

*These notes refer to the European Union Act 2011
(c.12) which received Royal Assent on 19 July 2011*

EUROPEAN UNION ACT 2011

EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

Part 2: Implementation of Transitional Protocol on MEPs

Section 16: Number of MEPs and electoral regions

114. *Subsection (3)* of this section makes provision for the West Midlands electoral region to be assigned the additional MEP gained by the UK as a result of the entry into force of the MEPs Protocol. The decision on which UK electoral region should be allocated the additional UK seat was made by the Electoral Commission in its report laid before Parliament on 26 October 2010. In accordance with the European Parliament (Representation) Act 2003, the recommendation is based on the region that has the lowest number of MEPs per head according to the current electoral register.