

2023 Review of UK Parliament Constituencies Allocation of constituencies

Action required

1. The Commission is invited to note the allocation of constituencies for the 2023 Review of UK Parliament Constituencies and the electorate quota for the Review.

Background

2. The Parliamentary Constituencies Act 1986 (as amended), sets out the framework and rules for the 2023 Review which will recommend the boundaries of the Scottish constituencies in the UK Parliament.
3. On 5 January 2021, National Records of Scotland and the Office for National Statistics published the electorate data to be used for the 2023 Review, the number of electors eligible to vote at the UK Parliament election at 2 March 2020.
4. The total UK electorate for the purposes of the 2023 Review is 47,558,398, including attainers.
 - Scotland - 4,079,612
 - England - 39,860,421
 - Wales - 2,322,677
 - Northern Ireland - 1,295,688
5. The total electorate for the five protected constituencies is 220,132.
 - Orkney and Shetland - 34,824
 - Na h-Eileanan an Iar - 21,177
 - Isle of Wight - 111,716 (2 constituencies)
 - Ynys Môn (Isle of Anglesey) - 52,415
6. After applying the formula specified in the 1986 Act the electoral quota for the 2023 Review is 73,392.66 ($47,338,266 \div 645$). This is rounded to 73,393 after calculation of the 5% variance.
7. All non-protected constituencies must be within 5% of the electorate quota ie between 69,724 and 77,062 electors. However, if it is considered necessary to do so, the Commission can recommend a constituency with an electorate lower than the minimum if it is larger than 12,000 square kilometres. No constituency can be larger than 13,000 square kilometres. The Commission will wish to consider this area-electorate rule when considering its initial constituency designs.
8. The allocation of constituencies to each part of the UK is:

	Electorate (March 2020)	Current allocation	2023 Review allocation	Difference
Scotland	4,079,612	59	57	-2
England	39,860,421	533	543	+10
Northern Ireland	1,295,688	18	18	-
Wales	2,322,677	40	32	-8

	47,558,398	650	650	
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9. The recommendations for the 2023 Review must be submitted before 1 July 2023.
10. The table below shows the electorate of the existing constituencies. A map of the existing constituencies is shown in Appendix A.

Existing Constituency Name	Electorate March 2020
Aberdeen North	62,714
Aberdeen South	66,227
Airdrie and Shotts	64,687
Angus	65,126
Argyll and Bute	67,565
Ayr, Carrick and Cumnock	70,965
Banff and Buchan	67,117
Berwickshire, Roxburgh and Selkirk	74,687
Caithness, Sutherland and Easter Ross	46,924
Central Ayrshire	69,779
Coatbridge, Chryston and Bellshill	73,996
Cumbernauld, Kilsyth and Kirkintilloch East	66,962
Dumfries and Galloway	75,332
Dumfriesshire, Clydesdale and Tweeddale	68,874
Dundee East	67,345
Dundee West	65,446
Dunfermline and West Fife	77,382
East Dunbartonshire	67,504
East Kilbride, Strathaven and Lesmahagow	82,201
East Lothian	82,479
East Renfrewshire	72,959
Edinburgh East	69,020
Edinburgh North and Leith	80,344
Edinburgh South	66,520
Edinburgh South West	73,315
Edinburgh West	73,102
Falkirk	86,183
Glasgow Central	67,914
Glasgow East	66,945
Glasgow North	55,722
Glasgow North East	59,954
Glasgow North West	63,110
Glasgow South	69,956
Glasgow South West	63,691
Glenrothes	66,468
Gordon	80,535
Inverclyde	61,096
Inverness, Nairn, Badenoch and Strathspey	78,254
Kilmarnock and Loudoun	75,893

Kirkcaldy and Cowdenbeath	73,288
Lanark and Hamilton East	78,444
Linlithgow and East Falkirk	88,506
Livingston	83,508
Midlothian	71,210
Moray	71,537
Motherwell and Wishaw	69,413
Na h-Eileanan an Iar*	21,177
North Ayrshire and Arran	73,588
North East Fife	60,877
Ochil and South Perthshire	80,381
Orkney and Shetland*	34,824
Paisley and Renfrewshire North	72,576
Paisley and Renfrewshire South	64,884
Perth and North Perthshire	73,523
Ross, Skye and Lochaber	54,325
Rutherglen and Hamilton West	81,744
Stirling	70,085
West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine	73,634
West Dunbartonshire	67,795

11. The table below shows the electorate of the existing constituencies in ascending order of electorate. The electorate of the mainland constituencies range from 46,924 to 88,506. The 18 existing constituencies within the electorate quota (69,724 – 77,062) are highlighted.

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