

## SCHEDULES

### SCHEDULE 7

#### COMBINATION OF POLLS: SCOTLAND

##### PART 1

##### PROVISION ABOUT COMBINATION

##### *COUNTING OF VOTES*

##### *Attendance and arrangements for counting*

- 42 (1) The counting officer must make arrangements for counting the ballot papers and carrying out the other functions conferred by paragraph 46 in the presence of the counting agents.
- (2) The counting officer must give the counting agents and the regional returning officer notice in writing of the time and place at which the proceedings under paragraph 46 will begin.
- (3) A person may be present at the proceedings under paragraph 46 only if—
- (a) the person is entitled to be present at the counting of the votes for the referendum or the Scottish parliamentary election, or
  - (b) the person is permitted by the counting officer to attend.
- (4) The counting officer may give a person permission under sub-paragraph (3)(b) only if—
- (a) the officer is satisfied that the person's attendance will not impede the efficient conduct of the proceedings, and
  - (b) the officer has consulted the referendum agents and election agents or thought it impracticable to do so.
- (5) The counting officer must give the counting agents—
- (a) whatever reasonable facilities for overseeing the proceedings, and
  - (b) whatever information with respect to the proceedings,
- the officer can give them consistently with the orderly conduct of the proceedings and the discharge of the officer's duties.