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The Secretary of State for Scotland

As the Boundary Commission for Scotland, we present our Report on the Interim Review of Scottish Parliament Boundaries at Princes Gate and Greenacres by Robroyston between Glasgow Provan constituency and Strathkelvin and Bearsden constituency, and Glasgow region and West Scotland region.

We have conducted this review under Schedule 1 to the Scotland Act 1998, as amended.

In accordance with the legislation, we are laying a copy of this report before the Scottish Parliament at the same time as we are submitting it to you.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "S. E. Woolman", followed by a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Lord Woolman  
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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "P. M. Sharp".

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "K. McDonald".

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# 1 Background to the review

- 1.1 We have conducted this review to address a misalignment between council area boundaries and Scottish Parliament boundaries which has arisen after the current Scottish Parliament constituencies and regions were defined.
- 1.2 The Local Government Boundary Commission for Scotland completed an administrative area boundary review of the boundary between East Dunbartonshire and Glasgow City council areas in March 2010. In its report, the Local Government Boundary Commission for Scotland recommended amendments which transferred small areas between East Dunbartonshire ward 6 and Glasgow City ward 21, in order that the boundary no longer divided a number of houses. Scottish Ministers made an Order in October 2010 (SSI 2010/353) implementing the recommended changes, which came into force on 1 April 2011.
- 1.3 In our report on the First Periodic Review of Scottish Parliament Boundaries (published in May 2010), we recommended Scottish Parliament constituency and region boundaries which coincided with the council area boundary between East Dunbartonshire and Glasgow City council areas. These recommendations were implemented in time for the 2011 Scottish Parliament elections.
- 1.4 We noted in our report on the First Periodic Review of Scottish Parliament Boundaries that the Local Government Boundary Commission for Scotland review had taken place and that an Order had not yet been made in response. We noted that, if necessary, we would conduct an Interim Review of the Scottish Parliament constituency and region boundary in this area once an Order resulting from the Local Government Boundary Commission for Scotland review had been made.
- 1.5 The result of SSI 2010/353 is that the Scottish Parliament constituency and region boundary in the vicinity of Princes Gate and Greenacres by Robroyston differs from the boundary between Glasgow City and East Dunbartonshire council areas. The differences are small, affecting around 20 electors. Outwith this vicinity, Strathkelvin and Bearsden Scottish Parliament constituency is wholly contained in East Dunbartonshire council area, and Glasgow Provan Scottish Parliament constituency is wholly contained in Glasgow City council area. Similarly, outwith this vicinity, East Dunbartonshire council area is wholly contained in West Scotland Scottish Parliament region, and Glasgow City council area is wholly contained in Glasgow Scottish Parliament region.
- 1.6 The boundary between East Dunbartonshire UK Parliament constituency and Glasgow North East UK Parliament constituency is also out of alignment with the revised council area boundary in this area. However, under the Parliamentary Constituencies Act 1986, there is no mechanism for an Interim Review of UK Parliament constituencies. We expect to carry out our next full review of UK Parliament constituencies between 2016 and 2018.

## 2 Enumeration date

- 2.1 We gave notice of our intention to carry out the review on 16 April by writing to you and publishing a notice in the Edinburgh Gazette. The enumeration date for the review was therefore 16 April 2013.
- 2.2 The electorate data for the review is based on the number of local government electors on the electoral register in March 2013. We have no evidence that the electorate data has changed significantly between March 2013 and the enumeration date.

## 3 Initial Proposals

- 3.1 We concluded that the best arrangement in this area is for the Scottish Parliament boundaries to align with the council area boundary, as was the case when the constituencies were defined. The earliest opportunity for the changes to come into force is at the next Scottish Parliament elections in May 2016. We expect to complete our next full review of Scottish Parliament boundaries between 2018 and 2021.
- 3.2 From the March 2013 electoral register, the proposed changes will result in the transfer of 20 electors from Glasgow Provan to Strathkelvin and Bearsden constituency.

**Figure 1 Scottish Parliament Constituency Electorate (including attainers) at March 2013**

Scottish Parliament Constituency	Electorate March 2013	Change	Proposed electorate
Glasgow Provan	57,586	-20	57,566
Strathkelvin and Bearsden	61,012	+20	61,032

- 3.3 The effect of the Initial Proposals is that all of East Dunbartonshire ward 6 is contained in Strathkelvin and Bearsden constituency and all of Glasgow City ward 21 is contained in Glasgow Provan constituency. The Initial Proposals are illustrated in Figure 2.





## 4 Publicising our Initial Proposals

- 4.1 Prior to announcing the review we wrote to the Secretary of State, MSPs, the Presiding Officer of the Scottish Parliament, the Chief Executives of Glasgow and East Dunbartonshire councils and 55 local residents advising them of the upcoming review.
- 4.2 The legislation sets out certain minimum requirements for publishing our proposals for public consultation. These are that we must publish information in at least 1 newspaper circulating in each constituency, and make the proposals available for inspection in at least one place in each constituency.
- 4.3 To meet these requirements, we consulted with each Council and agreed with them the newspapers and display points to be used in their council area. Public Notices announcing the Interim Review were published in the Evening Times and the Kirkintilloch Herald and our provisional recommendations, with illustrative maps, were made available at three public libraries in the vicinity.
- 4.4 In addition to the statutory requirements, we disseminated information on the Initial Proposals in various ways. Details of the proposals were sent directly to a variety of targeted recipients, including MSPs, Glasgow City Council, East Dunbartonshire Council, Councillors, MPs, the Scottish headquarters of political parties represented at the Scottish Parliament, the Scottish Parliament Information Centre, the House of Commons library, Electoral Registration Officers, Council Elections teams and local community councils. We also issued News Releases and made all of the consultation documents available on our website.
- 4.5 We published our Initial Proposals on 17 April 2013 for a statutory one month public consultation period lasting until 17 May 2013.

## 5 Representations

- 5.1 During the public consultation period we received two representations. Both East Dunbartonshire and Glasgow City Council expressed support for the proposals. There were no objections or alternative suggestions. We therefore decided to adopt our Initial Proposals as our Final Recommendations.

## 6 Final Recommendations

- 6.1 We recommend that Glasgow Provan constituency and Strathkelvin and Bearsden constituency should be as listed in Appendix A. We are not recommending any change to the name or designation of the constituencies. We recommend that Glasgow region and West Scotland region should be as listed in Appendix A. We are not recommending any change to the name of the regions.

# Appendix A - Final Recommendations

## 1 Recommended constituencies

1.1 We recommend the Scottish Parliament constituencies in Table A.1.

**Table A.1 recommended constituencies**

Name	Designation	Comprising
Glasgow Provan	Burgh	Glasgow City electoral wards 18 and 21 and those parts of electoral ward 20 specified in SI 2010/2691 as being part of Glasgow Provan constituency
Strathkelvin and Bearsden	County	East Dunbartonshire electoral wards 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8

1.2 SI 2010/2691 is The Scottish Parliament (Constituencies and Regions) Order 2010.

1.3 The Glasgow City wards referred to are those defined in The Glasgow City (Electoral Arrangements) Order 2006 (SSI 2006/546) incorporating subsequent amendments. The subsequent amendments are that the definition of ward 21 has been amended by The Glasgow City Council Area and North Lanarkshire Council Area (Cardowan by Stepps) Boundaries Amendment Order 2009 (SSI 2009/368) and by The East Dunbartonshire Council Area and Glasgow City Council Area (Princes Gate and Greenacres by Robroyston) Boundaries Alteration Order 2010 (SSI 2010/353).

1.4 The East Dunbartonshire wards referred to are those defined in The East Dunbartonshire (Electoral Arrangements) Order 2006 (SSI 2006/374) and amended by The East Dunbartonshire Council Area and Glasgow City Council Area (Princes Gate and Greenacres by Robroyston) Boundaries Alteration Order 2010 (SSI 2010/353).

## 2 Recommended regions

2.1 We recommend that Glasgow and West Scotland Scottish Parliament regions continue to be as listed in Table A.2.

**Table A.2 recommended regions**

Name	Scottish Parliament constituencies	
Glasgow	Glasgow Anniesland Glasgow Kelvin Glasgow Pollok Glasgow Shettleston Rutherglen	Glasgow Cathcart Glasgow Maryhill and Springburn Glasgow Provan Glasgow Southside
West Scotland	Clydebank and Milngavie Cunninghame South Eastwood Paisley Renfrewshire South	Cunninghame North Dumbarton Greenock and Inverclyde Renfrewshire North and West Strathkelvin and Bearsden







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