

## Boundary Commission for Scotland

### Initial Review 1947- Implementation of recommendations

The Commission submitted the report on its Initial Review in November 1947. The recommendations in the report were implemented along with recommendations by the other Boundary Commissions for the rest of the United Kingdom by the Representation of the People Act 1948, with the resulting constituencies listed in Schedule 1 to the Act.

The report was based on local government boundaries as they existed on 31 October 1947. Schedule 1 to the 1948 Act notes that the implementation was based on local government boundaries on 31 December 1947, with 3 named exceptions in Scotland where the implementation uses local government boundaries on 16 May 1948. The 3 named exceptions and their effect are:

- *the boundary between Coatbridge burgh and the Ninth district of the county of Lanark:* Coatbridge and Airdrie constituency was defined as being the combined extent of Coatbridge burgh and Airdrie burgh. The extent of Coatbridge burgh was extended on 16 May 1948, and the implementation takes account of that extension.
- *the boundary between Lochgelly burgh and Lochgelly district of the county of Fife:* Dunfermline Burghs constituency was defined as being the combined extent of Dunfermline, Inverkeithing, Cowdenbeath and Lochgelly burghs. The extent of Lochgelly burgh was extended on 16 May 1948, and the implementation takes account of that extension.
- *the boundary between the counties of Dumfries and Kirkcudbright:* Dumfries constituency was defined as covering the extent of the county of Dumfries. Dumfries burgh was extended on 16 May 1948 to include part of the county of Kirkcudbright, and the implementation takes account of that extension.

Two further amendments to local government boundaries which affected constituencies were only implemented in 1951 after the Commission's Interim Review of 1950:

- *the boundary between Clydebank burgh and Old Kilpatrick district of the county of Dumbarton:* Clydebank burgh was part of East Dunbartonshire constituency. The map submitted with the report highlights as "awaiting confirmation" a proposed extension to Clydebank burgh to include part of Old Kilpatrick district which was in West Dunbartonshire constituency. The extension took effect on 16 May 1949.
- *the boundary between Johnstone burgh and the Second district of the county of Renfrew:* Johnstone burgh formed part of West Renfrewshire constituency. The burgh was extended from 16 May 1948 to include parts of the Second district of the county of Renfrew which were in East Renfrewshire constituency.