under Sch 2 – PART II – Para 26(2) of the European Parliamentary Elections (NI) Regulations 2004, (where the first ballot paper was spoilt and returned for cancellation)	
3. Total number of postal ballot papers issued (1 + 2)	

B Receipt of postal ballot papers	Number
4. Number of covering envelopes received by the Deputy Returning Officer before the close of the poll (excluding any undelivered or returned under Sch 2 – PART II – Para 26(1), with spoilt ballot papers)	
5. Number of covering envelopes received by the Deputy Returning Officer after the close of the poll, excluding any returned as undelivered	
6. Number of postal ballot papers returned spoilt for cancellation in time for another ballot paper to be issued	
7. Number of postal ballot papers returned as spoilt too late for another ballot paper to be issued	
8. Number of covering envelopes returned as undelivered (up to the date of this statement)	
9. Number of covering envelopes not received by the Deputy Returning Officer by the date of this statement	
10. Total Nos. 4 to 9 (This number should be the same as that in 3 above)	

C Count of postal ballot papers	Number
11. Number of covering envelopes received by the Deputy Returning Officer before the close of the poll (excluding any undelivered or returned under Sch 2 – PART II – Para 26(1), with spoilt ballot papers)	
12. Number of ballot papers returned by postal voters which were included in the count of ballot papers	
13. Number of cases in which the covering envelope or its contents were marked "Rejected" (cancellations under Sch 2 – PART II – Para 26(4) are not rejections and should be only included in items 2 and 6 above)	

Signed: _____ Date: _____
Deputy Returning Officer

Address: _____