

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

**Held in Radisson Blu Hotel, 10.30am – 20<sup>th</sup> July 2023**

*In attendance:*

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

*An Coimisiún Executive:* Art O’Leary (AOL), Tim Carey (TC), Brian Dawson (BD), Ian Stuart–Mills (ISM), Aodha Molloy (AM), Mary Clare O’Sullivan (MCOS) and Emer Grenville (EG).

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**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. Constituency Review**

Commission members continued their consideration of the review of constituencies for Dáil Éireann and the European Parliament and consensus was reached on all recommendations.

**4. Constituency Review Report Launch**

The Commission were briefed on communications campaign to launch the Constituency Review Report at the end of August.

**5. Pilot National Election and Democracy Study Governance Programme**

Commission members continued their consideration of the Pilot National Election and Democracy Study and its governance structure.

**6. ACT Budget 2024 and Estimate**

A financial overview of ACT estimates for Budget 2024 was provided to the Commission.

**7. Audit and Risk Committee membership proposal**

Proposed chair and members for the ACT Audit & Risk Committee were considered and approved by the Commission.

## **8. An Coimisiún membership**

The Commission considered its membership, as provided for in sections 9 and 10 of the Electoral Reform Act 2022.

## **9. An Coimisiún Statement of Strategy – initial discussion**

The Commission held an initial discussion on the drafting of the Statement of Strategy and proposed a facilitated session for members in late Autumn.

## **10. AOB**

- Date of next meeting is 14<sup>th</sup> September and will include Returning Officer training.
- Letter received from Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage suggesting research topics for consideration of Commission

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Ms. Justice Marie Baker (Signed)  
Chairperson