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**2016 No.**

The Recall of MPs Act 2015 (Recall Petition) Regulations 2016

PART 5

ISSUE AND RECEIPT OF POSTAL SIGNING SHEETS

CHAPTER 3

Receipt of Postal Signing Sheet etc

**Opening of postal signers' ballot box**

**103.**—(1) Each postal signers' ballot box must be opened by the petition officer in the presence of at least one petition clerk or other person appointed by that officer and any representative of the Electoral Commission who attends for the opening of the postal signers' ballot box.

(2) So long as the petition officer ensures that there is at least one sealed postal signers' ballot box for the reception of covering envelopes up to the end of the signing period, the other postal signers' ballot boxes may previously be opened by the officer in accordance with paragraph (1).

(3) The last postal signers' ballot box and the postal ballot box must be opened at the counting of the signatures under regulation 39 (the count).