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SCHEDULE 1  
FURTHER PROVISION ABOUT VOTING IN THE REFERENDUM

**PART 3**

POSTAL VOTING: ISSUE AND RECEIPT OF BALLOT PAPERS

*Boxes and receptacles*

- 31 (1) The counting officer must provide a separate box for the reception of—
- (a) the covering envelopes when returned by the postal voters, and
  - (b) postal ballot papers.
- (2) Each such box must be marked “postal voters box” or “postal ballot box” (as the case may be) and with the name of the local government area.
- (3) The postal ballot box must be shown as being empty to any postal ballot agents present on the occasion of opening the first postal voters box.
- (4) The counting officer must then—
- (a) lock the postal ballot box,
  - (b) apply the counting officer's seal in such manner as to prevent the box being opened without breaking the seal, and
  - (c) allow any referendum agent or postal ballot agent present who wishes to affix the agent's seal to do so.
- (5) The counting officer must provide separate receptacles for—
- (a) rejected votes,
  - (b) ballot paper envelopes,
  - (c) rejected ballot paper envelopes,
  - (d) rejected votes (verification procedure), and
  - (e) postal voting statements (verification procedure).
- (6) The counting officer must take proper precautions for the safe custody of every box and receptacle referred to in this paragraph.

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