

**2018 Review of UK Parliament Constituencies  
Media coverage following submission of Final Recommendations**

**Action**

1. The Commission is invited to note online media coverage following the submission of its 2018 Review Report in September 2018.

**Background**

2. The Secretariat monitors online media coverage by making use of Google Alerts. Google Alerts highlight any mention of the Commission or key words relating to the Commission's work.
3. Appendix A provides links to online news articles in the local and national press since the Commission's report was submitted in September 2018.

**Media Coverage**

4. Google Alerts highlighted a total of 33 articles. The majority of these were featured in the local press.
5. 14 articles commented on the recommended constituencies generally. Some of the articles mentioned the impact the review would have after Brexit, mainly concerning higher workloads for MPs.
6. There were 19 local media articles focusing on specific areas. The main issues were: criticism of the size of the Argyll, Bute and South West Highland constituency, making it difficult for an MP to represent all communities within such a large area; and that three constituencies cover Renfrewshire.

**Conclusion**

7. The Secretariat will continue to monitor news coverage and keep the Commission informed of any significant issues raised in the media.

**Secretariat  
October 2018**

## Appendix A – Links to news articles since submission of 2018 Review Report

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| <b>National Comments</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-politics-45468142">https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-politics-45468142</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <a href="https://www.theguardian.com/politics/2018/sep/10/uk-parliamentary-boundary-changes-final-plans-unveiled">https://www.theguardian.com/politics/2018/sep/10/uk-parliamentary-boundary-changes-final-plans-unveiled</a>                                                                                                   |
| <a href="https://www.aol.co.uk/news/2018/09/10/final-proposals-to-redraw-scottish-political-map-lodged/?guccounter=1">https://www.aol.co.uk/news/2018/09/10/final-proposals-to-redraw-scottish-political-map-lodged/?guccounter=1</a>                                                                                           |
| <a href="http://www.itv.com/news/2018-09-10/final-proposals-to-redraw-scottish-political-map-lodged/">http://www.itv.com/news/2018-09-10/final-proposals-to-redraw-scottish-political-map-lodged/</a>                                                                                                                           |
| <a href="https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/six-scottish-mps-would-be-lost-under-proposed-boundary-shake-up-6ksk3hjkh">https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/six-scottish-mps-would-be-lost-under-proposed-boundary-shake-up-6ksk3hjkh</a>                                                                                         |
| <a href="https://www.eveningexpress.co.uk/news/scotland/final-proposals-to-redraw-scottish-political-map-lodged/">https://www.eveningexpress.co.uk/news/scotland/final-proposals-to-redraw-scottish-political-map-lodged/</a>                                                                                                   |
| <a href="https://www.edinburghnews.scotsman.com/news/opinion/brian-monteith-snp-are-masters-of-the-fine-art-of-fake-grievance-1-4798174">https://www.edinburghnews.scotsman.com/news/opinion/brian-monteith-snp-are-masters-of-the-fine-art-of-fake-grievance-1-4798174</a>                                                     |
| <a href="https://www.holyrood.com/articles/news/snp-and-labour-slam-boundary-review-proposals-scotland">https://www.holyrood.com/articles/news/snp-and-labour-slam-boundary-review-proposals-scotland</a>                                                                                                                       |
| <a href="https://fullfact.org/law/constituency-boundary-change-proposals/">https://fullfact.org/law/constituency-boundary-change-proposals/</a>                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <a href="https://www.heraldscotland.com/news/16832995.snp-big-guns-affected-by-boundary-change-proposals/">https://www.heraldscotland.com/news/16832995.snp-big-guns-affected-by-boundary-change-proposals/</a>                                                                                                                 |
| <a href="https://www.pressandjournal.co.uk/fp/news/politics/1559649/politicians-react-as-final-proposals-to-redraw-scottish-political-map-lodged/">https://www.pressandjournal.co.uk/fp/news/politics/1559649/politicians-react-as-final-proposals-to-redraw-scottish-political-map-lodged/</a>                                 |
| <a href="https://www.thecourier.co.uk/fp/news/politics/scottish-politics/722065/conservative-bid-to-reduce-number-of-mps-in-scotland-branded-frankly-astonishing/">https://www.thecourier.co.uk/fp/news/politics/scottish-politics/722065/conservative-bid-to-reduce-number-of-mps-in-scotland-branded-frankly-astonishing/</a> |
| <a href="https://www.scotsman.com/news/politics/plan-to-cut-number-of-scottish-mps-can-t-see-light-of-day-1-4797828">https://www.scotsman.com/news/politics/plan-to-cut-number-of-scottish-mps-can-t-see-light-of-day-1-4797828</a>                                                                                             |
| <a href="http://www.thenational.scot/news/16833150.ludicrous-boundaries-proposals-reduce-scotlands-voice-in-uk/">http://www.thenational.scot/news/16833150.ludicrous-boundaries-proposals-reduce-scotlands-voice-in-uk/</a>                                                                                                     |
| <b>Local Comments</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Argyll, Bute and South West Highland</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <a href="https://thelochsidepress.com/2018/09/11/larger-constituency-will-be-unworkable-says-ohara/">https://thelochsidepress.com/2018/09/11/larger-constituency-will-be-unworkable-says-ohara/</a>                                                                                                                             |
| <a href="https://www.buteman.co.uk/news/politics/vow-to-oppose-commission-proposal-1-4800979">https://www.buteman.co.uk/news/politics/vow-to-oppose-commission-proposal-1-4800979</a>                                                                                                                                           |
| <a href="https://www.obantimes.co.uk/2018/09/20/boundary-changes-an-outrageous-attack-on-highland-democracy/">https://www.obantimes.co.uk/2018/09/20/boundary-changes-an-outrageous-attack-on-highland-democracy/</a>                                                                                                           |
| <b>East Renfrewshire/ Renfrewshire</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <a href="http://www.barrheadnews.com/news/16888638.all-change-for-barrhead-as-boundaries-are-redrawn/">http://www.barrheadnews.com/news/16888638.all-change-for-barrhead-as-boundaries-are-redrawn/</a>                                                                                                                         |
| <a href="http://www.barrheadnews.com/news/16888669.boundary-change-for-barrhead-expert-opinion/">http://www.barrheadnews.com/news/16888669.boundary-change-for-barrhead-expert-opinion/</a>                                                                                                                                     |
| <a href="http://www.the-gazette.co.uk/news/16892917.carved-up-like-a-christmas-turkey-renfrewshire-politicians-on-boundary-changes/">http://www.the-gazette.co.uk/news/16892917.carved-up-like-a-christmas-turkey-renfrewshire-politicians-on-boundary-changes/</a>                                                             |
| <b>Fife</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <a href="https://www.fifetoday.co.uk/news/politics/anger-at-tory-power-grab-as-fife-boundaries-redrawn-1-4799849">https://www.fifetoday.co.uk/news/politics/anger-at-tory-power-grab-as-fife-boundaries-redrawn-1-4799849</a>                                                                                                   |
| <b>Stirlingshire, Strathearn and Kinross</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |

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| <a href="https://www.dailyrecord.co.uk/news/local-news/boundary-set-change-ochil-south-13243175">https://www.dailyrecord.co.uk/news/local-news/boundary-set-change-ochil-south-13243175</a>                                                                                             |
| <b>Clyde Coast</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <a href="http://www.greenocktelegraph.co.uk/news/16833734.the-greenock-and-inverclyde-name-could-be-set-to-disappear-after-nearly-200-years/">http://www.greenocktelegraph.co.uk/news/16833734.the-greenock-and-inverclyde-name-could-be-set-to-disappear-after-nearly-200-years/</a>   |
| <b>Scottish Borders</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <a href="http://www.peebleshirenews.com/news/16881844.mps-to-decide-if-innerleithen-and-peeble-should-be-split-in-proposed-boundary-shake-up/">http://www.peebleshirenews.com/news/16881844.mps-to-decide-if-innerleithen-and-peeble-should-be-split-in-proposed-boundary-shake-up/</a> |
| <a href="https://www.thesouthernreporter.co.uk/news/scottish-secretary-faces-being-ousted-from-the-borders-1-4802375">https://www.thesouthernreporter.co.uk/news/scottish-secretary-faces-being-ousted-from-the-borders-1-4802375</a>                                                   |
| <b>Highland</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <a href="https://www.north-star-news.co.uk/News/North-consituency-could-be-bigger-than-Jamaica-13092018.htm">https://www.north-star-news.co.uk/News/North-consituency-could-be-bigger-than-Jamaica-13092018.htm</a>                                                                     |
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| <b>Dunbartonshire East and Dunbartonshire West</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <a href="http://www.dumbartonreporter.co.uk/news/16898540.west-dunbartonshire-boundaries-to-now-include-half-of-bearsden/">http://www.dumbartonreporter.co.uk/news/16898540.west-dunbartonshire-boundaries-to-now-include-half-of-bearsden/</a>                                         |
| <a href="https://www.kirkintilloch-herald.co.uk/news/boundary-change-plans-for-east-dunbartonshire-constituency-1-4817272">https://www.kirkintilloch-herald.co.uk/news/boundary-change-plans-for-east-dunbartonshire-constituency-1-4817272</a>                                         |
| <b>Lanarkshire</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <a href="https://www.dailyrecord.co.uk/news/local-news/motherwell-wishaw-ward-change-blasted-13304562">https://www.dailyrecord.co.uk/news/local-news/motherwell-wishaw-ward-change-blasted-13304562</a>                                                                                 |
| <a href="https://www.dailyrecord.co.uk/news/monklands-mps-oppose-plans-redraw-13394354">https://www.dailyrecord.co.uk/news/monklands-mps-oppose-plans-redraw-13394354</a>                                                                                                               |
| <b>Dumfriesshire, Clydesdale and Tweeddale</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <a href="https://www.dng24.co.uk/voting-shake-up/">https://www.dng24.co.uk/voting-shake-up/</a>                                                                                                                                                                                         |