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RE: Kildare North and Kildare South

Sub 16/318

Dear Sir / Madam,

The following submission is in relation to the above constituencies. The purpose of this submission is to highlight that the two constituencies remain within Co. Kildare and encompass as much as possible of the county given the difficult arithmetic of this boundary review.

KILDARE NORTH

The population of Kildare North is currently 122,248. To keep the constituency as a four-seater the following changes would bring its population within the population per TD limits. The electoral divisions of **Windmill Cross**, **Donore**, and **Carragh** in the constituency of Kildare South be transferred to Kildare North. The electoral division of **Donaghcumper** in the constituency of Kildare North be transferred to Dublin Mid-West. **These changes mean that Kildare North would have a population of 119,810.**

Since it is anticipated that Dublin will gain a TD and remain within the population per TD limits, transferring one electoral division from the north east of Kildare could be justified.

KILDARE SOUTH

The population of Kildare South is currently 91,989. This constituency is a three-seater, and to remain so would need the following changes to bring its population within the population per TD limits. The electoral divisions of **Windmill Cross**, **Donore** and **Carragh** are transferred to Kildare North. The electoral divisions of **Churchtown**, **Harristown**, and **Kilberry** within Co. Kildare but part of the Laois constituency would be transferred back to Kildare South. **These changes would see Kildare South with a population of 89,842.**

The electoral division of Windmill Cross was previously within Kildare North. Donore and Carragh are within the Naas Local Electoral Area which lies predominantly within Kildare North. Transferring these to Kildare North is justified. The three electoral divisions of Churchtown, Harristown, and Kilberry are part of Co. Kildare and therefore returning them to Kildare South is also logical.

While there are potentially many permutations and notwithstanding the difficult arithmetic nationally with this boundary review, the changes above would require minimal disruption to existing boundaries while ensuring both constituencies remain close to, but within the population per TD limits.

I wish you the best of luck with your efforts.

Regards

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