

Meeting of An Coimisiún Toghcháin (ACT), The Electoral Commission.

Held in the Office of the Ombudsman, 8.00am – 30th March 2023

In attendance:

Coimisiún Members: Justice Marie Baker (Chairperson), Alex Atwood (AA), John Curran (JC), Ger Deering (GD), Peter Finnegan (PF), Maura Quinn (MQ)* and Prof. Caroline Fennell (CF)*.

An Coimisiún Executive: Art O’Leary (AOL), Karen Kehily, Tim Carey (TC), Emer Grenville, Ian Stuart–Mills (ISM) and Aodha Molloy (AM)*.

*Prof. Fennell, Maura Quinn and Aodha Molloy attended remotely on Zoom

1. Welcome

The Chairperson welcomed members.

The minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

2. Conflict of Interest

Commission members considered the possibility of a perceived conflict of interest with regard to two members. In the absence of the two members, the Commission:

- Agreed there was no conflict of interest in either case.
- Decided that in the event of a perceived conflict of interest, a member would continue to contribute to the review of the constituencies. However, if a vote is required, then that member would recuse themselves from the vote.

3. Constituency Review

Commission members continued their consideration of the review of constituencies for Dáil Éireann and the European Parliament.

4. AOB

None

(signed) Ms. Justice Marie Baker
Chairperson