

SCHEDULES

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CONSTITUENCIES, REGIONS AND REGIONAL MEMBERS

Local inquiries

- 6 (1) The Commission may, if they think fit, cause a local inquiry to be held in respect of any region.
- (2) If, on the publication of a notice under paragraph 5(1) of a recommendation for any alteration within paragraph 3(2), the Commission receive any representation objecting to the proposed recommendation—
- (a) from an interested authority, or
 - (b) from a body of electors numbering 500 or more,
- the Commission shall not make the recommendation unless a local inquiry has been held in respect of the region since the publication of the notice.
- (3) If a local inquiry was held in respect of the region before the publication of the notice under paragraph 5(1), sub-paragraph (2) shall not apply if the Commission, after considering the matters discussed at the local inquiry, the nature of the representations received on the publication of the notice and any other relevant circumstances, are of the opinion that a further local inquiry would not be justified.
- (4) In this paragraph, in relation to any recommendation—
- “interested authority” means the council for an area which is wholly or partly included in the region affected by the recommendation, and
 - “elector” means an elector for the purposes of an election for membership of the Parliament in any constituency included in the region.
- (5) Sections 210(4) and (5) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (attendance of witnesses at inquiries) shall apply in relation to any local inquiry held under this paragraph.