

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

Held in the Office of the Ombudsman, 4.30pm – 25th April 2023

In attendance:

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

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

Apologies

Peter Finnegan

* Justice Marie Baker, Prof. Fennell, Alex Attwood 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

No conflict of interest was declared

3. Code of Conduct

The Commission approved the Code of Business Conduct and Ethics Requirements.

4. Judgment on the Seanad Franchise

The Chair provided a briefing on the Supreme Court Judgment in the case of Heneghan v the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government on the matter of the constitutionality of the Seanad Franchise.

5. Constituency Review

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

6. AOB

Dates of the next meetings are 11th, 18th and 23rd May.

Ms. Justice Marie Baker (signed)
Chairperson