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Submission to Constituency Commission: Dún Laoghaire & Dublin Rathdown

We note the scope available to the Constituency Commission in terms of increasing the number of seats in Dáil Éireann is effectively limited to 159 or 160.

In the event the Commission decides to increase the numbers of seats to 159, this will leave the Dún Laoghaire Dáil Constituency slightly under represented but inside a 5% national variance of population per TD. In this situation recommend no change to the constituency.

In the event the Commission decides to increase the number of TDs to 160, this will again leave Dún Laoghaire Dáil Constituency slightly under represented but inside a 5% national variance. However, we note this situation would create a variance of 5.5% in our neighbouring constituency of Dublin Rathdown. In this situation given both constituencies form part of the administrative county of Dún Laoghaire Rathdown we would ordinarily suggest a small population transfer to Dún Laoghaire constituency, however given all candidate Electoral Divisions have populations larger than 2000 this is not feasible without breaking up an Electoral Division. Given the circumstances we believe the best course of action would be to make an exception and allow Dublin Rathdown fall outside a 5% national variance and leave both constituencies unchanged.