SCHEDULE 2

Amendments to other Acts

The Local Government and Rating Act 1997

- **6.**—(1) Section 12 of the 1997 Act (views of local authority about the petition) is amended as follows.
 - (2) In subsection (2)—
 - (a) insert after "inform" "the Electoral Commission and"; and
 - (b) for "him" substitute "the Secretary of State".
 - (3) In subsection (4)—
 - (a) for the words from "recommendations" to "Secretary of State" the second time it appears substitute "proposals to the Electoral Commission about those matters, they must send them to the Electoral Commission"; and
 - (b) in paragraphs (a) and (b) for "recommendations" substitute "proposals".
 - (4) In subsection (6)—
 - (a) for the words "recommendations to the Secretary of State" substitute "proposals to the Electoral Commission"; and
 - (b) for the word "him" substitute "the Commission".
 - (5) In subsection (7)—
 - (a) for "recommendations" substitute "proposals"; and
 - (b) for "Secretary of State" substitute "Electoral Commission".