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Dear David,

The Home Secretary has received from the Parliamentary Boundary Commission for England a notice dated 4 June informing him that it has decided, as it is entitled to, to commence an interim review of twenty three Parliamentary constituencies under the powers provided in section 2(3) of the House of Commons (Redistribution of Seats) Act 1949.

The review is primarily intended to realign the Parliamentary boundaries with altered local government boundaries, although the Commission may recommend more radical changes if it considers such changes necessary. For example, to reduce the disparity of electorates between the constituencies concerned.

The Home Secretary proposes to announce the receipt of the Commission's notice by way of a Parliamentary Question for Written Answer on 22 June.

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I enclose a copy of the draft Question and Answer. I am also sending a copy to the Private Secretaries to the Speaker of the House of Commons and to the Lord President of the Council.

Yours ever,

Christine.

MRS C J HEALD

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DRAFT PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION FOR WRITTEN ANSWER ON FRIDAY, 22 JUNE

: To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether the Boundary Commission for England intends to conduct any interim review of Parliamentary constituencies and if he will make a statement.

DRAFT REPLY

The Commission has informed me that under the powers provided in section 2(3) of the House of Commons (Redistribution of Seats) Act 1949 it intends to conduct an interim review of twenty three Parliamentary constituencies. The relevant details are as follows:-

<u>COUNTY</u>	<u>CONSTITUENCIES</u>
Avon	Bristol East BC
"	Kingswood BC
"	Wansdyke CC
"	Weston-Super-Mare CC
"	Woodspring CC
Cambridgeshire	Peterborough BC
"	Huntingdon CC
Dorset	South Dorset CC
"	West Dorset CC
Essex	Basildon BC
"	Castle Point BC
Humberside	Brigg and Cleethorpes CC
"	Glanford and Scunthorpe BC
Merseyside	Knowsley North CC
"	Knowsley South CC
Somerset	Wells CC
Staffordshire	Newcastle-under-Lyme BC
"	Stafford CC
"	Stoke-on-Trent North BC
Warwickshire	Nuneaton CC
"	Rudby and Kenilworth CC
Wiltshire	Devizes CC
"	Swindon BC