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## FOI request: Reviews of the European Union constituency boundaries

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[REDACTED]  
To: information@boundarycommissionengland.gov.uk

8 January 2020 at 16:56

To whom it may concern,

before the European Parliamentary Elections Act 1999 entered into force, the Commission undertook reviews of the boundaries of the European Parliament's constituencies in England, three of them from what I have researched. One for each of the:

- 1979 election
- 1984 election
- 1994 election.

Please could send me copies of the reports of these reviews. Please could you also include any associated maps for these reviews, if they are separate to the reports themselves.

Best regards and thank you in advance,

[REDACTED]

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**Boundary Commission England Information Mailbox**  
<information@boundarycommissionengland.gov.uk>

9 January 2020 at  
09:35

To: [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

Ref: BCE/FOI/2020/1

Thank you for your email request for information to the Boundary Commission for England on 8 January 2020, which will be considered under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000.

A full reply will be sent to you within the statutory time frame.

In the meantime, please quote the reference number above in any future correspondence

Regards

Glenn Reed

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To:

Dear

**Ref: BCE/FOI/2020/1**

Thank you for your email request for information to the Boundary Commission for England (BCE) on 8 January 2020, which has now been considered under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

In your email you asked:

*before the European Parliamentary Elections Act 1999 entered into force, the Commission undertook reviews of the boundaries of the European Parliament's constituencies in England, three of them from what I have researched. One for each of the:*

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*Please could send me copies of the reports of these reviews. Please could you also include any associated maps for these reviews, if they are separate to the reports themselves.*

The BCE possesses just one copy each of the reports you have identified. However, these have not been digitised and we are therefore unable to send the reports to you.

In the circumstances, we could make the reports available for you to inspect at our office in central London, or alternatively, we could copy every page of the reports, although we currently do not have the facility to copy some of the maps, which are at A0 size.

All three reports were published by The Stationery Office's (TSO) predecessor, HMSO. None of them remain in print, but it appears that it is possible to request, via TSO's print-shop, copies of each through their website: <https://www.tsoshop.co.uk/>. You can type in the ISBN number into their search bar and follow directions from there. The ISBN numbers for each of the reports are:

- 1979 election: ISBN 0 10 173480 8
- 1984 election: ISBN 0 10 192080 6
- 1994 election: ISBN 0 10 124402 9

I would imagine that TSO have digitised the reports, so I would expect the print to be of good quality, whereas, if we were to copy the pages in the BCE, this would have to be done manually and we could not break up the books to facilitate copying. Of course, TSO would charge a fee: we would not, but if we were to undertake the copying, it is likely to take some time as the BCE is currently overseen by a skeleton workforce of just 1.4 full-time equivalent staff.

Please let me know which of these options you would like to pursue.

If you are not content with this response, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

The Office of the Information Commissioner  
Wycliffe House  
Water lane  
Wilmslow  
Cheshire  
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On Wed, 8 Jan 2020 at 16:56, Jordan Wilson <jordan.t.wilson@gmx.com> wrote:

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10 January 2020 at 14:59

To: Boundary Commission England Information Mailbox <information@boundarycommissionengland.gov.uk>

Dear Mr Reed,

thank you for your very prompt response to my request. Thank you also for looking into this.

On Whatdotheyknow.com, I have found a previous FOI request to the Commission for these documents: a request from a [redacted] with the code FOI/2016/04. Here is the Commission's response:

<https://www.whatdotheyknow.com/request/321865/response/794033/attach/3/FOI%20Response%20Mr%20Craig%20Aston.pdf>

This includes the following:

"You will appreciate these reports were completed in a format unrecognisable from any modern computer software and as a consequence we looked into scanning these documents into a pdf format and attaching them to our response. As mentioned in our response of the 4 April 2016, the 1979, 1984 and 1994 reports had supporting maps. However, these were simply too large to attach to any e-mail in a pdf format, which is why we asked for your postal address. It now transpires the actual reports are too large to attach to any e-mail and consequently we have sent you paper copies of the reports and the maps from these three reviews."

This suggests the reports (and associated maps) were scanned on a previous occasion. Has the Commission not retained electronic copies of these scanned reports that could be sent?

Best regards,

On 2020-01-10 (Fri) at 14:16 (+0000), Boundary Commission England Information Mailbox <information@boundarycommissionengland.gov.uk> wrote:

> Dear [redacted]

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To: [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your very helpful email.

The information you have provided has enabled me to undertake a search of our archived electronic records and I have located the reports that you are seeking in an erroneously named folder.

We were completely unaware that these had been previously digitised .

Now that they have been rediscovered we will be able to supply you with what you have requested on Monday. If we are able to now find a way to send them to you electronically, would this be your preferred option, or would you rather receive the reports in hard copy format?

If the latter, please let me have your full postal address.

Kind regards

Glenn reed

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11 January 2020 at 13:17

To: Boundary Commission England Information Mailbox <information@boundarycommissionengland.gov.uk>

Dear Mr Reed,

I'm pleased the information proved helpful to you. I would prefer electronic copies of the reports and maps, but if this is not possible, my postal address is:

[REDACTED]

Thank you very much for your help,

[REDACTED]

On 2020-01-10 (Fri) at 16:19 (+0000), Boundary Commission England Information Mailbox <information@boundarycommissionengland.gov.uk> wrote:

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13 January 2020 at  
10:13

To: [REDACTED]

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We have been able to zip the reports and maps.

As requested, they are attached.

Best wishes

Glenn Reed

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