

The Parliamentary Voting System and Constituencies Bill ('the Bill')

1. The Bill commenced its Committee stage in the House of Lords on 30 November 2010 and as of the date of this Newsletter remains at that stage. Following the end of the Committee stage there will be Report and Third Reading stages, following which the Bill will need to return to the House of Commons for consideration of the amendments that were made to it in the House of Lords. Should the Bill receive Royal Assent, the Commission intends to formally commence the sixth general review - applying the new statutory framework - very shortly thereafter.

2. The most recent published version of the Bill and accompanying Explanatory Notes - together with the Official Record of the debates on the Bill (Hansard) - can be viewed on the website of the Houses of Parliament - www.parliament.uk.

3. The Commission will publish an information booklet to inform the sixth general review of constituencies, and this will set out in full the impact of any new statutory requirements. Its publication will be announced in a future Newsletter and a hard copy will be available on request or available to download from the Commission's website.

Secretary to the Commission

4. Mr Simon James has been appointed as Secretary to the Commission with effect from 15 December 2010. The appointment has been made until 31 December 2014.

Change of address

5. Please note that with effect from Monday 6 December 2010, the Secretariat to the Commission moved to the 2nd Floor, 35 Great Smith Street, London, SW1P 3BQ. Members of the Secretariat have retained their existing email addresses, with the exception that an "x" needs to be inserted after "bcommengland", e.g. information@bcommengland.x.gsi.gov.uk. Members of the Commission's secretariat can be contacted on 020 7276 1102.

Website address

6. The Commission's website address remains:-

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