

*These notes refer to the Government of Wales Act 2006
(c.32) which received Royal Assent on 25 July 2006*

GOVERNMENT OF WALES ACT 2006

EXPLANATORY NOTES

DETAILED COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS IN PART 6

Miscellaneous

Paragraph 6 – Consideration of the Committee’s Report by the Commission

General

593. Under section 3A(3) of the Parliamentary Constituencies Act 1986, when the Electoral Commission receives the recommendations of the Boundary Committee in relation to *parliamentary* constituencies, the Commission may :
- a) accept all the Committee’s recommendations and include them in its report to the Secretary of State;
 - b) agree changes to the recommendations with the Committee, and then include the changed recommendations in its report; or
 - c) reject the recommendations
594. If it rejects the recommendations, it must either:
- a) require the Boundary Committee to reconsider them, with a view to the Committee submitting different recommendations to the Commission; or
 - b) require the Committee to carry out a fresh review of the whole or part of the area it had originally reviewed; or
 - c) only in a case where the purpose of the Boundary Committee’s review was to enable the Electoral Commission to submit a report under section 3(3) of the Parliamentary Constituencies Act, take no further action.
595. A report under section 3 (3) of the Parliamentary Constituencies Act 1986 is the one which the Electoral Commission has power to submit to the Secretary of State in relation to a particular area of the United Kingdom, making recommendations about the division of that area into parliamentary constituencies, in order to ensure that rules set out in Schedule 2 to the Parliamentary Constituencies Act are complied with.