



CONSTITUENCY COMMISSION REPORT 2007

The Constituency Commission today (23 October 2007) presented its report on Dáil and European Parliament constituencies to the Chairman of Dáil Éireann.

The Commission is the third statutory Commission established under the Electoral Act 1997. Its members were: The Hon. Mr. Justice Iarfhlaith O'Neill (Chairman); Mr. Kieran Coughlan, Clerk of the Dáil; Ms. Deirdre Lane, Clerk of the Seanad; Ms. Emily O'Reilly, the Ombudsman; and Ms. Geraldine Tallon, Secretary General of the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government. It was set up following the publication of Volume 1 of the reports on Census 2006 (Population Classified By Area) and was required to present its report by 25 October 2007. In preparing its report, the Commission took account of the submissions made to it.

Dáil Constituencies

The main features of the Commission's recommendations in relation to Dáil constituencies are as follows:

- Total Dáil membership should remain at 166, arranged in 43 constituencies (43 at present).
- There should be an increase of one seat in Dáil representation in both the Louth (4 to 5 seats) and Dublin West (3 to 4) constituencies, together with changes in the areas covered by the constituencies.
- There should be a reduction of one seat in Dáil representation in both the Dún Laoghaire (5 to 4) and Limerick East (5 to 4) constituencies, with the latter to be renamed as Limerick City; changes in the areas covered by the constituencies are also recommended.
- Revisions should be made to 20 other constituencies – Cork East, Cork North-Central, Cork North-West, Donegal North-East, Donegal South-West, Dublin North, Dublin North-Central, Dublin North-East, Dublin South, Kerry North, Kerry South, Kildare North, Kildare South, Laois-Offaly, Limerick West, Meath East, Meath West, Roscommon-South Leitrim, Sligo-North Leitrim and Tipperary North.

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- These revisions involve changes in the area of the constituencies concerned as set out in the report and the Fourth Appendix. In addition, it is recommended that the names of the Kerry North and Limerick West constituencies should be amended to Kerry North-West Limerick and Limerick, respectively.
- No change should be made in 19 Dáil constituencies.

European Parliament Constituencies

The Commission recommends, in a context of 12 representatives from Ireland in the European Parliament, a reduction of a seat in the Dublin constituency for the European Parliament and the transfer of the population of counties Longford and Westmeath from the East to the North-West constituency.

A copy of the report may be purchased from the Government Publications Sale Office. It is also available on the Commission's website: www.constituency-commission.ie.