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CONSTITUTION OF COMMISSION

IN ACCORDANCE with Part I of the First Schedule to the House of Commons (Redistribution of Seats) Act, 1949 as amended by paragraph 1 of the Schedule to the House of Commons (Redistribution of Seats) Act, 1958, the Commission was constituted as follows:

Ex-officio Member

THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF COMMONS, *Chairman*.

And three other Members

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE LLOYD-JONES, *Deputy Chairman*, appointed by the Lord Chancellor.

SIR GWILYM FRANGCON WILLIAMS, C.B.E., appointed by the Secretary of State for the Home Department.

COLONEL J. L. CORBETT-WINDER, O.B.E., M.C., appointed by the Secretary of State for Wales.

Assessors

The Registrar General for England and Wales

The Director General of the Ordnance Survey

Joint Secretaries

Mr. K. Eddy	} appointed by the Secretary of State for the Home Department
Mr. J. Murray (until 13th May, 1968)	
Mr. J. R. Jeffery (from 13th June, 1968)	

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Abbreviations

- B.C.—Borough Constituency
- C.C.—County Constituency
- C.B.—County Borough

Boundary Commission for Wales

Report on Second General Review of Parliamentary Constituencies under the House of Commons (Redistribution of Seats) Acts, 1949 and 1958.

To THE RIGHT HONOURABLE JAMES CALLAGHAN, M.P.

Her Majesty's Secretary of State for the Home Department

Introduction

1. We, the Boundary Commission for Wales, are constituted by the House of Commons (Redistribution of Seats) Acts, 1949 and 1958, "for the purpose of the continuous review of the distribution of seats at parliamentary elections" in Wales. We are required by these Acts to make periodical reports and in particular to submit to the Secretary of State, not less than ten or more than fifteen years from the submission of the first periodical report, a report on the whole of Wales showing the constituencies into which we recommend it should be divided in accordance with the Rules for Redistribution of Seats in the Second Schedule to the 1949 Act as amended by the 1958 Act. These amended rules, which are reproduced in Appendix A, will be referred to as "the Rules" throughout this report.

2. Some minor alterations of constituency boundaries in Wales as established by the Representation of the People Act, 1948, were made by an Order in Council (Statutory Instrument 1951 No. 1390) following recommendations in a report of the Commission under section 2(3) of the House of Commons (Redistribution of Seats) Act, 1949. Constituency boundaries have since been altered by the Orders in Council listed in Appendix B to this report following the recommendations of the Commission in the first periodical report in November 1954 (Cmd. 9313). As we have not found it necessary to submit any reports under section 2(3) of the 1949 Act since then, the boundaries recommended by the Commission in 1954 have remained unchanged.

3. This is the second periodical report for the whole of Wales. Details of the contents of the 36 constituencies we recommend are given in Appendix C. Appendices D and E give the numbers of parliamentary electors in existing constituencies and in local authority areas respectively. A note on the map which accompanies this report forms Appendix F.

Timing of the General Review

4. Since the first periodical report had been submitted to the Home Secretary in November 1954, we were obliged to submit the second periodical report for Wales at some date between November 1964 and November 1969. It was for us to decide exactly when to make our report but we agreed that it would be convenient if we could report, as in 1954, at about the same time as the other Commissions.

5. Towards the end of 1964 we were approached by the English Commission who indicated that, subject to the views of the other Commissions, they wished to begin their general review in the spring of 1965. Although there appeared to be no need for us to begin work so early as the English Commission, since we had to review far fewer seats, we agreed to fit in with their timetable. All four Commissions announced their intentions on 16th February 1965 and the Home Secretary informed the House of Commons of this in a written answer to a Parliamentary Question on 18th February. The statutory notice of the Commission's intention was published in the London Gazette on 19th February 1965.

6. By the Spring of 1966 the English Commission had made substantial progress and as we expected that the new procedures introduced by the 1958 Act would entail more work than the last review we decided to publish our provisional recommendations for Wales as early as possible in 1967. A review of Welsh local government was in hand but it seemed unlikely that any alteration of local government boundaries as a result of this review would be implemented before we were due to submit our report. However, an Order extending the boundaries of the county borough of Newport came into operation in February 1966 and another extending the City of Cardiff in October 1966. These extensions were reflected in our provisional recommendations for the whole of Wales which were published in March 1967.

Procedure of the Commission

7. We have held 6 meetings since notice was given of the general review. The General Register Office provided us with particulars of the electorate of each administrative area as at 15th February 1965; the Ordnance Survey prepared maps showing the administrative areas of Wales; and the Welsh Office provided an assessment of developments that might affect the future size of electorates. On the basis of this information we formed our provisional recommendations and published them locally.

8. We decided against inviting suggestions from outside bodies before making our provisional recommendations since we considered it was better that we should take the initiative from our position of neutrality, using such facts and figures as were available to us. We also decided not to pay regard to any unsolicited suggestions that might be sent to us as this might have given their authors an unfair advantage over people who had not written to us.

9. Our provisional recommendations were advertised in newspapers circulating locally, including Welsh language newspapers. In all, some 53 notices were published representing a more generous coverage than the strict requirements of the Acts. We also issued a general press notice giving a brief account of the effect of our proposals. Where our provisional recommendations involved changes we arranged for a copy of the recommendations, together with a map, to be made available for inspection by the public at a local authority office or other suitable place within the constituency. The addresses of the offices at which inspection could be made were included in the press advertisements. We are once again indebted to local authorities and others for their ready co-operation in making these arrangements. Our recommendations were published in both Welsh and English except in Monmouthshire, where they were published only in English.

Local Inquiry

10. The notices advertising our proposals included a statement that any representations relating to the proposals should be addressed to us, in accordance with the statutory provisions, within one month of the date of publication. Under the 1958 Act we were obliged to hold local inquiries where objections were lodged by a body of one hundred or more parliamentary electors affected by the recommendations or by an interested local authority. As a result of representations made against our provisional recommendations we decided that a local inquiry should be held in Glamorgan.

11. In accordance with the Act of 1949 we requested the Home Secretary to appoint an assistant Commissioner to hold the inquiry. Mr. Breuan Rees, Barrister-at-Law, was appointed but owing to his sudden death in August 1967 it became necessary for the Home Secretary to appoint Mr. Hugh Eifion Pritchard Roberts, Barrister-at-Law, in his place. We are grateful to Mr. Roberts for his reports which proved valuable in helping us reach our conclusions.

12. Notices advertising the holding of the local inquiry were published in the same way as the notices advertising our provisional recommendations. Copies of representations addressed to us were placed on deposit for public inspection at addresses listed in the notices. Copies of representations were also sent to interested bodies of electors and local authorities. After considering Mr. Roberts' report we decided to revise our recommendations and in accordance with the 1958 Act we published our revised recommendations in exactly the same way as the provisional recommendations. Copies of the report were placed on public deposit with the revised recommendations and a map.

13. Representations were received against our revised recommendations, so we decided to re-open the inquiry. After studying Mr. Roberts' report on this, we decided to make another amendment to our proposals, and we published modified recommendations accordingly. These too were the subject of representations, but we decided that a further inquiry was not justified.

Discussions with Political Parties

14. It appeared from the Second Reading Debates on the 1958 Redistribution Bill (House of Commons Official Report, 11th February 1958) that the parties were in favour of the suggestion of the 1942 Committee on Electoral Machinery (Cmd. 6408) that the Commission should sit under its Deputy Chairman "to hear any representations from the Chief or National Officers of the

principal Party organisations with respect to the provisional proposals". We decided that we should meet the representatives of the political parties contesting Parliamentary elections in Wales and we had helpful discussions with them at meetings in July 1966 and June 1967.

Rules for Redistribution of Seats

15. The Rules require that the number of constituencies in Wales shall be not less than 35 (at present there are 36); that so far as practicable without causing excessive disparity between electorates, each county and county borough shall have separate representation and shall not share a constituency with another county or county borough; and no non-county borough or urban or rural district shall be included partly in one constituency and partly in another. Subject to these requirements, the electorates of constituencies shall be as nearly equal as practicable but a departure from these rules is permissible if special geographical considerations make it desirable.

16. We have been given further guidance by Parliament in section 2(2) of the House of Commons (Redistribution of Seats) Act, 1958:—

“It shall not be the duty of a Boundary Commission, in discharging their functions under the said section two (of the 1949 Act), to aim at giving full effect in all circumstances to the rules set out in the Second Schedule to the principal Act, but they shall take account, so far as they reasonably can, of the inconveniences attendant on alterations of constituencies other than alterations made for the purposes of rule 4 of those rules, and of any local ties which would be broken by such alterations; and references in that section to giving effect to those rules shall be construed accordingly.”

The purpose of this provision, as explained by the Home Secretary to the House of Commons on the Second Reading of the Redistribution Bill in 1958, was to bring in “a presumption against making changes unless there is a very strong case for them”; and there was evidence in the debate that members felt that local ties were often of greater importance than mathematical equalities. We considered that in applying the Rules we should do our best to avoid departing from local government boundaries and from breaking local ties, and that we should recommend changes only where there was good reason for them. Above all, we should refrain from recommending changes simply to make small adjustments in the size of electorates.

Total number of seats

17. Wales, as we have mentioned, has one seat above the minimum of 35 provided by the Rules. This additional seat was allocated following the Commission's recommendations in their initial report in 1947. Our predecessors in 1954 concluded that “while no increase in the present representation was necessary, no substantial change had occurred since the last review which would afford justification for recommending a reduction of seats”.

18. In order to achieve reasonable equality of constituency electorates we are required under the Rules to make the electorate of each constituency as near as practicable to the “electoral quota”, i.e. the total parliamentary electorate on the electoral register in force at the time of the announcement of the Commission's intention to make a general review (1,813,203 in 1965) divided by the total number of existing seats (36). This gave an electoral quota of 50,367 for Wales for this general review. We noted that had we been required to calculate the quota by reference to the statutory minimum of 35 seats, the quota would have increased to 51,806.

19. The total electorate of Wales had fallen from 1,814,300 in 1954 to 1,813,203 in 1965. The English electorate, on the other hand, had increased from 28,923,119 in 1954, to 30,025,849 in 1965. In the light of these figures we considered that, while it might prove impossible to produce an acceptable scheme for the elimination of one Welsh seat, there was certainly no case for a further increase in the total number of seats.

Allocation of Seats

20. At the outset of our review we calculated theoretical entitlements for each Welsh county and Monmouthshire both on the existing basis of 36 seats and on the basis of the statutory minimum of 35 seats. The table on page 6 shows our calculations.

County	Parliamentary Electorate 1965	Number of Existing Seats	Theoretical Entitlement	
			on basis of 36 seats	on basis of 35 seats
ANGLESEY	36,241	1	0.7	0.7
BRECKNOCKSHIRE AND RADNORSHIRE	50,165	1	1.0	1.0
CAERNARVONSHIRE	86,890	2	1.7	1.7
CARDIGANSHIRE	37,889	1	0.7	0.7
CARMARTHENSHIRE	118,362	2	2.3	2.3
DENBIGHSHIRE	121,588	2	2.4	2.3
FLINTSHIRE	106,166	2	2.1	2.0
GLAMORGAN	836,413	16	16.6	16.1
MERIONETH	25,941	1	0.5	0.5
MONMOUTHSHIRE	300,672	6	5.9	5.8
MONTGOMERYSHIRE	30,155	1	0.6	0.6
PEMBROKESHIRE	62,721	1	1.2	1.2

21. While these calculations of entitlement served as one of our main guides, we recognised that other factors had to be taken into account in determining the number of seats to be allocated to a particular county. There was moreover the possibility of further changes in the pattern of local government in Wales. Although any changes resulting from the review of Welsh local government could not be taken into account in our own general review, there might well be changes within a few years of the submission of our report. We therefore concluded that we should disturb existing constituency boundaries as little as possible. On the other hand, bearing in mind the provisions of the Rules, we considered it to be our duty to remove any divergences between parliamentary boundaries and local government boundaries which had already been caused by the alteration of local government boundaries. This consideration applied mainly in Glamorgan and Monmouthshire.

Unchanged constituencies

22. We saw no reason to propose changes in the boundaries of the fourteen existing constituencies in the counties of *Anglesey, Brecknockshire and Radnorshire, Caernarvonshire, Cardiganshire, Carmarthenshire, Denbighshire, Flintshire, Merioneth, Montgomeryshire, and Pembrokeshire*. With the exception of Merioneth and Montgomeryshire, the allocation of seats in all these counties was not seriously out of line with the theoretical entitlement shown in paragraph 20 nor did any of the constituencies appear to us to have electorates that were exceptionally large or small. As regards Merioneth and Montgomeryshire, the numerical over-representation of these counties had been accepted by the Commission in their initial report in 1947 and endorsed by our predecessors in the 1954 general review report. We agreed that there were special considerations which justified separate representation for these counties. In any case we did not consider that proposals for the merger of Merioneth and Montgomeryshire for parliamentary purposes could be entertained while a review of local government was in progress.

23. Accordingly we published provisional recommendations for no alteration of constituency boundaries in these eleven counties. In Carmarthenshire we proposed in addition that the spelling of the Llanelly C.C. should be altered to Llanelli, in accordance with the change approved for local government purposes by the Secretary of State for Wales.

24. We received one representation about the southern areas of Brecon and Radnor C.C., but this was later withdrawn. *We recommend* the adoption of our provisional recommendations for these eleven counties.

Monmouthshire

25. The 1965 electorate of *Monmouthshire* (300,672) entitled the geographical county to the existing six constituencies. The enlarged county borough of Newport with 72,798 electors was not big enough to make two constituencies and we proposed that the boundaries of the existing Newport B.C. should be extended to conform with the altered boundary of the county borough. We examined the possible alternative of making radical alterations of constituency boundaries involving the

association of part of the county borough with the surrounding county districts but we did not consider that this would be opportune in advance of any further local government changes. Moreover such an arrangement would have been contrary to the requirement in the Rules that so far as practicable no county or any part of it should be included in a constituency with the whole or part of a county borough. Our provisional recommendations for Monmouthshire were:—

	1965 Electorate							
Abertillery C.C.	36,894
Bedwellty C.C.	45,130
Ebbw Vale C.C.	37,481
Monmouth C.C.	60,361
Pontypool C.C.	48,008
Newport B.C.	72,798

26. No representations were received. *We recommend* the adoption of our provisional recommendations.

Glamorgan

27. Our decision that the total number of seats for Wales should not be increased left 16 seats available for *Glamorgan* (1965 electorate 836,413). We concluded, after much deliberation, that we would not be justified in recommending the continuation of two constituencies in the borough of Rhondda where the total electorate had declined from 76,273 in 1954 to 67,910 in 1965. We therefore proposed that the two Rhondda constituencies should be amalgamated into one borough constituency. In making this proposal we took note that the electorate of the proposed constituency would still be less than that of the proposed Newport B.C. in Monmouthshire. On the other hand, the area covered by the existing Cardiff and Barry constituencies contained 248,211 electors and was entitled to nearly five constituencies instead of the existing four. We therefore proposed that the enlarged City of Cardiff (188,461 electors) should have four constituencies; and that Penarth Urban District should no longer be included in a Cardiff constituency but should be transferred to the Barry county constituency in exchange for the areas added to the City of Cardiff under the local government changes. This accorded with the requirements of Rule 4. Our provisional recommendations for Glamorgan were:—

	1965 Electorate							
Aberavon C.C.	57,360
Barry C.C.	59,759
Caerphilly C.C.	46,250
Gower C.C.	49,683
Neath C.C.	50,327
Ogmore C.C.	59,419
Pontypridd C.C.	54,644
Aberdare B.C.	47,254
Cardiff Central B.C.	46,504
Cardiff North B.C.	47,371
Cardiff South B.C.	44,796
Cardiff West B.C.	49,790
Merthyr Tydfil B.C.	40,215
Rhondda B.C.	67,910
Swansea East B.C.	55,382
Swansea West B.C.	59,749

28. The representations which we received objecting to these provisional recommendations were concerned with the proposed merger of the two Rhondda constituencies, the proposed division of Cardiff C.B., and the boundary between the Barry and Caerphilly C.Cs. As mentioned in paragraph 12, a local inquiry into these representations was held by Mr. Eifion Roberts. In his report he supported our proposal to amalgamate the two Rhondda constituencies. As regards Cardiff, he reported that there was general acceptance of the proposal that Penarth Urban District should no longer be included in a Cardiff constituency, but in view of the expected growth of the electorate in the north of Cardiff, he recommended that the Rumney ward should be transferred from the proposed Cardiff North B.C. to the proposed Cardiff South B.C. so that from 1970 onwards there would be greater parity between the electorates of these constituencies than there would be under our provisional

recommendations. He also considered that there was a good case for transferring the parish of Van in the Cardiff Rural District from the proposed Barry C.C. to the Caerphilly C.C. not only on geographical grounds but also because the urban growth of the parish had increased its dependence on and its community of interest with Caerphilly. He did not consider, however, that the transfer of a further six parishes from Barry C.C. to Caerphilly C.C. would be justified.

29. We accepted the recommendations in Mr. Roberts' report and we also considered that the transfer of the Rumney ward to the proposed Cardiff South B.C. would make it appropriate for the constituency to retain its present name—Cardiff South East. We published revised recommendations accordingly in July 1968.

30. Counter-proposals were put forward by the Cardiff City Council. While they accepted our revised recommendations for Cardiff South East B.C. and Cardiff West B.C., they suggested an alternative boundary between the two proposed constituencies in the north of the city which would have the effect, inter alia, of including the Whitchurch and Rhiwbina wards in the same constituency and of avoiding the use of an unnatural boundary referred to as the "Gabalfa finger". We decided to re-open the inquiry specifically to consider the City Council's scheme. In his report, Mr. Roberts recommended that the City Council's suggestions should be adopted. We accepted his recommendations and published modified recommendations accordingly in January 1969.

31. A representation was received against our modified recommendations on the ground that they did not take account of proposed road developments in Cardiff. We considered, however, that the proposed primary highway network within the City had been fully discussed at the re-opened inquiry.

32. Another representation was made which involved the alteration of the boundaries of all the four constituencies proposed in our modified recommendations. The contents and electorates of the constituencies suggested in these representations were as follows:—

			<i>Wards</i>				<i>1965 Electorate</i>
CENTRAL	..	..	Cathays	..	..	..	45,000
			Central				
			Gabalfa				
			Plasnewydd				
			Riverside				
NORTH	..	..	Llanishen	..	..	..	43,844
			Penylan				
			Rhiwbina				
			Whitchurch				
SOUTH	..	..	Adamsdown	..	..	..	50,282
			Roath				
			Rumney				
			South				
			Splott				
WEST	..	..	Canton	..	..	..	49,335
			Ely				
			Grangetown				
			Llandaff				
			Plasmawr				

The 1965 electorates of these constituencies would be more evenly balanced than those in our modified recommendations, but from 1972 onwards it appeared that our modified recommendations would take better account of the contingent development in the north of the City. The representations, like our modified recommendations, met the views which had been expressed at the inquiries that the Rhiwbina and Whitchurch wards should be included in the same constituency. But a disadvantage of the proposals in the representation was that the Riverside ward would be separated from the rest of the Central constituency by the River Taff: such an arrangement had been the subject of objections at the first part of the local inquiry. Another disadvantage was that the "Gabalfa finger" would remain. We did not consider that a further local inquiry would be justified, and after careful consideration we concluded that on grounds of community ties and natural boundaries our own modified recommendations produced the best boundaries from all the suggestions that had been made since we first published our provisional recommendations in March 1967.

33. *We recommend* the adoption of our provisional recommendations for Glamorgan, as revised and modified, as follows:—

	1965 <i>Electorate</i>
Aberavon C.C.	57,360
Barry C.C.	59,260
Caerphilly C.C.	46,749
Gower C.C.	49,683
Neath C.C.	50,327
Ogmore C.C.	59,419
Pontypridd C.C.	54,644
Aberdare B.C.	47,254
Cardiff North B.C.	38,247
Cardiff North West B.C.	41,893
Cardiff South East B.C.	58,531
Cardiff West B.C.	49,790
Merthyr Tydfil B.C.	40,215
Rhondda B.C.	67,910
Swansea East B.C.	55,382
Swansea West B.C.	59,749

Final recommendations

34. We reviewed all our recommendations for Wales in the light of the 1968 electoral figures when they became available, but we found no cause to make any further changes. Our final recommendations are therefore for a total of 36 seats for Wales, as at present.

35. We record with very deep regret the death of one of our Joint Secretaries, Mr. John Murray, on 13th May 1968. We found his assistance, advice and guidance of the greatest value during the general review.

36. During the whole period we have had the benefit of Mr. Eddy's assistance; we appreciate the tremendous help that this has been to us and, like the members of the Boundary Commission for England, we are most grateful to him and also to Mr. Jeffery, who took over from the late Mr. Murray in June of 1968, for all that they have done.

37. We also record our gratitude to our Assessors, the Registrar General and Colonel E. P. J. Williams who has represented the Director General of the Ordnance Survey, for all their advisory work and to Miss Tyler and the other staff of the Commission in respect of the preparation of the material involving every constituency and the wards and districts therein.

38. The Chairman of the Commission is the Speaker of the House of Commons. For previous general reviews, he nominated one of the members of the Commission to be Deputy Chairman, but since 1958 the Deputy Chairman of the Commission has been a Judge of the High Court appointed by the Lord Chancellor under the provisions of section 1(1) of the House of Commons (Redistribution of Seats) Act, 1958. All the Commission's meetings have been presided over by the Deputy Chairman, but throughout this general review Mr. Speaker has been kept informed of the progress of the review.

VINCENT LLOYD-JONES, *Deputy Chairman*

GWILYM FFRANGCON WILLIAMS

JOHN LYON CORBETT-WINDER

K. EDDY, *Joint Secretary*

J. R. JEFFERY, *Joint Secretary*

19th May, 1969.

APPENDIX A

RULES FOR REDISTRIBUTION OF SEATS

(Second Schedule to the House of Commons
(Redistribution of Seats) Act, 1949, as amended)

1. The number of constituencies in the several parts of the United Kingdom set out in the first column of the following table shall be as stated respectively in the second column of that table—

<i>Part of the United Kingdom</i>	<i>No. of Constituencies</i>
Great Britain	Not substantially greater or less than 613
Scotland	Not less than 71
Wales	Not less than 35
Northern Ireland ..	12

2. Every constituency shall return a single member.

3. There shall continue to 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.

4.—(1) So far as is practicable having regard to the foregoing rules—

(a) in England and Wales,—

(i) no county or any part thereof shall be included in a constituency which includes the whole or part of any other county or the whole or part of a county borough or London borough;

(ii) no county borough or any part thereof shall be included in a constituency which includes the whole or part of any other county borough or the whole or part of a London borough;

(iii) no London borough or any part thereof shall be included in a constituency which includes the whole or part of any other London borough;

(iv) no county district shall be included partly in one constituency and partly in another;

(b) in Scotland, no burgh other than a county of a city shall be included partly in one constituency and partly in another;

(c) in Northern Ireland, no county district shall be included partly in one constituency and partly in another.

(2) In paragraph (1) of this rule the following expressions have the following meanings, that is to say:—

“county” means an administrative county;

“county borough” has the same meaning as in the Local Government Act, 1933;

“county district” has, in sub-paragraph (a), the same meaning as in the Local Government Act, 1933, and, in sub-paragraph (c), the same meaning as in the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898.

5. The electorate of any constituency shall be as near the electoral quota as is practicable having regard to the foregoing rules; and a Boundary Commission may depart from the strict application of the last foregoing rule 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 electorate thereof and that of neighbouring constituencies in the part of the United Kingdom with which they are concerned.

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

7. In the application of these rules to each of the several parts of the United Kingdom for which there is a Boundary Commission—

- (a) the expression “electoral quota” means a number obtained by dividing the electorate for that part of the United Kingdom by the number of constituencies in it existing on the enumeration date;
- (b) the expression “electorate” means—
 - (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 hereinbefore defined of all the constituencies therein;
- (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 to that report is published in accordance with section two of this Act.

APPENDIX B

Orders in Council altering constituency boundaries following recommendations of the Commission in the first periodical report in November 1954.

Statutory Instrument

S.I. 1955 No. 184	..	..	Carmarthen, Llanelly
S.I. 1955 No. 185	..	..	Swansea
S.I. 1955 No. 186	..	..	Monmouth, Newport

APPENDIX C

SCHEDULE OF RECOMMENDATIONS

(Parliamentary Electorates as in the Electoral Registers published on 15th February, 1965 and 1968)

(In general, where the recommendation involves the removal of a complete local government area or a ward from its existing constituency, or where over 4,000 electors are to be included in a different constituency, this has been shown as a major change.)

ANGLESEY

County Constituency of Anglesey (No change)
1965 Electorate: 36,241
1968 Electorate: 37,727
Contents: The county of Anglesey.

BRECKNOCKSHIRE AND RADNORSHIRE

County Constituency of Brecon and Radnor (No change)
1965 Electorate: 50,165
1968 Electorate: 49,629
Contents: The counties of Brecknock and Radnor.

CAERNARVONSHIRE

County Constituency of Caernarvon (No change)
1965 Electorate: 40,527
1968 Electorate: 39,601
Contents: (i) The boroughs of Caernarvon and Pwllheli;
(ii) the urban districts of Criccieth and Portmadoc;
(iii) the rural districts of Gwyrfai and Lleyrn.

County Constituency of Conway (No change)
1965 Electorate: 46,363
1968 Electorate: 46,191
Contents: (i) The boroughs of Bangor and Conway;
(ii) the urban districts of Bethesda, Betws-y-coed, Llandudno, Llanfairfechan and Penmaenmawr;
(iii) the rural districts of Nant Conway and Ogwen.

CARDIGANSHIRE

County Constituency of Cardigan (No change)
1965 Electorate: 37,889
1968 Electorate: 37,743
Contents: The county of Cardigan.

CARMARTHENSHIRE

County Constituency of Carmarthen (No change)
1965 Electorate: 55,877
1968 Electorate: 55,658
Contents: (i) The boroughs of Carmarthen, Kidwelly and Llandovery;
(ii) the urban districts of Llandeilo and Newcastle Emlyn;
(iii) the rural districts of Carmarthen and Newcastle Emlyn and the rural district of Llandeilo except the parish of Betws.

CARMARTHENSHIRE—Continued

County Constituency of Llanelli

(Name change only)

1965 Electorate: 62,485

1968 Electorate: 61,659

- Contents:
- (i) The borough of Llanelli;
 - (ii) the urban districts of Ammanford, Burry Port and Cwmmamman;
 - (iii) the rural district of Llanelli and the parish of Betws in the rural district of Llandeilo.

DENBIGHSHIRE

County Constituency of Denbigh

(No change)

1965 Electorate: 54,681

1968 Electorate: 56,375

- Contents:
- (i) The boroughs of Colwyn Bay, Denbigh and Ruthin;
 - (ii) the urban districts of Abergele, Llangollen and Llanrwst;
 - (iii) the rural districts of Aled, Hiraethog and Ruthin, the following parishes in the rural district of Wrexham, namely, Llangollen Rural and Llantysilio and the rural district of Ceiriog except the parish of Chirk.

County Constituency of Wrexham

(No change)

1965 Electorate: 66,907

1968 Electorate: 67,446

- Contents:
- (i) The borough of Wrexham;
 - (ii) the parish of Chirk in the rural district of Ceiriog and the rural district of Wrexham except the parishes of Llangollen Rural and Llantysilio.

FLINTSHIRE

County Constituency of East Flint

(No change)

1965 Electorate: 54,822

1968 Electorate: 58,194

- Contents:
- (i) The borough of Flint;
 - (ii) the urban districts of Buckley, Connah's Quay and Holywell;
 - (iii) the rural districts of Hawarden and Maelor.

County Constituency of West Flint

(No change)

1965 Electorate: 51,344

1968 Electorate: 53,198

- Contents:
- (i) The urban districts of Mold, Prestatyn and Rhyl;
 - (ii) the rural districts of Holywell and St. Asaph.

GLAMORGAN

County Constituency of Aberavon

(Minor change)

1965 Electorate: 57,360

1968 Electorate: 57,847

- Contents:
- (i) The borough of Port Talbot;
 - (ii) the urban districts of Glyncorrwg as altered by The County of Glamorgan (Maesteg and Glyncorrwg Urban Districts) Confirmation Order, 1957 and Porthcawl;
 - (iii) the following parishes in the rural district of Penybont, namely, Kenfig, Pyle, Sker, Tythegston Higher and Tythegston Lower.

GLAMORGAN—Continued

County Constituency of Barry (Major change)

1965 Electorate: 59,260

1968 Electorate: 60,905

Contents: (i) The borough of Barry;
(ii) the urban district of Penarth;
(iii) the rural district of Cardiff as altered by The Cardiff Order 1966 except the parish of Van.

County Constituency of Caerphilly (Major change)

1965 Electorate: 46,749

1968 Electorate: 49,298

Contents: (i) The urban districts of Caerphilly and Gelligaer;
(ii) the following parish in the rural district of Cardiff, namely, Van.

County Constituency of Gower (No change)

1965 Electorate: 49,683

1968 Electorate: 50,812

Contents: (i) The urban district of Llchwyr;
(ii) the rural districts of Gower and Pontardawe.

County Constituency of Neath (No change)

1965 Electorate: 50,327

1968 Electorate: 50,318

Contents: (i) The borough of Neath;
(ii) the rural district of Neath.

County Constituency of Ogmore (Minor change)

1965 Electorate: 59,419

1968 Electorate: 60,865

Contents: (i) The urban districts of Bridgend, Maesteg as altered by The County of Glamorgan (Maesteg and Glyncoirwg Urban Districts) Confirmation Order, 1957 and Ogmore and Garw;
(ii) the following parishes in the rural district of Penybont, namely, Coity Higher, Coychurch Higher, Coychurch Lower, Ewenny, Laleston, Llangynwyd Lower, Llangynwyd Middle, Merthyr-mawr, Newcastle Higher, Pen-coed, St. Bride's Major, St. Bride's Minor, Wick and Ynysawdre.

County Constituency of Pontypridd (No change)

1965 Electorate: 54,644

1968 Electorate: 57,856

Contents: (i) The borough of Cowbridge;
(ii) the urban district of Pontypridd;
(iii) the rural districts of Cowbridge and Llantrisant and Llantwit Fardre.

Borough Constituency of Aberdare (No change)

1965 Electorate: 47,254

1968 Electorate: 46,689

Contents: The urban districts of Aberdare and Mountain Ash.

Borough Constituency of Cardiff North (Major change)

1965 Electorate: 38,247

1968 Electorate: 36,621

Contents: The following wards of the county borough of Cardiff as altered by The Cardiff Order 1966, namely, Cathays, Central, Penylan and Plasnewydd.

GLAMORGAN—Continued

Borough Constituency of Cardiff North West (Major change)

1965 Electorate: 41,893

1968 Electorate: 41,674

Contents: The following wards of the county borough of Cardiff (as so altered) namely, Gabalfa, Llanishen, Rhiwbina and Whitchurch.

Borough Constituency of Cardiff South East (Major change)

1965 Electorate: 58,531

1968 Electorate: 57,706

Contents: The following wards of the county borough of Cardiff (as so altered) namely, Adamsdown, Grangetown, Roath, Rumney, South and Splott.

Borough Constituency of Cardiff West (Major change)

1965 Electorate: 49,790

1968 Electorate: 50,585

Contents: The following wards of the county borough of Cardiff (as so altered) namely, Canton, Ely, Llandaff, Plasmawr and Riverside.

Borough Constituency of Merthyr Tydfil (No change)

1965 Electorate: 40,215

1968 Electorate: 38,822

Contents: The county borough of Merthyr Tydfil.

Borough Constituency of Rhondda (Major change)

1965 Electorate: 67,910

1968 Electorate: 65,429

Contents: The borough of Rhondda.

Borough Constituency of Swansea East (No change)

1965 Electorate: 55,382

1968 Electorate: 55,180

Contents: The following wards of the county borough of Swansea, namely, Castle, Landore, Llansamlet, Morriston, Penderry, St. John's and St. Thomas'.

Borough Constituency of Swansea West (No change)

1965 Electorate: 59,749

1968 Electorate: 59,950

Contents: The following wards of the county borough of Swansea, namely, Brynmelin, Fforestfach, Ffynone, Mumbles, St. Helen's, Sketty, Townhill and Victoria.

MERIONETH

County Constituency of Merioneth (No change)

1965 Electorate: 25,941

1968 Electorate: 25,153

Contents: The county of Merioneth.

MONMOUTHSHIRE

County Constituency of Abertillery (No change)

1965 Electorate: 36,894

1968 Electorate: 35,704

Contents: The urban districts of Abercarn, Abertillery and Nantyglo and Blaina.

MONMOUTHSHIRE—Continued

County Constituency of Bedwellty (No change)

1965 Electorate: 45,130

1968 Electorate: 45,638

Contents: The urban districts of Bedwas and Machen, Bedwellty, Mynyddislwyn and Risca.

County Constituency of Ebbw Vale (No change)

1965 Electorate: 37,481

1968 Electorate: 36,760

Contents: The urban districts of Ebbw Vale, Rhymney and Tredegar.

County Constituency of Monmouth (Minor change)

1965 Electorate: 60,361

1968 Electorate: 63,086

Contents: (i) The boroughs of Abergavenny and Monmouth;
(ii) the urban districts of Caerleon as altered by The Newport (Monmouthshire) Order 1966, Chepstow and Usk;
(iii) the rural districts of Abergavenny, Chepstow, Magor and St. Mellons as altered by The Cardiff Order 1966, and The Newport (Monmouthshire) Order 1966, Monmouth and Pontypool.

County Constituency of Pontypool (No change)

1965 Electorate: 48,008

1968 Electorate: 49,649

Contents: The urban districts of Blaenavon, Cwmbran and Pontypool.

Borough Constituency of Newport (Minor change)

1965 Electorate: 72,798

1968 Electorate: 72,735

Contents: The county borough of Newport as altered by The Newport (Monmouthshire) Order 1966.

MONTGOMERYSHIRE

County Constituency of Montgomery (No change)

1965 Electorate: 30,155

1968 Electorate: 30,094

Contents: The county of Montgomery.

PEMBROKESHIRE

County Constituency of Pembroke (No change)

1965 Electorate: 62,721

1968 Electorate: 64,873

Contents: The county of Pembroke.

APPENDIX D

Numbers of Parliamentary Electors in 1965 and 1968 in existing constituencies

Parliamentary Constituencies	Parliamentary Electors	
	1965	1968
Anglesey		
County Constituency		
Anglesey	36,241	37,727
Brecknockshire and Radnorshire		
County Constituency		
Brecon and Radnor	50,165	49,629
Caernarvonshire		
County Constituencies		
Caernarvon	40,527	39,601
Conway	46,363	46,191
Cardiganshire		
County Constituency		
Cardigan	37,889	37,743
Carmarthenshire		
County Constituencies		
Carmarthen	55,877	55,658
Llanelly	62,485	61,659
Denbighshire		
County Constituencies		
Denbigh	54,681	56,375
Wrexham	66,907	67,446
Flintshire		
County Constituencies		
East Flint	54,822	58,194
West Flint	51,344	53,198
Glamorgan		
County Constituencies		
Aberavon	57,282	57,732
Barry	64,947	67,859
Caerphilly	46,250	47,092
Gower	49,683	50,812
Neath	50,327	50,318
Ogmore	59,497	60,980
Pontypridd	54,644	57,856
Borough Constituencies		
Aberdare	47,254	46,689
Cardiff North	59,957	57,926
Cardiff South East	65,553	66,062
Cardiff West	57,754	57,865
Merthyr Tydfil	40,215	38,822
Rhondda East	35,969	34,886
Rhondda West	31,941	30,543
Swansea East	55,382	55,180
Swansea West	59,749	59,950

Parliamentary Constituencies	Parliamentary Electors	
	1965	1968
Merioneth		
County Constituency		
Merioneth	25,941	25,153
Monmouthshire		
County Constituencies		
Abertillery	36,894	35,704
Bedwelty	45,130	45,638
Ebbw Vale	37,481	36,760
Monmouth	63,025	68,382
Pontypool	48,008	49,649
Borough Constituency		
Newport	70,143	67,424
Montgomeryshire		
County Constituency		
Montgomery	30,155	30,094
Pembrokeshire		
County Constituency		
Pembroke	62,721	64,873

APPENDIX E

Numbers of Parliamentary Electors in 1965 and 1968 in Local Authority Areas.

Local Authority	Parliamentary Electors	
	1965	1968
Anglesey		
Borough		
Beaumaris	1,426	1,462
Urban Districts		
Amlwch	2,252	2,520
Holyhead	6,942	6,771
Llangefni	2,084	2,221
Menai Bridge	1,632	1,733
Rural Districts		
Aethwy	7,334	7,737
Twrcelyn	6,388	6,889
Valley	8,183	8,394
Brecknockshire		
Borough		
Brecon	3,947	3,997
Urban Districts		
Brynmawr	4,469	4,415
Builth Wells	1,105	1,112
Hay	938	928
Llanwrtyd Wells	409	390
Rural Districts		
Brecknock	4,712	4,622
Builth	2,125	2,035
Crickhowell	5,140	5,239
Hay	2,523	2,458
Vaynor and Penderyn	4,391	4,399
Ystradgynlais	7,656	7,369
Caernarvonshire		
Boroughs		
Bangor	9,269	8,959
Caernarvon	6,451	6,324
Conway	8,684	8,790
Pwllheli	2,680	2,747
Urban Districts		
Bethesda	2,911	2,882
Betws-y-Coed	505	471
Criccieth	1,186	1,164
Llandudno	12,465	12,509
Llanfairfechan	2,199	2,379
Penmaenmawr	2,884	2,840
Portmadoc	2,816	2,724

Local Authority	Parliamentary Electors	
	1965	1968
Caernarvonshire—Continued		
Rural Districts		
Gwyrfai	15,697	15,308
Lleyn	11,697	11,334
Nant Conway	4,056	3,912
Ogwen	3,390	3,449
Cardiganshire		
Boroughs		
Aberystwyth	6,753	6,526
Cardigan	2,688	2,750
Lampeter	1,345	1,366
Urban Districts		
Aberaeron	1,006	999
New Quay	716	677
Rural Districts		
Aberaeron	6,408	6,383
Aberystwyth	8,246	8,400
Teifside	7,319	7,372
Tregaron	3,408	3,270
Carmarthenshire		
Boroughs		
Carmarthen	8,619	8,669
Kidwelly	2,049	2,033
Llandovery	1,362	1,310
Llanelli	21,297	20,298
Urban Districts		
Ammanford	4,597	4,417
Burry Port	4,250	4,248
Cwmamman	3,098	3,027
Llandeilo	1,360	1,330
Newcastle Emlyn	513	533
Rural Districts		
Carmarthen	19,517	19,660
Llandeilo	17,162	16,797
Llanelli	28,523	28,934
Newcastle Emlyn	6,015	6,061
Denbighshire		
Boroughs		
Colwyn Bay	17,831	18,484
Denbigh	4,744	4,832
Ruthin	2,606	2,679
Wrexham	23,831	24,501
Urban Districts		
Abergele	7,241	8,545
Llangollen	2,198	2,131
Llanrwst	1,761	1,766

Local Authority	Parliamentary Electors	
	1965	1968
Denbighshire —Continued		
Rural Districts		
Aled	4,474	4,371
Ceiriog	5,036	4,913
Hiraethog	3,011	2,999
Ruthin	6,241	6,188
Wrexham	42,614	42,412
Flintshire		
Borough		
Flint	9,203	9,388
Urban Districts		
Buckley	5,648	6,463
Connah's Quay	5,737	6,580
Holywell	5,503	5,545
Mold	4,812	5,002
Prestatyn	9,262	10,210
Rhyl	15,345	15,144
Rural Districts		
Hawarden	25,597	27,112
Holywell	15,338	15,665
Maelor	3,134	3,106
St. Asaph	6,587	7,177
Glamorgan		
County Boroughs		
Cardiff	188,461	186,586
Merthyr Tydfil	40,215	38,822
Swansea	115,131	115,130
Boroughs		
Barry	28,551	28,583
Cowbridge	700	708
Neath	21,385	20,860
Port Talbot	34,297	33,926
Rhondda	67,910	65,429
Urban Districts		
Aberdare	27,530	27,342
Bridgend	10,203	9,944
Caerphilly	23,730	24,938
Gelligaer	22,520	22,154
Glyncorrwg	5,906	5,883
Llwchwr	18,321	18,745
Maesteg	14,473	14,135
Mountain Ash	19,724	19,347
Ogmore and Garw	13,950	13,598
Penarth	15,280	15,802
Pontypridd	24,453	24,264
Porthcawl	8,616	9,265

Local Authority	Parliamentary Electors	
	1965	1968
Glamorgan—Continued		
Rural Districts		
Cardiff	15,928	18,726
Cowbridge	11,185	12,061
Gower	9,597	10,683
Llantrisant and Llantwit Fardre	18,306	20,823
Neath	28,942	29,458
Penybont	29,334	31,961
Pontardawe	21,765	21,384
Merioneth		
Urban Districts		
Bala	1,091	1,099
Barmouth	1,702	1,641
Dolgellau	1,645	1,665
Ffestiniog	4,335	4,172
Tywyn	2,696	2,702
Rural Districts		
Deudraeth	4,986	4,769
Dolgellau	5,014	4,826
Edeyrnion	2,757	2,640
Penllyn	1,715	1,639
Monmouthshire		
County Borough		
Newport	72,798	72,735
Boroughs		
Abergavenny	6,787	6,471
Monmouth	3,904	4,035
Urban Districts		
Abercarn	12,965	12,644
Abertillery	16,642	15,828
Bedwas and Machen	6,974	7,291
Bedwellty	17,300	16,929
Blaenavon	5,797	5,599
Caerleon	2,976	3,429
Chepstow	4,826	4,857
Cwmbran	15,220	17,740
Ebbw Vale	18,542	18,266
Mynyddislwyn	9,976	10,270
Nantyglo and Blaina	7,287	7,232
Pontypool	26,991	26,310
Rhymney	5,863	5,766
Risca	10,880	11,148
Tredegar	13,076	12,728
Usk	1,269	1,347
Rural Districts		
Abergavenny	5,412	6,072
Chepstow	9,384	9,825
Magor and St. Mellons	11,690	12,120
Monmouth	4,157	4,256
Pontypool	9,991	10,674

Local Authority	Parliamentary Electors	
	1965	1968
Montgomeryshire		
Boroughs		
Llanfyllin	893	839
Llanidloes	1,810	1,787
Montgomery	627	618
Welshpool	4,337	4,467
Urban Districts		
Machynlleth	1,310	1,311
Newtown and Llanllwchaiarn	3,857	3,935
Rural Districts		
Forden	3,295	3,338
Llanfyllin	6,388	6,236
Machynlleth	2,008	1,957
Newtown and Llanidloes	5,630	5,606
Pembrokeshire		
Boroughs		
Haverfordwest	5,817	6,179
Pembroke	7,978	8,132
Tenby	3,216	3,308
Urban Districts		
Fishguard and Goodwick	3,517	3,587
Milford Haven	8,396	8,562
Narberth	764	766
Neyland	1,568	1,724
Rural Districts		
Cemaes	5,944	5,773
Haverfordwest	14,791	15,232
Narberth	6,929	6,849
Pembroke	3,801	4,761
Radnorshire		
Urban Districts		
Knighton	1,296	1,351
Llandrindod Wells	2,312	2,318
Presteigne	818	821
Rural Districts		
Colwyn	1,114	1,098
Knighton	1,880	1,815
New Radnor	1,347	1,275
Paincastle	1,087	1,097
Rhayader	2,896	2,890

APPENDIX F

NOTE ON MAP

1. The map provided with this report, 1/500,000 or about 8 miles to 1 inch, shows recommended Parliamentary constituency boundaries in blue and Administrative boundaries, with which they are linked, in red.
2. A set of maps, $\frac{1}{2}$ inch to 1 mile, for the counties in Wales and for Monmouthshire has been deposited in the House of Commons Library, for reference by Members of Parliament.

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