

## SCHEDULE 5

### Assembly election rules

## PART 3

### Contested elections

#### *Action to be taken before the poll*

#### **Postal ballot papers**

**33.**—(1) Subject to paragraph (2), at an Assembly election the constituency returning officer shall in accordance with Schedule 3 issue to those entitled to vote by post—

- (a) a ballot paper; and
- (b) a postal voting statement,

in the appropriate forms set out in Schedule 10 together with such envelopes for their return in accordance with paragraph 11 of Schedule 3.

(2) In the case of a person who is entitled to give a constituency vote and an electoral region vote by post the provisions of paragraph (1) shall apply save the reference in paragraph (1) to “a ballot paper” shall be construed as a reference to a constituency ballot paper and a regional ballot paper and following references in this rule to “ballot paper” shall be construed accordingly.

(3) In the case of a ballot paper issued to a person resident in the United Kingdom, the constituency returning officer must ensure that the return of the ballot paper and postal voting statement is free of charge to the voter.

(4) The constituency returning officer must also issue to those entitled to vote by post such information as he thinks appropriate about how to obtain—

- (a) translations into languages other than English and Welsh of any directions to and guidance for voters sent with the ballot paper;
- (b) a translation into Braille of such directions or guidance;
- (c) graphical representations of such directions or guidance; or
- (d) the directions or guidance in any other form (including any audible form).