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### Submission on Constituency Review

A Chara,

As a member of Dail Éireann for the County of Limerick, I wish to make the following submission to the Boundary Commission examining the boundaries of Dáil Constituencies.

In accordance with article, 16.2.2 of the Constitution where the population thresholds are determined at between 20,000 and 30,000 per member of Dáil Éireann and with the population of the State currently being reported at 5,123,536 in preliminary date issued by the CSO the number of TD's based on the thresholds can range from 170 members upwards to over 250. Taking the threshold at the higher end of the spectrum at a 170 member Dáil with a threshold of average of 1 per 30,000 I wish to make the following submission in respect of the following areas:

County	Population	Ratio: 30,000	Current number of seats
Kerry	155,258	5.17	5
Limerick	205,444	6.84	7
Clare	127,419	4.24	4
Tipperary	167,661	5.58	5

Based on this examination of data available from the CSO, the Limerick County Constituency population stood at 29,826 per TD in the existing 160 member Dáil, with a population of

89,478, which was the only constituency where the population per TD was below the 1:30,000. It would require the population of the constituency to rise by ca 500 to


Given that, the County of Kerry is unlikely to have a sufficient population base for two three seaters, and the need for Limerick County to increase its population in order to attain the 1:30,000 ratio I would propose that a population of ca. 550 be added to the Limerick County Constituency. As the Limerick City Constituency would not have surplus population to transfer to the Count to retain its 4 seats in a newly configured Dáil, I would propose that the additional population be derived from those District Electoral Divisions that adjoin the Limerick County constituency to the West in Co. Kerry.

Reducing the population of Kerry by ca 550 for Dáil configurations would still give them a sufficient population to retain their current seat compliment of 5 in a newly configured Dáil.

A similar examination of the boundary interaction between Limerick and Clare should be commenced to configure retention of 4 seats in Clare and 4 seats in Limerick City while recognising that a 4.24 ration per 30,000 will not suffice to attain a fifth seat in that county.

I would appreciate if you could consider my submission and I look forward to your report when published.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Patrick O'Donovan', written over a horizontal line.

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