

SCHEDULE 2

ELECTORAL COMMISSION: FURTHER AMENDMENTS

Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000 (c. 41)

10 After section 9A insert—

“9AA Performance standards for devolved elections and referendums in Wales

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- (1) The Commission may from time to time—
 - (a) determine standards of performance for relevant officers mentioned in subsection (2), and
 - (b) publish, in such form and in such manner as they consider appropriate, the standards so determined.
- (2) The standards of performance are such standards as the Commission think ought to be achieved by—
 - (a) electoral registration officers for areas in Wales in the performance of their functions in relation to registers of local government electors;
 - (b) returning officers in the administration of the elections specified in subsection (6);
 - (c) counting officers in the administration of the referendums specified in subsection (7).
- (3) Before determining standards under subsection (1), the Commission must consult—
 - (a) the Welsh Ministers, and
 - (b) any other person they think appropriate.
- (4) The Commission may determine different standards for different descriptions of relevant officers.
- (5) When the Commission publish standards under subsection (1) they must send a copy to the Welsh Ministers who must lay a copy before Senedd Cymru.
- (6) The elections specified in this subsection are—
 - (a) a general election of Members of the Senedd;
 - (b) an election under section 10 of the Government of Wales Act 2006 (elections for Senedd constituency vacancies);
 - (c) a local government election in Wales.
- (7) The referendums specified in this subsection are referendums under Part 2 of the Local Government Act 2000 or Part 4 of the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011 (referendums relating to executive arrangements of local authorities in Wales).”