SCHEDULE 3

ABSENT VOTING FORMS

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ⓘ Instructions for voting by post

Please read through carefully. If you need help, please call us on *[insert helpline number]*

- For your vote to be counted, you must fill in and return this postal voting statement with your ballot paper for the **European Parliamentary election**.
- Make sure you have filled in the **date of birth *[and signature] box[es]** on this postal voting statement.
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European Parliamentary election (*[insert colour] ballot paper*)

- Vote **only once** by putting a cross ☒ in the box next to your choice on the ballot paper.
- Do not mark the ballot paper in any other way or your vote may not count.
- We must get your postal vote by 10pm on *[day] [date of poll]*. If you miss the post, you can hand it in at our office or at any polling station in the local counting area before **10pm on *[day] [date of poll]***.
- After receiving this postal vote, you cannot vote in person at a polling station in this election.

ⓘ Getting help

- If you need help to vote, you can ask someone you know or get independent help by calling the helpline on *[insert helpline number]*. The person helping you must not tell anyone how you voted.
- Please call the helpline if you require copies of this form or guidance in Braille or languages other than English.
- If you make a mistake, or lose your postal ballot paper or this statement, you can get a replacement. Call us immediately as **we can only issue a replacement before 5pm on *[day] [date] [name of month]***. If you apply after 5pm on *[day]* before poll we can only issue a replacement if you return this ballot pack by hand. You will need to return all the contents of this postal voting pack to us.

Electoral fraud is a crime. It is an offence to vote more than once in this election unless you are voting on your own behalf and as a proxy for another person.

The Local Returning Officer issued this statement.
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