

ANNOUNCEMENT

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REVISED RECOMMENDATIONS FOR PARLIAMENTARY CONSTITUENCIES

1. Revised Recommendations for new parliamentary constituencies in Northern Ireland are announced today. They vary Provisional Recommendations already published by the Commission. The Revised Recommendations take account of representations received by the Commission and reflect the conclusions and recommendations contained in the reports of three independent assistant Commissioners who held public Local Inquiries last September at Belfast, Ballymena and Newcastle. It is customary for Boundary Commissions where practicable to accept views expressed by assistant Commissioners.
2. The purpose of those Inquiries was to ascertain relevant local information and opinion, hear criticism of or support for the Commission's Provisional Recommendations; receive any counterproposals; enable everyone attending the Inquiries who wished to comment the opportunity to do so; and provide evidence from which the assistant Commissioner may compile a report with conclusions and recommendations to the Commission.
3. It is recommended that the number of constituencies remain at 18 and new boundaries are proposed in respect of 12 constituencies. A number of proposals contained in the Commission's earlier Provisional Recommendations have been withdrawn on the recommendation of the assistant Commissioners who conducted the Local Inquiries. The constituencies and the size of their electorates are shown in Annex A.

The wards comprising each constituency are shown in Annex B. Outline maps of the constituencies are also attached.

4. The recommendations of the assistant Commissioners reflect concerns about the need to maintain a fair balance between the aim to achieve electoral equality by reducing disparity between the number of electors in each constituency and the requirement where possible to preserve long established ties. The Commission place importance on the reports of the assistant Commissioners and have accepted their recommendations wherever practicable to do so. Where recommendations have not been accepted this has been to resolve conflicting recommendations or to give better effect to the statutory Rules for Redistribution of Seats which lay down guidelines for the Commission to follow when formulating their recommendations. The Rules are reproduced at Annex C.
5. In reaching their decisions, the Commission have taken into account all the evidence available to them including the written representations received by the Commission in response to their Provisional Recommendations, the views expressed at the Inquiries and written submissions made to them, changes which have occurred in the electoral register and other developments affecting the future restructuring of local government in Northern Ireland. The Commission have also borne in mind the convenience of both electors and those who participate in and organise election campaigns and have sought to accommodate their needs as far as possible.
6. The main changes to the existing constituency arrangements would be as follows:
 - ◆ **the present four Belfast borough constituencies would be retained but be extended outwards in a radial fashion to include Carryduff, Dundonald, Dunmurry, Lagmore and Glengormley. The Castlereagh Local Government District**

(LGD) wards of Hillfoot and Wynchurch would transfer from the Belfast East to the Belfast South constituency.

- ◆ **the constituency of Strangford would be extended to include the Down LGD wards of Ballymaglave, Ballynahinch East and Kilmore at present in the South Down constituency.**
 - ◆ **the constituency of East Antrim would be extended to include the Moyle LGD wards of Glanaan, Glenariff and Glendun at present in the North Antrim constituency. The Newtownabbey LGD ward of Cloughfern would transfer from the East Antrim to the Belfast North constituency. The name of the East Antrim constituency would be retained.**
 - ◆ **the constituency of South Antrim would be extended to include the Lisburn LGD ward of Glenavy at present in the Lagan Valley constituency.**
7. The Revised Recommendations and illustrative maps together with copies of the Reports of the Local Inquiries and an Explanatory Note are being made available for public inspection at all District Council headquarters offices, the Electoral Office and area Electoral Offices, the offices of the Electoral Commission in Northern Ireland and at most public libraries from today. They may also be inspected at the offices of the Commission and viewed on their website www.boundarycommission.org.uk.

Belfast East, Belfast North, Belfast South and Belfast West borough constituencies

8. The recommendations of the assistant Commissioner who held a Local Inquiry in Belfast support the Commission's Provisional Recommendations to extend the existing four constituencies in a radial fashion. The assistant Commissioner considers it an unnecessary constraint to regard Belfast as

being bound by the historic designation of the local government boundary, which no longer recognises the suburbanisation of Belfast and close ties and links with the City. Accordingly, the assistant Commissioner recommends the retention of four Belfast borough seats.

9. The assistant Commissioner recommends that:
 - a. the Castlereagh LGD wards of Ballyhanwood, Carrowreagh, Dundonald, Emler and Graham's Bridge should transfer from the Strangford to the Belfast East constituency and the Castlereagh LGD wards of Carryduff East and Carryduff West should transfer from the Strangford to the Belfast South constituency. The wards are an integral part of Belfast and the assistant Commissioner considers that their transfer is necessary to maintain the size of the electorates of the two constituencies and that their transfer would be widely acceptable.
 - b. the Castlereagh LGD wards of Hillfoot and Wynchurch now in the Belfast East constituency should transfer to the Belfast South constituency but contrary to the Provisional Recommendations, the Cregagh ward should remain in the Belfast East constituency. The transfer of the Cregagh ward would breach local ties with materially significant and detrimental consequences. There is not the same affinity between the Hillfoot ward and the Belfast East constituency.
 - c. the Lisburn LGD wards of Derryaghy and Dunmurry now in the Lagan Valley constituency should transfer to the Belfast West constituency. The assistant Commissioner has had regard to the need to maintain the size of the electorate of the Belfast West constituency and believes the transfer of the wards would be justified by ties and linkages between West Belfast and the Dunmurry ward and the Lagmore estate part of the Derryaghy ward. Contrary to the Provisional Recommendations, the assistant

Commissioner recommends that the Seymour Hill ward should remain in the Lagan Valley constituency on grounds of the strong local ties of residents to Lisburn.

- d. the Newtownabbey wards of Ballyhenry, Collinbridge, Glebe, Glengormley and Hightown should transfer from the South Antrim to the Belfast North constituency and the Newtownabbey LGD ward of Cloughfern should transfer from the East Antrim to the Belfast North constituency. The assistant Commissioner considers that their transfer would recognise the movement of the electorate from Belfast into these wards and local ties, and be broadly acceptable as well as necessary to maintain the size of the electorate of the Belfast North constituency. The transfer of the wards would also respect the integrity and cohesion of Glengormley Village.
10. The Commission propose that effect be given to the recommendations of the Report of the Local Inquiry by extending and adjusting boundaries of the four constituencies in the manner recommended by the assistant Commissioner with the exception of the Lisburn LGD ward of Derryagh, only part of which would be transferred to the Belfast West constituency. In reaching their decisions the Commission have had close regard to the Reports of the assistant Commissioners who conducted Local Inquiries in Ballymena and Newcastle and whose findings and recommendations are referred to later.

Lagan Valley, Newry and Armagh, South Down, Strangford and Upper Bann county constituencies

11. The Commission's Provisional Recommendations proposed that significant boundary changes be made to these constituencies. The changes affected Newry, the Banbridge LGD ward of Loughbrickland, the Craigavon LGD ward of Aghagallon, the Down LGD wards of Ballymaglave, Ballynahinch East, Crossgar, Drumaness, Dunmore and

Kilmore and the Lisburn LGD wards of Derryaghy, Dunmurry and Seymour Hill. The purpose of the recommendations was to equalise, as far as practicable, constituency electorates. The assistant Commissioner's report of the Inquiry held in Newcastle in respect of the Provisional Recommendations does not support the proposals. The assistant Commissioner recommends that:

- a. the present boundaries of the constituencies of Newry and Armagh and Upper Bann be unchanged. In reaching this conclusion, regard has been had for the detrimental social and economic consequences which it is felt would be caused to local municipal ties in Newry if it were divided between constituencies, the few social and economic links between the Banbridge LGD Loughbrickland ward and the South Down constituency and the social, business and community links which exist between Aghagallon ward and the Craigavon LGD of which it is a part.
- b. in view of the many close ties between the Down LGD wards of Crossgar, Dunmore and Drumaness with Downpatrick, these wards should not transfer from the South Down to the Strangford constituency. However, these ties are seen as less strong in the case of the Down LGD wards of Ballymaglave, Ballynahinch East and Kilmore which should transfer to the Strangford constituency.
- c. the Lisburn LGD ward of Dunmurry should transfer from the Lagan Valley constituency to the Belfast West constituency but the ward of Seymour Hill should remain in the Lagan Valley constituency. Residents in the Seymour Hill ward consider themselves to be part of the Lagan Valley community and the transfer of the ward would conflict with the development of its infrastructure.
- d. part of the Lisburn LGD ward of Derryaghy should transfer to the Belfast West constituency. Close ties exist between the Lagmore

estate in the ward with West Belfast whereas those living in the remainder (Milltown and Conway Estates) of the ward have links with residents in the Seymour Hill area and with Lisburn and the Lagan Valley constituency.

12. The Commission propose that effect be given to the recommendations of the report of the Local Inquiry but propose also that the Lisburn LGD ward of Glenavy transfer from the Lagan Valley to the South Antrim constituency. The ward of Glenavy is referred to again later.
13. The disparity between the electorates of the Newry and Armagh and Upper Bann constituencies recommended by the assistant Commissioner and the electoral quota would be greater than those provisionally recommended by the Commission and would also be greater than a number of other constituencies. This was a matter of concern for the Commission in seeking to comply with rule 5 and the need to provide approximately the same ratio of voters to elected representatives for each constituency. On the other hand the inquiry clearly established the potential inconvenience and adverse impact upon strong local ties that would be produced by the Provisional Recommendations. Ultimately, a balance has to be struck and, in the circumstances, the Commission proposes to accept the assistant Commissioner's recommendations for no boundary changes to be made to these two constituencies.
14. The Commission carefully considered the reports of the assistant Commissioners as well as the application and interrelationship of rules 4(c), 5, 6 and 7 in relation to the Lisburn LGD ward of Derryaghy. The Rules are reproduced at Annex C. It is proposed that the ward be divided along the Lagmore and Derryaghy townland boundary with the Lagmore estate transferring to the Belfast West constituency.

**East Antrim, East Londonderry, Foyle, North Antrim and South Antrim
county constituencies**

15. The Commission's Provisional Recommendations proposed boundary changes to these constituencies which would achieve greater equality in the size of their electorates. The assistant Commissioner who held a Local Inquiry in Ballymena supports the Commission's Provisional Recommendations but not in their entirety and makes alternative recommendations, namely:
- a. the Newtownabbey LGD wards of Ballyhenry, Burnthill, Collinbridge, Glebe, Glengormley and Hightown should transfer from the South Antrim to the Belfast North constituency. This would recognise links between these wards and North Belfast and within Glengormley Village.
 - b. the Newtownabbey LGD ward of Cloughfern should not transfer as proposed by the Commission to the Belfast North constituency but remain in the East Antrim constituency. The case for the transfer of the ward is seen as less apparent than that in respect of the other Newtownabbey LGD wards.
 - c. the Moyle LGD wards of Glanaan, Glenariff and Glendun should transfer from the North Antrim to the East Antrim constituency for geographical reasons but not, as proposed by the Commission, the Moyle LGD wards comprising Ballycastle and Glenshesk ward.
 - d. the Ballymena LGD wards of Glenwhirry, Grange and Kells should instead transfer from the North Antrim to the South Antrim constituency. The character and geography of the wards would complement the rural nature of the revised South Antrim constituency.
 - e. the Derry LGD wards of Banagher and Claudy should transfer from the Foyle to the East Londonderry constituency. The transfer which

would have the effect of equalising the electorates of the two constituencies is considered practical.

- f. the constituency name of East Antrim should be retained in preference to that of 'Antrim Coast and Glens' proposed by the Commission for which there is no support.
16. The Commission propose that effect be given to the recommendations of the Local Inquiry but not those affecting the Newtownabbey LGD wards of Burnthill and Cloughfern and the Ballymena LGD wards of Glenwhirry, Grange and Kells.
17. The Commission believe that, having had regard to the considerations referred to earlier, electorates of acceptable size can be better achieved with respect to the East Antrim, North Antrim and South Antrim constituencies by transferring the Lisburn LGD ward of Glenavy from the Lagan Valley to the South Antrim constituency, whilst transferring the Newtownabbey LGD ward of Cloughfern from the East Antrim to the Belfast North constituency. This would leave the Ballymena LGD wards of Grange, Kells and Glenwhirry and the Newtownabbey LGD ward of Burnthill in their present North Antrim and South Antrim constituencies respectively.
18. The Commission has had regard to the disparity between the electorate of the proposed North Antrim constituency and the electoral quota and, in deciding to make their recommendation, has taken into account the same considerations as identified in the Newry and Armagh and Upper Bann constituencies earlier referred to in paragraph 13.
19. Accordingly, under the Revised Recommendations:
 - a. as earlier mentioned, the Newtownabbey LGD wards of Ballyhenry, Cloughfern, Collinbridge, Glebe, Glengormley and Hightown would

transfer from the East Antrim and South Antrim constituencies to the Belfast North constituency.

- b. the Moyle LGD wards of Glanaan, Glenariff and Glendun would transfer from the North Antrim to the East Antrim constituency, and the East Antrim constituency name would be retained.
- c. the Derry LGD wards of Banagher and Claudy would transfer from the Foyle to the East Londonderry constituency.
- d. the Lisburn LGD ward of Glenavy would transfer from the Lagan Valley to the South Antrim constituency.

Names and designation of constituencies

- 20. The names and designations of all constituencies would remain unaltered as recommended by the assistant Commissioners in their Reports.

Number and size of constituencies

- 21. The proposed constituencies and their electorates are tabulated in Annex A. Columns A of the Annex give the electorate for each constituency and the percentage by which it deviates from the Electoral Quota (electoral average) of 60,969 as on 16 May 2003 (the enumeration date for the purposes of the Review). Columns B give the electorates and percentage deviation from the average number of electors (64,078) on 1 December 2005, the latest published full electoral register available to the Commission.
- 22. Under the Revised Recommendations 49,202 electors would transfer constituencies representing 4.5% of the total Northern Ireland Parliamentary electorate on 16 May 2003.

Representations

23. The Commission must consider all representations relating to the present proposals made within one month of publication of the recommendations. **Anyone or any organisation interested in the proposals wishing to make representations to the Commission should do so not later than 24 June 2006.** Representations should be addressed to the Secretary to the Commission.
24. The Commission will consider in the light of any representations received whether to cause any further public Local Inquiries to be held.

NOTES FOR EDITORS

1. The Commission are an independent and impartial body. The Chairman of the Commission is the Speaker of the House of Commons, the Rt Hon Michael Martin MP. The Deputy Chairman of the Commission is the Hon Mr Justice Coghlin, a Northern Ireland High Court Judge. The other Members of the Commission are Mr Richard Mackenzie, CB and Mrs Joan Ruddock, CBE.
2. The Recommendations have been drawn up in accordance with statutory Rules for Redistribution of Seats, reproduced in Annex C. Electorates of constituencies in Northern Ireland now vary from about 19% below to 18% above the electoral average. The Revised Recommendations reduce these imbalances by limiting the electorates of all constituencies to a range within 8% below and 14% above the electoral average.
3. Publication of the Revised Recommendations is one of the last stages in the process of preparing the Commission's Report to the Secretary of State. Taking into account further representations which may be received and any other relevant information, the Commission will decide whether to hold further public Local Inquiries but there is no statutory obligation on the Commission to do so.
4. The present review complements reviews in Great Britain. The Report of the Commission must be laid before Parliament together with a draft Order in Council to give effect to the Commission's recommendations with or without modification. Any new constituencies or alterations to the boundaries of existing constituencies take effect at the General Election following the approval by Parliament and the making of an Order.
5. Further information is available in the Commission's Explanatory Note, the Commission's website www.boundarycommission.org.uk or by contacting the Commission.

PRESS RELEASE

ANNEX A

PROPOSED CONSTITUENCIES AND ELECTORATES

Recommended Name	A		B	
	Parliamentary Electorate 16 May 2003	Percentage Deviation from Electoral Quota (60,969)	Parliamentary Electorate 1 December 2005	Percentage Deviation from Average Electorate (64,078)
Belfast East	58,756	-3.6	60,129	-6.2
Belfast North	63,193	+3.7	64,605	+0.8
Belfast South	58,225	-4.5	59,961	-6.4
Belfast West	55,025	-9.7	59,018	-7.9
East Antrim	56,125	-8.0	59,474	-7.2
East Londonderry	60,494	-0.8	63,680	-0.6
Fermanagh and South Tyrone	64,345	+5.5	67,411	+5.2
Foyle	60,823	-0.2	64,277	+0.3
Lagan Valley	60,973	0.0	63,836	-0.4
Mid Ulster	60,119	-1.4	63,015	-1.7
Newry and Armagh	68,730	+12.7	72,876	+13.7
North Antrim	67,967	+11.5	72,555	+13.2
North Down	57,435	-5.8	60,108	-6.2
South Antrim	56,594	-7.2	60,950	-4.9
South Down	64,530	+5.8	68,415	+6.8
Strangford	57,463	-5.8	60,349	-5.8
Upper Bann	68,806	+12.9	72,564	+13.2
West Tyrone	57,847	-5.1	60,186	-6.1
TOTAL	1,097,450		1,153,409	

ANNEX B

REVISED RECOMMENDATIONS

The electorates of the proposed constituencies and of their constituent wards are listed below. The electorate is the number of persons whose names appeared on the register of parliamentary electors in force on the enumeration date for the present Review, 16 May 2003. The figures shown in brackets are the electorates of the proposed constituencies and their wards taken from the 1 December 2005 Register of Electors.

1. Belfast East Borough Constituency

the Belfast local government district wards of:

BALLYHACKAMORE	3,806	(3,856)		KNOCK	3,437	(3,448)
BALLYMACARRETT	2,993	(3,054)		ORANGFIELD	3,795	(3,911)
BELMONT	3,958	(4,082)		STORMONT	3,997	(4,102)
BLOOMFIELD	3,301	(3,368)		SYDENHAM	3,225	(3,258)
CHERRYVALLEY	3,825	(3,859)		THE MOUNT	2,438	(2,668)
ISLAND	2,317	(2,446)				

Electorate 37,092 (38,052)

the Castlereagh local government district wards of:

BALLYHANWOOD	2,264	(2,399)		GILNAHIRK	1,799	(1,792)
CARROWREAGH	2,438	(2,598)		GRAHAM'S BRIDGE	1,865	(1,794)
CREGAGH	1,448	(1,390)		LISNASHARRAGH	1,577	(1,588)
DOWNSHIRE	1,642	(1,676)		LOWER BRANIEL	1,830	(1,824)
DUNDONALD	2,071	(2,175)		TULLYCARNET	1,508	(1,502)
ENLER	1,591	(1,650)		UPPER BRANIEL	1,631	(1,689)

Electorate 21,664 (22,077)

Total Constituency Electorate 58,756 (60,129)

2. Belfast North Borough Constituency

the Belfast local government district wards of:

ARDOYNE	3,359	(3,539)		CRUMLIN	2,588	(2,491)
BALLYSILLAN	3,530	(3,672)		DUNCAIRN	2,272	(2,240)
BELLEVUE	2,821	(2,885)		FORTWILLIAM	3,088	(3,017)
CASTLEVIEW	3,179	(3,311)		LEGONIEL	3,265	(3,517)
CAVEHILL	3,570	(3,511)		NEW LODGE	3,139	(3,214)
CHICHESTER PARK	3,157	(3,329)		WATER WORKS	3,355	(3,504)
CLIFTONVILLE	3,199	(3,195)		WOODVALE	2,724	(2,627)

Electorate 43,246 (44,052)

the Newtownabbey local government district wards of:

ABBEY	1,892	(1,913)		GLEBE	2,151	(2,167)
BALLYHENRY	2,169	(2,156)		GLENGORMLEY	1,836	(1,788)
CLOUGHFERN	1,943	(2,097)		HIGHTOWN	1,687	(1,659)
COLLINBRIDGE	1,985	(2,117)		VALLEY	1,944	(2,135)
COOLE	1,478	(1,543)		WHITEHOUSE	1,562	(1,586)
DUNANNEY	1,300	(1,392)				

Electorate 19,947 (20,553)

Total Constituency Electorate 63,193 (64,605)

3. Belfast South Borough Constituency

the Belfast local government district wards of:

BALLYNAFEIGH	2,615	(2,672)		ROSETTA	3,374	(3,659)
BLACKSTAFF	2,277	(2,217)		SHAFTESBURY	3,152	(3,442)
BOTANIC	2,050	(2,089)		STRANMILLIS	3,178	(3,216)
FINAGHY	3,334	(3,430)		UPPER MALONE	3,117	(3,172)
MALONE	3,417	(3,657)		WINDSOR	2,384	(2,340)
MUSGRAVE	3,285	(3,364)		WOODSTOCK	2,915	(3,074)
RAVENHILL	3429	(3,566)				

Electorate 38,527 (39,898)

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Belfast South Borough Constituency (continued)

the Castlereagh local government district wards of:

BEECHHILL	2,813	(2,847)		HILLFOOT	1,906	(1,899)
CAIRNSHILL	2,262	(2,353)		KNOCKBRACKEN	1,992	(1,996)
CARRYDUFF EAST	2,293	(2,343)		MINNOWBURN	1,583	(1,569)
CARRYDUFF WEST	1,961	(2,082)		NEWTOWNBREDA	1,759	(1,745)
GALWALLY	1,663	(1,718)		WYNCHURCH	1,466	(1,511)

Electorate 19,698 (20,063)

Total Constituency Electorate 58,225 (59,961)

4. Belfast West Borough Constituency

the Belfast local government district wards of:

ANDERSONSTOWN	3,800	(3,857)		GLEN ROAD	3,568	(3,855)
BEECHMOUNT	3,147	(3,450)		HIGHFIELD	3,380	(3,595)
CLONARD	2,602	(2,789)		LADYBROOK	3,878	(4,186)
FALLS	3,034	(3,232)		SHANKILL	2,320	(2,316)
FALLS PARK	3,792	(3,852)		UPPER SPRINGFIELD	3,304	(3,557)
GLENCAIRN	2,360	(2,360)		WHITEROCK	3,232	(3,480)
GLENCOLIN	3,962	(4,253)				

Electorate 42,379 (44,782)

the Lisburn City local government district wards of:

COLLIN GLEN	2,729	(3,029)		KILWEE	2,000	(2,237)
DERRYAGHY (North)	1,645	(2,211)		POLEGLASS	2,144	(2,353)
DUNMURRY	2,510	(2,602)		TWINBROOK	1,618	(1,804)

Electorate 12,646 (14,236)

Total Constituency Electorate 55,025 (59,018)

5. East Antrim County Constituency

the whole of the Carrickfergus local government district:

BLACKHEAD	1,379	(1,386)		KNOCKAGH	1,428	(1,612)
BLUEFIELD	1,664	(1,783)		LOVE LANE	923	(1,044)
BONEYBEFORE	1,336	(1,321)		MILEBUSH	1,097	(1,116)
BURLEIGH HILL	2,129	(2,260)		NORTHLAND	862	(874)
CLIPPERSTOWN	1,253	(1,331)		SUNNYLANDS	1,071	(1,084)
EDEN	2,775	(3,093)		VICTORIA	1,588	(1,656)
GORTALEE	976	(997)		WHITEHEAD	1,295	(1,428)
GREENISLAND	1,670	(1,786)		WOODBURN	1,584	(1,631)
KILLYCROT	1,691	(1,749)				

Electorate

24, 721 (26,151)

the whole of the Larne local government district:

ANTIVILLE	1,004	(1,032)		GARDENMORE	1,534	(1,544)
BALLYCARRY	1,461	(1,617)		GLENARM	1,174	(1,268)
BALLYLORAN	867	(828)		GLYNN	1,341	(1,372)
BLACKCAVE	1,118	(1,178)		HARBOUR	1,242	(1,235)
CARNCASTLE	1,899	(2,052)		ISLAND MAGEE	1,607	(1,740)
CARNLOUGH	1,387	(1,412)		KILWAUGHTER	2,551	(3,078)
CENTRAL	1,394	(1,399)		TOWN PARKS	1,162	(1,150)
CRAIGY HILL	1,075	(1,158)				

Electorate

20,816 (22,063)

the Moyle local government district wards of:

GLENAAN	835	(877)		GLENDUN	723	(781)
GLENARIFF	1,057	(1,119)				

Electorate

2,615 (2,777)

the Newtownabbey local government district wards of:

JORDANSTOWN	3,795	(4,116)		ROSTULLA	2,146	(2,251)
MONKSTOWN	2,032	(2,116)				

Electorate

7,973 (8,483)

Total Constituency Electorate

56,125 (59,474)

6. East Londonderry County Constituency

the whole of the Coleraine local government district:

AGIVEY	1,487	(1,657)		KILREA	1,641	(1,705)
ATLANTIC	1,488	(1,536)		KNOCKLYNN	2,251	(2,387)
BALLYSALLY	1,430	(1,475)		MACOSQUIN	1,541	(1,634)
CASTLEROCK	1,951	(2,086)		MOUNT SANDEL	1,243	(1,272)
CENTRAL	1,205	(1,237)		PORTSTEWART	1,226	(1,228)
CHURCHLAND	1,456	(1,405)		RINGSEND	1,557	(1,611)
CROSS GLEBE	1,427	(1,554)		ROYAL PORTRUSH	1,463	(1,567)
DUNDOOAN	1,739	(1,758)		STRAND	1,486	(1,614)
DUNLUCE	1,429	(1,461)		THE CUTS	2,715	(2,761)
GARVAGH	1,711	(1,763)		UNIVERSITY	1,431	(1,479)
HOPEFIELD	2,114	(2,346)		WATERSIDE	1,878	(2,045)

Electorate 35,869 (37,581)

the Derry local government district wards of:

BANAGHER	2,010	(2,195)		CLAUDY	2,318	(2,376)
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Electorate 4,328 (4,571)

the whole of the Limavady local government district:

AGHANLOO	2,191	(2,465)		GRESTEEL	1,641	(1,796)
BALLYKELLY	1,183	(1,267)		GREYSTONE	1,022	(1,022)
COOLESSAN	1,048	(1,028)		MAGILLIGAN	1,270	(1,310)
DUNGIVEN	1,342	(1,339)		RATHBRADY	1,223	(1,264)
ENAGH	1,981	(1,964)		ROESIDE	929	(973)
FEENY	1,320	(1,397)		THE HIGHLANDS	1,116	(1,232)
FOREST	1,344	(1,510)		UPPER GLENSHANE	1,388	(1,577)
GLACK	1,299	(1,384)				

Electorate 20,297 (21,528)

Total Constituency Electorate 60,494 (63,680)

7. Fermanagh and South Tyrone County Constituency

the Dungannon and South Tyrone Borough local government district

wards of:

AUGHER	1,503	(1,539)		COOLHILL	1,367	(1,343)
AUGHNACLOY	1,487	(1,618)		DRUMGLASS	1,141	(1,218)
BALLYGAWLEY	1,580	(1,692)		FIVEMILETOWN	1,455	(1,523)
BALLYSAGGART	1,337	(1,249)		KILLYMAN	1,633	(1,707)
BENBURB	1,576	(1,669)		KILLYMEAL	1,538	(1,563)
CALEDON	1,572	(1,627)		MOY	1,642	(1,720)
CASTLECAULFIELD	1,683	(1,769)		MOYGASHEL	1,434	(1,441)
CLOGHER	1,471	(1,498)		MULLAGHMORE	1,221	(1,237)

Electorate

23,640 (24,413)

the whole of the Fermanagh local government district:

BALLINAMALLARD	1,727	(1,839)		IRVINESTOWN	1,496	(1,589)
BELCOO AND GARRISON	1,742	(1,882)		KESH, EDERNEY AND LACK	2,354	(2,454)
BELLEEK AND BOA	1,607	(1,726)		LISBELLAW	1,851	(1,934)
BOHO, CLEENISH AND LETTERBREEN	1,848	(2,048)		LISNARRICK	1,352	(1,382)
BROOKEBOROUGH	1,695	(1,771)		LISNASKEA	1,854	(1,957)
CASTLECOOLE	2,525	(2,628)		MAGUIRES BRIDGE	1,845	(1,981)
DERRYGONNELLY	1,801	(1,986)		NEWTOWNBUTLER	1,724	(1,826)
DERRYLIN	1,759	(1,827)		PORTORA	1,840	(1,945)
DEVENISH	1,228	(1,293)		ROSSLEA	1,722	(1,797)
DONAGH	1,673	(1,778)		ROSSORRY	1,771	(1,824)
ERNE	1,686	(1,718)		TEMPO	1,786	(1,885)
FLORENCE COURT AND KINAWLEY	1,819	(1,928)				

Electorate

40,705 (42,998)

Total Constituency Electorate

64,345 (67,411)

8. Foyle County Constituency

the Derry local government district wards of

ALTNAGELVIN	2,654	(2,914)		FOYLE SPRINGS	2,535	(2,679)
BALLYNASHALLOG	2,550	(2,617)		HOLLY MOUNT	2,481	(2,760)
BEECHWOOD	1,727	(1,696)		KILFENNAN	2,266	(2,263)
BRANDYWELL	1,726	(1,748)		LISNAGELVIN	2,274	(2,210)
CARN HILL	1,831	(1,801)		NEW BULDINGS	2,395	(2,488)
CAW	1,755	(1,698)		PENNYBURN	1,998	(2,016)
CLONDERMOT	2,018	(2,255)		ROSEMOUNT	1,639	(1,679)
CREGGAN CENTRAL	1,752	(1,803)		SHANTALLOW EAST	1,688	(1,719)
CREGGAN SOUTH	1,586	(1,731)		SHANTALLOW WEST	3,384	(3,735)
CREVAGH	2,804	(3,156)		SPRINGTOWN	2,159	(2,258)
CULMORE	4,428	(5,069)		STRAND	1,878	(1,820)
EBRINGTON	1,663	(1,722)		THE DIAMOND	1,519	(1,561)
EGLINTON	2,620	(2,821)		VICTORIA	1,763	(1,841)
ENAGH	2,173	(2,638)		WESTLAND	1,557	(1,579)

Electorate

60,823 (64,277)

Total Constituency Electorate

60,823 (64,277)

9. Lagan Valley County Constituency

the Banbridge local government district wards of:

DROMORE NORTH	1,701	(1,753)		GRANSHA	1,835	(2,027)
DROMORE SOUTH	2,310	(2,545)		QUILLY	1,611	(1,764)

Electorate

7,457 (8,089)

the Lisburn City local government district wards of:

BALLINDERRY	2,786	(2,986)		KNOCKMORE	2,162	(2,282)
BALLYMACASH	2,717	(2,750)		LAGAN VALLEY	1,918	(1,903)
BALLYMACBRENNAN	2,363	(2,349)		LAMBEG	1,834	(1,867)
BALLYMACOSS	3,468	(3,779)		LISNAGARVEY	2,061	(2,007)
BLARIS	2,187	(2,237)		MAGHABERRY	2,689	(2,897)
DERRYAGHY (South)	1,996	(2,223)		MAGHERALAVE	1,970	(2,025)
DROMARA	2,806	(3,059)		MAZE	2,387	(2,584)
DRUMBO	2,290	(2,369)		MOIRA	2,868	(3,156)
HARMONY HILL	2,047	(2,087)		OLD WARREN	1,460	(1,507)
HILDEN	1,820	(1,840)		SEYMOUR HILL	1,701	(1,725)
HILLHALL	1,865	(1,884)		TONAGH	1,665	(1,592)
HILLSBOROUGH	2,487	(2,621)		WALLACE PARK	1,969	(2,018)

Electorate

53,516 (55,747)

Total Constituency Electorate

60,973 (63,836)

10. Mid Ulster County Constituency

the whole of the Cookstown local government district:

ARDBOE	1,599	(1,738)		NEWBUILDINGS	1,296	(1,310)
COAGH	1,305	(1,354)		OAKLANDS	1,266	(1,399)
DUNNAMORE	1,410	(1,445)		OLDTOWN	1,477	(1,577)
GORTALOWRY	1,594	(1,601)		POMEROY	1,304	(1,477)
KILLYCOLPY	1,612	(1,703)		SANDHOLES	1,216	(1,269)
KILLYMOON	1,341	(1,340)		STEWARTSTOWN	1,195	(1,231)
LISSAN	1,358	(1,387)		THE LOOP	1,589	(1,790)
MONEYMORE	1,432	(1,476)		TULLAGH	1,504	(1,523)

Electorate

22,498 (23,620)

the Dungannon and South Tyrone Borough local government district

wards of:

ALTMORE	1,603	(1,736)		COALISLAND WEST AND NEWMILLS	1,591	(1,710)
COALISLAND NORTH	1,892	(2,036)		DONAGHMORE	1,467	(1,526)
COALISLAND SOUTH	1,570	(1,614)		WASHING BAY	1,809	(1,902)

Electorate

9,932 (10,524)

the whole of the Magherafelt local government district:

BALLYMAGUIGAN	1,678	(1,759)		LOWER GLENSHANE	1,964	(2,054)
BELLAGHY	1,738	(1,810)		MAGHERA	1,651	(1,688)
CASTLEDAWSON	1,921	(1,960)		SWATRAGH	1,988	(2,084)
DRAPERSTOWN	1,829	(1,936)		TOBERMORE	1,566	(1,682)
GLEBE	1,929	(1,941)		TOWN PARKS EAST	1,793	(1,788)
GULLADUFF	1,651	(1,833)		TOWN PARKS WEST	1,497	(1,515)
KNOCKCLOGHRIM	1,635	(1,740)		UPPERLANDS	1,513	(1,564)
LECUMPHER	1,685	(1,776)		VALLEY	1,651	(1,741)

Electorate

27,689 (28,871)

Total Constituency Electorate

60,119 (63,015)

11. Newry and Armagh County Constituency

the whole of the Armagh City and District local government district:

ABBEY PARK	1,568	(1,560)		KILLEEN	1,751	(1,875)
BALLYMARTRIM	1,762	(1,832)		KILLYLEA	1,706	(1,746)
CALLAN BRIDGE	1,493	(1,637)		LAURELVALE	1,928	(2,113)
CARRIGATUKE	1,523	(1,597)		LOUGHGALL	1,825	(1,937)
CHARLEMONT	1,716	(1,731)		MARKETHILL	1,680	(1,780)
DEMESNE	1,862	(1,915)		MILFORD	1,588	(1,785)
DERRYNOOSE	1,960	(2,129)		OBSERVATORY	1,637	(1,664)
DOWNS	1,645	(1,690)		POYNTZ PASS	1,641	(1,736)
HAMILTONSBAWN	2,105	(2,234)		RICH HILL	1,905	(1,939)
HOCKLEY	1,705	(1,819)		TANDRAGEE	1,832	(1,918)
KEADY	1,368	(1,469)		THE MALL	1,278	(1,259)

Electorate

37,478 (39,365)

the Newry and Mourne local government district wards of:

BALLYBOT	1,355	(1,369)		FATHOM	1,940	(2,018)
BESSBROOK	1,585	(1,607)		FORKHILL	2,342	(2,633)
CAMLOUGH	1,962	(2,247)		NEWTOWNHAMILTON	1,693	(1,823)
CREGGAN	1,954	(2,185)		ST MARY'S	1,514	(1,530)
CROSSMAGLEN	1,722	(1,968)		ST PATRICK'S	2,011	(2,102)
DAISY HILL	1,764	(1,880)		SILVER BRIDGE	2,159	(2,333)
DERRYMORE	1,830	(1,882)		TULLYHAPPY	1,862	(2,023)
DRUMALANE	1,928	(2,041)		WINDSOR HILL	1,825	(1,882)
DRUMGULLION	1,806	(1,988)				

Electorate

31,252 (33,511)

Total Constituency Electorate

68,730 (72,876)

12. North Antrim County Constituency

the whole of the Ballymena local government district:

ACADEMY	1,599	(1,635)		FAIR GREEN	1,127	(1,136)
AHOGHILL	2,508	(2,715)		GALGORM	2,050	(2,312)
ARDEEVIN	1,944	(2,249)		GLENRAVEL	1,959	(2,229)
BALLEE	1,295	(1,297)		GLENWHIRRY	1,841	(1,938)
BALLYKEEL	1,085	(1,189)		GRANGE	2,033	(2,229)
BALLYLOUGHAN	1,875	(1,892)		HARRYVILLE	1,373	(1,394)
BROUGHSHANE	2,058	(2,180)		KELLS	2,176	(2,166)
CASTLE DEMESNE	1,391	(1,427)		MOAT	1,255	(1,272)
CRAIGYWARREN	1,741	(1,909)		PARK	1,420	(1,426)
CULLYBACKEY	2,017	(2,108)		PORTGLENONE	1,994	(2,091)
DUNCLUG	1,414	(1,363)		SLEMISH	1,559	(1,678)
DUNMINNING	1,686	(1,779)		SUMMERFIELD	1,834	(1,915)

Electorate

41,234 (43,529)

North Antrim County Constituency (continued)

the whole of the Ballymoney local government district:

BALLYHOE AND CORKEY	1,107	(1,229)		KILLOQUIN LOWER	1,092	(1,192)
BENVARDIN	1,137	(1,368)		KILLOQUIN UPPER	1,017	(1,086)
CARNANY	1,185	(1,391)		KNOCKAHOLET	1,041	(1,060)
CLOGH MILLS	1,328	(1,345)		NEWHILL	1,251	(1,511)
DERVOCK	1,020	(1,050)		ROUTE	1,127	(1,134)
DUNLOY	1,267	(1,329)		SEACON	1,362	(1,641)
FAIRHILL	1,288	(1,325)		STRANOCUM	1,042	(1,114)
GLEBE	1,311	(1,371)		THE VOW	1,170	(1,246)

Electorate

18,745 (20,392)

the Moyle local government district wards of:

ARMOY	619	(688)		DUNSEVERICK	544	(568)
BALLYLOUGH	684	(699)		GLENSHESK	620	(658)
BUSHMILLS	497	(516)		GLENTAISIE	741	(829)
BONAMARGY AND RATHLIN	671	(709)		KINBANE	519	(570)
CARNMOON	596	(649)		KNOCKLAYD	952	(1,083)
DALRIADA	952	(1,035)		MOSS-SIDE AND MOYARGET	593	(630)

Electorate

7,988 (8,634)

Total Constituency Electorate

67,967 (72,555)

13. North Down County Constituency

the Ards local government district wards of:

DONAGHADEE NORTH	2,247	(2,325)		MILLISLE	2,352	(2,582)
DONAGHADEE SOUTH	2,065	(2,078)				

Electorate

6,664 (6,985)

the whole of the North Down local government district:

BALLYCROCHAN	3,186	(3,412)		CULTRA	1,762	(1,835)
BALLYHOLME	1,780	(1,780)		DUFFERIN	1,646	(1,793)
BALLYMACONNELL	2,073	(2,080)		GROOMSPORT	2,120	(2,317)
BALLYMAGEE	2,420	(2,515)		HARBOUR	1,695	(1,798)
BANGOR CASTLE	1,880	(1,883)		HOLYWOOD DEMESNE	1,842	(1,953)
BLOOMFIELD	2,246	(2,460)		HOLYWOOD PRIORY	1,835	(1,883)
BROADWAY	2,259	(2,237)		LOUGHVIEW	1,608	(1,612)
BRYANSBURN	1,952	(2,046)		PRINCETOWN	1,917	(2,034)
CHURCHILL	1,994	(1,974)		RATHGAEL	1,714	(1,683)
CLANDEBOYE	2,621	(2,742)		SILVERSTREAM	1,763	(1,897)
CONLIG	2,827	(3,427)		SPRING HILL	2,141	(2,167)
CRAIGAVAD	1,824	(1,849)		WHITEHILL	1,620	(1,596)
CRAWSFORDSBURN	2,046	(2,150)				

Electorate

50,771 (53,123)

Total Constituency Electorate

57,435 (60,108)

14. South Antrim County Constituency

the whole of Antrim local government district:

ALDERGROVE	1,743	(2,081)		MASSEREENE	2,591	(2,910)
BALLOO	1,165	(1,198)		PARKGATE	1,537	(1,729)
BALLYCRAIGY	1,254	(1,279)		RANDALSTOWN	1,944	(2,093)
CLADY	1,789	(1,954)		SHILVODAN	1,429	(1,484)
CRANFIELD	1,632	(1,712)		SPRINGFARM	1,338	(1,548)
CRUMLIN	2,278	(2,525)		STEEPLE	1,004	(1,194)
DRUMANAWAY	1,329	(1,413)		STILES	1,331	(1,378)
FARRANSHANE	1,116	(1,114)		TEMPLEPATRICK	1,659	(1,668)
FOUNTAIN HILL	1,264	(1,355)		TOOME	1,607	(1,719)
GREYSTONE	1,303	(1,330)				

Electorate

29,313 (31,684)

(continued over)

South Antrim County Constituency (continued)

the Lisburn City local government district ward of:

GLENNAVY	2,835	(3,303)				
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Electorate

2,835 (3,303)

the Newtownabbey local government district wards of:

BALLYCLARE NORTH	2,178	(2,472)		CARNMONEY	1,830	(1,873)
BALLYCLARE SOUTH	2,276	(2,296)		DOAGH	2,261	(2,432)
BALLYDUFF	2,036	(1,934)		HAWTHORNE	1,602	(1,628)
BALLYNURE	2,099	(2,162)		MALLUSK	3,568	(4,406)
BALLYROBERT	2,826	(2,983)		MOSSLEY	1,842	(1,864)
BURNTHILL	1,928	(1,913)				

Electorate

24,446 (25,963)

Total Constituency Electorate

56,594 (60,950)

15. South Down County Constituency

The Banbridge local government district wards of:

BALLYWARD	1,606	(1,705)		KATESBRIDGE	1,633	(1,745)
BANNSIDE	1,558	(1,720)		RATHFRILAND	1,709	(1,819)

Electorate

6,506 (6,989)

the Down local government district wards of:

ARDGLASS	1,909	(1,955)		DUNMORE	1,867	(1,984)
AUDLEY'S ACRE	1,659	(1,744)		KILLOUGH	1,784	(1,908)
BALLYMOTE	1,412	(1,534)		MURLOUGH	1,556	(1,492)
CASTLEWELLAN	1,992	(2,156)		QUOILE	1,742	(1,724)
CATHEDRAL	1,962	(2,119)		SEAFORDE	1,888	(2,011)
CROSSGAR	1,992	(2,126)		SHIMNA	1,773	(1,914)
DONARD	2,045	(2,162)		STRANGFORD	1,701	(1,791)
DRUMANESS	2,242	(2,411)		TOLLYMORE	1,920	(2,070)
DUNDRUM	1,622	(1,754)				

Electorate

31,066 (32,855)

(continued over)

South Down County Constituency (continued)

the Newry and Mourne local government district wards of:

ANNALONG	2,022	(2,207)		KILKEEL SOUTH	1,955	(1,980)
BINNIAN	1,847	(2,012)		LISNACREE	1,739	(1,851)
BURREN AND KILBRONEY	2,152	(2,376)		MAYOBRIDGE	2,054	(2,251)
CLONALLAN	2,567	(2,716)		ROSTREVOR	1,947	(1,949)
DERRYLECKAGH	2,517	(2,763)		SEAVIEW	1,933	(1,952)
DONAGHMORE	1,992	(2,148)		SPELGA	1,909	(2,007)
KILKEEL CENTRAL	2,324	(2,359)				

Electorate 26,958 (28,571)

Total Constituency Electorate 64,530 (68,415)

16. Strangford County Constituency

the Ards local government district wards of:

BALLYGOWAN	2,335	(2,472)		GREGSTOWN	2,947	(3,058)
BALLYRAINEY	1,807	(1,803)		KILLINCHY	2,015	(2,191)
BALLYWALTER	2,359	(2,475)		KIRCUBBIN	1,902	(2,081)
BRADSHAW'S BRAE	2,213	(2,239)		LISBANE	2,123	(2,188)
CARROWDORE	2,078	(2,221)		LOUGHRIES	2,225	(2,402)
CENTRAL	1,821	(1,859)		MOVILLA	3,117	(3,174)
COMBER EAST	1,962	(2,030)		PORTAFERRY	2,255	(2,301)
COMBER NORTH	1,907	(1,907)		PORTAVOGIE	2,424	(2,959)
COMBER WEST	2,116	(2,290)		SCRABO	1,698	(1,765)
GLEN	1,789	(1,871)		WHITESPOTS	2,321	(2,356)

Electorate 43,414 (45,642)

the Castlereagh local government district ward of:

MONEYREAGH	2,631	(2,719)				
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Electorate 2,631 (2,719)

(continued over)

Strangford County Constituency (continued)

the Down local government district wards of:

BALLYMAGLAVE	2,004	(1,981)		KILLYLEAGH	1,767	(1,960)
BALLYNAHINCH EAST	1,544	(1,640)		KILMORE	2,095	(2,194)
DERRYBOY	1,950	(2,008)		SAINTFIELD	2,058	(2,205)

Electorate 11,418 (11,988)

Total Constituency Electorate 57,463 (60,349)

17. Upper Bann County Constituency

the Banbridge local government district wards of:

BALLYDOWN	2,365	(2,676)		LAWRENCETOWN	1,571	(1,644)
BANBRIDGE WEST	1,702	(1,742)		LOUGHBRICKLAND	1,717	(1,854)
EDENDERRY	1,602	(1,640)		SEAPATRICK	1,595	(1,682)
FORT	1,707	(1,697)		THE CUT	1,189	(1,341)
GILFORD	1,601	(1,567)				

Electorate 15,049 (15,843)

the whole of Craigavon local government district:

AGHAGALLON	2,596	(2,744)		DRUMNAMOE	1,951	(1,926)
ANNAGH	1,813	(1,870)		EDENDERRY	2,187	(2,139)
BALLYBAY	1,428	(1,442)		KERNAN	2,803	(3,226)
BALLYORAN	1,865	(1,854)		KILLYCOMAIN	1,809	(1,782)
BLEARY	2,638	(2,750)		KNOCKNASHANE	2,148	(2,315)
BROWNSTOWN	2,206	(2,195)		MAGHERALIN	2,875	(3,259)
CHURCH	1,482	(1,483)		MOURNEVIEW	1,619	(1,631)
CORCRAIN	1,623	(1,665)		PARKLAKE	1,915	(2,178)
COURT	1,969	(1,923)		TAGHNEVAN	2,002	(2,075)
DERRYTRASNA	2,984	(3,293)		TAVANAGH	1,530	(1,500)
DONAGHCLONEY	1,972	(2,330)		THE BIRCHES	2,180	(2,330)
DRUMGASK	1,820	(2,152)		WARINGSTOWN	2,319	(2,663)
DRUMGOR	1,570	(1,479)		WOODVILLE	2,453	(2,517)

Electorate 53,757 (56,721)

Total Constituency Electorate 68,806 (72,564)

18. West Tyrone County Constituency

the whole of Omagh local government district:

BERAGH	1,476	(1,553)		GORTIN	1,457	(1,543)
CAMOWEN	1,435	(1,523)		GORTRUSH	1,573	(1,537)
CLANABOGAN	1,792	(1,916)		KILLYCLOGHER	1,729	(1,888)
COOLNAGARD	2,012	(2,210)		LISANELLY	1,193	(1,233)
DERGMONEY	1,292	(1,280)		NEWTOWNSAVILLE	1,618	(1,692)
DROMORE	1,604	(1,682)		OWENKILLEW	1,554	(1,640)
DRUMNAKILLY	1,742	(1,834)		SIXMILECROSS	1,448	(1,500)
DRUMQUIN	1,410	(1,478)		STRULE	1,049	(1,053)
DRUMRAGH	1,646	(1,652)		TERMON	1,699	(1,726)
FAIRY WATER	1,420	(1,471)		TRILLICK	1,539	(1,587)
FINTONA	1,450	(1,467)				

Electorate

32,138 (33,465)

the whole of Strabane local government district:

ARTIGARVAN	1,703	(1,799)		NEWTOWNSTEWART	1,507	(1,541)
BALLYCOLMAN	1,457	(1,425)		NORTH	1,739	(1,884)
CASTLEDERG	1,455	(1,530)		PLUMBRIDGE	1,493	(1,537)
CLARE	1,741	(1,766)		SION MILLS	1,467	(1,504)
DUNNAMANAGH	1,496	(1,575)		SLIEVEKIRK	1,423	(1,531)
EAST	1,430	(1,441)		SOUTH	1,922	(2,046)
FINN	1,560	(1,647)		VICTORIA BRIDGE	1,477	(1,565)
GLENDERG	1,730	(1,822)		WEST	2,109	(2,108)

Electorate

25,709 (26,721)

Total Constituency Electorate

57,847 (60,186)

Total NI Parliamentary Electorate

1,097,450 (1,153,409)

**EXTRACT FROM THE
PARLIAMENTARY CONSTITUENCIES ACT 1986
(AS AMENDED)**

SCHEDULE 2

RULES FOR REDISTRIBUTION OF SEATS

The Rules

1. (1) The number of constituencies in Great Britain shall not be substantially greater or less than 613.
 - (2) Omitted.¹
 - (3) The number of constituencies in Wales shall not be less than 35.
 - (4) The number of constituencies in Northern Ireland shall not be greater than 18 or less than 16 and shall be 17 unless it appears to the Boundary Commission for Northern Ireland that Northern Ireland should for the time being be divided into 16 or (as the case may be) into 18 constituencies.
2. Every constituency will return a single member.
 3. There shall be a constituency which shall include the whole of the City of London and the name of which shall refer to the City of London.

¹ Scotland Act 1998, s.86(2)

- 3A. A constituency which includes the Orkney Islands or the Shetland Islands shall not include the whole or any part of a local government area other than the Orkney Islands and the Shetland Islands.²
4. (1) So far as is practicable having regard to rules 1 to 3A –
- (a) in England and Wales –
 - (i) no county or part of any county shall be included in a constituency which includes the whole or part of any other county or the whole or part of any other London borough,
 - (ii) no London borough or any part of a London borough shall be included in a constituency which includes the whole or part of any other London borough,
 - (b) in Scotland, regard shall be had to the boundaries of local authority areas,
 - (c) in Northern Ireland, no ward shall be included partly in one constituency and partly in another.
- (2) In sub-paragraph(1)(b) above “area” and “local authority” have the same meanings as in the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1873.³
5. The electorate of any constituency shall be as near the electoral quota as is practicable having regard to rules 1 to 4; and a Boundary Commission may depart from the strict application of rule 4 if it appears to them that a departure is desirable to avoid an excessive disparity between the electorate of any constituency and the electoral quota, or between the

² Scotland Act 1998, s.86(2)

³ As amended by the Local Government (Scotland Act), 1994

electorate of any constituency and that of neighbouring constituencies in the part of the United Kingdom with which they are concerned. For the purposes of the first report of the Boundary Commission for Scotland⁴, “electoral quota” means the number which, on the enumeration date in relation to that report, is the electoral quota for England.

6. A Boundary Commission may depart from the strict application of rules 4 and 5 if special geographical considerations, including in particular the size, shape and accessibility of a constituency, appear to them to render a departure desirable.

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7. It shall not be the duty of a Boundary Commission to aim at giving full effect in all circumstances to the above rules (except rule 3A) but they shall take account as far as they reasonably can:
 - (a) of the inconveniences attendant on alterations of constituencies other than alterations made for the purpose of rule 4, and
 - (b) any local ties which would be broken by such alterations.

8. In the application of rule 5 to each part of the United Kingdom for which there is a Boundary Commission –
 - (a) the expression “electoral quota” means a number obtained by dividing the electorate of that part of the United Kingdom by the number of constituencies in it existing on the enumeration date,
 - (b) the expression “electorate” means –

⁴ To be submitted under section 3(1) of the Parliamentary Constituencies Act 1986 after the commencement of section 86(4) of the Scotland Act 1998.

- (i) in relation to a constituency the number of persons whose names appear on the register of parliamentary electors in force on the enumeration date under the Representation of the People Acts for the constituency,
 - (ii) in relation to the part of the United Kingdom, the aggregate electorate as defined in sub-paragraph (i) above of all the constituencies in that part,
- (c) the expression “enumeration date” means, in relation to any report of a Boundary Commission under this Act, the date on which the notice with respect of that report is published in accordance with section 5(1) of this Act.

9. In this Schedule a reference to a rule followed by a number is a reference to the rule set out in the correspondingly numbered paragraph of this Schedule.