



INFORMATION PAPER

UK PARLIAMENT CONSTITUENCIES IN SCOTLAND: 1983 - 1997

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This paper explains the 72 UK Parliament constituencies in Scotland from 1983 to 1997, and their relationship with local government boundaries in Scotland.

These 72 constituencies were implemented as recommended by our Third Periodical Report in 1983 by the Parliamentary Constituencies (Scotland) Order 1983 (SI 1983/422). They are made up of 29 burgh constituencies and 43 county constituencies.

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

- Scotland shall have no less than 71 constituencies. Prior to 1983 there were 71 constituencies. 72 constituencies were recommended. The increase in number of constituencies was due to the new rule – regard to local authority areas.
- every constituency should return a single member.
- regard shall be had to the boundaries of local authority areas.
- all constituencies should be as near the electoral quota as practicable. The average electorate for the 71 Scottish constituencies was 53,649.
- the Commission may depart from the strict application of electoral parity if special geographical considerations apply. This rule was applied to constituencies within the Highland region and to retain the existing Orkney and Shetland and Western Isles constituencies.

Unlike in previous reviews, almost all of the recommended constituencies differed from their predecessors. This arose since the recommended constituencies took account of the local authority structure of regions, districts and islands areas which had existed in Scotland since 1974, and which replaced the substantially different structure of counties and burghs which had existed before that date. The only constituencies whose boundaries were unchanged by the review were in the islands, namely Orkney and Shetland constituency and Western Isles constituency.

We reported in 1986 on an Interim Review after local government boundary changes, and recommended consequential amendments to 14 constituencies, indicated in the table below. Those changes were implemented by the Parliamentary Constituencies (Scotland) Order 1987 (SI 1987/469).

We reported in 1988 and 1990 on Interim Reviews after local government boundary changes, which in combination recommended consequential amendments to 33 constituencies. Those changes were implemented by the Parliamentary Constituencies (Scotland) Orders 1988 (SI 1988/1992) and 1990 (SI 1990/2298) respectively.

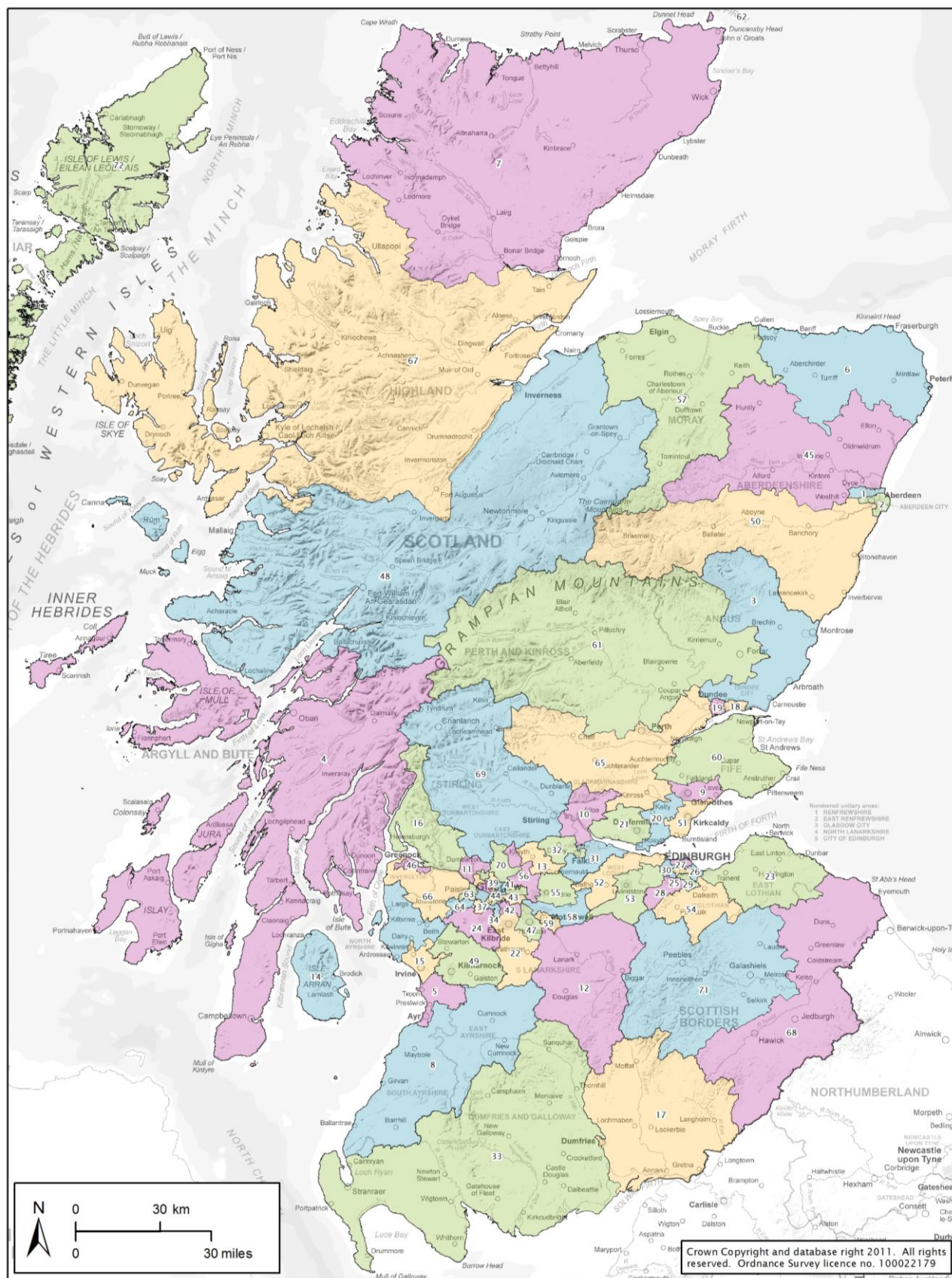
These constituencies were contested in General Elections on 9 June 1983, 11 June 1987 (incorporating the 1987 amendments) and 9 April 1992 (incorporating the 1987, 1988 and 1990 amendments), and in by-elections between 1983 and 1997. These constituencies were succeeded by the constituencies which we recommended in our Fourth Periodical Report, submitted in 1994.

Each constituency is designated as either a county constituency or a burgh constituency. These designations affect the allowable expenses by candidates during elections.

Appendix A is an alphabetical list of the constituencies and their designations. Appendix A also lists which of the constituencies were amended as a result of the 1987, 1988 and 1990 Orders listed above.

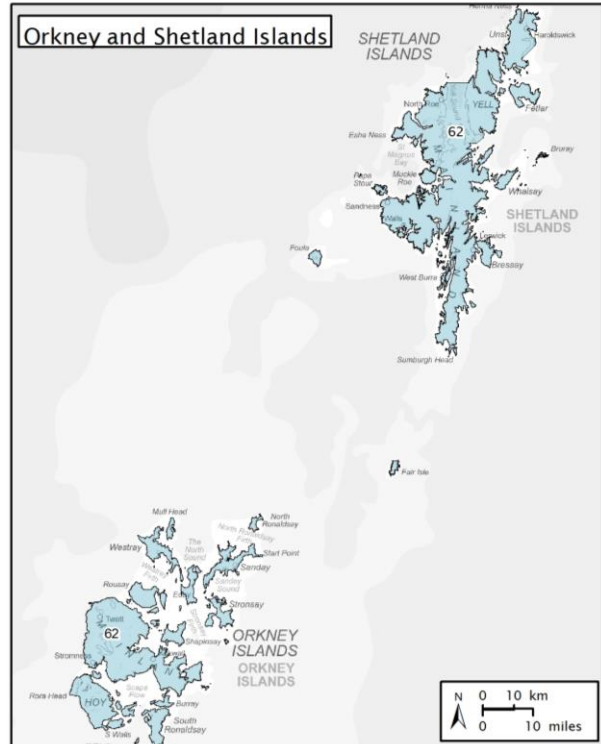
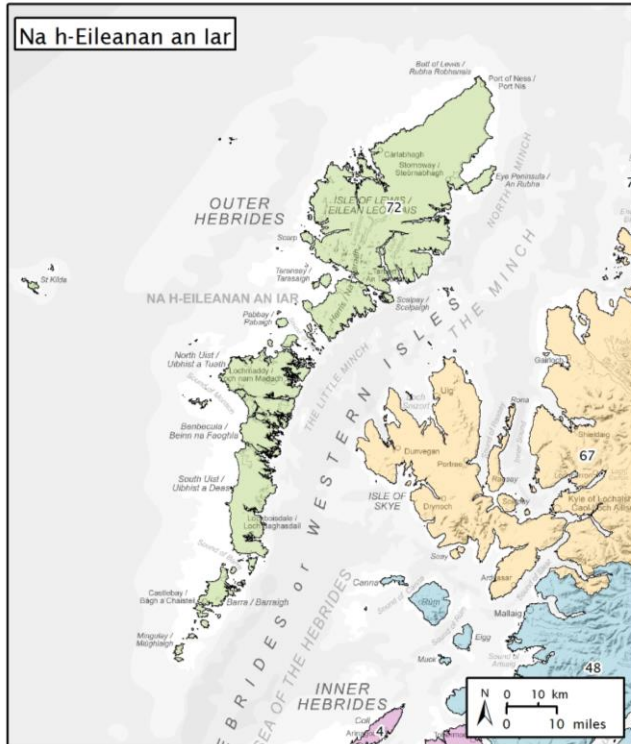
Appendix B is a list of which constituencies covered each of Scotland's region, district and islands area local authorities which existed between 1974 and 1995, and Appendix C lists the local government electoral divisions which made up each constituency.

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Island and central belt constituencies



1 Aberdeen North	burgh	16 Dumbarton	county	31 Falkirk East	county	45 Gordon	county	59 Motherwell South	burgh
2 Aberdeen South	burgh	17 Dumfries	county	32 Falkirk West	county	46 Greenock and Port Glasgow	burgh	60 North East Fife	county
3 Angus East	county	18 Dundee East	county	33 Galloway and Upper Nithsdale	burgh	47 Hamilton	county	61 North Tayside	county
4 Argyll and Bute	county	19 Dundee West	county	34 Glasgow Cathcart	burgh	48 Inverness, Nairn and Lochaber	burgh	62 Orkney and Shetland	county
5 Ayr	county	20 Dunfermline East	county	35 Glasgow Central	county	49 Kilmarnock and Loudoun	burgh	63 Paisley North	burgh
6 Banff and Buchan	county	21 Dunfermline West	county	36 Glasgow Garscadden	burgh	50 Kincardine and Deeside	burgh	64 Paisley South	burgh
7 Caithness and Sutherland	county	22 East Kilbride	county	37 Glasgow Govan	county	51 Kirkcaldy	burgh	65 Perth and Kinross	county
8 Carrick, Cumnock and Doon Valley	county	23 East Lothian	county	38 Glasgow Hillhead	county	52 Linlithgow	burgh	66 Renfrew West and Inverclyde	county
9 Central Fife	county	24 Eastwood	burgh	39 Glasgow Maryhill	burgh	53 Livingston	burgh	67 Ross, Cromarty and Skye	county
10 Clackmannan	county	25 Edinburgh Central	county	40 Glasgow Pollok	burgh	54 Midlothian	county	68 Roxburgh and Berwickshire	county
11 Clydesdale and Milngavie	county	26 Edinburgh East	burgh	41 Glasgow Provan	burgh	55 Monklands East	burgh	69 Stirling	county
12 Clydesdale	county	27 Edinburgh Leith	burgh	42 Glasgow Rutherglen	burgh	56 Monklands West	burgh	70 Strathkelvin and Bearsden	county
13 Cumbernauld and Kilsyth	county	28 Edinburgh Pentlands	county	43 Glasgow Shettleston	burgh	57 Moray	burgh	71 Tweeddale, Ettrick and Lauderdale	county
14 Cunningham North	county	29 Edinburgh South	burgh	44 Glasgow Springburn	burgh	58 Motherwell North	burgh	72 Western Isles	county
15 Cunningham South	county	30 Edinburgh West	burgh						



Appendix A – Constituencies

This Appendix is an alphabetical list of the 29 burgh constituencies and 43 county constituencies. It includes for each constituency their designation, and whether they were amended as a result of reviews following local government changes. These amendments were implemented in 1987, 1988 and 1990.

Almost all of the recommended constituencies differed from their predecessors. The only constituencies whose boundaries were unchanged by the review were in the islands, namely Orkney and Shetland constituency (whose name was changed from Orkney and Zetland constituency) and Western Isles constituency.

Constituency	Designation	Amendments
Aberdeen North	Burgh	
Aberdeen South	Burgh	
Angus East	County	1988
Argyll and Bute	County	
Ayr	County	1987
Banff and Buchan	County	
Caithness and Sutherland	County	
Carrick, Cumnock and Doon Valley	County	1988
Central Fife	County	1988
Clackmannan	County	1987, 1988
Clydebank and Milngavie	County	1987, 1988
Clydesdale	County	1988
Cumbernauld and Kilsyth	County	
Cunninghame North	County	1990
Cunninghame South	County	1987
Dumbarton	County	1987
Dumfries	County	
Dundee East	Burgh	
Dundee West	Burgh	
Dunfermline East	County	1988
Dunfermline West	County	1988
East Kilbride	County	1987, 1988, 1990
East Lothian	County	1987, 1988, 1990
Eastwood	County	1990
Edinburgh Central	Burgh	
Edinburgh East	Burgh	1988, 1990
Edinburgh Leith	Burgh	
Edinburgh Pentlands	Burgh	
Edinburgh South	Burgh	1987
Edinburgh West	Burgh	
Falkirk East	County	1988
Falkirk West	County	
Galloway and Upper Nithsdale	County	1988
Glasgow Cathcart	Burgh	1988, 1990
Glasgow Central	Burgh	
Glasgow Garscadden	Burgh	1988
Glasgow Govan	Burgh	
Glasgow Hillhead	Burgh	
Glasgow Maryhill	Burgh	1988

Constituency	Designation	Amendments
Glasgow Pollok	Burgh	
Glasgow Provan	Burgh	
Glasgow Rutherglen	Burgh	1990
Glasgow Shettleston	Burgh	
Glasgow Springburn	Burgh	1990
Gordon	County	
Greenock and Port Glasgow	Burgh	
Hamilton	Burgh	1987
Inverness, Nairn and Lochaber	County	1990
Kilmarnock and Loudoun	County	
Kincardine and Deeside	County	1988
Kirkcaldy	County	
Linlithgow	County	1990
Livingston	County	
Midlothian	County	1987, 1988, 1990
Monklands East	Burgh	1988
Monklands West	Burgh	
Moray	County	1990
Motherwell North	Burgh	1990
Motherwell South	Burgh	
North East Fife	County	1988, 1990
North Tayside	County	1990
Orkney and Shetland	County	
Paisley North	Burgh	
Paisley South	Burgh	
Perth and Kinross	County	1987, 1988, 1990
Renfrew West and Inverclyde	County	
Ross, Cromarty and Skye	County	
Roxburgh and Berwickshire	County	1987
Stirling	County	1987, 1990
Strathkelvin and Bearsden	County	1987, 1988, 1990
Tweeddale, Ettrick and Lauderdale	County	1990
Western Isles	County	

Appendix B - Coverage of local government areas

This Appendix lists which constituencies covered each of Scotland's region, district and islands area local authorities, which existed between 1974 and 1995.

Under that local authority structure, most of Scotland comprised regions which were made up of a number of districts. Each region was divided into a number of electoral divisions for electoral purposes, with each electoral division being wholly contained in a single district. Each district was divided into a number of wards for electoral purposes, with each ward being wholly contained in a single electoral division.

The exceptions to this 2-tier structure of regions and districts were the islands areas of Orkney, Shetland and Western Isles which formed single tier local authorities.

Apart from Orkney and Shetland constituency, constituencies were each contained within a single region or islands area.

Region or islands area	District	Constituencies and part constituencies
Borders	Berwickshire	Roxburgh and Berwickshire (part)
	Ettrick and Lauderdale	Tweeddale, Ettrick and Lauderdale (part)
	Roxburgh	Roxburgh and Berwickshire (part)
	Tweeddale	Tweeddale, Ettrick and Lauderdale (part)
Central	Clackmannan	Clackmannan (part)
	Falkirk	Clackmannan (part) Falkirk East Falkirk West
	Stirling	Clackmannan (part) Stirling
Dumfries and Galloway	Annandale and Eskdale	Dumfries (part)
	Nithsdale	Dumfries (part) Galloway and Upper Nithsdale (part)
	Stewartry	Galloway and Upper Nithsdale (part)
	Wigtown	Galloway and Upper Nithsdale (part)
Fife	Dunfermline	Dunfermline East (part) Dunfermline West
	Kirkcaldy	Central Fife Dunfermline East (part) Kirkcaldy
	North East Fife	North East Fife
Grampian	Aberdeen, City of	Aberdeen North Aberdeen South Gordon (part) Kincardine and Deeside (part)
	Banff and Buchan	Banff and Buchan
	Gordon	Gordon (part)
	Kincardine and Deeside	Kincardine and Deeside (part)
	Moray	Moray
Highland	Badenoch and Strathspey	Inverness, Nairn and Lochaber (part)

Region or islands area	District	Constituencies and part constituencies
	Caithness	Caithness and Sutherland (part)
	Inverness	Inverness, Nairn and Lochaber (part)
	Lochaber	Ross, Cromarty and Skye (part)
	Nairn	Inverness, Nairn and Lochaber (part)
	Ross and Cromarty	Inverness, Nairn and Lochaber (part)
	Skye and Lochalsh	Ross, Cromarty and Skye (part)
	Sutherland	Ross, Cromarty and Skye (part)
Lothian	East Lothian	Caithness and Sutherland (part)
	Edinburgh, City of	East Lothian
	Midlothian	Edinburgh Central Edinburgh East Edinburgh Leith Edinburgh Pentlands Edinburgh South Edinburgh West Linlithgow (part) Livingston (part)
	West Lothian	Midlothian Linlithgow (part) Livingston (part)
Orkney		Orkney and Shetland (part)
Shetland		Orkney and Shetland (part)
Strathclyde	Argyll and Bute	Argyll and Bute
	Bearsden and Milngavie	Clydebank and Milngavie (part) Strathkelvin and Bearsden (part)
	Clydebank	Clydebank and Milngavie (part)
	Clydesdale	Clydesdale (part)
	Cumbernauld and Kilsyth	Cumbernauld and Kilsyth
	Cumnock and Doon Valley	Carrick, Cumnock and Doon Valley (part)
	Cunninghame	Cunninghame North Cunninghame South
	Dumbarton	Dumbarton
	East Kilbride	East Kilbride
	Eastwood	Eastwood (part)
	Glasgow, City of	Glasgow Cathcart Glasgow Central Glasgow Garscadden Glasgow Govan Glasgow Hillhead Glasgow Maryhill Glasgow Pollok Glasgow Provan Glasgow Rutherglen Glasgow Shettleston Glasgow Springburn
	Hamilton	Clydesdale (part) Hamilton

Region or islands area	District	Constituencies and part constituencies
	Inverclyde	Greenock and Port Glasgow Renfrew West and Inverclyde (part)
	Kilmarnock and Loudoun	Kilmarnock and Loudoun
	Kyle and Carrick	Ayr Carrick, Cumnock and Doon Valley (part)
	Monklands	Monklands East Monklands West (part)
	Motherwell	Motherwell North Motherwell South
	Renfrew	Eastwood (part) Paisley North Paisley South Renfrew West and Inverclyde (part)
	Strathkelvin	Monklands West (part) Strathkelvin and Bearsden (part)
Tayside	Angus	Angus East (part) North Tayside (part)
	Dundee, City of	Angus East (part) Dundee East Dundee West Perth and Kinross (part)
	Perth and Kinross	North Tayside (part) Perth and Kinross (part)
Western Isles		Western Isles

Appendix C - Constituencies and electoral divisions

This Appendix lists the local government electoral divisions which made up each constituency.

Most constituencies were defined as a collection of whole electoral divisions of regions or islands areas. The exceptions were 8 electoral divisions which were each divided between 2 constituencies, using their constituent district wards: details are given in the table below. Electoral divisions and district wards are those defined in the Local Government Boundary Commission for Scotland's Initial Statutory Reviews, completed between 1978 and 1985.

Constituency	Region or islands area	District	Electoral divisions	
			Whole	Part
Aberdeen North	Grampian	City of Aberdeen	25-33, 48	
Aberdeen South	Grampian	City of Aberdeen	34-41, 45	
Angus East	Tayside	Angus	1-4, 6, 9, 10	7 ¹
		City of Dundee	31	32 ²
Argyll and Bute	Strathclyde	Argyll and Bute	All	
Ayr	Strathclyde	Kyle and Carrick	97, 98, 100	99 ³
Banff and Buchan	Grampian	Banff and Buchan	All	
Caithness and Sutherland	Highland	Caithness	All	
		Sutherland	All	
Carrick, Cumnock and Doon Valley	Strathclyde	Cumnock and Doon Valley	All	
		Kyle and Carrick	101	99 ⁴
Central Fife	Fife	Kirkcaldy	10-18, 46 ⁵	
Clackmannan	Central	Clackmannan	All	
		Falkirk	29	
		Stirling	13	
Clydebank and Milngavie	Strathclyde	Bearsden and Milngavie		44 ⁶
		Clydebank	All	
Clydesdale	Strathclyde	Clydesdale	All	
		Hamilton	65	
Cumbernauld and Kilsyth	Strathclyde	Cumbernauld and Kilsyth	All	
Cunninghame North	Strathclyde	Cunninghame	91-93	
Cunninghame South	Strathclyde	Cunninghame	88-90	
Dumbarton	Strathclyde	Dumbarton	All	
Dumfries	Dumfries and Galloway	Annandale and Eskdale	All	
		Nithsdale	17-19, 21-27	
Dundee East	Tayside	City of Dundee	11-20	
Dundee West	Tayside	City of Dundee	21-30	
Dunfermline East	Fife	Dunfermline	31-37, 45	

¹ District ward 15 within electoral division 7

² District ward 44 within electoral division 32

³ District wards 11, 12 and 13 within electoral division 99

⁴ District wards 14 and 15 within electoral division 99

⁵ Electoral division 46 was formed in 1984 by subdividing electoral division 14

⁶ District wards 1, 2, 3 and 4 within electoral division 44

Constituency	Region or islands area	District	Electoral divisions	
			Whole	Part
		Kirkcaldy	19	
Dunfermline West	Fife	Dunfermline	29, 30, 38-44	
East Kilbride	Strathclyde	East Kilbride	All	
East Lothian	Lothian	East Lothian	All	
Eastwood	Strathclyde	Eastwood	All	
		Renfrew	79	
Edinburgh Central	Lothian	City of Edinburgh	20, 21, 27-29	
Edinburgh East	Lothian	City of Edinburgh	22, 30, 31, 39	23 ⁷
Edinburgh Leith	Lothian	City of Edinburgh	12-14, 17, 18	23 ⁸
Edinburgh Pentlands	Lothian	City of Edinburgh	10, 24, 25, 35, 36	
Edinburgh South	Lothian	City of Edinburgh	32-34, 37, 38	
Edinburgh West	Lothian	City of Edinburgh	11, 15, 16, 19, 26	
Falkirk East	Central	Falkirk	19, 22-26, 32-34	
Falkirk West	Central	Falkirk	17, 18, 20, 21, 27, 28, 30, 31	
Galloway and Upper Nithsdale	Dumfries and Galloway	Nithsdale	14-16, 20	
		Stewartry	All	
		Wigtown	All	
Glasgow Cathcart	Strathclyde	City of Glasgow	36, 37, 39	
Glasgow Central	Strathclyde	City of Glasgow	21, 34, 35	
Glasgow Garscadden	Strathclyde	City of Glasgow	9-11	
Glasgow Govan	Strathclyde	City of Glasgow	28-30	
Glasgow Hillhead	Strathclyde	City of Glasgow	12, 13, 17	
Glasgow Maryhill	Strathclyde	City of Glasgow	14-16	
Glasgow Pollok	Strathclyde	City of Glasgow	31-33	
Glasgow Provan	Strathclyde	City of Glasgow	24, 25, 27	
Glasgow Rutherglen	Strathclyde	City of Glasgow	38, 40, 41	
Glasgow Shettleston	Strathclyde	City of Glasgow	22, 23, 26	
Glasgow Springburn	Strathclyde	City of Glasgow	18-20	
Gordon	Grampian	City of Aberdeen	47, 49, 49A ⁹	
		Gordon	All	
Greenock and Port Glasgow	Strathclyde	Inverclyde	85, 86	84 ¹⁰ , 87 ¹¹
Hamilton	Strathclyde	Hamilton	63, 64, 66	
Inverness, Nairn and Lochaber	Highland	Badenoch and Strathspey	All	
		Inverness	31-39, 39A, 40	
		Lochaber	All	
		Nairn	All	
Kilmarnock and Loudoun	Strathclyde	Kilmarnock and Loudoun	All	

⁷ District ward 30 within electoral division 23

⁸ District ward 29 within electoral division 23

⁹ Electoral division 49A was formed in 1985 by subdividing electoral division 49

¹⁰ District wards 2, 3, 4 and 5 within electoral division 84

¹¹ District wards 16 and 17 within electoral division 87

Constituency	Region or islands area	District	Electoral divisions	
			Whole	Part
Kincardine and Deeside	Grampian	City of Aberdeen	42-44, 46	
		Kincardine and Deeside	All	
Kirkcaldy	Fife	Kirkcaldy	1-9	
Linlithgow	Lothian	City of Edinburgh		9 ¹²
		West Lothian	1-4	
Livingston	Lothian	City of Edinburgh		9 ¹³
		West Lothian	5-8	
Midlothian	Lothian	Midlothian	All	
Monklands East	Strathclyde	Monklands	54-56	
Monklands West	Strathclyde	Monklands	52, 53	
		Strathkelvin	48	
Moray	Grampian	Moray	All	
Motherwell North	Strathclyde	Motherwell	60-62	
Motherwell South	Strathclyde	Motherwell	57-59	
North East Fife	Fife	North East Fife	All	
North Tayside	Tayside	Angus	5, 8	7 ¹⁴
		Perth and Kinross	38-40, 43, 44	
Orkney and Shetland	Orkney	-	All	
	Shetland	-	All	
Paisley North	Strathclyde	Renfrew	75, 78, 81	
Paisley South	Strathclyde	Renfrew	76, 77, 80	
Perth and Kinross	Tayside	City of Dundee		32 ¹⁵
		Perth and Kinross	33-37, 41-42, 45, 46	
Renfrew West and Inverclyde	Strathclyde	Inverclyde		84 ¹⁶ , 87 ¹⁷
		Renfrew	82, 83	
Ross, Cromarty and Skye	Highland	Inverness	41, 41A, 42	
		Ross and Cromarty	All	
		Skye and Lochalsh	All	
Roxburgh and Berwickshire	Borders	Berwickshire	All	
		Roxburgh	All	
Stirling	Central	Stirling	7-12, 14-16	
Strathkelvin and Bearsden	Strathclyde	Bearsden and Milngavie	45	44 ¹⁸
		Strathkelvin	46, 47	
Tweeddale, Ettrick and Lauderdale	Borders	Ettrick and Lauderdale	All	
		Tweeddale	All	
Western Isles	Western Isles	-	All	

¹² District ward 1 within electoral division 9

¹³ District ward 2 within electoral division 9

¹⁴ District wards 13 and 14 within electoral division 7

¹⁵ District ward 43 within electoral division 32

¹⁶ District ward 1 within electoral division 84

¹⁷ District wards 18, 19 and 20 within electoral division 87

¹⁸ District ward 5 within electoral division 44