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## **Machinery of Government change**

1. On 27 May 2010, the Prime Minister announced those areas of political reform for which the Deputy Prime Minister would have direct responsibility. This resulted in the transfer of responsibility for the Elections and Democracy Division and the Constitutional Settlement Division of the Ministry of Justice to the Cabinet Office, with effect from 2 June 2010.
2. At the same time, the Cabinet Office also took responsibility for the sponsorship and funding of the Boundary Commission for England from the Ministry of Justice. The staff that form the Secretariat to the Boundary Commission for England have transferred to the Cabinet Office, although they will for now remain located on the Ministry of Justice estate.
3. This is the fifth change of sponsoring Department that the Commission has experienced in the last 10 years and, as with previous sponsorship changes, the Commission wishes to confirm that it will not affect its independent status or its working relationship with Government.