

# 4 Dáil constituencies where no change is recommended

## 4.1 Recommendation

No change is recommended in 11 constituencies. In reaching this decision the Commission was satisfied, in the light of the constitutional requirements and its terms of reference, that the existing arrangement was acceptable from the point of view of equality of representation. The Commission also had regard to the desirability of avoiding as far as practicable breaches of county boundaries, to geographic considerations including significant physical features, to maintaining continuity and to the effect which adjustments to the average representation in some of these constituencies would have on adjoining constituencies.

The constituencies concerned are shown on Map 1 on page 8 and also in the maps in the pouch at the back of the report. They are listed below according to variance size.

Constituency	Number of TDs	2011 Population	Population per TD	Variance from National Average Population per TD (29,040)	
				Number	%
Longford-Westmeath	4	116,802	29,201	+161	+0.55
Meath East	3	86,572	28,857	-183	-0.63
Carlow-Kilkenny	5	145,659	29,132	+92	+0.32
Wexford	5	145,320	29,064	+24	+0.08
Louth	5	143,272	28,654	-386	-1.33
Meath West	3	85,550	28,517	-523	-1.80
Cork East	4	114,365	28,591	-449	-1.55
Wicklow	5	141,012	28,202	-838	-2.88
Clare	4	111,336	27,834	-1,206	-4.15
Dublin Mid-West	4	110,427	27,607	-1,433	-4.94
Cork South-West	3	82,952	27,651	-1,389	-4.78

A number of constituencies in the above table already breach county boundaries. These breaches are in: Carlow-Kilkenny/Wicklow; Clare/Limerick City; Longford-Westmeath/Meath West, Meath East/Louth.

The Commission considered making these constituencies coterminus with the relevant county boundaries in the light of the terms of reference and of the submissions received. However, to do so would either result in variances in some of the constituencies concerned which the Commission considered unacceptable or require changes in adjoining constituencies.