

STATUTORY REPORT TO THE SPEAKER

1. Section 3(2B) of the Parliamentary Constituencies Act 1986 (as amended) requires that:-

“In relation to any report which a Boundary Commission are required by subsection (2) above to submit before a particular date but have not yet submitted (a “pending boundary report”), the Commission shall submit to the Speaker of the House of Commons-

(a) during the January that begins one year and nine months before that date, and

(b) during each subsequent January,

a report setting out what progress they have made with the preparation of the pending boundary report, with particular reference to the requirements in subsection (2) above.”

2. Therefore, the Commission is required to submit a report to the Speaker before 31 January 2013: this will be the second report submitted by the Commission in respect of the 2013 Review. Section 3(2C) of the 1986 Act confirms that:-

“On receiving a report under subsection (2B) above, the Speaker shall lay it before Parliament.”

3. The Secretariat prepared a draft of the statutory report (see Appendix A) which was sent out to Members in mid October, so that any amendments required could be made to the document ahead of the meeting. In the event, no amendments were requested. Members are asked to confirm that they are content for the report to be submitted to the Speaker.

4. The reports from the four UK Boundary Commissions are scheduled to be submitted to the Chairman (the Speaker) on Wednesday 23 January 2013.