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REVISED RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE PARLIAMENTARY CONSTITUENCIES IN THE PRESERVED COUNTIES OF GWENT AND MID GLAMORGAN

The Commission propose revised recommendations for the following parliamentary constituencies in the preserved counties of Gwent and Mid Glamorgan:

**Caerphilly CC
Islwyn CC**

The revised recommendations take account of the recommendations contained in the report submitted to the Commission by the Assistant Commissioner, Mr Gerard Elias QC, who considered the written representations made to the Commission and the views expressed at the recent public inquiry.

The Commission are proposing no further changes to the following constituencies in the preserved counties of Gwent and Mid Glamorgan and confirm their provisional recommendations as their final recommendations for:

**Blaenau Gwent CC
Bridgend CC
Cynon Valley CC
Merthyr Tydfil and Rhymney CC
Monmouth CC
Newport East CC
Newport West CC
Ogmore CC
Pontypridd CC
Rhondda CC
Torfaen CC**

1. Provisional recommendations in respect of all of the preserved counties in Wales, including Gwent and Mid Glamorgan, were published on 5 January 2004.
2. Objections to the provisional recommendations led to a public inquiry that 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 accept his recommendations and to revise their proposals accordingly.

Assistant Commissioner's Report

3. The Assistant Commissioner supported the Commission's decision to consider the preserved counties of Gwent and Mid Glamorgan together and to allocate thirteen constituencies to the area. A number of issues were raised in representations and were discussed at the inquiry. The main issues raised were:

- (a) the transfer of Aberkenfig and Cefn Cribwr electoral divisions from the Bridgend constituency to the Ogmores constituency when it was objected to on the grounds that it breaks local ties;
- (b) the transfer of the Bargoed and Gilfach electoral divisions from the Caerphilly constituency to the Islwyn constituency when it is objected to on the grounds that it breaks local ties; further, is the counter-proposal (to transfer the Aberbargoed and Maesycwmmwr electoral divisions from the Caerphilly constituency to the Islwyn constituency) a better way of resolving the problem;
- (c) the transfer of the Cilfynydd and Glyncoch electoral divisions from the Pontypridd constituency to the Cynon Valley constituency when it is objected to on the grounds that it breaks local ties.

The Aberkenfig and Cefn Cribwr electoral divisions

4. The Assistant Commissioner reported that he had noted the strength of local feeling with regard to this issue and that it had been acknowledged on all sides that at least some local ties would be broken. He was not persuaded however, that any such problems would be insurmountable or so substantial as to displace the Commission's objective, under Rule 5, to seek greater parity with the electoral quota. He therefore recommended that the Commission's provisional proposals be accepted for these areas.

The Aberbargoed, Bargoed, Gilfach and Maesycwmmwr electoral divisions

5. The Assistant Commissioner reported that there was some solid support for the Commission's proposals but a preponderance of the submitted representations was for the counter-proposal, particularly from local people and organisations. He considered that whilst it was true that the counter-proposal did not rectify the disparities to the same extent as the Commission's provisional proposals, it did go a very long way towards achieving the same result. He considered that, in comparison with the Commission's proposals, the counter-proposal had the following advantages:

- It recognised the River Rhymney as a natural geographical boundary – plainly it had been a long-standing historical and administrative boundary. Aberbargoed and Maesycwmmwr electoral divisions, falling to the east of the river boundary, had previously been part of the Bedwellty constituency which was in effect the predecessor of Islwyn;
- It broke fewer local ties;
- There were no significant objections to the transfer of the Maesycwmmwr electoral division into the Islwyn constituency – certainly none were raised with him or in written representations.

He therefore recommended that the counter-proposal be accepted for these areas.

The Cilfynydd and Glyncoch electoral divisions

6. The Assistant Commissioner reported that again there appeared to be considerable strength of feeling locally about this issue. However, although some local ties would be broken, he considered that the evidence was not compelling that there would be significant difficulty or inconvenience. Given the disparity between the Pontypridd and Cynon Valley constituencies, and the absence of any other proposal to address it, he was not persuaded that any sustainable objection arose which ought to displace Rule 5 or the original reasoning of the Commission. He therefore recommended that the Commission's provisional proposals be accepted for these areas.

Other issues

7. The Assistant Commissioner reported that there was little opposition and much support for the transfer of the electoral division of St. Bride's Major and the whole of the electoral division of Llandow/Ewenny to the Vale of Glamorgan constituency. He also reported that there was no real or sustainable objection and much support for both the transfer of the Pentyrch and Creigiau/St. Fagans electoral divisions to the Cardiff West constituency and the transfer of the whole of the Cowbridge electoral division into the Vale of Glamorgan constituency. He recommended therefore that the Commission's provisional proposals be accepted for these areas.

Revised Recommendations

8. After considering the Assistant Commissioner's report, the transcript of the inquiry and the written representations, the Commission decided to accept all of the Assistant Commissioner's recommendations. The Commission noted that the counter-proposal to transfer the Aberbargoed and Maescwmmmer electoral divisions from the Caerphilly constituency to the Islwyn constituency would achieve a less satisfactory result, in terms of electoral parity, than the Commission's proposal to transfer of the Aberbargoed, Bargoed and Gilfach electoral divisions from the Caerphilly constituency to the Islwyn constituency. The Commission concluded however, that for the reasons given by the Assistant Commissioner, the advantages of the counter-proposal outweighed the advantages of the Commission's provisional recommendations.

9. Accordingly the Commission propose revised recommendations for the composition of Caerphilly CC and Islwyn CC. They have also confirmed their provisional recommendations as final recommendations for the remaining eleven constituencies of Blaenau Gwent CC, Bridgend CC, Cynon Valley CC, Merthyr Tydfil and Rhymney CC, Monmouth CC, Newport East CC, Newport West CC, Ogmore CC, Pontypridd CC, Rhondda CC and Torfaen CC.

Composition of Constituencies

10. No change is proposed to the names or composition of the following eleven provisionally recommended constituencies (the 2003 electorates are shown in brackets):

Blaenau Gwent County Constituency (53,120)
Bridgend County Constituency (57,046)
Cynon Valley County Constituency (48,272)

Merthyr Tydfil And Rhymney County Constituency (55,476)
Monmouth County Constituency (62,423)
Newport East County Constituency (56,355)
Newport West County Constituency (60,882)
Ogmore County Constituency (53,842)
Pontypridd County Constituency (54,122)
Rhondda County Constituency (50,389)
Torfaen County Constituency (61,371)

11. The composition of the following two revised constituencies would be (the 2003 electorates are shown in brackets):

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.

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

Publication of Revised Recommendations

12. Notification of these revised recommendations will be published in local newspapers in Gwent and Mid Glamorgan during the week commencing 3 November 2004. Local authorities, MPs, AMs, the Political Parties' Headquarters and others will be sent a copy of the recommendations. The recommendations and the Assistant Commissioner's report will also be published on the Commission's web site at: www.bcomm-wales.gov.uk

Places of Inspection

13. The notice in local newspapers will also give the addresses where a copy of the recommendations, a more detailed map illustrating them, and the Assistant Commissioner's report may be inspected. Those addresses are:

Gwent

ABERGAVENNY	One Stop Shop, Cross Street, NP7 5HD
BLACKWOOD	Council Offices, Pontllanfraith, NP12 2YW
EBBW VALE	Municipal Offices, Civic Centre, NP23 6XB
HENGOED	Council Offices, Ystrad Fawr, Ystrad Mynach, CF82 7SF
MONMOUTH	One Stop Shop, The Market Hall, Priory Street, NP25 3XA
NEWPORT	Council Offices, Civic Centre, NP20 4UR
	Maindee Library, Chepstow Road, NP18 8BT
PONTYPOOL	Council Offices, Civic Centre, NP4 6YB

Mid Glamorgan

ABERDARE	Central Library, High Street, CF44 7AG
BRIDGEND	Civic Offices, Angel Street, CF31 4WB
MAESTEG	Maesteg Library, North Lane, CF34 9AA
MERTHYR TYDFIL	Civic Centre, Castle Street, CF47 8AN

NANTYMOEL
PONTYPRIDD
TONYPANDY

Nantymoel Library, Berwyn Centre, Ogwy Street, CF32 7SD
Electoral Registration Office, 4 - 8 Church Street, CF37 2TH
Council Offices, The Pavilions, Cambrian Park, Clydach Vale, CF40 2XX

Representation Period: 3 November 2004 to 4 December 2004

14. No further representations can be considered for those constituencies where the Commission are announcing their final recommendations. However, as with their provisional recommendations, the Commission are statutorily required to consider representations made about their revised recommendations within one month of local publication on 3 November 2004. The representation period will end on 4 December 2004.

15. Representations about the revised recommendations for the constituencies affected should be addressed to the Boundary Commission for Wales, Caradog House, 1-6 St Andrews Place, Cardiff, CF10 3BE, or faxed to 02920 395250, or e-mailed to bcomm.wales@wales.gsi.gov.uk. All representations received by the Commission will be acknowledged. It should be noted that the Commission are not statutorily required to hold second inquiries into representations about their revised recommendations.

Implementation of the recommendations

16. 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

17. 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 on the back page, together with the 2003 electoral figures on which the Commission are required by law to work.

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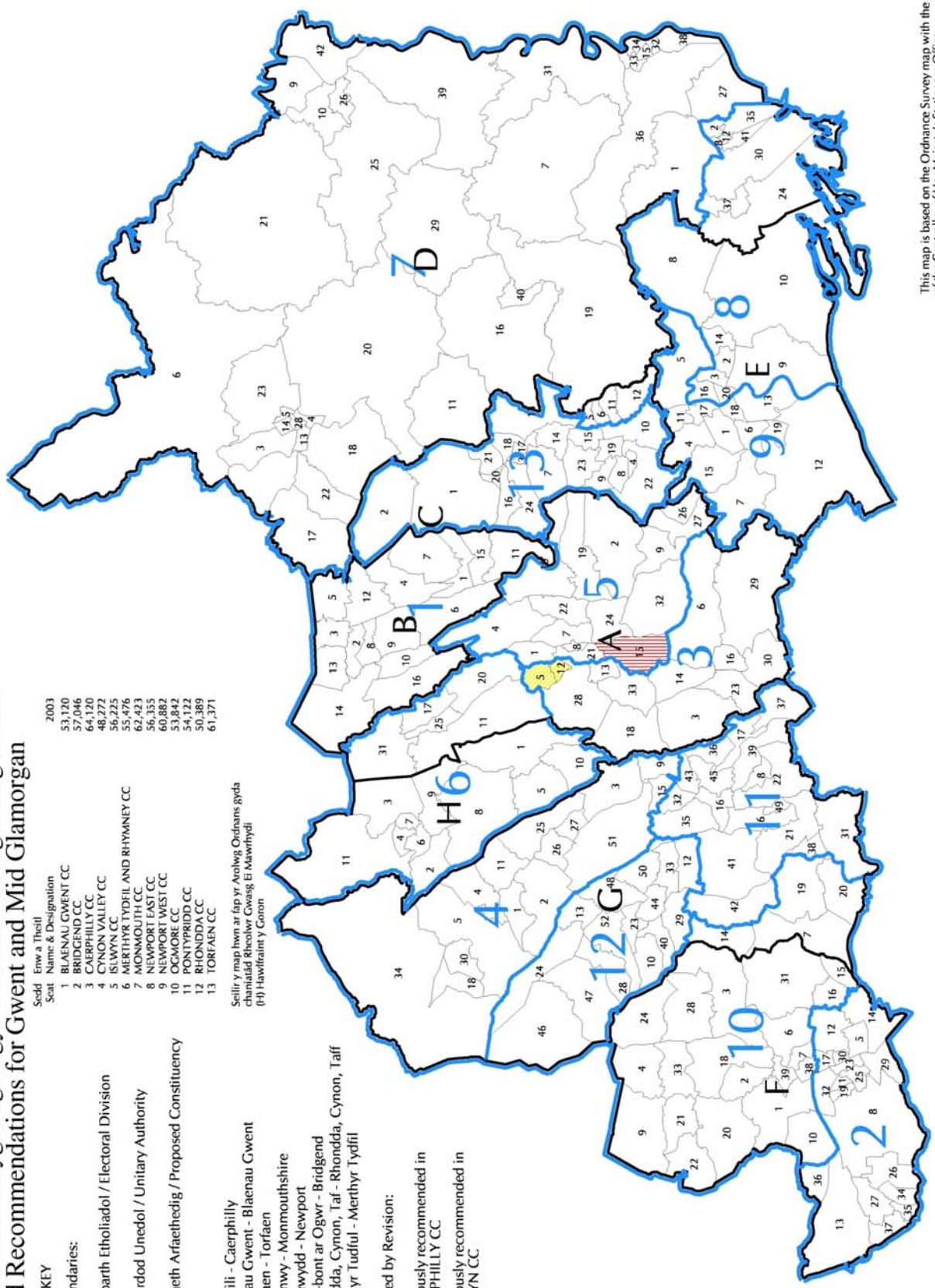
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ALLWEDD / KEY

Sealt	Enw a Theitl	2003
1	BLAENAU GWENT CC	53,120
2	BRIDGEND CC	57,046
3	CAERPHILLY CC	64,120
4	CYNON VALLEY CC	48,272
5	ISLWYN CC	56,225
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- Sellir y map hwn ar fap yr Arolwg Ordnans gyda chaniadau Rheolwr Cwsg E1 Mawrhydi (P1) Hawffraim 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

- Wards Affected by Revision:**
- Previously recommended in CAERPHILLY CC
 - Previously recommended in ISLWYN CC



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Gwent

A. Blaenau Gwent	53,120	B. Caerphilly	132,675
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

C.	Monmouthshire	67,498		
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		

D.	Newport	103,917	E.	Torfaen	69,616
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

A. Bridgend	101,536	B. Merthyr Tydfil	43,146
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		

C.	Rhondda Cynon Taff	162,135			
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			