



INFORMATION PAPER

UK PARLIAMENT CONSTITUENCIES IN SCOTLAND: 1950 - 1955

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This paper explains the 71 UK Parliament constituencies in Scotland between 1950 and 1955, and their relationship with local government boundaries in Scotland.

These 71 constituencies were as recommended in our Initial Report, submitted in 1947, and implemented by the Representation of the People Act 1948 (c.65). They are made up of 32 burgh constituencies and 39 county constituencies.

A summary of the main rules and their application during the Initial Review were:

- Scotland shall have no less than 71 constituencies.
- 71 constituencies were recommended. Prior to 1950 there were 71 constituencies.
- all constituencies should be as near the electoral quota as practicable. The average electorate for the 71 Scottish constituencies was 49,581, which was considerably below the electoral quota for Great Britain 57,697.
- the Commission may depart from the strict application of electoral parity if special geographical considerations apply. This rule was not applied during the review.

We reported in 1950 and 1951 on Interim Reviews after changes to the boundaries of Clydebank, Johnstone and Kirkcaldy burghs, and recommended consequential amendments to six constituencies. Those changes were implemented by the Parliamentary Constituencies (Scotland) Orders 1951 (SI 1951/756 to 1951/758).

These constituencies were contested in General Elections on 23 February 1950 and (incorporating the amendments) 25 October 1951.

These constituencies were succeeded by the constituencies which we recommended in our First Periodical Report, submitted in 1954.

Each constituency was designated as either a county constituency or a burgh constituency. This designation affects the allowable expenses by candidates during elections.

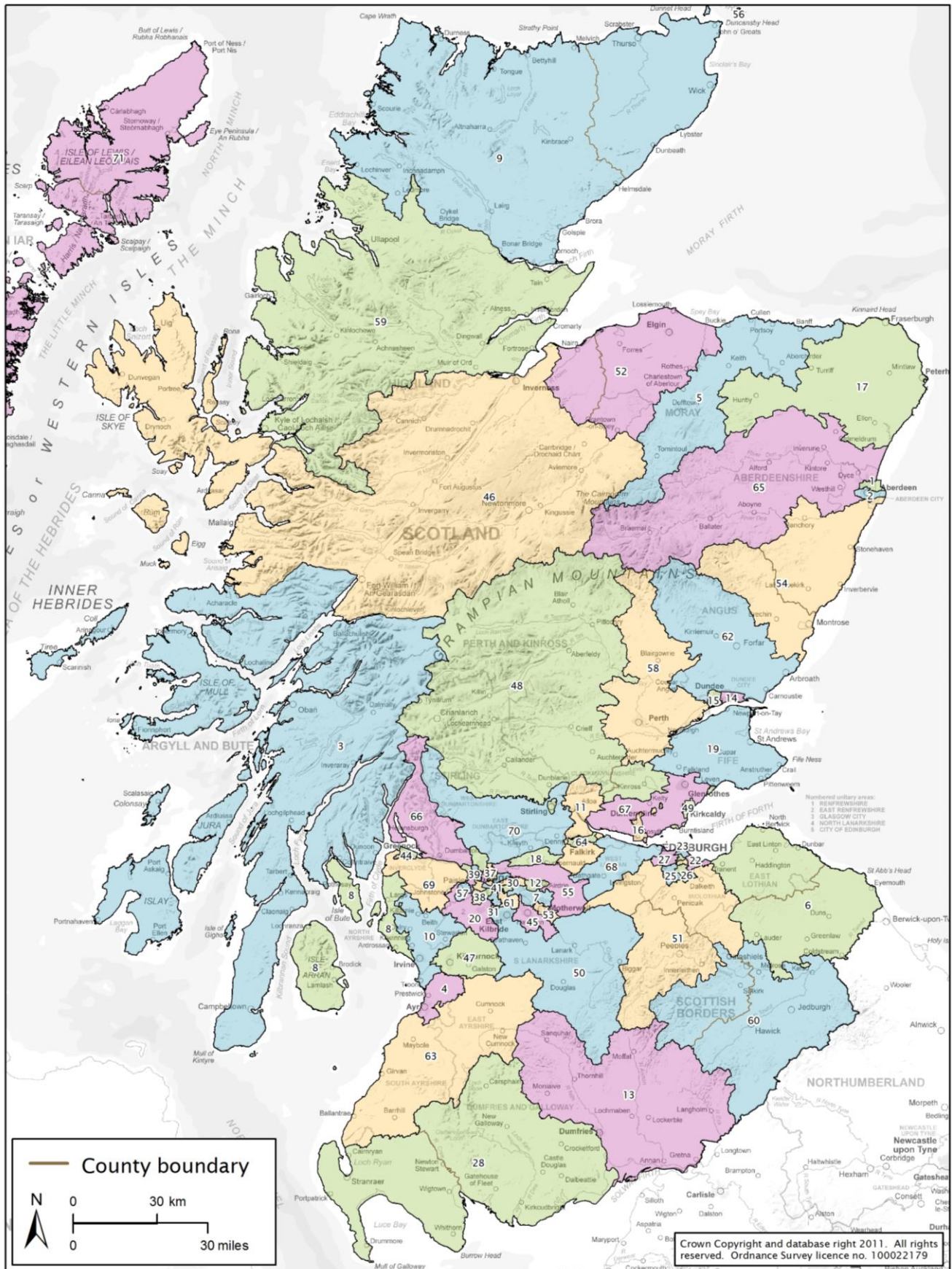
Appendix A is an alphabetical list of the constituencies and their designations, with a note of which constituencies were amended in 1951.

Appendix B is a list of which constituencies covered each of Scotland's counties.

Appendix C is a list of the counties and their constituent parts which made up each constituency.

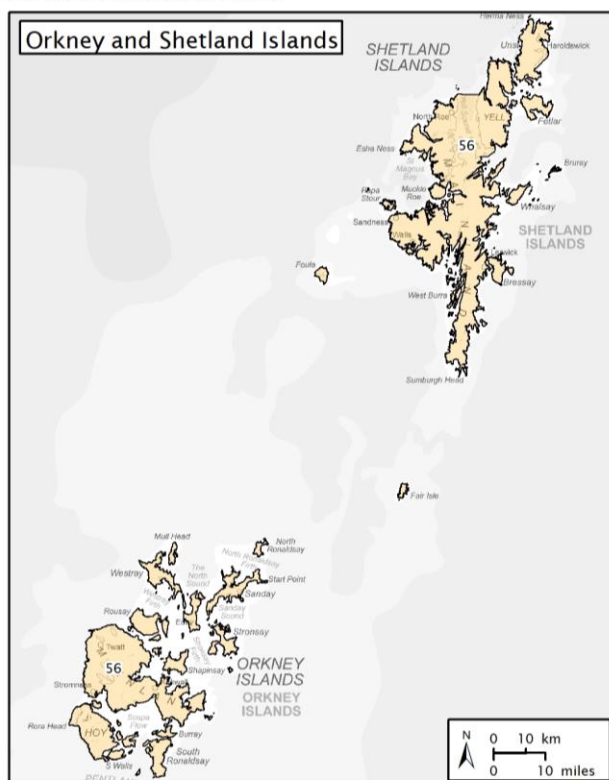
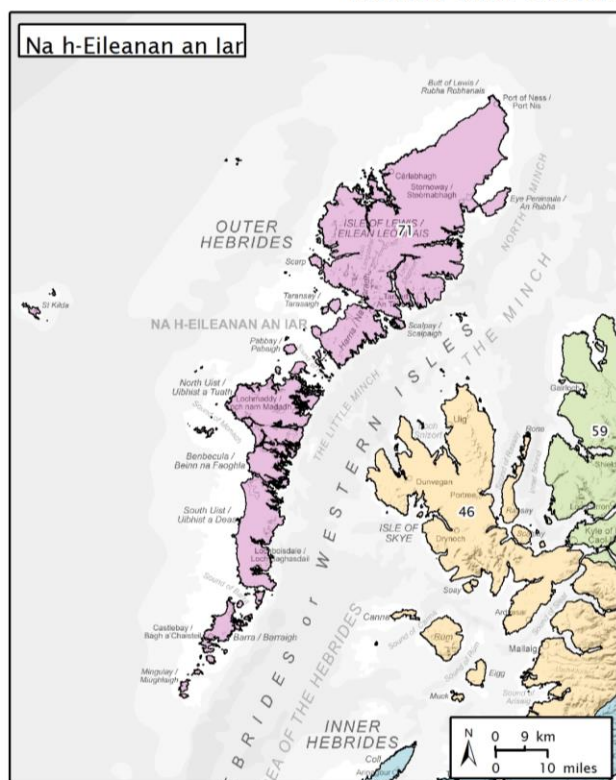
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Mainland constituencies

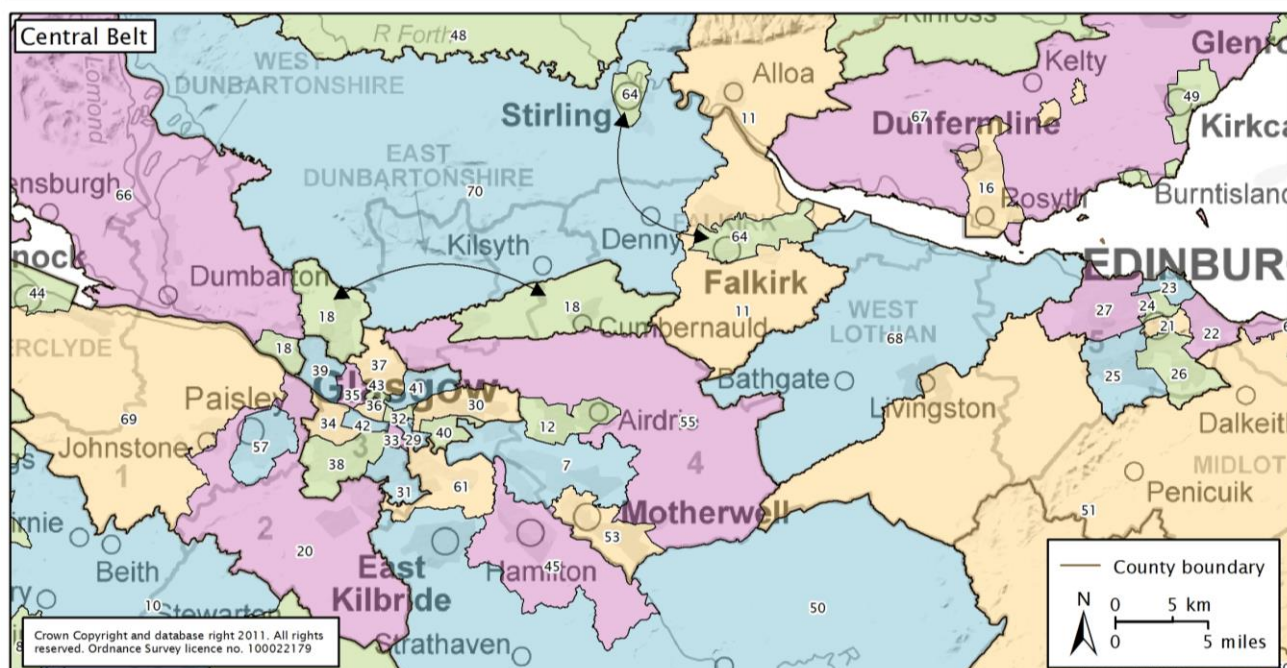


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Island and central belt constituencies



1 Aberdeen North	burgh	16 Dunfermline Burghs	burgh	30 Glasgow Camlachie	burgh	44 Greenock	burgh	58 Perth and East Perthshire	county
2 Aberdeen South	burgh	17 East Aberdeenshire	county	31 Glasgow Cathcart	burgh	45 Hamilton	burgh	59 Ross and Cromarty	county
3 Argyll	county	18 East Dunbartonshire	county	32 Glasgow Central	county	46 Inverness	burgh	60 Roxburgh and Selkirk	county
4 Ayr	county	19 East Fife	county	33 Glasgow Gorbals	burgh	47 Kilmarnock	burgh	61 Rutherglen	county
5 Banff	county	20 East Renfrewshire	county	34 Glasgow Govan	burgh	48 Kinross and West Perthshire	burgh	62 South Angus	county
6 Berwick and East Lothian	county	21 Edinburgh Central	county	35 Glasgow Hillhead	burgh	49 Kirkcaldy Burghs	burgh	63 South Ayrshire	county
7 Bothwell	county	22 Edinburgh East	county	36 Glasgow Kelvingrove	burgh	50 Lanark	burgh	64 Stirling and Falkirk Burghs	burgh
8 Bute and North Ayrshire	county	23 Edinburgh Leith	county	37 Glasgow Maryhill	burgh	51 Midlothian and Peebles	burgh	65 West Aberdeenshire	county
9 Caithness and Sutherland	county	24 Edinburgh North	county	38 Glasgow Pollok	burgh	52 Moray and Nairn	burgh	66 West Dunbartonshire	county
10 Central Ayrshire	county	25 Edinburgh Pentlands	county	39 Glasgow Scotstoun	burgh	53 Motherwell	burgh	67 West Fife	county
11 Clackmannan and East Stirlingshire	county	26 Edinburgh South	county	40 Glasgow Shettleston	burgh	54 North Angus and Mearns	burgh	68 West Lothian	county
12 Coatbridge and Airdrie	burgh	27 Edinburgh West	county	41 Glasgow Springburn	burgh	55 North Lanarkshire	burgh	69 West Renfrewshire	county
13 Dumfries	county	28 Galloway	county	42 Glasgow Tradeston	burgh	56 Orkney and Zetland	burgh	70 West Stirlingshire	county
14 Dundee East	burgh	29 Glasgow Bridgeton	burgh	43 Glasgow Woodside	burgh	57 Paisley	burgh	71 Western Isles	county
15 Dundee West	burgh								



Appendix A – Constituencies

This Appendix is an alphabetical list of the 32 burgh constituencies and 39 county constituencies. Some of the names of Edinburgh and Glasgow constituencies recommended in the report include a comma: these have been included in this alphabetical list for completeness, but omitted elsewhere for clarity.

In the Initial Report, each constituency was defined in terms of parliamentary counties and parliamentary burghs, and divisions within them. In the Representation of the People Act 1948 which implemented the recommendations, constituency names are used in place of the parliamentary counties, parliamentary burghs and divisions.

Constituency	Designation
Aberdeen North	Burgh
Aberdeen South	Burgh
Argyll	County
Ayr	County
Banff	County
Berwick and East Lothian	County
Bothwell	County
Bute and North Ayrshire	County
Caithness and Sutherland	County
Central Ayrshire ¹	County
Clackmannan and East Stirlingshire	County
Coatbridge and Airdrie	Burgh
Dumfries	County
Dundee East	Burgh
Dundee West	Burgh
Dunfermline Burghs	Burgh
East Aberdeenshire ²	County
East Dunbartonshire ³	County
East Fife	County
East Renfrewshire ⁴	County
Edinburgh Central	Burgh
Edinburgh East	Burgh
Edinburgh, Leith	Burgh
Edinburgh North	Burgh
Edinburgh, Pentlands	Burgh
Edinburgh South	Burgh
Edinburgh West	Burgh
Galloway	County
Glasgow, Bridgeton	Burgh
Glasgow, Camlachie	Burgh
Glasgow, Cathcart	Burgh
Glasgow Central	Burgh
Glasgow, Gorbals	Burgh

¹ Referred to in report as Cunningham & Irvine Division of Ayr and Bute parliamentary county

² Referred to in report as Buchan Division of Aberdeenshire parliamentary county

³ Amended in 1951 after changes to Clydebank burgh boundary

⁴ Amended in 1951 after changes to Johnstone burgh boundary

Constituency	Designation
Glasgow, Govan	Burgh
Glasgow, Hillhead	Burgh
Glasgow, Kelvingrove	Burgh
Glasgow, Maryhill	Burgh
Glasgow, Pollok	Burgh
Glasgow, Scotstoun	Burgh
Glasgow, Shettleston	Burgh
Glasgow, Springburn	Burgh
Glasgow, Tradeston	Burgh
Glasgow, Woodside	Burgh
Greenock	Burgh
Hamilton	County
Inverness	County
Kilmarnock	County
Kinross and West Perthshire	County
Kirkcaldy Burghs ⁵	Burgh
Lanark	County
Midlothian and Peebles	County
Moray and Nairn	County
Motherwell	County
North Angus and Mearns	County
North Lanarkshire	County
Orkney and Zetland	County
Paisley	Burgh
Perth and East Perthshire	County
Ross and Cromarty	County
Roxburgh and Selkirk	County
Rutherglen	County
South Angus	County
South Ayrshire	County
Stirling and Falkirk Burghs	Burgh
West Aberdeenshire ⁶	County
West Dunbartonshire ⁷	County
West Fife ⁸	County
West Lothian	County
West Renfrewshire ⁹	County
West Stirlingshire	County
Western Isles	County

⁵ Amended in 1951 after changes to Kirkcaldy burgh boundary

⁶ Referred to in report as Dee and Don Division of Aberdeenshire parliamentary county

⁷ Amended in 1951 after changes to Clydebank burgh boundary

⁸ Amended in 1951 after changes to Kirkcaldy burgh boundary

⁹ Amended in 1951 after changes to Johnstone burgh boundary

Appendix B - Constituencies within each county

This Appendix lists which UK Parliament constituencies and part constituencies covered each of Scotland's counties.

County	Whole constituency	Part constituency
Aberdeen, City of	Aberdeen North Aberdeen South	
Aberdeenshire	East Aberdeenshire West Aberdeenshire	
Angus	South Angus	North Angus and Mearns
Argyll	Argyll	
Ayrshire	Ayr Central Ayrshire Kilmarnock South Ayrshire	Bute and North Ayrshire
Banffshire	Banff	
Berwickshire		Berwick and East Lothian
Bute		Bute and North Ayrshire
Caithness		Caithness and Sutherland
Clackmannan		Clackmannan and East Stirlingshire
Dumfriesshire	Dumfries	
Dunbartonshire	East Dunbartonshire West Dunbartonshire	
Dundee, City of	Dundee East Dundee West	
East Lothian		Berwick and East Lothian
Edinburgh, City of	Edinburgh Central Edinburgh Leith Edinburgh North Edinburgh Pentlands Edinburgh South Edinburgh West	Edinburgh East
Fife	Dunfermline Burghs East Fife Kirkcaldy Burghs West Fife	
Glasgow, City of	Glasgow Bridgeton Glasgow Camlachie Glasgow Cathcart Glasgow Central Glasgow Gorbals Glasgow Govan Glasgow Hillhead Glasgow Kelvingrove Glasgow Maryhill Glasgow Pollok Glasgow Scotstoun Glasgow Shettleston Glasgow Springburn Glasgow Tradeston Glasgow Woodside	

County	Whole constituency	Part constituency
Inverness-shire	Inverness	Western Isles
Kincardine		North Angus and Mearns
Kinross-shire		Kinross and West Perthshire
Kirkcudbrightshire		Galloway
Lanarkshire	Bothwell Coatbridge and Airdrie Hamilton Lanark Motherwell North Lanarkshire Rutherglen	
Midlothian		Edinburgh East Midlothian and Peebles
Moray		Moray and Nairn
Nairnshire		Moray and Nairn
Orkney		Orkney and Zetland
Peeblesshire		Midlothian and Peebles
Perthshire	Perth and East Perthshire	Kinross and West Perthshire
Renfrewshire	East Renfrewshire Greenock Paisley West Renfrewshire	
Ross and Cromarty	Ross and Cromarty	Western Isles
Roxburghshire		Roxburgh and Selkirk
Selkirkshire		Roxburgh and Selkirk
Stirlingshire	Stirling and Falkirk Burghs West Stirlingshire	Clackmannan and East Stirlingshire
Sutherland		Caithness and Sutherland
West Lothian	West Lothian	
Wigtownshire		Galloway
Zetland		Orkney and Zetland

Appendix C - County composition of constituencies

This Appendix lists which counties and their constituent parts made up each UK Parliament constituencies. Most counties were made of burghs and districts, although a few small counties did not contain any districts. The city counties of Aberdeen, Dundee, Edinburgh and Glasgow were made up of wards.

The boundaries of the counties, burghs and wards are as they existed on 31 October 1947. In the cases of the Edinburgh and Glasgow constituencies, the wards used to define the constituencies were introduced later: by SI 1948/876 for Glasgow and by SI 1948/1138 for Edinburgh. The constituency definitions were amended in 1951 to reflect later amendments to the boundaries of Clydebank, Johnstone and Kirkcaldy burghs.

Constituencies were made up of whole burghs, and generally whole districts and wards. Where only part of a district or ward was included in a constituency, this is indicated in the table.

Constituency	County	Burgh	District or ward
Aberdeen North	City of Aberdeen		Gilcomston; Greyfriars; St Clement; St Machar; St Nicholas; Woodside
Aberdeen South	City of Aberdeen		Ferryhill; Holburn; Rosemount; Rubislaw; Ruthrieston; Torry
Argyll	Argyll	All	All
Ayr	Ayrshire	Ayr; Prestwick	Ayr (part)
Banff	Banffshire	All	All
Berwick and East Lothian	Berwickshire	All	All
	East Lothian	All	All
Bothwell	Lanarkshire		Sixth; Ninth (part)
Bute and North Ayrshire	Ayrshire	Ardrossan; Largs; Saltcoats	Saltcoats
	Bute	All	All
Caithness and Sutherland	Caithness	All	All
	Sutherland	All	All
Central Ayrshire	Ayrshire	Irvine; Kilwinning; Stewarton; Troon	Ayr (part); Irvine; Kilbirnie; Kilmarnock (part)
Clackmannan and East Stirlingshire	Clackmannan	All	All
	Stirlingshire		Eastern No.1; Eastern No.2; Eastern No.3
Coatbridge and Airdrie	Lanarkshire	Airdrie; Coatbridge	
Dumfries	Dumfriesshire	All	All
Dundee East	City of Dundee		First; Fourth; Fifth; Tenth; Eleventh; Twelfth
Dundee West	City of Dundee		Second; Third; Sixth; Seventh; Eighth; Ninth
Dunfermline Burghs	Fife	Cowdenbeath; Dunfermline; Inverkeithing; Lochgelly	

Appendix C - County composition of constituencies

Constituency	County	Burgh	District or ward
East Aberdeenshire	Aberdeenshire	Ellon; Fraserburgh; Huntly; Peterhead; Rosehearty; Turriff	Deer; Ellon; Huntly; Turriff
East Dunbartonshire	Dunbartonshire	Clydebank; Kirkintilloch; Milngavie	Cumbernauld; Kirkintilloch; New Kilpatrick
East Fife	Fife	Auchtermuchty; Crail; Cupar; Elie and Earlsferry; Falkland; Kilrenny, Anstruther Easter and Anstruther Wester; Ladybank; Leven; Newburgh; Newport; Pittenweem; St Andrews; St Monance; Tayport	Anstruther; Cupar; St Andrews; Wemyss (part)
East Renfrewshire	Renfrewshire	Barrhead; Renfrew	First; Second
Edinburgh Central	City of Edinburgh		George Square; Holyrood; St Giles
Edinburgh East	City of Edinburgh		Craighentinny; Craigmillar; Portobello
	Midlothian	Musselburgh	
Edinburgh Leith	City of Edinburgh		Central Leith; South Leith; West Leith
Edinburgh North	City of Edinburgh		Broughton; Calton; St Andrew's
Edinburgh Pentlands	City of Edinburgh		Colinton; Gorgie-Dalry; Merchiston; Sighthill
Edinburgh South	City of Edinburgh		Liberton; Morningside; Newington
Edinburgh West	City of Edinburgh		Corstorphine; Murrayfield-Cramond; Pilton; St Bernard's
Galloway	Kirkcudbrightshire	All	All
	Wigtownshire	All	All
Glasgow Bridgeton	City of Glasgow		Calton; Dalmarnock
Glasgow Camlachie	City of Glasgow		Dennistoun; Mile-End (part); Provan
Glasgow Cathcart	City of Glasgow		Cathcart; Govanhill (part); Langside
Glasgow Central	City of Glasgow		Exchange; Townhead
Glasgow Gorbals	City of Glasgow		Gorbals; Govanhill (part); Hutchesontown
Glasgow Govan	City of Glasgow		Craigton; Fairfield; Govan (part)
Glasgow Hillhead	City of Glasgow		Kelvinside; Partick East (part); Partick West
Glasgow Kelvingrove	City of Glasgow		Anderston; Park
Glasgow Maryhill	City of Glasgow		Maryhill; Ruchill

Appendix C - County composition of constituencies

Constituency	County	Burgh	District or ward
Glasgow Pollok	City of Glasgow		Camphill; Pollokshaws; Pollokshields
Glasgow Scotstoun	City of Glasgow		Knightswood; Whiteinch; Yoker
Glasgow Shettleston	City of Glasgow		Mile-End (part); Parkhead; Shettleston and Tollcross
Glasgow Springburn	City of Glasgow		Cowcaddens; Cowlares; Springburn
Glasgow Tradeston	City of Glasgow		Govan (part); Kingston; Kinning Park
Glasgow Woodside	City of Glasgow		North Kelvin; Partick East (part); Woodside
Greenock	Renfrewshire	Greenock	
Hamilton	Lanarkshire	Hamilton	Fourth (part); Fifth (part)
Inverness	Inverness-shire	All	Aird; Badenoch; Inverness; Lochaber; Skye
Kilmarnock	Ayrshire	Darvel; Galston; Kilmarnock; Newmilns and Greenholm	Kilmarnock (part); Newmilns
Kinross and West Perthshire	Kinross-shire	All	All
	Perthshire	Aberfeldy; Auchterarder; Callander; Crieff; Doune; Dunblane; Pitlochry	Central; Highland; Western
Kirkcaldy Burghs	Fife	Buckhaven and Methil; Burntisland; Kinghorn; Kirkcaldy	
Lanark	Lanarkshire	Biggar; Lanark	First; Second; Third; Fourth (part); Fifth (part)
Midlothian and Peebles	Midlothian	Bonnyrigg and Lasswade; Dalkeith; Loanhead; Penicuik	All
	Peeblesshire	All	All
Moray and Nairn	Moray	All	All
	Nairnshire	All	All
Motherwell	Lanarkshire	Motherwell and Wishaw	Seventh (part)
North Angus and Mearns	Angus	Brechin; Montrose	Brechin; Montrose
	Kincardine	All	All
North Lanarkshire	Lanarkshire		Seventh (part); Ninth (part)
Orkney and Zetland	Orkney	All	All
	Zetland	All	All
Paisley	Renfrewshire	Paisley	
Perth and East Perthshire	Perthshire	Abernethy; Alyth; Blairgowrie and Rattray; Coupar Angus; Perth	Eastern; Perth

Appendix C - County composition of constituencies

Constituency	County	Burgh	District or ward
Ross and Cromarty	Ross and Cromarty	Cromarty; Dingwall; Fortrose; Invergordon; Tain	Avoch; Dingwall; Fearn; Fortrose; Gairloch; Invergordon; Lochbroom; Lochcarron; Muir of Ord; South West; Tain
Roxburgh and Selkirk	Roxburghshire	All	All
	Selkirkshire	All	All
Rutherglen	Lanarkshire	Rutherglen	Eighth
South Angus	Angus	Arbroath; Carnoustie; Forfar; Kirriemuir; Monifieth	Carnoustie; Forfar; Kirriemuir; Monifieth
South Ayrshire	Ayrshire	Cumnock and Holmhead; Girvan; Maybole	Cumnock; Dalmellington; Girvan; Maybole
Stirling and Falkirk Burghs	Stirlingshire	Falkirk; Grangemouth; Stirling	
West Aberdeenshire	Aberdeenshire	Ballater; Inverurie; Kintore; Old Meldrum	Aberdeen; Alford; Deeside; Garioch
West Dunbartonshire	Dunbartonshire	Cove and Kilcreggan; Dumbarton; Helensburgh	Helensburgh; Old Kilpatrick; Vale of Leven
West Fife	Fife	Culross; Leslie; Markinch	Dunfermline; Kirkcaldy; Lochgelly; Wemyss (part)
West Lothian	West Lothian	All	All
West Renfrewshire	Renfrewshire	Gourock; Johnstone; Port Glasgow	Third; Fourth; Fifth
West Stirlingshire	Stirlingshire	Bridge of Allan; Denny and Dunipace; Kilsyth	Central No.1; Central No.2; Western No.1; Western No.2; Western No.3
Western Isles	Inverness-shire		Barra; Harris; North Uist; South Uist
	Ross and Cromarty	Stornoway	Lewis