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## **REPORT ON EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT CONSTITUENCIES 2013**

The European Parliament Constituencies Committee today (25 September 2013) presented its report on European Parliament constituencies to the Chairman of Dáil Éireann.

The members of the Committee were: Mr. Justice Cooke (Chairman); Mr. Kieran Coughlan, Clerk of the Dáil; Ms Deirdre Lane, Clerk of the Seanad; Ms. Geraldine Tallon, Secretary General of the Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government and Ms. Bernie McNally, Director General of the Office of the Ombudsman. (Mr Coughlan retired as Clerk of the Dáil during the course of the Committee's work but continued as a member of the Committee). The Committee was set up on 25 July 2013, and was required to make a report on European Constituencies following on from the decision of the European Council on 28 June 2013 on the number of members to be elected for the 2014-2019 Parliamentary term. This number will be 11 in Ireland.

In preparing its report, the Committee took account of the submissions made to it.

### **European Parliament Constituencies**

The Committee recommends that the State be divided into the following three constituencies for the election in Ireland of 11 members of the European Parliament.

A 3-seat 'Dublin' constituency comprising the counties of: Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown, Fingal and South Dublin; and the city of Dublin.

A 4-seat 'Midlands-North-West' constituency comprising the counties of: Cavan, Donegal, Galway, Kildare, Laois, Leitrim, Longford, Louth, Mayo, Meath, Monaghan, Offaly, Roscommon, Sligo and Westmeath; and the city of Galway.

A 4-seat 'South' constituency comprising the counties of: Carlow, Clare, Cork, Kerry, Kilkenny, Limerick, North Tipperary, South Tipperary, Waterford, Wexford and Wicklow; and the cities of Cork, Limerick and Waterford.

The report may be purchased from the Government Publications Sale Office. It is also available on the website: [www.constituency-commission.ie](http://www.constituency-commission.ie)

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