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FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS WITH RESPECT TO THE AREAS COMPRISED IN THE CONSTITUENCIES OF OGMORE AND PONTYPRIDD

The Commission propose to make no change to their provisional recommendations for the constituencies of Ogmore and Pontypridd.

1. We issued our provisional recommendations on 4 January 2011 and published notification of these in local newspapers, in the English and Welsh languages, circulating in the constituencies affected, inviting representations to be made within the statutory period of one calendar month. Copies of these recommendations, with illustrative maps, were made available for public inspection at convenient places within the constituencies and on the Commission's web site.

Representations received

2. 3 representations (at i. to iii. below) were received in respect of our provisional recommendations during the statutory one month period:
 - i. Owen Smith MP wrote to support the provisional recommendations and request a further change in the future.
 - ii. Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council wrote to support the provisional recommendations.
 - iii. Pont-y-clun Community Council wrote to fully support the provisional recommendations.
3. The Commission noted that, having received no representation of the kind mentioned in section 6 (2) of the Parliamentary Constituencies Act 1986, there was no statutory requirement to hold a local inquiry. The Commission further decided that in all the circumstances they would not exercise their discretion under section 6 (1) to hold an inquiry.

Final recommendations

4. Having carefully considered all the representations made in response to their provisional recommendations, the Commission were satisfied that those recommendations were the best way of giving effect to the Rules. Accordingly the Commission have confirmed their provisional recommendations, i.e.:
 - i. the boundary between Ogmore County Constituency and Pontypridd County Constituency to be altered to conform with the local government boundaries

within the County Borough of Rhondda Cynon Taf as changed by the Rhondda Cynon Taf (Llanharan, Llanharry, Llantrisant and Pont-y-clun Communities) Order 2008; and

- ii. the boundary between the South Wales Central Assembly electoral region and the South Wales West Assembly electoral region to be altered so as to conform to the change recommended at i. above.
5. The Commission's Final Recommendations, which will be included in their report to be submitted to the Secretary of State, are for two constituencies as follows (the 2010 electorates are shown in brackets):

OGMORE COUNTY CONSTITUENCY (54,806) Bridgend County electoral divisions: Aberkinfig, Bettws, Blackmill, Blaengarw, Bryncethin, Bryncoch, Caerau, Cefn Cribwr, Felindre, Hendre, Llangeinor, Llangynwyd, Maesteg East, Maesteg West, Nant-y-moel, Ogmores Vale, Penprysg, Pontycymmer, Sarn and Ynysawdre and **Rhondda Cynon Taf County** electoral divisions: Brynna, Gilfach Goch, Llanharan and Llanharry.

PONTYPRIDD COUNTY CONSTITUENCY (59,190) Rhondda Cynon Taf 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 and Tyn-y-nant.

Representations

6. In accordance with section 5 of the 1986 Act the Commission are not entitled to consider any further representations in relation to these recommendations.

Implementation of the recommendations

7. The Commission will submit a report to the Secretary of State who then 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.

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