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## **FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE PARLIAMENTARY CONSTITUENCIES IN THE PRESERVED COUNTIES OF GWENT AND MID GLAMORGAN**

**The Commission propose to make no further changes to their recommendations for parliamentary constituencies in the preserved counties of Gwent and Mid Glamorgan and confirm their revised recommendations as their final recommendations.**

1. Provisional recommendations in respect of Gwent and Mid Glamorgan were published on 5 January 2004. Objections to the provisional recommendations led to a public inquiry which was held in Bridgend on 28 June and in Pontypridd on 30 June 2004. The Assistant Commissioner who conducted the inquiry recommended changes to the Commission's provisional recommendations. Having considered his report and recommendations, and the evidence submitted, the Commission decided to revise their provisional proposals in respect of Caerphilly CC and Islwyn CC.

2. The revised recommendations were published on 3 November 2004. As with their provisional recommendations, the Commission were required to consider representations made within one month of publication. The Commission received eight representations following publication of their revised recommendations of which six approved of the revised recommendations, one objected to them and one was of the view that the change should not come into effect until autumn 2005.

3. The Commission noted the one objection to the revised recommendations and the two alternative counter-proposals contained within the representation. The Commission noted that the counter-proposals had not been raised in the representations made about the provisional recommendations and were not raised in the local inquiry. Moreover they were not supported by sufficient analysis and were considered to be less appropriate than the Commission's revised recommendations, which were otherwise supported by the representations received. The Commission therefore decided not to make modified recommendations in respect of Caerphilly CC and Islwyn CC.

4. A representation was received from Caerphilly County Borough Council stating that whilst they accepted the Commission's revised recommendations they wished to point out that the changes to the Caerphilly and Islwyn constituencies would create an anomaly in the local government electoral arrangements by dividing the Community of Bargoed between the two constituencies. The Council considered that they would need to rectify this anomaly by means of a review of the Community of Bargoed. In view of this the Council requested that

the Commission recommend in their Final Report that proposed changes to the Caerphilly and Islwyn constituencies do not come into effect until autumn 2005.

5. The Commission noted that the Community of Bargoed is divided for community electoral purposes into the four community wards of Aberbargoed, Bargoed, Gilfach and Park. These community wards also form the County Borough electoral divisions of Aberbargoed, Bargoed (both the Bargoed and Park community wards) and Gilfach. The Commission's recommendations place the Aberbargoed electoral division in the Islwyn constituency and the Bargoed and Gilfach electoral divisions in the Caerphilly constituency. As the Community of Bargoed is divided into distinct electoral divisions the Commission can see no difficulties arising from the recommendations that would require a review of the community at this stage. If Caerphilly County Borough Council are minded to conduct such a review, this may be carried out before the next local government elections without any implications for a general election. The Commission do not consider there to be any substance in the objection made and do not propose to make any recommendation that implementation be deferred as requested. They will however draw attention to the representation in their final report.

### **Final recommendations**

6. After considering the representations made in respect of their revised recommendations for Caerphilly CC and Islwyn CC, the Commission have decided not to make any further changes and, accordingly, confirm their revised recommendations as their final recommendations. No further representations will be considered.

7. The Commission's final recommendations for the preserved counties of Gwent and Mid Glamorgan, which will be included in their report to be submitted to the Secretary of State at the end of the general review and which are shown on the attached map, are for thirteen constituencies as follows (the 2003 electorates are shown in brackets):

**BLAENAU GWENT COUNTY CONSTITUENCY (53,120), Blaenau Gwent County** electoral divisions: Abertillery, Badminton, Beaufort, Blaina, Brynmawr, Cwm, Cwmtillery, Ebbw Vale North, Ebbw Vale South, Georgetown, Llanhilleth, Nantyglo, Rassau, Sirhowy, Six Bells, Tredegar Central and West.

**BRIDGEND COUNTY CONSTITUENCY (57,046), Bridgend County** electoral divisions: Brackla, Bryntirion, Laleston and Merthyr Mawr, Cefn Glas, Coity, Cornelly, Coychurch Lower, Litchard, Llangewydd and Brynhyfryd, Morfa, Newcastle, Newton, Nottage, Oldcastle, Pendre, Pen-y-fai, Porthcawl East Central, Porthcawl West Central, Pyle, Rest Bay.

**CAERPHILLY COUNTY CONSTITUENCY (64,120), Caerphilly County Borough** electoral divisions: Aber Valley, Bargoed, Bedwas, Trethomas and Machen, Gilfach, Hengoed, Llanbradach, Morgan Jones, Nelson, Penyrheol, St.Cattwg, St.James, St.Martins, Ystrad Mynach.

**CYNON VALLEY COUNTY CONSTITUENCY (48,272), Rhondda Cynon Taff County** electoral divisions: Aberaman North, Aberaman South, Abercynon, Aberdare East, Aberdare West/Llwydcoed, Cilfynydd, Cwmbach, Glyncoch, Hirwaun, Mountain Ash East, Mountain Ash West, Penrhiwceiber, Pen-y-waun, Rhigos, Ynysybwl.

**ISLWYN COUNTY CONSTITUENCY (56,225), Caerphilly County Borough** electoral divisions: Aberbargoed, Abercarn, Argoed, Blackwood, Cefn Fforest, Crosskeys, Crumlin, Maesyccwmmmer, Newbridge, Pengam, Penmaen, Pontllanfraith, Risca East, Risca West, Ynysddu.

**MERTHYR TYDFIL AND RHYMNEY COUNTY CONSTITUENCY (55,476), Merthyr Tydfil County** electoral divisions: Bedlinog, Cyfarthfa, Dowlais, Gurnos, Merthyr Vale, Park, Penydarren, Plymouth, Town, Treharris, Vaynor. **Caerphilly County** electoral divisions: Darren Valley, Moriah, New Tredegar, Pontlottyn, Twyn Carno.

**MONMOUTH COUNTY CONSTITUENCY (62,423), Monmouthshire County** electoral divisions: Caerwent, Cantref, Castle, Croesonen, Crucorney, Devauden, Dixton with Osbaston, Drybridge, Goetre Fawr, Grofield, Lansdown, Larkfield, Llanbadoc, Llanelly Hill, Llanfoist Fawr, Llangybi Fawr, Llanover, Llantilio Crossenny, Llanwenarth Ultra, Mardy, Mitchel Troy, Overmonnow, Portskewett, Priory, Raglan, St.Arvals, St.Christopher's, St.Kingsmark, St.Mary's, Shirenewton, Thornwell, Trellech United, Usk, Wyesham. **Torfaen County** electoral divisions: Croesyceiliog North, Croesyceiliog South, Llanyrafon North, Llanyrafon South.

**NEWPORT EAST COUNTY CONSTITUENCY (56,355), Newport County** electoral divisions: Alway, Beechwood, Langstone, Liswerry, Llanwern, Ringland, St.Julians, Victoria. **Monmouthshire County** electoral divisions: Caldicot Castle, Dewstow, Green Lane, Mill, Rogiet, Severn, The Elms, West End.

**NEWPORT WEST COUNTY CONSTITUENCY (60,882), Newport County** electoral divisions: Allt-yr-yn, Bettws, Caerleon, Gaer, Graig, Malpas, Marshfield, Pillgwenlly, Rogerstone, Shaftesbury, Stow Hill, Tredegar Park.

**OGMORE COUNTY CONSTITUENCY (53,842), Bridgend County** electoral divisions: Aberkenfig, Bettws, Blackmill, Blaengarw, Bryncethin, Bryncoch, Caerau, Cefn Cribwr, Felindre, Hendre, Llangeinor, Llangynwyd, Maesteg East, Maesteg West, Nant-y-moel, Ogmere Vale, Penprysg, Pontycymmer, Sarn, Ynysawdre. **Rhondda Cynon Taff County** electoral divisions: Brynna, Gilfach Goch, Llanharan, Llanharry.

**PONTYPRIDD COUNTY CONSTITUENCY (54,122), Rhondda Cynon Taff County** electoral divisions: Beddau, Church Village, Graig, Hawthorn, Llantrisant Town, Llantwit Fardre, Pont-y-clun, Pontypridd Town, Rhondda, Rhydfelen Central/Ilan, Taffs Well, Talbot Green, Ton-teg, Tonyrefail East, Tonyrefail West, Trallwng, Treforest, Tyn-y-nant.

**RHONDDA COUNTY CONSTITUENCY (50,389), Rhondda Cynon Taff County** electoral divisions: Cwm Clydach, Cymmer, Ferndale, Llwyn-y-pia, Maerdy, Pentre, Pen-y-graig, Porth, Tonypandy, Trealaw, Treherbert, Treorchy, Tylorstown, Ynyshir, Ystrad.

**TORFAEN COUNTY CONSTITUENCY (61,371), Torfaen County** electoral divisions: Abersychan, Blaenavon, Brynwern, Coed Eva, Cwmyniscoy, Fairwater, Greenmeadow, Llantarnam, New Inn, Panteg, Pontnewydd, Pontnewynydd, Pontypool, St.Cadocs and Penygarn, St.Dials, Snatchwood, Trevethin, Two Locks, Upper Cwmbran, Wainfelin.

## **Implementation of the recommendations**

8. The Commission are required to submit their report on the general review of the whole of Wales to the Secretary of State after 16 December 2002 and before 17 December 2006. The Secretary of State has a statutory duty to lay the Commission's report before Parliament together with a draft Order in Council giving effect to the Commission's recommendations with or without modifications. If modifications are proposed, the Secretary of State must also lay a statement of reasons for the modifications. The draft Order in Council is submitted to both Houses of Parliament for approval and, after it is made by Her Majesty in Council, it cannot be called into question in any legal proceedings. The new constituencies take effect at the next general election following the making of the Order in Council.

## **Outline map**

9. The electoral divisions are illustrated in outline on the map which forms part of this document (please note the copyright warning below concerning the map). The electoral divisions on the map are numbered, and these numbers and the names of the electoral divisions are listed at the end of this document, together with the 2003 electoral figures on which the Commission are required by law to work.

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 Awdurdod Unedol / Unitary Authority

 Etholaeth Arfaethedig / Proposed Constituency

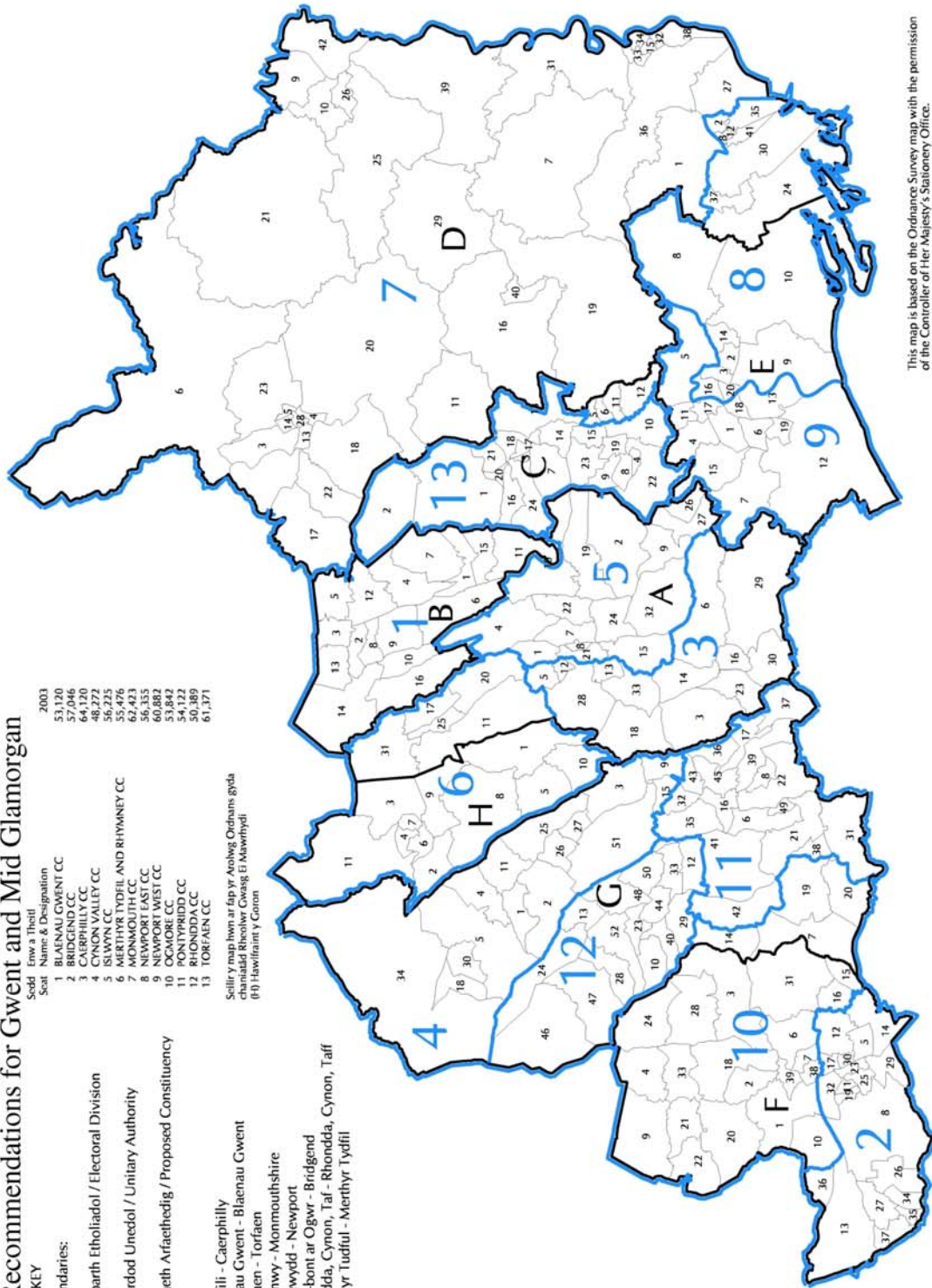
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| 1  | BLAENAU GWENT CC               | 53,120 |
| 2  | CAERPHILLY CC                  | 57,046 |
| 3  | CAERPHILLY CC                  | 67,046 |
| 4  | CYNON VALLEY CC                | 48,272 |
| 5  | SILWYN CC                      | 56,225 |
| 6  | MERTHYR TYDFIL AND RIFYNNEY CC | 55,476 |
| 7  | MONMOUTH CC                    | 62,423 |
| 8  | NEWPORT EAST CC                | 56,335 |
| 9  | NEWPORT WEST CC                | 60,882 |
| 10 | OGMORE CC                      | 53,842 |
| 11 | ROSELAND CC                    | 51,142 |
| 12 | RHONDDA CC                     | 50,182 |
| 13 | TORFAEN CC                     | 61,371 |

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chanielladd Rheolwr Cwsgw Ei Mawrhydi  
(B) Hawlfraint y Goron

- A - Caerffili - Caerphilly
- B - Blaenau Gwent - Blaenau Gwent
- C - Tor-faen - Torfaen
- D - Sir Fynwy - Monmouthshire
- E - Casnewydd - Newport
- F - Pen-y-bont ar Ogwr - Bridgend
- G - Rhondda, Cynon, Taf - Rhondda, Cynon, Taf
- H - Merthyr Tudful - Merthyr Tydfil



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## Gwent

<b>A. Blaenau Gwent</b>	<b>53,120</b>	<b>B. Caerphilly</b>	<b>132,675</b>
1. Abertillery	3,418	1. Aberbargoed	2,695
2. Badminton	2,497	2. Abercarn	3,669
3. Beaufort	2,982	3. Aber Valley	4,909
4. Blaina	3,622	4. Argoed	1,989
5. Brynmawr	4,297	5. Bargoed	4,727
6. Cwm	3,353	6. Bedwas, Trethomas and Machen	8,227
7. Cwmtillery	3,657	7. Blackwood	6,373
8. Ebbw Vale North	3,510	8. Cefn Fforest	2,878
9. Ebbw Vale South	3,052	9. Crosskeys	2,560
10. Georgetown	2,719	10. Crumlin	4,496
11. Llanhilleth	3,606	11. Darren Valley	1,901
12. Nantyglo	3,162	12. Gilfach	1,680
13. Rassau	2,465	13. Hengoed	3,724
14. Sirhowy	4,245	14. Llanbradach	3,502
15. Six Bells	1,915	15. Maescywmmmer	1,863
16. Tredegar Central and West	4,620	16. Morgan Jones	5,135
		17. Moriah	3,414
		18. Nelson	3,649
		19. Newbridge	4,870
		20. New Tredegar	3,700
		21. Pengam	2,986
		22. Penmaen	3,687
		23. Penyrheol	8,757
		24. Pontllanfraith	6,277
		25. Pontlottyn	1,474
		26. Risca East	4,804
		27. Risca West	4,160
		28. St.Cattwg	5,764
		29. St.James	4,601
		30. St.Martins	6,058
		31. Twyn Carno	1,841
		32. Ynysddu	2,918
		33. Ystrad Mynach	3,387

<b>C.</b>	<b>Monmouthshire</b>	<b>67,498</b>		
1.	Caerwent	1,380	40.	Usk 1,751
2.	Caldicot Castle	1,428	41.	West End 1,495
3.	Cantref	1,722	42.	Wyesham 1,678
4.	Castle	1,330		
5.	Croesonen	1,619		
6.	Crucorney	1,588		
7.	Devauden	1,140		
8.	Dewstow	1,603		
9.	Dixton with Osbaston	1,695		
10.	Drybridge	2,012		
11.	Goetre Fawr	1,885		
12.	Green Lane	1,514		
13.	Grofield	1,380		
14.	Lansdown	1,686		
15.	Larkfield	1,606		
16.	Llanbadoc	1,000		
17.	Llanelly Hill	3,097		
18.	Llanfoist Fawr	1,308		
19.	Llangybi Fawr	1,376		
20.	Llanover	1,797		
21.	Llantilio Crossenny	1,335		
22.	Llanwenarth Ultra	1,155		
23.	Mardy	1,386		
24.	Mill	2,147		
25.	Mitchel Troy	1,002		
26.	Overmonnow	1,779		
27.	Portskewett	1,586		
28.	Priory	1,528		
29.	Raglan	1,539		
30.	Rogiet	1,273		
31.	St.Arvals	1,213		
32.	St.Christopher's	1,750		
33.	St.Kingsmark	1,635		
34.	St.Mary's	1,551		
35.	Severn	1,458		
36.	Shirenewton	1,675		
37.	The Elms	2,402		
38.	Thornwell	1,890		
39.	Trellech United	2,104		

<b>D.</b>	<b>Newport</b>	<b>103,917</b>	<b>E.</b>	<b>Torfaen</b>	<b>69,616</b>
1.	Allt-yr-yn	6,818	1.	Abersychan	5,109
2.	Alway	5,955	2.	Blaenavon	4,467
3.	Beechwood	5,986	3.	Brynwern	1,332
4.	Bettws	5,686	4.	Coed Eva	1,786
5.	Caerleon	6,498	5.	Croesyceiliog North	2,808
6.	Gaer	6,520	6.	Croesyceiliog South	1,544
7.	Graig	4,499	7.	Cwmyniscoy	1,116
8.	Langstone	3,321	8.	Fairwater	4,011
9.	Liswerry	7,833	9.	Greenmeadow	2,983
10.	Llanwern	2,303	10.	Llantarnam	3,706
11.	Malpas	6,346	11.	Llanyrafon North	1,646
12.	Marshfield	3,301	12.	Llanyrafon South	2,247
13.	Pillgwenlly	3,949	13.	New Inn	5,036
14.	Ringland	6,188	14.	Panteg	5,394
15.	Rogerstone	7,222	15.	Pontnewydd	4,659
16.	St.Julians	6,683	16.	Pontnewynydd	1,167
17.	Shaftesbury	4,036	17.	Pontypool	1,453
18.	Stow Hill	3,619	18.	St.Cadocs and Penygarn	1,193
19.	Tredeggar Park	2,388	19.	St.Dials	2,948
20.	Victoria	4,766	20.	Snatchwood	1,556
			21.	Trevethin	2,559
			22.	Two Locks	4,924
			23.	Upper Cwmbran	4,100
			24.	Wainfelin	1,872



## Mid Glamorgan

<b>A. Bridgend</b>	<b>101,536</b>	<b>B. Merthyr Tydfil</b>	<b>43,146</b>
1. Aberkenfig	1,589	1. Bedlinog	2,632
2. Bettws	1,445	2. Cyfarthfa	4,714
3. Blackmill	1,810	3. Dowlais	5,106
4. Blaengarw	1,352	4. Gurnos	3,681
5. Brackla	7,440	5. Merthyr Vale	2,930
6. Bryncethin	1,039	6. Park	3,483
7. Bryncoch	1,336	7. Penydarren	3,968
8. Bryntirion, Laleston and Merthyr Mawr	4,162	8. Plymouth	3,850
9. Caerau	5,261	9. Town	5,259
10. Cefn Cribwr	1,237	10. Treharris	4,757
11. Cefn Glas	1,377	11. Vaynor	2,766
12. Coity	856		
13. Cornelly	4,546		
14. Coychurch Lower	1,046		
15. Felindre	2,050		
16. Hendre	2,913		
17. Litchard	1,857		
18. Llangeinor	879		
19. Llangewydd and Brynhyfryd	2,139		
20. Llangynwyd	2,383		
21. Maesteg East	4,041		
22. Maesteg West	4,487		
23. Morfa	3,549		
24. Nant-y-moel	1,773		
25. Newcastle	4,190		
26. Newton	2,965		
27. Nottage	2,773		
28. Ogmore Vale	2,415		
29. Oldcastle	3,779		
30. Pendre	1,623		
31. Penprysg	2,377		
32. Pen-y-fai	1,829		
33. Pontcymmer	1,825		
34. Porthcawl East Central	2,648		
35. Porthcawl West Central	2,800		
36. Pyle	5,510		
37. Rest Bay	1,957		
38. Sarn	1,887		
39. Ynysawdre	2,391		

<b>C.</b>	<b>Rhondda Cynon Taff</b>	<b>162,135</b>			
1.	Aberaman North	3,597	40.	Tonypandy	2,519
2.	Aberaman South	3,308	41.	Tonyrefail East	3,904
3.	Abercynon	4,385	42.	Tonyrefail West	3,677
4.	Aberdare East	4,732	43.	Trallwng	2,850
5.	Aberdare West/Llwydcoed	6,737	44.	Trealaw	2,800
6.	Beddau	3,032	45.	Treforest	2,661
7.	Brynna	2,499	46.	Treherbert	4,170
8.	Church Village	2,544	47.	Treorchy	5,769
9.	Cilfynydd	1,968	48.	Tylorstown	3,032
10.	Cwm Clydach	2,036	49.	Tyn-y-nant	2,497
11.	Cwmbach	2,980	50.	Ynyshir	2,438
12.	Cymmer	4,000	51.	Ynysybwl	3,401
13.	Ferndale	3,180	52.	Ystrad	4,381
14.	Gilfach Goch	2,258			
15.	Glyncoch	1,886			
16.	Graig	1,540			
17.	Hawthorn	2,700			
18.	Hirwaun	2,896			
19.	Llanharan	2,320			
20.	Llanharry	2,275			
21.	Llantrisant Town	3,208			
22.	Llantwit Fardre	4,586			
23.	Llwyn-y-pia	1,652			
24.	Maerdy	2,382			
25.	Mountain Ash East	2,188			
26.	Mountain Ash West	2,984			
27.	Penrhiwceiber	4,070			
28.	Pentre	3,857			
29.	Pen-y-graig	3,962			
30.	Pen-y-waun	1,888			
31.	Pont-y-clun	4,476			
32.	Pontypridd Town	2,204			
33.	Porth	4,211			
34.	Rhigos	1,252			
35.	Rhondda	3,397			
36.	Rhydfelen Central/Ilan	2,859			
37.	Taffs Well	2,631			
38.	Talbot Green	1,889			
39.	Ton-teg	3,467			