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SCHEDULES

SCHEDULE 2

RULES FOR CONDUCT OF THE REFERENDUM

PART 2

FORMS REFERRED TO IN REFERENDUM RULES

Rule 15(5)(d)

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Front of card

Referendum on the voting system for United Kingdom parliamentary elections	
OFFICIAL PROXY POSTAL POLL CARD	
Voting area For the referendum on: [day/date] Name and Address (Proxy):	This poll card is to tell you that you may vote in this referendum on behalf of the person named on the back of this card. Your appointment to vote for this person as his or her proxy is either an existing appointment for elections or an appointment made specifically for this referendum. You will receive a postal vote for the referendum because you have asked to vote by post at elections or specifically at this referendum. You will not be able to vote as proxy in a polling station. If you want to cancel this postal vote and vote in person on polling day, please call [helpline number] before 5 pm on [-11 day deadline]. We will send the proxy postal voting papers around [day/date]. If the postal voting papers have not arrived by [day/date] please call [helpline number] and ask for help.
If you lose or accidentally spoil the proxy postal ballot paper, please call: [helpline number] as soon as possible. Replacement ballot papers can only be issued before 5 pm on [day/date of poll].	
This card is to provide you with information about voting by post.	
SEE FURTHER INFORMATION ON THE BACK OF THIS CARD	

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Back of card

Referendum on the voting system for United Kingdom parliamentary elections

***This poll card is to tell you that for this referendum you will be able to vote as proxy for the person named below and you will be sent a postal vote.**

.....
*(Person's name)

.....
*(Person's address)

When you receive the postal voting pack, please read the instructions with it carefully before completing the postal ballot paper.

Do not let anyone see your vote. If you need help voting, the person helping you must not tell anyone how you have voted. You can get independent help from the counting officer: please call our helpline on [helpline number].

You must **sign** the postal voting statement (unless you have been granted a waiver by prior arrangement with the electoral registration officer) and provide your date of birth. This is a security measure. It will not affect your vote or mean it can be identified. Without your signature and date of birth the statement will not be valid and your vote will not be counted. The counting officer can cross check your signature against other records that they hold.

If you lose or accidentally spoil the postal ballot paper, please call the helpline number below as soon as possible. We can only issue replacement postal ballot papers before 5 pm on [day/date of poll].

Complete and return the postal vote as soon as possible. The counting officer must receive the postal vote by 10 pm on [day/date of poll]. You can deliver your completed voting papers to any polling station in the voting area.

If you want to vote in person as a proxy in this referendum, you must cancel your postal vote before 5 pm on [-11 day/date deadline].

It is illegal to do any of the following:

- Vote more than once (unless you are appointed as a proxy for another person) in this referendum.
- Vote as a proxy in this referendum for more than two persons unless you are their spouse, civil partner, parent, grandparent, brother, sister, child or grandchild.
- Vote as a proxy for a person if you know that the person is subject to a legal incapacity to vote.

Issued by the Counting Officer

[Where poll card sent to the proxy of an anonymous elector substitute for the text marked with * above:

This poll card is to tell you that for this referendum you will be able to vote as proxy for the person whose electoral number is shown below and you will be sent a postal vote.

You are entitled to vote as proxy for the person whose electoral number is shown below:

.....
(Person's number on electoral register)

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