

The Second Review of  
Scottish Parliament Boundaries

# Provisional Proposals for Regions



## **Introduction**

1. Boundaries Scotland is an independent advisory non-departmental public body sponsored and wholly funded by the Scottish Government. Our role in this review is to make recommendations for: the boundaries and names for constituencies and regions for the Scottish Parliament.

## **Second Review of Scottish Parliament Boundaries**

2. We commenced the Second Review of Scottish Parliament Boundaries in September 2022. The Review is required by the Scotland Act 1998 and we must submit a report containing our recommendations to Scottish Ministers by 1 May 2025. If subsequently approved by the Scottish Parliament, the new boundaries will be effective at the next Scottish Parliament election, expected in May 2026.
3. The rules state we must review and make recommendations for the boundaries of 73 constituencies and eight regions, with each region represented by seven MSP's. The overall number of MSPs will remain at 129.
4. For further information on the policies and procedures we have adopted to underpin this review and the legal requirements for constituency and region design, please refer to our Policies and Procedures booklet, which is available on our website [www.boundaries.scot](http://www.boundaries.scot).
5. The existing boundaries have remained unchanged since 2011 and were used in the 2011, 2016 and 2021 Scottish Parliament elections.
6. Since the last review which reported in 2010 there has been significant change to the electorate, including the extension of the franchise for Scottish Parliamentary elections to those 16 and over. Changes to the population and the electorate have varied across Scotland, with some areas experiencing significant increases and others remaining relatively unchanged.
7. We consulted on our Provisional Proposals for constituency boundaries in May 2023 and our Revised Proposals for constituency boundaries in April 2024. Details of those consultations and responses can be found on our website [www.boundaries.scot](http://www.boundaries.scot). This is our first consultation on region boundaries in this review.
8. The rules governing this review state a constituency must fall wholly within a region and the electorate of a region must be as near to other regions as is practicable, having regard to special geographical considerations.
9. This review is of electoral boundaries (constituencies and regions) only and therefore does not affect any other boundaries (UK constituencies, local authorities, community councils, health boards etc). For individuals, this review does not affect the council area in which they live nor the way local services are accessed.

## **Our Provisional Proposals – Regions**

10. In the Provisional Proposals for regions:

- One region is unchanged from the existing region (Mid Scotland and Fife).
- Four regions have some changes to their boundaries when comparing to the existing regions (Glasgow, Highland and Islands, North East Scotland, West Scotland). We have recognised the special geographical considerations that apply to the Highlands and Islands region.
- Three regions have more significant changes to their boundaries when comparing to the existing regions (Central Scotland, Lothian and South Scotland).
- All eight regions retain their existing names.

11. Maps of each proposed region can be found in this document. A table also shows which constituencies are included in each region and the total electorate of each region.

12. We have developed our Provisional Proposals using electorate data from 1 September 2022. The number of electors registered in each council area electoral ward can be found on our website.

## **Public consultation on our Provisional Proposals for Regions**

13. We are consulting the public on our Provisional Proposals for regions. Details of how to participate in the consultation are given below. This public consultation will inform our Final Recommendations or, in some cases, any Revised Proposals for regions for consultation in early 2025.

14. The public consultation on our Provisional Proposals for regions runs from 26 September until 26 October 2024.

15. You can tell us what you think of our Provisional Proposals for regions by leaving a comment on our consultation site: [consult.boundaries.scot](https://consult.boundaries.scot).

16. On the consultation site you can view the boundaries of our Provisional Proposals and compare them with the existing boundaries for regions. Maps of each region and further information will also be available to download from our website.

17. We welcome all comments on our Provisional Proposals for regions, whether in support or not, to help inform our deliberations. Maintaining public confidence in the review process is a key part of our responsibilities. We place great importance on representations made to us during the consultation stages of a review.

18. Where comments contain suggestions for improvements to our Provisional Proposals for regions it would be helpful if they were accompanied by an alternative proposal that takes account of statutory requirements and considers the consequences for other regions. We also welcome suggestions of alternative names for regions. All comments will be evaluated by the quality of argument and the evidence provided, within the legislative framework for the review. We are unable to accept comments via social media.

19. Comments can be made in the following ways:

- Consultation site: [consult.boundaries.scot](https://consult.boundaries.scot)
- in writing to: Boundaries Scotland, Thistle House, 91 Haymarket Terrace, Edinburgh EH12 5HD
- by email to: [boundaries.scot@scottishboundaries.gov.uk](mailto:boundaries.scot@scottishboundaries.gov.uk)

20. During the consultation period we display our proposals at Display Points. There is at least one Display Point in each constituency within each region. A full list of Display Points is available on our website [www.boundaries.scot](https://www.boundaries.scot)

### **Further Proposals - Constituencies**

21. We are also consulting on Further Proposals for constituencies at the same time as this consultation. Further information on our Further Proposals for constituencies and how to comment on them is available on our website.

### **Further Stages**

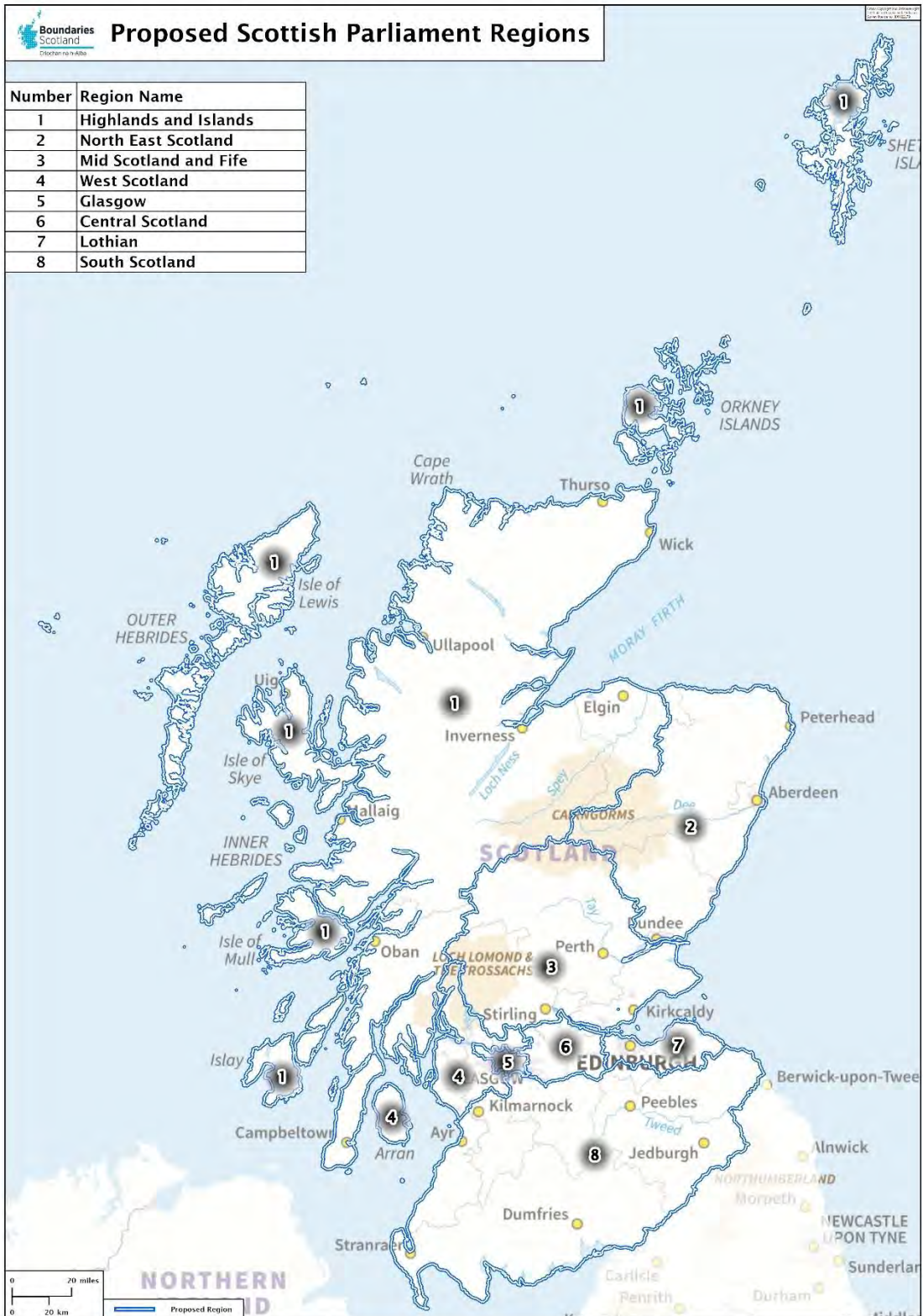
22. After the consultation closes Boundaries Scotland will consider all responses received. Depending on the responses received we may need to hold local inquiries. If changes are made to the Provisional Proposals for regions or the Further Proposals for constituencies, another one-month consultation will be held.

23. We will submit our Final Recommendations to the Scottish Parliament by May 2025.

## Provisional Proposals for Regions

| Region                       | Constituencies   | Electorate |
|------------------------------|--|------------|
| <b>Central Scotland</b>      | Airdrie; Almond Valley; Coatbridge and Chryston; Cumbernauld and Kilsyth; Falkirk East; Falkirk West; Linlithgow; Motherwell and Wishaw; Uddingston and Bellshill  | 550,717    |
| <b>Glasgow</b>               | Erskine, Renfrew and Cardonald; Glasgow Anniesland; Glasgow Baillieston and Shettleston; Glasgow Cathcart and Pollok; Glasgow Central; Glasgow Easterhouse and Springburn; Glasgow Kelvin and Maryhill; Glasgow Southside; Rutherglen and Cambuslang         | 563,298    |
| <b>Highlands and Islands</b> | Argyll and Bute; Caithness, Sutherland and Ross; Inverness and Nairn; Moray; Na h-Eileanan an Iar; Orkney Islands; Shetland Islands; Skye, Lochaber and Badenoch   | 359,306    |
| <b>Lothian</b>               | East Lothian Coast and Lammermuirs; Edinburgh Central; Edinburgh Eastern, Musselburgh and Tranent; Edinburgh North Eastern and Leith; Edinburgh North Western; Edinburgh Northern; Edinburgh South Western; Edinburgh Southern; Midlothian North             | 543,001    |
| <b>Mid Scotland and Fife</b> | Clackmannanshire and Dunblane; Cowdenbeath; Dunfermline; Fife North East; Kirkcaldy; Mid Fife and Glenrothes; Perthshire North; Perthshire South and Kinross-shire; Stirling   | 521,460    |
| <b>North East Scotland</b>   | Aberdeen Central; Aberdeen Deeside and North Kincardine; Aberdeen Donside; Aberdeenshire East; Aberdeenshire West; Angus North and Mearns; Angus South; Banffshire and Buchan Coast; Dundee City East; Dundee City West                                      | 589,084    |
| <b>South Scotland</b>        | Ayr; Carrick, Cumnock and Doon Valley; Clydesdale; Dumfriesshire; East Kilbride; Ettrick, Roxburgh and Berwickshire; Galloway and West Dumfries; Hamilton, Larkhall and Stonehouse; Kilmarnock and Irvine Valley; Midlothian South, Tweeddale and Lauderdale | 594,925    |
| <b>West Scotland</b>         | Clydebank and Milngavie; Cunninghame North; Cunninghame South; Dumbarton; Eastwood; Inverclyde; Paisley; Renfrewshire West; Strathkelvin and Bearsden  | 528,772    |

# Regions - All Scotland







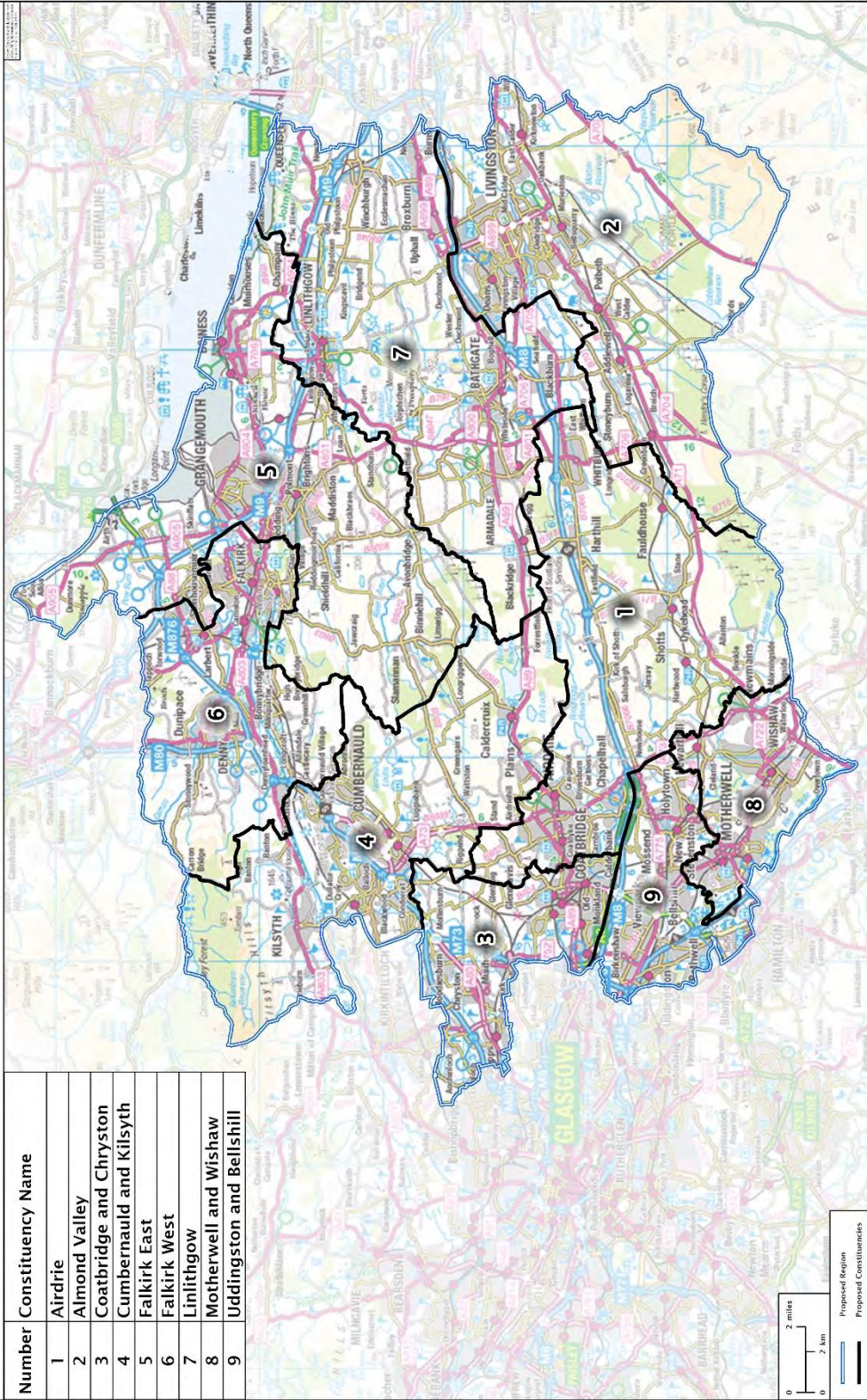


# Central Scotland Region

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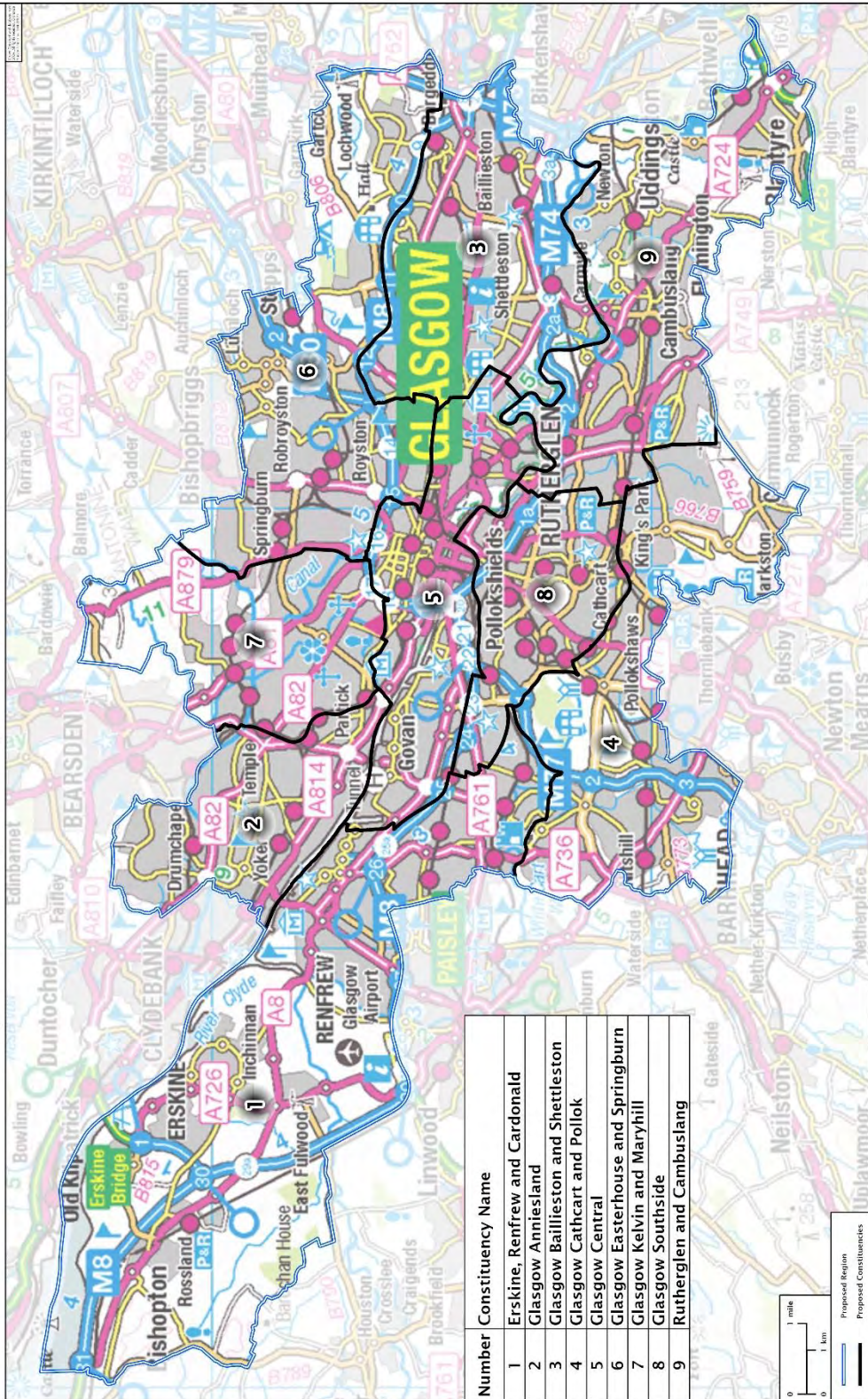
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|--------|--------------------------|
| 1      | Airdrie                  |
| 2      | Almond Valley            |
| 3      | Coatbridge and Chryston  |
| 4      | Cumbernauld and Kilsyth  |
| 5      | Falkirk East             |
| 6      | Falkirk West             |
| 7      | Linlithgow               |
| 8      | Motherwell and Wishaw    |
| 9      | Uddingston and Bellshill |



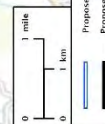


# Glasgow Region

## Second Review of Scottish Parliament Boundaries Proposed Glasgow Region and Constituencies - 563,298 Electors

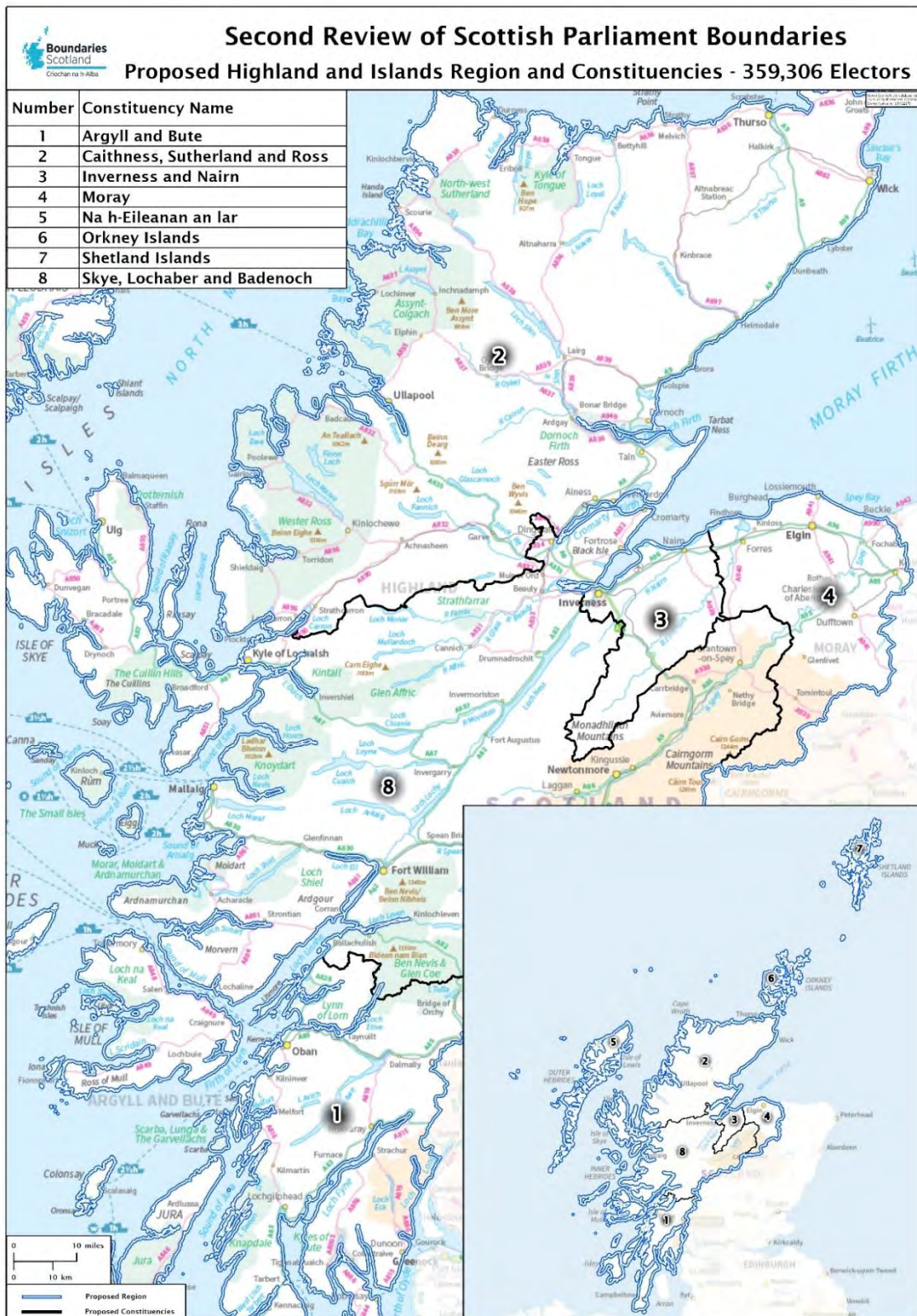


| Number | Constituency Name                   |
|--------|-------------------------------------|
| 1      | Erskine, Renfrew and Cardonald      |
| 2      | Glasgow Annesland                   |
| 3      | Glasgow Baillieston and Shettleston |
| 4      | Glasgow Cathcart and Pollok         |
| 5      | Glasgow Central                     |
| 6      | Glasgow Easterhouse and Springburn  |
| 7      | Glasgow Kelvin and Maryhill         |
| 8      | Glasgow Southside                   |
| 9      | Rutherglen and Cambuslang           |



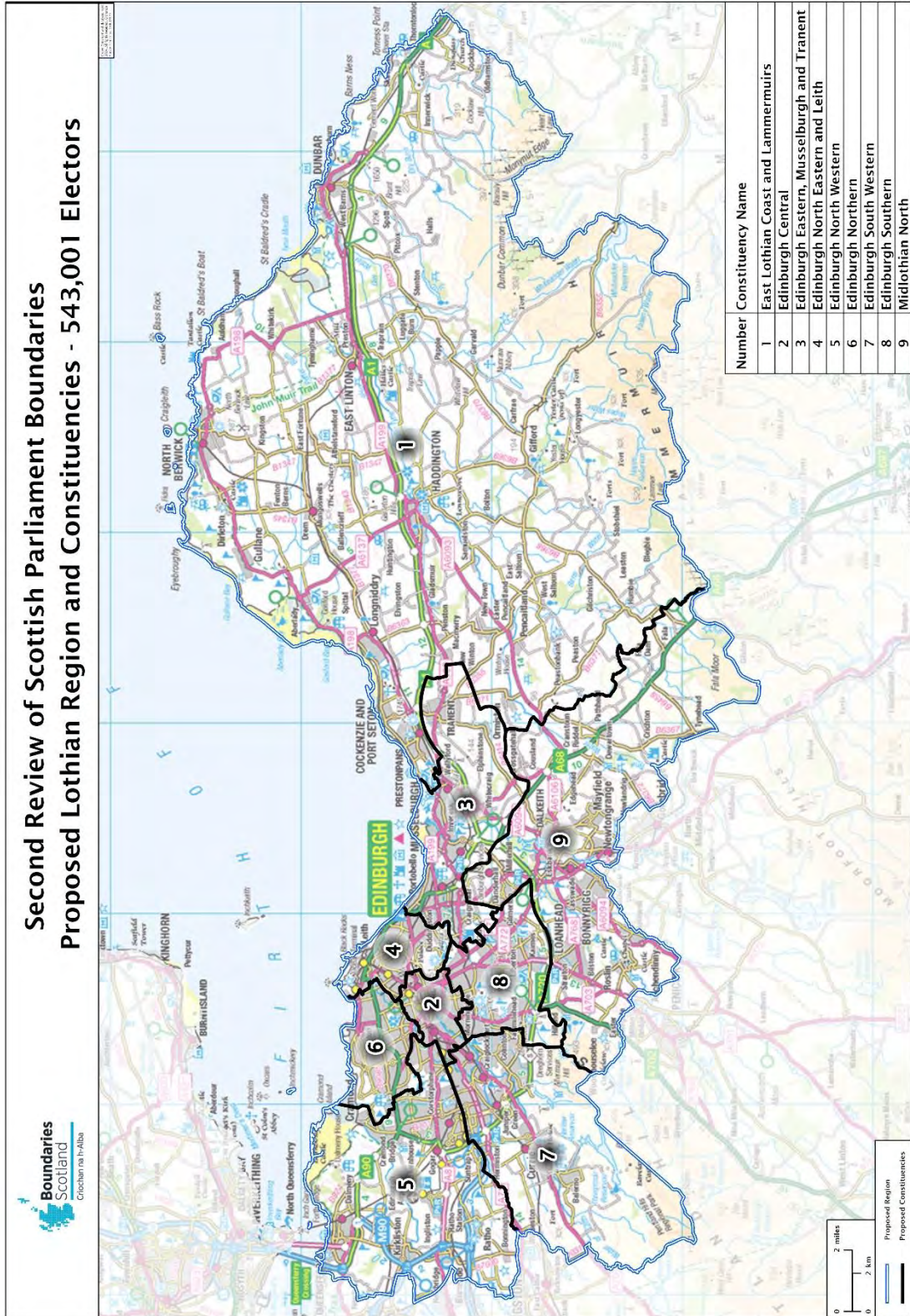


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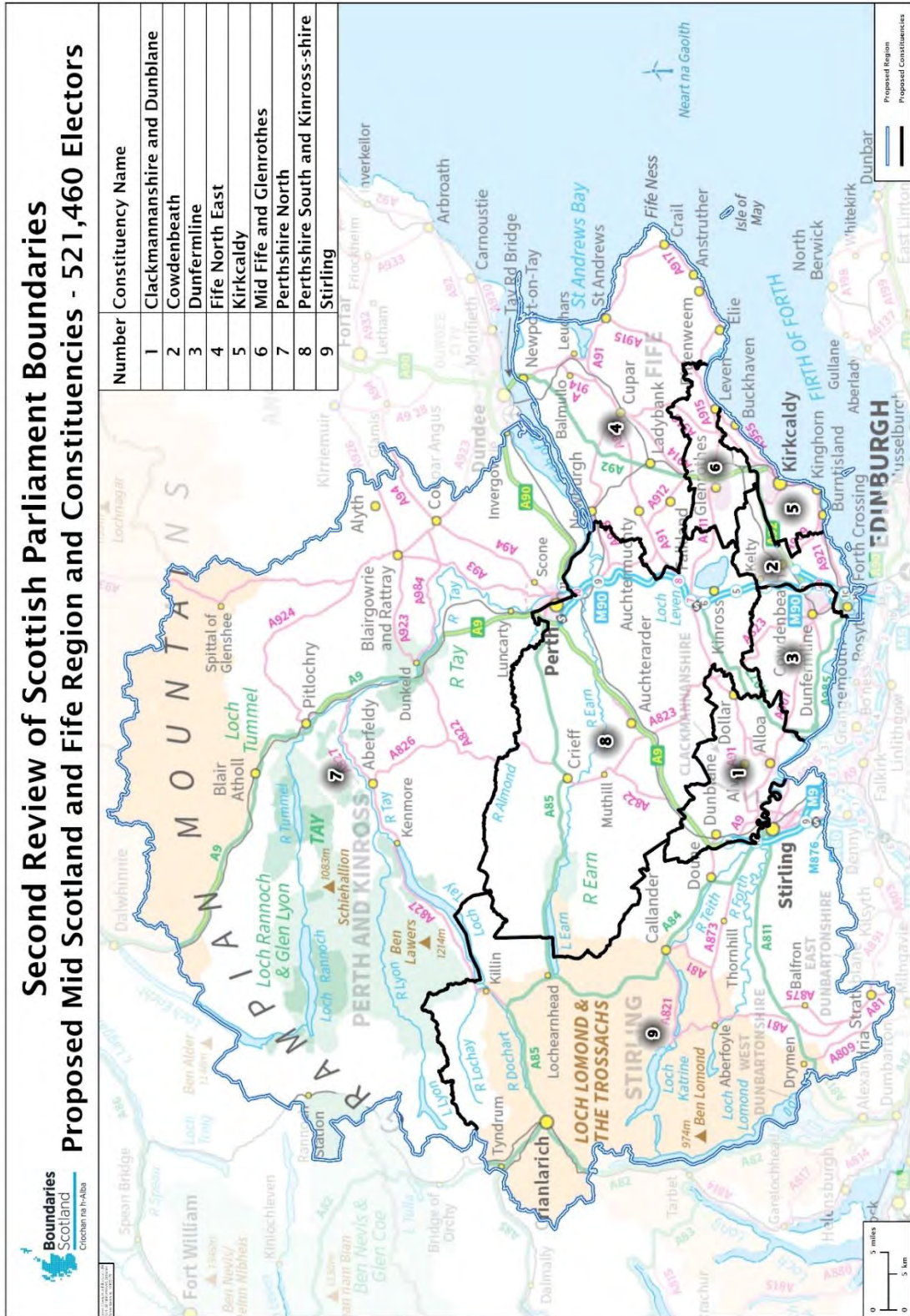


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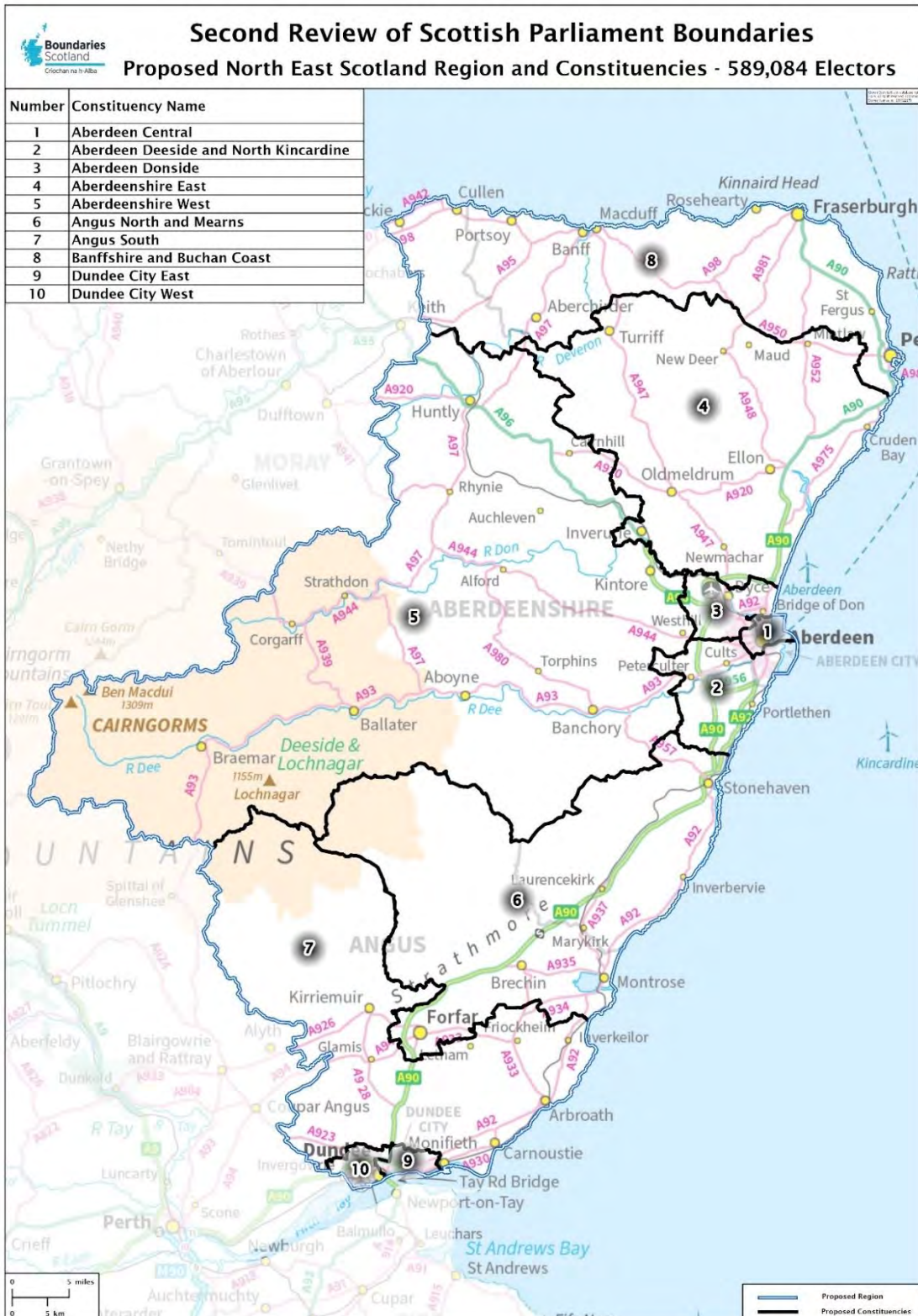




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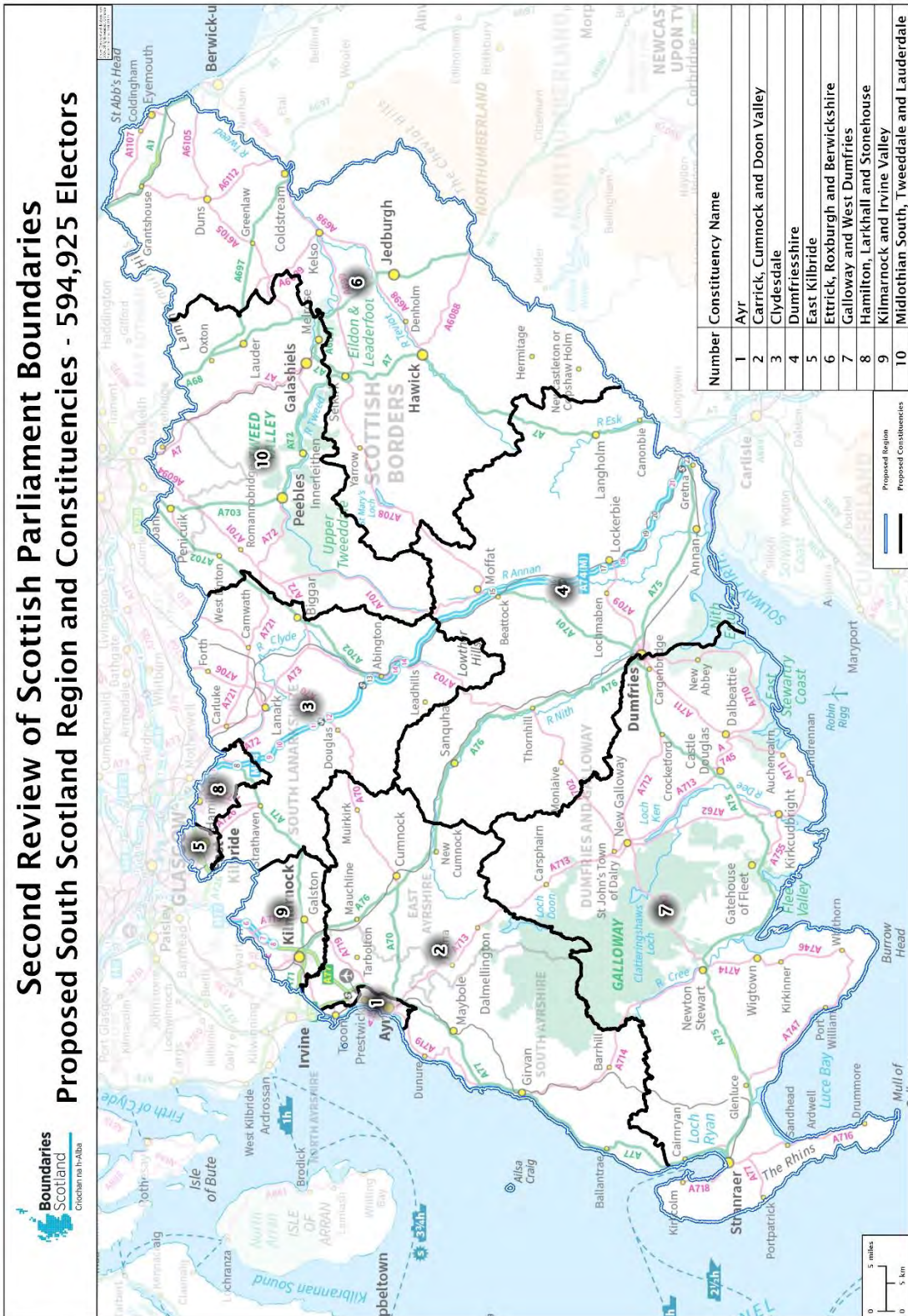


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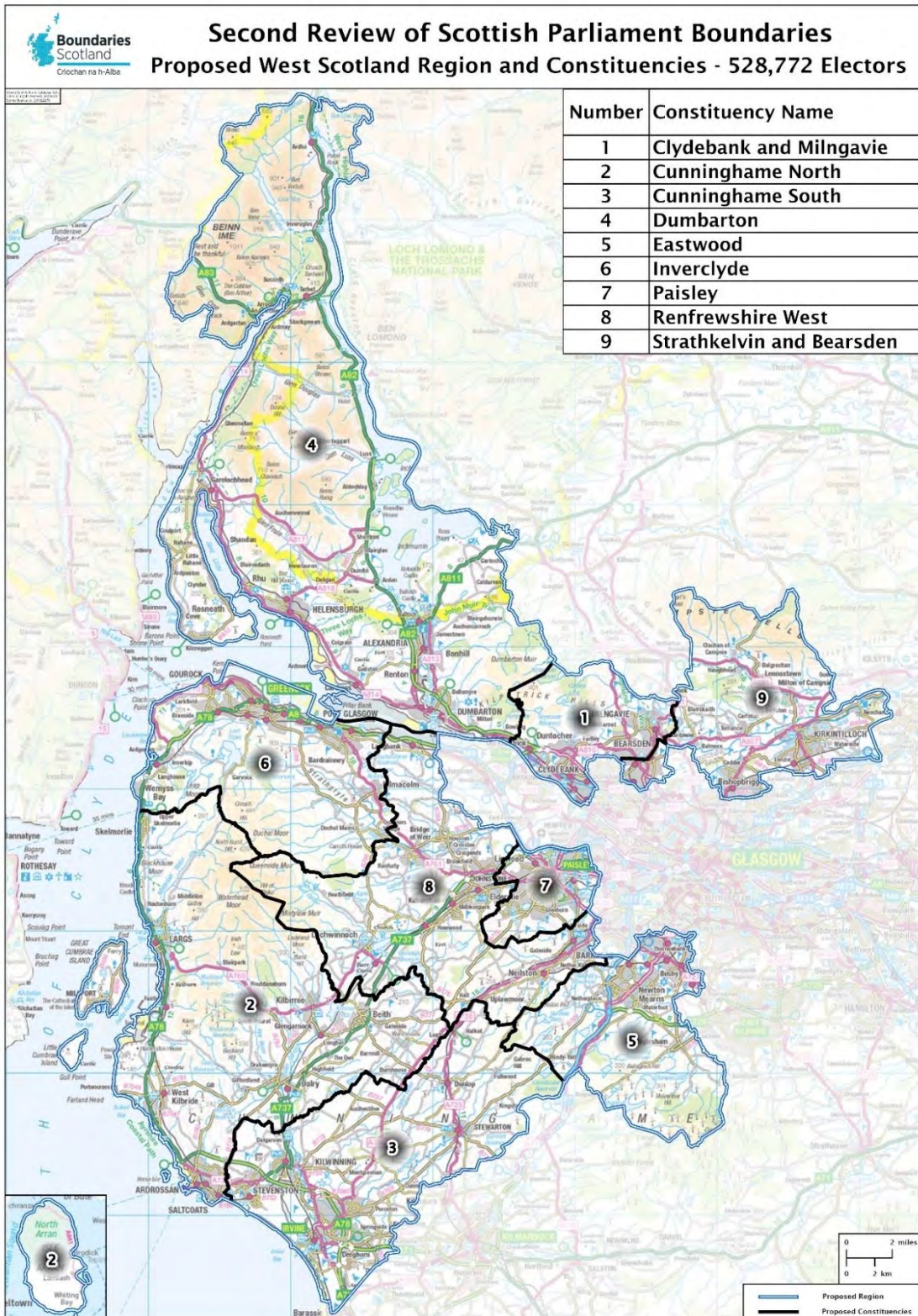


# South Scotland Region





# West Scotland Region



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