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## SCHEDULES

# [F1SCHEDULE 1

### CONSTITUENCIES, REGIONS AND REGIONAL MEMBERS

#### **Textual Amendments**

F1 Sch. 1 substituted (22.7.2004 with effect subject to transitional modifications set out in Sch. 2 of the amending Act until "the appropriate date", see s. 1(2)(3) of the amending Act) by Scottish Parliament (Constituencies) Act 2004 (c. 13), s. 1(1)-(4), Sch. 1 (however, paras. 3-14 of Sch. 1 as so substituted or as so substituted and modified (as the case may be) have no effect until 30.6.2007, see s. 1(4))

### Reports of the Electoral Commission

- 3 (1) The Electoral Commission must keep under review the boundaries of the constituencies (other than those mentioned in paragraph 1(2)(a) and (b)).
  - (2) The review must be conducted in accordance with the constituency rules.
  - (3) The Electoral Commission must submit to the Secretary of State a report—
    - (a) showing the alterations they propose to the boundaries, or
    - (b) stating that in their opinion no alteration should be made.
  - (4) The first report of the Electoral Commission under this paragraph must be submitted to the Secretary of State not later than 30 June 2010.
  - (5) Subsequent reports must be submitted not less than eight nor more than twelve years after the date of the submission of the last report.
  - (6) The Electoral Commission may also from time to time (but not before the submission of their first report) submit to the Secretary of State reports with respect to the area comprised in any two or more constituencies showing the constituencies into which they recommend the area should be divided in order to give effect to the constituency rules.
  - (7) A report under sub-paragraph (6) must recommend the same number of constituencies as that in which the area is comprised.
  - (8) A report of the Electoral Commission which recommends an alteration to the boundaries of constituencies must state as respects each constituency—
    - (a) the name by which they recommend it is to be known;
    - (b) whether they recommend that it is to be a county or a burgh constituency.
  - (9) As soon as practicable after the Electoral Commission have submitted a report to the Secretary of State under this paragraph he must lay before Parliament—
    - (a) the report, and

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- (b) the draft of an Order in Council for giving effect to the recommendations contained in the report.
- (10) Sub-paragraph (9)(b) does not apply if the report states that no alteration is required to be made to the boundaries of the constituencies.
- (11) The Electoral Commission must at the same time as they submit a report in accordance with sub-paragraph (3) or (6) lay any report recommending an alteration in the constituencies before the Parliament.
- 4 (1) This paragraph applies if the Electoral Commission submit a report to the Secretary of State recommending an alteration in a constituency.
  - (2) In the report the Electoral Commission must recommend any alteration in any of the regions which they think is necessary to give effect to the regional rules.
  - (3) A report making a recommendation for an alteration in a region must recommend the name by which the Electoral Commission think the region should be known.]

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