

Second Review of Scottish Parliament Boundaries
Media coverage during public consultation
Additional Proposals for constituencies and Revised Proposals for regions

Background

1. The Commission is invited to note the news coverage during the public consultation on its Additional Proposals for constituencies and Revised Proposals for regions which ran from 24 January to 24 February 2025.

Summary

2. An online press conference was held on 23 January 2025 to publicise the consultations. The Edinburgh Evening News was the only publication represented at the conference.
3. Newspaper adverts were placed in the: Barrhead News; Falkirk Herald; Paisley and Renfrewshire Gazette; The Herald; The Scotsman; and West Lothian Courier.
4. The proposals were displayed within at least one display point in each constituency and region. 127 display point locations were used.
5. The proposals were advertised on Facebook by Republic of Media (RoM). RoM had undertaken this work during previous consultations and the Commission had noted it had been an efficient and successful method of publicising its consultations.
6. The Secretariat monitors media coverage by making use of the free alerts service provided by Google. These alerts highlight any mention of the Commission or key words relating to the Commission's work.
7. There were ten articles discussing the consultation. Appendix A provides links to the articles.
8. There were three articles which discussed the consultation generally (National, Morning Star and SPICe). The other seven articles focused on the proposals in Falkirk, South Lanarkshire and West Lothian.

Conclusion

9. The Secretariat will continue to monitor news coverage during the review and keep the Commission informed of any issues raised.

Secretariat
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Appendix A

[Morning Star - New Holyrood boundaries put to the public](#)

[The National - Seven new boundaries for Holyrood constituencies and regions proposed](#)

[The second review of Scottish Parliament boundaries: Updated proposals for constituencies and regions - SPICe Spotlight | Solas air SPICe](#)

[Edinburgh Evening News - Edinburgh and Lothian boundary changes: Latest proposals ahead of 2026 Holyrood elections](#)

[Daily Record - Livingston MP welcomes latest proposals from Boundaries Scotland](#)

[Edinburgh Evening News - Gregor Poynton MP welcomes revised Boundaries Scotland proposals retaining Fauldhouse in Almond Valley](#)

[Edinburgh Live - Linlithgow could be moved to Falkirk constituency under Scottish Government plans](#)

[Council objects to boundaries change for East Kilbride - South Lanarkshire View](#)

[Council update on plans to move East Kilbride into Glasgow | Glasgow Times](#)

[Boundary changes could see Linlithgow linked with Falkirk East](#)