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1 Summary of Recommendations

1.1 Dáil Éireann

The Constituency Commission recommends as follows:

- Total Dáil membership should remain at 166, arranged in 43 constituencies (43 at present).
- There should be an increase of one seat in Dáil representation in both the Louth (4 to 5 seats) and Dublin West (3 to 4) constituencies, together with changes in the areas covered by the constituencies.
- There should be a reduction of one seat in Dáil representation in both the Dún Laoghaire (5 to 4) and Limerick East (5 to 4) constituencies, with the latter to be renamed as Limerick City; changes in the areas covered by the constituencies are also recommended.
- Revisions should be made to 20 other constituencies — Cork East, Cork North-Central, Cork North-West, Donegal North-East, Donegal South-West, Dublin North, Dublin North-Central, Dublin North-East, Dublin South, Kerry North, Kerry South, Kildare North, Kildare South, Laois-Offaly, Limerick West, Meath East, Meath West, Roscommon-South Leitrim, Sligo-North Leitrim and Tipperary North.
- The revisions proposed above involve changes in the area of the constituencies concerned as set out in the report and the Fourth Appendix. In addition, it is recommended that the names of the Kerry North and Limerick West constituencies should be amended to Kerry North-West Limerick and Limerick respectively.
- No change should be made in 19 Dáil constituencies.

The following points about the Commission's recommendations are relevant:

- National average representation based on the 2006 population and the recommended 166 seats is 25,541 population per TD. The highest number of persons per TD in the recommended constituencies is 26,749 in the (unchanged) Carlow-Kilkenny constituency (i.e. a variance of +4.73% from national average representation). The lowest number of persons per member is 24,000 in the (unchanged) Cavan-Monaghan constituency (i.e. a variance of -6.03% from national average representation).
- Three new breaches of county boundaries are involved in the revised constituencies: in Kerry/Limerick, Louth/Meath and Offaly/Tipperary.
- Eleven 5-seat constituencies are proposed (12 at present): Carlow-Kilkenny, Cavan-Monaghan, Cork South-Central, Dublin South, Dublin South-Central, Galway West, Laois-Offaly, Louth, Mayo, Wexford and Wicklow.
- Fifteen 4-seaters are proposed (13 at present): Clare, Cork East, Cork North-Central, Dublin Central, Dublin Mid-West, Dublin North, Dublin South-East, Dublin South-West, Dublin West, Dún Laoghaire, Galway East, Kildare North, Limerick City, Longford-Westmeath and Waterford.

- Seventeen 3-seaters are proposed (18 at present): Cork North-West, Cork South-West, Donegal North-East, Donegal South-West, Dublin North-Central, Dublin North-East, Dublin North-West, Kerry North-West Limerick, Kerry South, Kildare South, Limerick, Meath East, Meath West, Roscommon-South Leitrim, Sligo-North Leitrim, Tipperary North and Tipperary South.
- A formal definition of each recommended Dáil constituency is contained in the First Appendix. Statistics in relation to the recommended and existing Dáil constituencies are given in the Second and Third Appendices respectively. Electoral divisions recommended for transfer between constituencies are listed in the Fourth Appendix. Organisations and persons who made submissions are listed in the Fifth Appendix. For illustrative purposes, small-scale maps of recommended constituencies are included in the text and large-scale maps showing all 43 constituencies and Dublin area constituencies are at the back of the report.

1.2 European Parliament

The Constituency Commission recommends, in a context of 12 representatives from Ireland in the European Parliament, a reduction of a seat in the Dublin constituency for the European Parliament and the transfer of the population of counties Longford and Westmeath from the East to the North-West constituency.

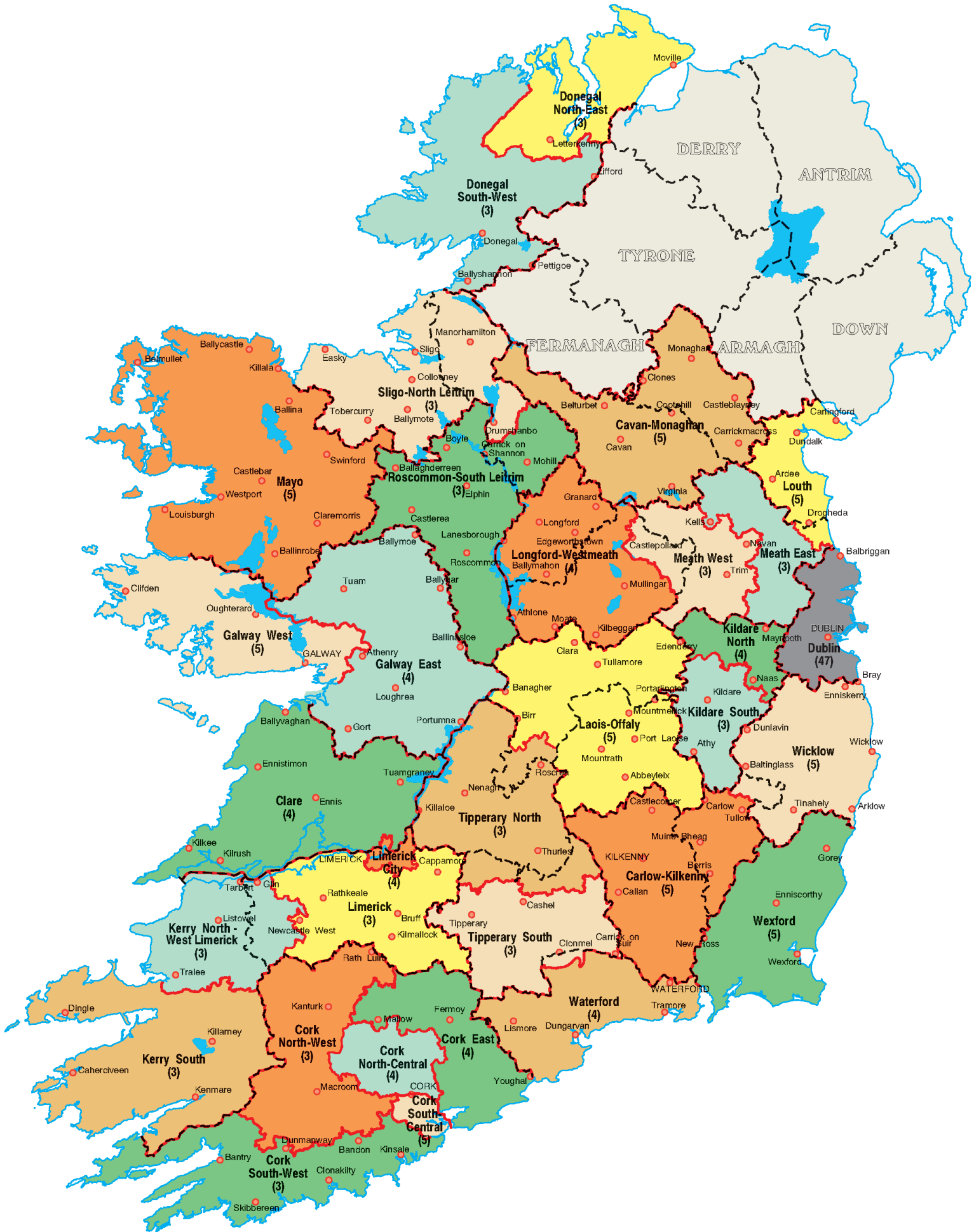
Population data for counties and cities in 2006 are in the Tenth Appendix. The Eleventh Appendix contains statistics relating to the proposed and existing European Parliament constituencies, and a map of the proposed European Parliament constituencies is on page 43.

1.3 The Report

Chapter 2 relates to the establishment and procedure of the Commission; chapters 3, 4 and 5 deal with Dáil constituencies; and chapter 6 covers European Parliament constituencies. There are 11 Appendices to the report, as well as the maps of recommended constituencies.

MAP 1
CONSTITUENCY COMMISSION 2007

IRELAND



RECOMMENDED DÁIL CONSTITUENCY BOUNDARIES



COUNTY BOUNDARIES



2 Establishment and Procedure of Commission

2.1 General

Following the publication by CSO on 26 April 2007 of Volume 1 of Census 2006 (Population Classified by Area), the Constituency Commission was established* that day under Part II of the Electoral Act 1997 (“the 1997 Act”). The Commission’s remit is to make a report in relation to the constituencies for the election of members to Dáil Éireann and to the European Parliament.

The Constituency Commission is the third commission established under the 1997 Act. The reports of the first 2 statutory commissions, together with those of the 5 earlier non-statutory Dáil constituency commissions and reports on European Parliament constituencies, are listed in the Sixth Appendix.

This report contains the Commission’s recommendations in relation to the constituencies for the election of members to the Dáil and the European Parliament. The Commission’s terms of reference, set out in section 6 of the 1997 Act, are as follows:

“ . . . a Constituency Commission shall, in observing the relevant provisions of the Constitution in relation to Dáil constituencies, have regard to the following:

- (a) the total number of members of the Dáil, subject to Article 16.2.2° of the Constitution, shall be not less than 164 and not more than 168;
- (b) each constituency shall return three, four or five members;
- (c) the breaching of county boundaries† shall be avoided as far as practicable;
- (d) each constituency shall be composed of contiguous areas;
- (e) there shall be regard to geographic considerations including significant physical features and the extent of and the density of population in each constituency; and
- (f) subject to the provisions of this section, the Commission shall endeavour to maintain continuity in relation to the arrangement of constituencies.”

In relation to European constituencies, the Commission shall have regard to the following:

- (a) in accordance with the provisions of the Nice Treaty, the total number of members to be elected in the State to the European Parliament shall be 12 (13 at present);
- (b) there shall be reasonable equality of representation as between constituencies; and
- (c) the matters specified at (b) to (f) above.

* Establishment Order made by the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government (S.I. No. 174 of 2007).

†Section 6(4) of the 1997 Act provides that this reference to county boundaries does not include city boundaries or the boundaries between the local government counties of Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown, Fingal and South Dublin.

2.2 Commission Membership and Meetings

The Hon. Mr. Justice Iarfhlaith O'Neill, a Judge of the High Court, was nominated by the Chief Justice as chairman of the Commission. The other members are: Mr. Kieran Coughlan, Clerk of the Dáil; Ms. Deirdre Lane, Clerk of the Seanad; Ms. Emily O'Reilly, the Ombudsman; and Ms. Geraldine Tallon, Secretary General of the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government. (The former Secretary General of the Department, Mr. Niall Callan, was a member of the Commission until 30 June 2007 when he ceased to hold that departmental office on retirement; on 26 June 2007, the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government by order under section 8(3) of the 1997 Act (S.I. No. 355 of 2007) directed that Mr. Callan's successor in office be a member of the Commission). The Commission held 6 meetings.

2.3 Status of Commission

In accordance with section 9 of the 1997 Act, the Commission must present its report to the Chairman of the Dáil. The constitutional position is that the number of members of Dáil Éireann must be fixed from time to time by law and that the constituencies for which they are elected must be determined by law. Thus, the final determination of the constituencies for Dáil Éireann is a matter for the Oireachtas to prescribe in legislation: the Commission's role is advisory. The same applies in respect of the European Parliament constituencies.

2.4 Submissions

The Commission invited written submissions in relation to both Dáil and European Parliament constituencies by way of notices in national newspapers on 28 May 2007 and in the Irish language in *Foinse* on 10 June 2007. The notice, a copy of which is in the Seventh Appendix, was also published in *Iris Oifigiúil* on 12 June 2007. In addition, we invited submissions from each member of the Dáil, the Seanad and the European Parliament, registered political parties and the returning officers/county registrars.

In accordance with section 10 of the 1997 Act, we prepared a statement concerning constitutional provisions relating to Dáil constituencies and population statistics relating to Dáil and European Parliament constituencies. A copy of the statement is included in the Eighth Appendix. This statement was published on the Commission's website (see below) and issued to interested parties on request. Reminder notices were published in national newspapers in advance of the closing dates for submissions (31 July and 31 August 2007 for Dáil and European Parliament constituencies respectively).

A list of 327 organisations and persons who made submissions about Dáil constituencies, and of 8 organisations and persons who made submissions about European Parliament constituencies, in accordance with the public notice is in the Fifth Appendix. Most submissions related to particular constituencies or issues but some presented schemes of constituencies covering the whole country. The Commission considered each of the submissions in drawing up its recommendations and gratefully acknowledges the time and effort taken by all those who made submissions.

2.5 www.constituency-commission.ie

The Commission maintained a website to facilitate public access to material relating to its remit. Included on the website are the text of the 1997 Act, the Commission's Establishment Order and the associated press release, the statement concerning constitutional provisions relating to Dáil

constituencies and population statistics relating to Dáil and European Parliament constituencies, and the public notice inviting submissions. The submissions to the Commission were published on the website, and available for public inspection, until the conclusion of the Commission's work. The current report will also be included on the website.

2.6 Support Services

The Franchise Section of the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government provided the necessary support services to the Commission. We wish to record our appreciation of the service provided by Maurice Coughlan, Barry Ryan and Rory O'Leary and other staff of the Section. We also wish to express our appreciation for the support which we received from the Director General of the Central Statistics Office and the Chief Executive Officer of Ordnance Survey Ireland, and from their staff.

3 The Dáil: Constitutional Provisions and Equality of Representation

3.1 Equality of Representation

The overriding principles relating to the revision of Dáil constituencies are set out in Article 16 of the Constitution, which provides that:

“The number of members shall from time to time be fixed by law, but the total number of members of Dáil Éireann shall not be fixed at less than one member for each thirty thousand of the population, or at more than one member for each twenty thousand of the population.” (Article 16.2.2°),

“The ratio between the number of members to be elected at any time for each constituency and the population of each constituency, as ascertained at the last preceding census, shall, so far as it is practicable, be the same throughout the country.” (Article 16.2.3°), and

“The Oireachtas shall revise the constituencies at least once in every twelve years, with due regard to changes in distribution of the population,” (Article 16.2.4°).

The constitutional requirements were considered by the High Court in the cases of *O’Donovan v The Attorney General* (1961) and *Murphy, McGrath and Molloy and The Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government, Ireland and the Attorney General* (2007), and by the Supreme Court in the reference case, *In the matter of Article 26 of the Constitution and in the matter of the Electoral (Amendment) Bill, 1961* (1961).

In its judgment in the reference case, the Supreme Court stated in relation to sub-clause 2.3° of Article 16:

“The sub-clause recognises that exact parity in the ratio between members and the population of each constituency is unlikely to be obtained and is not required. The decision as to what is practicable is within the jurisdiction of the Oireachtas. It may reasonably take into consideration a variety of factors, such as the desirability so far as possible to adhere to well-known boundaries such as those of counties, townlands and electoral divisions. The existence of divisions created by such physical features as rivers, lakes and mountains may also have to be reckoned with. The problem of what is practicable is primarily one for the Oireachtas, whose members have a knowledge of the problems and difficulties to be solved which this Court cannot have. Its decision should not be reviewed by this Court unless there is a manifest infringement of the Article. This Court cannot, as is suggested, lay down a figure above or below which a variation from what is called the national average is not permitted. This, of course, is not to say that a Court cannot be informed of the difficulties and may not pronounce on whether there has been such a serious divergence from uniformity as to violate the requirements of the Constitution.” (1961 IR page 183).

The constitutional requirements in relation to equality of representation, as interpreted by the Supreme Court, allow for departures from national average representation where this is warranted by factors such as the desirability of adhering, as far as possible, to the boundaries of counties, townlands and electoral divisions, and to divisions created by physical features. The Court rejected the view that an all but mathematical parity of ratio is to be attained and construed the sub-clause as meaning that a parity of ratio of members to population in the constituencies throughout the country is to be attained by the Oireachtas as far as that is capable of being carried into action in

a practical way having regard to such practical difficulties as exist and may legitimately, having regard to the context and the provisions of the Constitution generally, be taken into consideration.

We formulated our recommendations on this basis, noting the variances recommended by previous commissions and enacted into law by the Oireachtas. The maximum variance recommended by a previous commission and enacted into law was -7.89% in the constituency of Mayo East (1983 Commission). The variances from national average representation in the constituencies recommended in this report are acceptable to this Commission having regard to its terms of reference.

3.2 Terms of Reference

The Commission's statutory terms of reference are detailed in Chapter 2. Section 6 of the 1997 Act makes it clear that these are subordinate to the relevant Constitutional provisions.

3.3 Total Dáil Membership

Article 16.2.2° of the Constitution provides that the total number of members of Dáil Éireann shall not be fixed at less than one member for each 30,000 of the population or at more than one member for each 20,000 of the population. The population ascertained at the 2006 census was 4,239,848 and, on this basis, total Dáil membership could be fixed at any number between 141 and 211. Our statutory terms of reference, however, limit us to the same range of 164 to 168 seats which applied to all previous Dáil commissions.

A table showing constituency size and total Dáil membership since 1923 is in the Ninth Appendix. Total Dáil membership has stood at 166 since 1980, a level determined on the basis of the 1979 population of 3,368,217. The population increased by 322,645 (+8.2%) in the most recent intercensal period (2002-06) and the 2006 population is 871,631 (+25.9%) more than in 1979. Thus, the national average population per TD is now 25,541 compared to 20,290 in 1979.

In the context of constituency formation there are arguments for and against changing the total number of seats. However, after detailed consideration, we decided not to recommend any change because we were satisfied that the present level of membership allows for a reasonable arrangement of constituencies in accordance with the relevant constitutional provisions and our terms of reference.

3.4 Overall Approach to Revision

The Commission reviewed each constituency, having regard to the overriding constitutional requirements and its terms of reference. Where an adjustment was necessary, we examined the available options and have recommended an arrangement which we consider reasonable and practicable.

In relation to the requirement to avoid breaching county boundaries as far as practicable, we adopted the same view as previous commissions that joining 2 entire counties in a single constituency does not constitute a breach of the boundary between them. We were not required to avoid breaching city boundaries, or the boundaries between the local government counties in Dublin. The constituency formation we recommend involves new breaches of county boundaries

in Kerry/Limerick, Louth/Meath and Offaly/Tipperary, while the existing breaches of county boundaries are retained.

Our terms of reference required us to endeavour to maintain continuity in relation to the arrangement of constituencies, subject to the constitutional requirements and the terms of reference. While continuity of representation can be achieved with constituencies remaining substantially unchanged over a relatively long period, the major governing factor influencing change is the level of population in a constituency relative to the level of population in other constituencies. Assuming continuing population increase, but an uneven distribution of this increase across the country, significant changes can at times be unavoidable, including breaching county boundaries.

We did not set out with a preconceived view as to the number and location of the different sizes of constituency but, in complying with the constitutional requirements and our terms of reference, we endeavoured to suit the constituency size to the population and particular circumstances of each locality. On this basis, we recommend an increase of one seat in Dáil representation for both the Louth (4 to 5 seats) and Dublin West (3 to 4) constituencies. We also recommend a reduction of one seat in Dáil representation for both the Dún Laoghaire (5 to 4) and Limerick East (5 to 4) constituencies, with the latter to be renamed as Limerick City. Appropriate population transfers are also recommended in these constituencies.

4 Dáil Constituencies Where No Change is Recommended

4.1 Introduction

We recommend no change in 19 Dáil constituencies. In reaching this decision, we had regard, as required by our terms of reference, to the desirability of avoiding as far as practicable new breaches of county boundaries, geographic considerations (including significant physical features), maintaining continuity and the effect which adjustments to the average representation in some of these constituencies would have on adjoining constituencies.

The constituencies concerned are shown on Map 1 on page 7 and also in the maps at the back of the report. They are listed below according to variance size:

Constituency	No. of TDs	2006 Population	Population per TD	Variance	% Variance from National Average Population per TD
Carlow-Kilkenny	5	133,745	26,749	+1,208	+4.73
Waterford	4	106,530	26,633	+1,092	+4.28
Longford-Westmeath	4	106,211	26,553	+1,012	+3.96
Clare	4	105,571	26,393	+852	+3.34
Wexford	5	131,749	26,350	+809	+3.17
Galway West	5	131,041	26,208	+667	+2.61
Dublin Central	4	104,674	26,169	+628	+2.46
Wicklow	5	130,356	26,071	+530	+2.08
Cork South-Central	5	129,379	25,876	+335	+1.31
Cork South-West	3	76,949	25,650	+109	+0.43
Galway East	4	100,629	25,157	-384	-1.50
Dublin Mid-West	4	100,399	25,100	-441	-1.73
Dublin South-East	4	100,305	25,076	-465	-1.82
Tipperary South	3	74,748	24,916	-625	-2.45
Mayo	5	123,839	24,768	-773	-3.03
Dublin South-West	4	97,989	24,497	-1,044	-4.09
Dublin North-West	3	73,327	24,442	-1,099	-4.30
Dublin South-Central	5	122,168	24,434	-1,107	-4.33
Cavan-Monaghan	5	120,000	24,000	-1,541	-6.03

Some of these constituencies call for comment as set out below.

4.2 Cavan-Monaghan

The 5-seat Cavan-Monaghan constituency is co-terminus with the boundaries of Cavan and Monaghan. While its population is low for a 5-seater (with a variance of -6.03%), the constituency is still closer to an allocation of 5 rather than 4 seats — it merits 4.7 seats.

Neither county has sufficient population to form a constituency on its own. Each alternative to the present constituency formation would involve the transfer of population to or from an adjoining constituency and the breaching of both a county and a provincial boundary. The issues arising in adjoining constituencies are capable of being resolved without affecting Cavan-Monaghan. The existing variance of -6.03% is within the range of variance accepted by previous commissions and enacted into law. The 2003/4 Commission decided not to recommend change in this constituency which then had a variance of -7.50% ; the population of the constituency increased at a rate above the national average between 2002 and 2006, giving the current variance of -6.03% .

In these circumstances, the Commission decided not to recommend change in this constituency.

4.3 Other Constituencies

There are a number of constituencies in the table above which involve existing breaches of county boundaries. These are: Carlow-Kilkenny/Wicklow; Clare/Limerick East; Longford-Westmeath/Meath West; and Tipperary South/Waterford. There is also the breach in the boundary between the Tipperary North and South local government counties.

The Commission considered making these constituencies co-terminus with the relevant boundaries, having regard to submissions received. However, this would result in variances in the constituencies concerned which are not acceptable to this Commission having regard to its terms of reference and, therefore, would necessitate further changes in these and other constituencies which would militate against the maintenance of continuity and require other breaches of county boundaries. For these reasons, the Commission concluded that the appropriate approach was to recommend no change in the relevant constituencies for the purpose of ending breaches of county boundaries. Changes to some of these constituencies (Limerick East, Meath West and Tipperary North) for other reasons are recommended in Chapter 5.

5 Dáil Constituencies Where Change is Recommended[#]

5.1 Cork Area

The present position is as follows:

Constituency	No. of TDs	2006 Population	Population per TD	Variance	% Variance from National Average Population per TD
Cork East	4	104,423	26,106	+565	+2.21
Cork North-Central	4	91,591	22,898	-2,643	-10.35
Cork North-West	3	78,953	26,318	+777	+3.04
Cork South-Central	5	129,379	25,876	+335	+1.31
Cork South-West	3	76,949	25,650	+109	+0.43
Total	19	481,295	25,331	-210	-0.82

The population of the Cork area of 481,295 is equivalent to an allocation of 18.84 seats (19 at present). While the variances in 4 of the constituencies are acceptable to this Commission having regard to its terms of reference, Cork North-Central is over-represented and requires additional population.

Cork North-Central can, in principle, accept population from 3 other contiguous constituencies — Cork East, Cork North-West and Cork South-Central. However, changes recommended by the 2003/4 Commission and enacted by the Oireachtas enabled the entire length of the boundary between the North-Central and South-Central constituencies within Cork City to be restored to the North Channel of the River Lee. The Commission does not propose a transfer of population from South-Central to North-Central as it would breach this natural boundary.

Having considered the options, the Commission decided to recommend the transfer of 4,255 population from Cork East, and 4,334 from Cork North-West, to Cork North-Central which would extend the constituency northwards and westwards. The proposed transfer from North-West is contiguous to a similar transfer from North-West to North-Central which was recommended by the 2003/4 Commission and enacted by the Oireachtas. Details of the transfer are in the Fourth Appendix. The following table sets out the relevant statistics for the recommended constituencies:

[#]Statistics relating to all of the recommended constituencies are set out in the Second Appendix.

Recommended Constituency	No. of TDs	2006 Population	Population per TD	Variance	% Variance from National Average Population per TD
Cork East	4	100,168	25,042	-499	-1.95
Cork North-Central	4	100,180	25,045	-496	-1.94
Cork North-West	3	74,619	24,873	-668	-2.62

Recommended Cork area constituencies are shown on Map 2 on page 18.

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CORK AREA

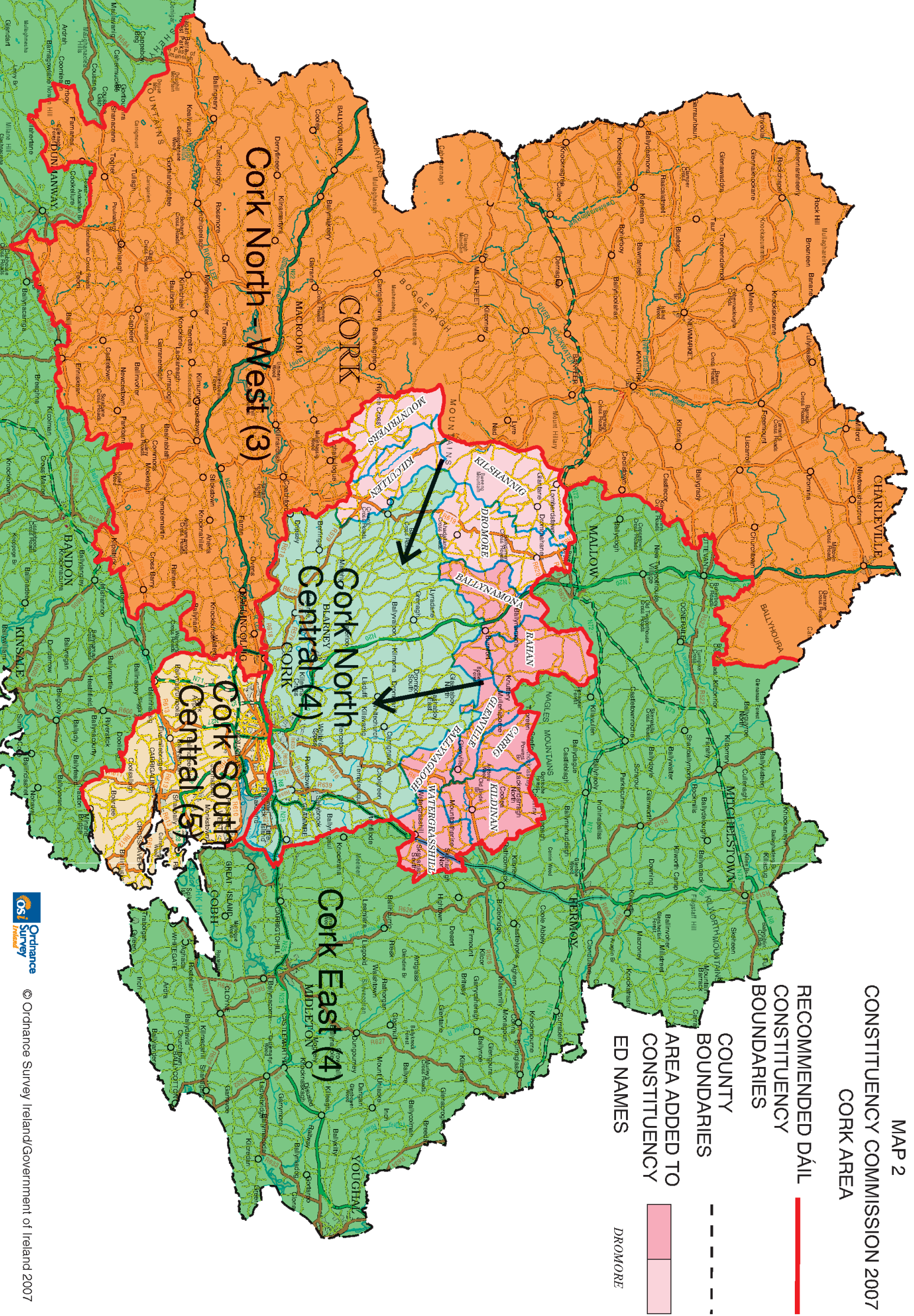
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5.2 Donegal North-East and Donegal South-West

The present position is as follows:

Constituency	No. of TDs	2006 Population	Population per TD	Variance	% Variance from National Average Population per TD
Donegal North-East	3	76,225	25,408	-133	-0.52
Donegal South-West	3	71,039	23,680	-1,861	-7.29
Total	6	147,264	24,544	-997	-3.90

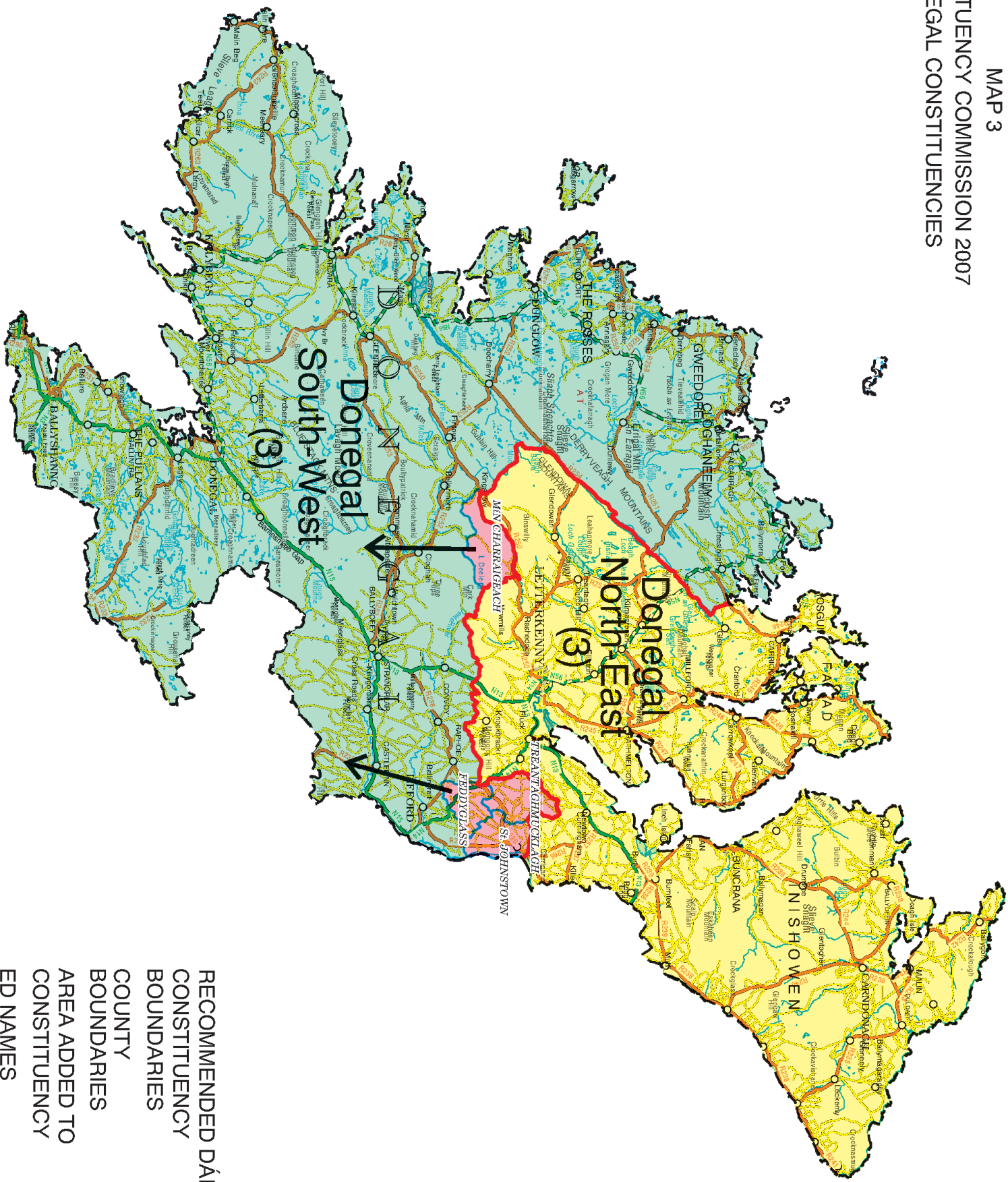
The present constituency formation in Donegal has been in place since 1980 and the county's 2006 population is the equivalent of 5.77 seats (6 at present). However, there is a variance of -7.29% in Donegal South-West. With Donegal North-East having a variance of -0.52%, the issue is capable of being addressed through boundary adjustment balancing average representation between the 2 constituencies (as was recommended by the 2003/4 Commission when a similar issue arose and enacted by the Oireachtas).

The Commission noted that all but 4 of the electoral divisions (with population of 2,351) in the former Stranorlar Rural District are already in Donegal South-West. The transfer of these 4 electoral divisions to South-West would address the level of variance in that constituency and mean that all of the former Stranorlar Rural District electoral divisions would be in the one constituency; most of the area proposed for transfer is contiguous to the area transferred in the last revision. The Commission recommends that this transfer be made. Details of the transfer are in the Fourth Appendix. The following table sets out the relevant statistics for the recommended constituencies:

Recommended Constituency	No. of TDs	2006 Population	Population per TD	Variance	% Variance from National Average Population per TD
Donegal North-East	3	73,874	24,625	-916	-3.59
Donegal South-West	3	73,390	24,463	-1,078	-4.22

If current population trends continue, the case for a reduction in Dáil representation in Donegal may arise for consideration in the future.

The recommended Donegal constituencies are shown on Map 3 on page 20.



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St. JOHNSTOWN

5.3 Dublin Area

The present position is as follows:

Constituency	No. of TDs	2006 Population	Population per TD	Variance	% Variance from National Average Population per TD
Dublin Central	4	104,674	26,169	+628	+2.46
Dublin Mid-West	4	100,399	25,100	-441	-1.73
Dublin North	4	120,309	30,077	+4,536	+17.76
Dublin North-Central	3	72,518	24,173	-1,368	-5.36
Dublin North-East	3	69,717	23,239	-2,302	-9.01
Dublin North-West	3	73,327	24,442	-1,099	-4.30
Dublin South	5	118,704	23,741	-1,800	-7.05
Dublin South-Central	5	122,168	24,434	-1,107	-4.33
Dublin South-East	4	100,305	25,076	-465	-1.82
Dublin South-West	4	97,989	24,497	-1,044	-4.09
Dublin West	3	92,900	30,967	+5,426	+21.24
Dún Laoghaire	5	114,166	22,833	-2,708	-10.60
Total	47	1,187,176	25,259	-282	-1.10

The Dublin area population in 2006 is 1,187,176, an increase of 5.7% on 2002 and equivalent to 46.48 seats. There are at present 47 seats in Dublin divided among 12 constituencies. The overall % variance from the national average population per TD is -1.10%; reducing by 1 the number of seats in the area would bring the variance to +1.05%. On this basis, the Commission sees no compelling case to alter the overall seat allocation to Dublin. The Commission felt that a satisfactory arrangement of constituencies can be devised based on the existing 47 seats in the Dublin area and, consequently, recommends no change in Dublin's existing representation overall. Revisions are, however, required in a number of constituencies in the area.

Dublin North (+17.76%), Dublin West (+21.24%) and Dublin North-East (-9.01%)

The combined population of the Dublin North and Dublin West area is 213,209 which, with a current seat allocation of 7, gives a variance of +19.25%. The population of the 2 constituencies together is the equivalent of 8.35 seats. The Commission, therefore, recommends the allocation of an additional seat to the area.

The Commission considered the option of allocating a second additional seat to the area and reducing by one the number of seats across the Dublin north city constituencies. However, the Commission noted that the combined population of the 3 north city constituencies which are over-represented (North-East, North-Central and North-West) is 215,562; this is the equivalent of 8.44 seats (9 at present). If Dublin Central is considered, the population of 320,236 in the 4 constituencies merits 12.54 seats (13 at present); combining North-East and North-Central gives a population of 142,235 which is the equivalent of 5.57 seats (6 at present). In light of this and the

corresponding data relating to the Dublin North/Dublin West area, the Commission decided, taking account of continuity considerations, not to recommend this option.

The Commission recommends that Dublin West, the constituency with the largest variance from national average representation, should be allocated the additional seat (to become a 4-seater) and that population in Dublin North in excess of what is required for its 4 seats should be transferred to support Dublin West as a 4-seater and reduce the variance in Dublin North-East. The proposed transfers are: 12,768 population in the Swords-Forrest/Airport areas to move from Dublin North to Dublin West and 9,021 population in the Portmarnock and Balgriffin areas to move from Dublin North to Dublin North-East; in addition, some 180 population in the Priorswood area of Dublin City should transfer from Dublin North to Dublin North-East.

Dublin North-Central (-5.36%)

The Dublin North-Central constituency has a variance of -5.36%. The Commission recommends the transfer of the Edenmore electoral division (population: 2,758) from Dublin North-East to Dublin North-Central. This returns the electoral division to a constituency in which it was located from 1998 to 2005.

Dublin South (-7.05%) and Dún Laoghaire (-10.60%)

Dublin South and Dún Laoghaire are contiguous and their combined population of 232,870 merits an allocation of 9.1 seats (10 at present). The Commission, therefore, recommends reducing by one the number of seats in the area.

In terms of population, Dublin South is closer than Dún Laoghaire to meriting 5 seats and the latter's population fell by -1.8% in 2002-06, compared to an increase of 3% in Dublin South. Moreover, it is possible to establish the N.11 as the boundary between the 2 constituencies from their northern boundary point as far as Loughlinstown by transferring from Dún Laoghaire to Dublin South (with the required population) 2 electoral divisions and parts of 2 other divisions (the balance of which are already in Dublin South). Accordingly, the Commission recommends a reduction of a seat in the Dún Laoghaire constituency and the making of this transfer of 11,673 population to Dublin South.

Details of the population transfers referred to above are in the Fourth Appendix. The following table sets out the relevant statistics for the recommended constituencies:

Recommended Constituency	No. of TDs	2006 Population	Population per TD	Variance	% Variance from National Average Population per TD
Dublin North	4	98,340	24,585	-956	-3.74
Dublin North-Central	3	75,276	25,092	-449	-1.76
Dublin North-East	3	76,160	25,387	-154	-0.60
Dublin South	5	130,377	26,075	+534	+2.09
Dublin West	4	105,668	26,417	+876	+3.43
Dún Laoghaire	4	102,493	25,623	+82	+0.32

The recommended Dublin area constituencies are shown in the large-scale maps at the back of the report.

5.4 Kerry-Limerick Area

The present position is as follows:

Constituency	No. of TDs	2006 Population	Population per TD	Variance	% Variance from National Average Population per TD
Kerry North	3	69,444	23,148	-2,393	-9.37
Kerry South	3	70,391	23,464	-2,077	-8.13
Limerick East	5	118,235	23,647	-1,894	-7.42
Limerick West	3	71,199	23,733	-1,808	-7.08
Total	14	329,269	23,519	-2,022	-7.92

All 4 constituencies in the Kerry-Limerick area are over-represented and each of the variances is not acceptable to this Commission having regard to its terms of reference. The population in the area of 329,269 is equivalent to an allocation of 12.9 seats (14 at present) while the overall variance for the area is -7.92%. The Commission recommends reducing the number of seats in the area by one to 13 which would bring the variance for the area to -0.83%.

While both Kerry and Limerick border other constituencies, the Commission concluded that the issues arising can be addressed within the confines of the 2 counties and that the appropriate approach is to redraw the constituency boundaries within the area set by the Kerry and Limerick county boundaries.

The Commission considered, in the context of the Constitutional requirements and its terms of reference, a range of options for constituency configurations in the area, all of which inevitably involve significant movement of population as well as a breach of the Kerry/Limerick county boundary. The Kerry population of 139,835 equates to 5.47 seats (6 at present), while the population of the Limerick constituencies (including the Ballyglass electoral division in County Clare) of 189,434 equates to 7.42 seats (8 at present). The Commission also noted that a reduction of a seat in the Limerick East constituency, and associated population transfers to Limerick West, would allow Limerick East to reflect more fully the urban areas, and Limerick West the rural areas, of Limerick.

The Commission decided to recommend a reduction of one seat in the Limerick East constituency. The following transfers are proposed:

- 17,242 population in predominantly rural electoral divisions from Limerick East to Limerick West;
- 13,146 population in the western part of Limerick West to Kerry North; and
- 5,098 population from Kerry North to Kerry South.

Reflecting the population movement proposed, the Commission also recommends that constituencies be renamed as follows: Limerick East as Limerick City, Limerick West as Limerick and Kerry North as Kerry North-West Limerick. The name of Kerry South should remain unchanged.

Details of the population transfers referred to above are in the Fourth Appendix. The following table sets out the relevant statistics for the recommended constituencies:

Recommended Constituency	No. of TDs	2006 Population	Population per TD	Variance	% Variance from National Average Population per TD
Kerry North – West Limerick	3	77,492	25,831	+290	+1.14
Kerry South	3	75,489	25,163	-378	-1.48
Limerick City	4	100,993	25,248	-293	-1.15
Limerick	3	75,295	25,098	-443	-1.73

The recommended Kerry-Limerick constituencies are shown on Maps 4, 5 and 6 on pages 25, 26 and 27.

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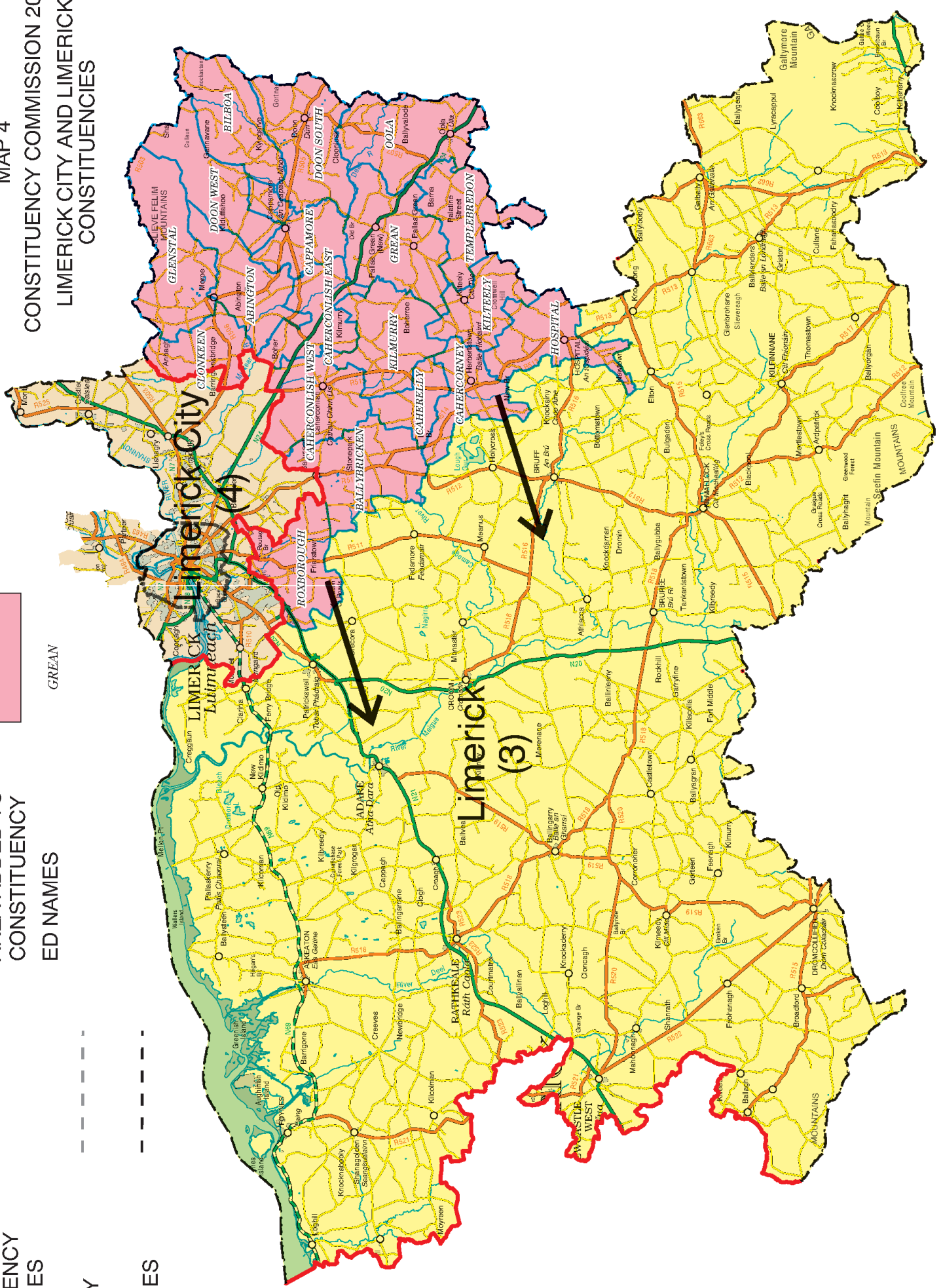
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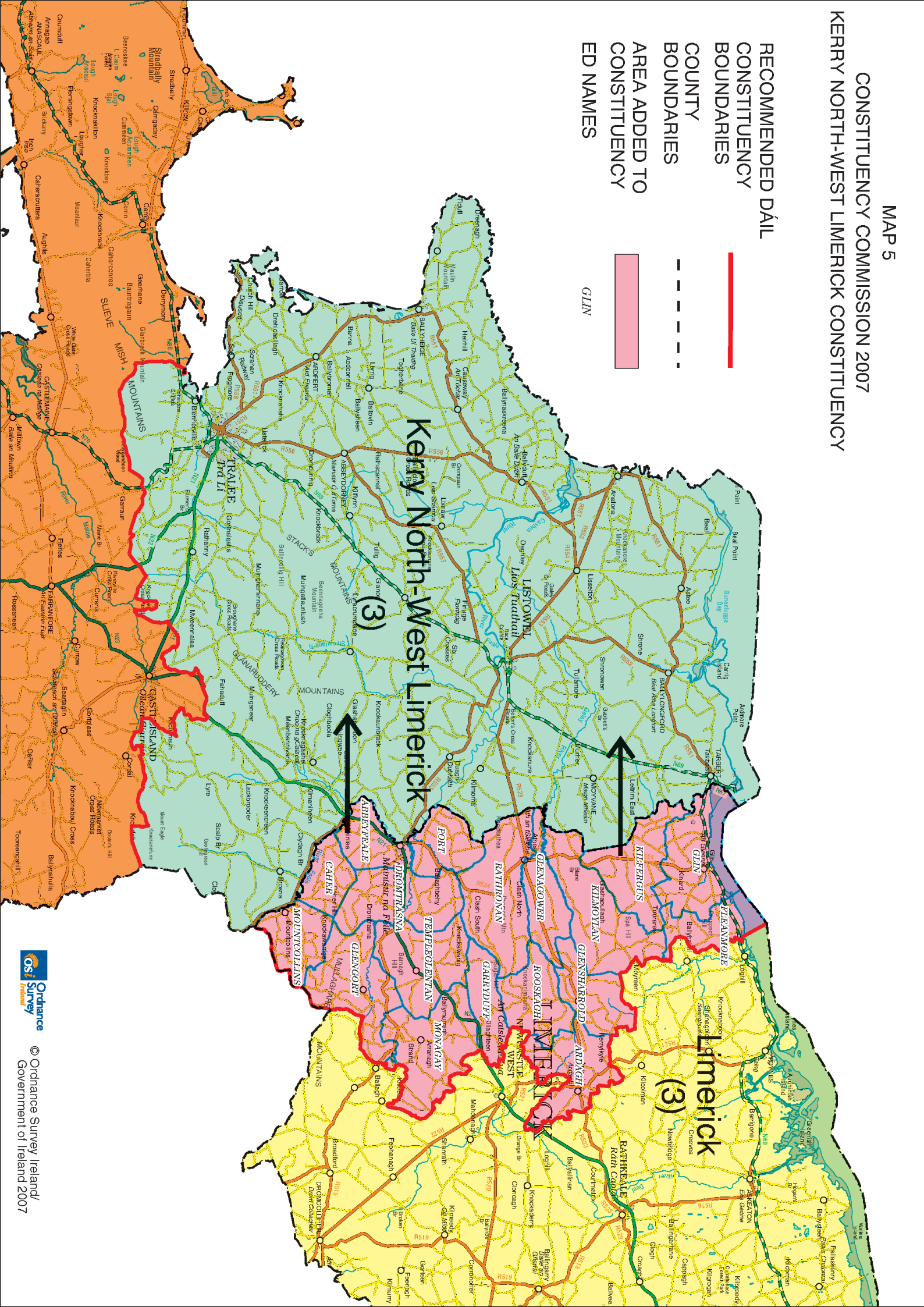
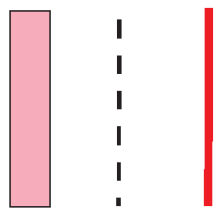
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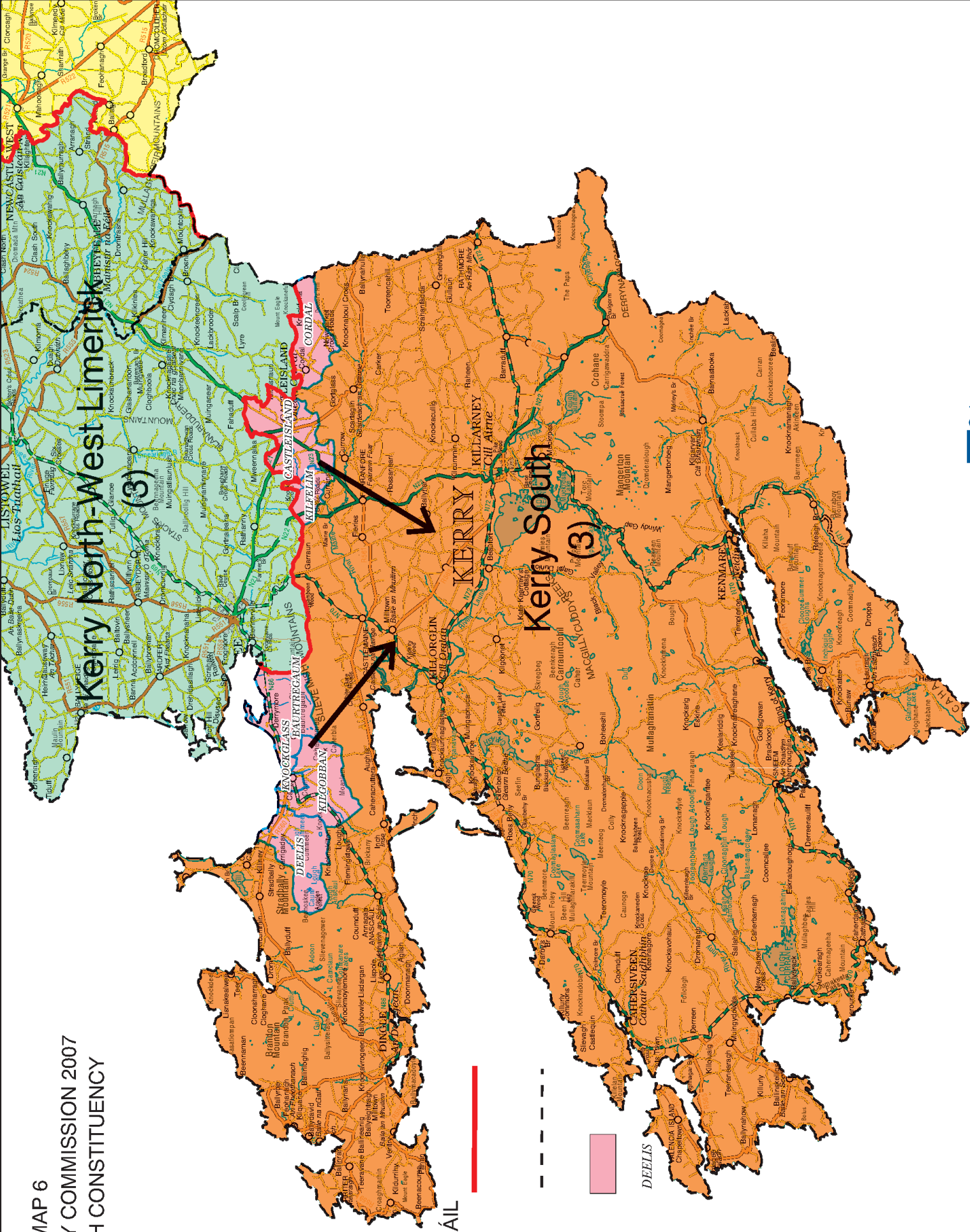
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5.5 Kildare North and Kildare South

The present position is as follows:

Constituency	No. of TDs	2006 Population	Population per TD	Variance	% Variance from National Average Population per TD
Kildare North	4	105,186	26,297	+756	+2.96
Kildare South	3	81,149	27,050	+1,509	+5.91
Total	7	186,335	26,619	+1,078	+4.22

The population of Kildare has increased by nearly 14% since 2002. However, the county's 2006 population is equivalent to 7.30 seats (7 at present), suggesting population transfer between the 2 constituencies to address the variance in Kildare South as the appropriate approach on this occasion.

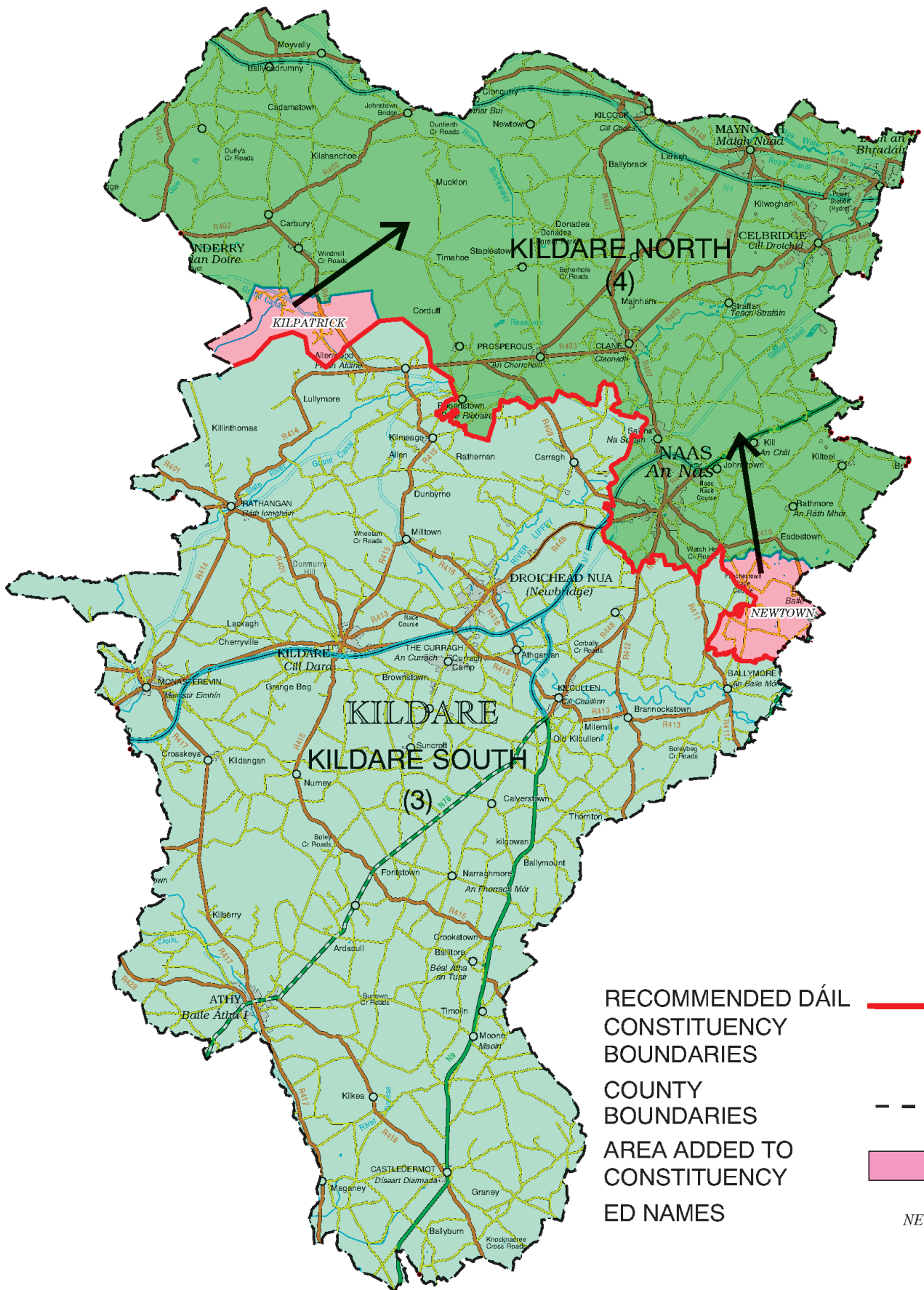
The 2003/4 Commission, in recommending the addition of a seat to Kildare North, also recommended transfer of an area in the north-west of the county to that constituency from Kildare South; this was enacted by the Oireachtas. The Commission recommends the transfer of a further electoral division in the north-west, and one in the north-east of Kildare South, from that constituency to Kildare North. The total population involved is 1,314. Details of the transfer are in the Fourth Appendix. The following table sets out the relevant statistics for the recommended constituencies:


Recommended Constituency	No. of TDs	2006 Population	Population per TD	Variance	% Variance from National Average Population per TD
Kildare North	4	106,500	26,625	1,084	+4.24
Kildare South	3	79,835	26,612	1,071	+4.19


If current population trends continue, the case for an increase in Dáil representation in Kildare may arise for consideration in the future.


The recommended Kildare constituencies are shown on Map 7 on page 29.


MAP 7
 CONSTITUENCY COMMISSION 2007
 KILDARE CONSTITUENCIES



RECOMMENDED DÁIL
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5.6 Laois-Offaly and Tipperary North

The present position is as follows:

Constituency	No. of TDs	2006 Population	Population per TD	Variance	% Variance from National Average Population per TD
Laois-Offaly	5	137,927	27,585	+2,044	+8.00
Tipperary North	3	75,927	25,309	-232	-0.91
Total	8	213,854	26,732	+1,191	+4.66

There is a variance of +8% in the Laois-Offaly constituency. Neither Laois nor Offaly has sufficient population to form a constituency on its own and, as the total population is the equivalent of 5.40 seats, the 2 counties together are closer to their current 5, rather than 6, seats.

In terms of reducing the constituency's population, the only 2 adjoining constituencies which are over-represented and in a position to take population are Galway East (variance of -1.5%) and Tipperary North (-0.91%). Either option would involve a breach of a county and a provincial boundary; a transfer to Galway East would result in a constituency traversing the River Shannon, while Tipperary North constituency already has population from the local government county of South Tipperary. The Commission decided that, in all the circumstances, the preferred approach is to retain the River Shannon as the western boundary of the constituency of Laois-Offaly and to transfer population from Offaly to Tipperary North constituency.

The Commission recommends the transfer of 4,276 population in the former Roscrea No. 2 Rural District from Laois-Offaly to Tipperary North. Details of the transfer are in the Fourth Appendix. The following table sets out the relevant statistics for the recommended constituencies:

Recommended Constituency	No. of TDs	2006 Population	Population per TD	Variance	% Variance from National Average Population per TD
Laois-Offaly	5	133,651	26,730	+1,189	+4.66
Tipperary North	3	80,203	26,734	+1,193	+4.67

If current population trends continue, the case for an increase in Dáil representation in the Laois-Offaly area may arise for consideration in the future.

The relevant parts of the recommended Laois-Offaly and Tipperary North constituencies are shown on Map 8 on page 31.

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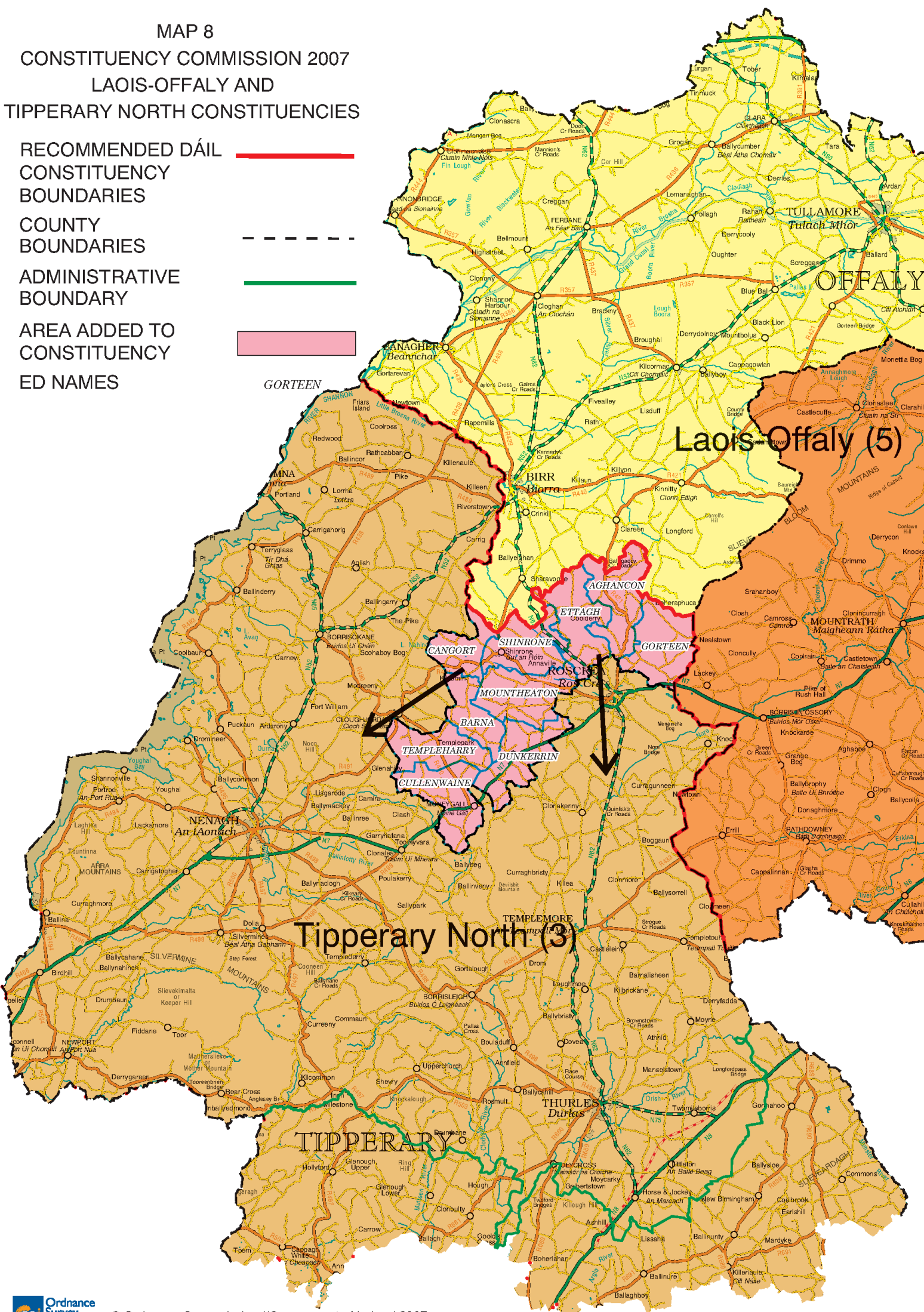
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5.7 Louth, Meath East and Meath West

The present position is as follows:

Constituency	No. of TDs	2006 Population	Population per TD	Variance	% Variance from National Average Population per TD
Louth	4	111,267	27,817	+2,276	+8.91
Meath East	3	87,188	29,063	+3,522	+13.79
Meath West	3	83,169	27,723	+2,182	+8.54
Total	10	281,624	28,162	+2,621	+10.26

The Louth/Meath area has been subject to continuing population growth in recent years and was allocated an additional seat at the last revision through the creation of the Meath East and Meath West 3-seat constituencies.

The area population is 281,624 and equivalent to 11.03 seats. There are 10 seats in the area divided among 3 constituencies. The overall % variance from the national average population per TD is +10.26%. Accordingly, the Commission recommends the addition of a further seat to the area which would bring the variance to +0.24%; to do this will require a breach of the Louth/Meath county boundary.

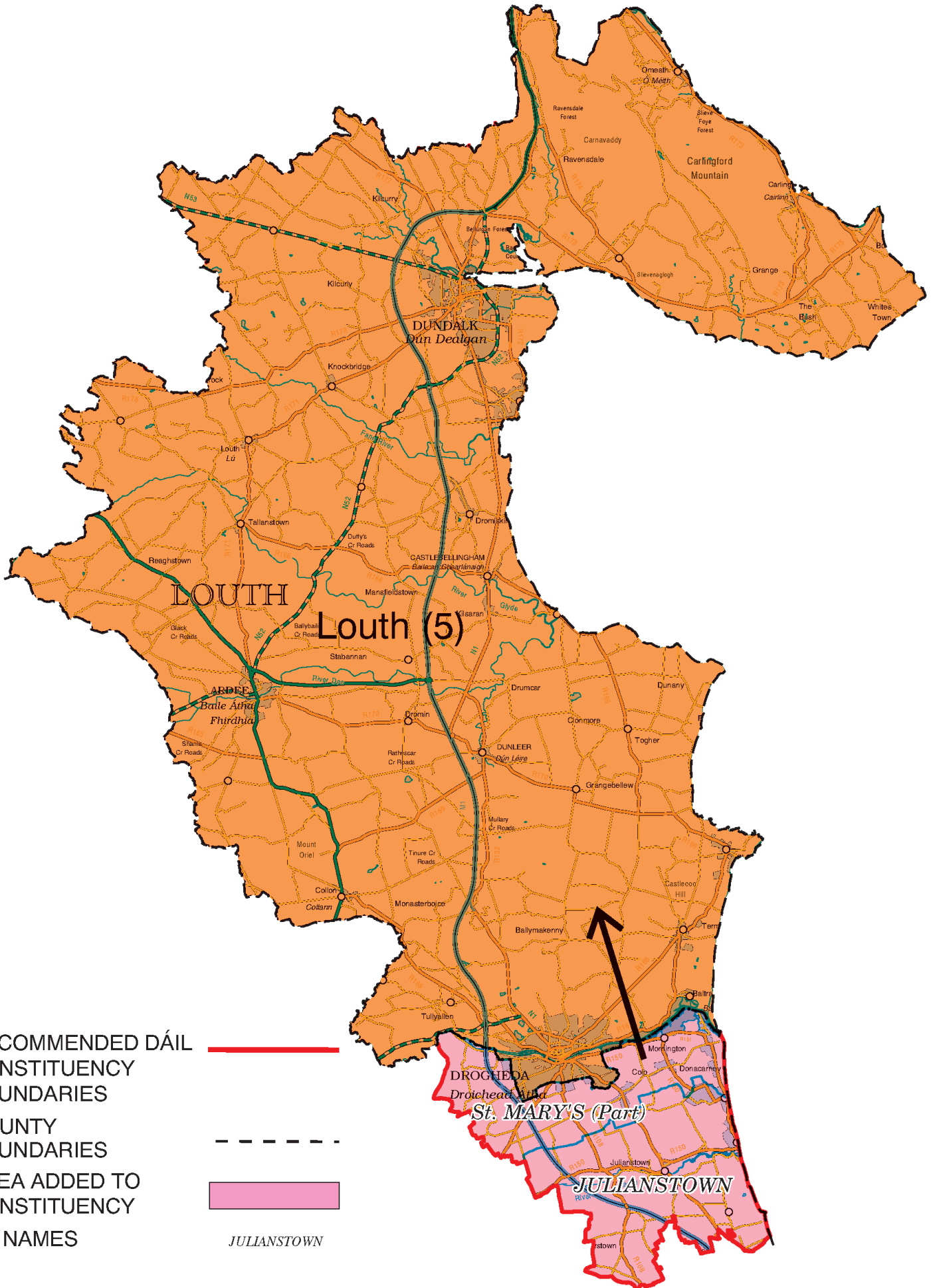
The Commission considered a range of options for the allocation of 11 seats in the area. It recommends that Louth should become a 5-seat constituency by extending the constituency southwards from, and in the environs of, Drogheda and taking in electoral divisions (population: 17,333) which have extensive linkages with the town. This will allow the inclusion of the town of Drogheda and hinterland areas in a single constituency.

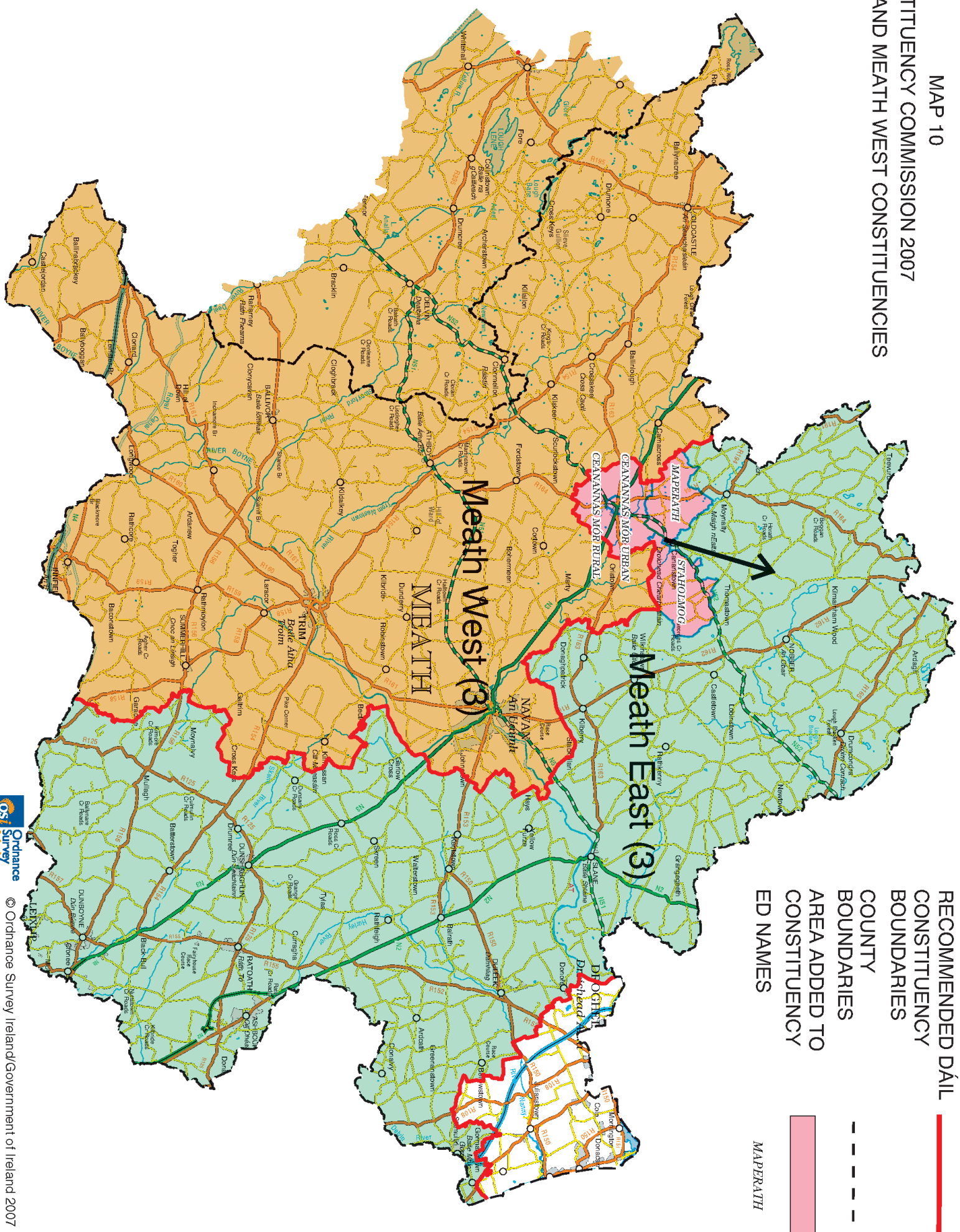
There is also a need for a transfer of population from Meath West to Meath East. The Commission proposes the transfer of 6,776 population in the Ceanannas Mór area, including the town of Ceanannas Mór (Kells). Details of the Meath East/Louth and Meath West/Meath East transfers are in the Fourth Appendix. The following table sets out the relevant statistics for the recommended constituencies:

Recommended Constituency	No. of TDs	2006 Population	Population per TD	Variance	% Variance from National Average Population per TD
Louth	5	128,600	25,720	+179	+0.70
Meath East	3	76,631	25,544	+3	+0.01
Meath West	3	76,393	25,464	-77	-0.30

The recommended Louth, Meath East and Meath West constituencies are shown on Maps 9 and 10 on pages 33 and 34.

MAP 9
 CONSTITUENCY COMMISSION 2007
 LOUTH CONSTITUENCY





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5.8 Roscommon – South Leitrim and Sligo – North Leitrim

The present position is as follows:

Constituency	No. of TDs	2006 Population	Population per TD	Variance	% Variance from National Average Population per TD
Roscommon-South Leitrim	3	77,760	25,920	+379	+1.48
Sligo-North Leitrim	3	70,852	23,617	-1,924	-7.53
Total	6	148,612	24,769	-772	-3.02

The 2003/4 Commission recommended and the Oireachtas enacted the establishment of the two 3-seat constituencies of Roscommon-South Leitrim and Sligo-North Leitrim.

The largest number of submissions on one issue received by the Commission related to including all of County Leitrim in one constituency. These submissions were in the form both of direct requests that change be made to this effect and specific proposals as to how this might be achieved. The arguments advanced in these submissions centred on the issue of ensuring that a representative from the county is elected to the Dáil.

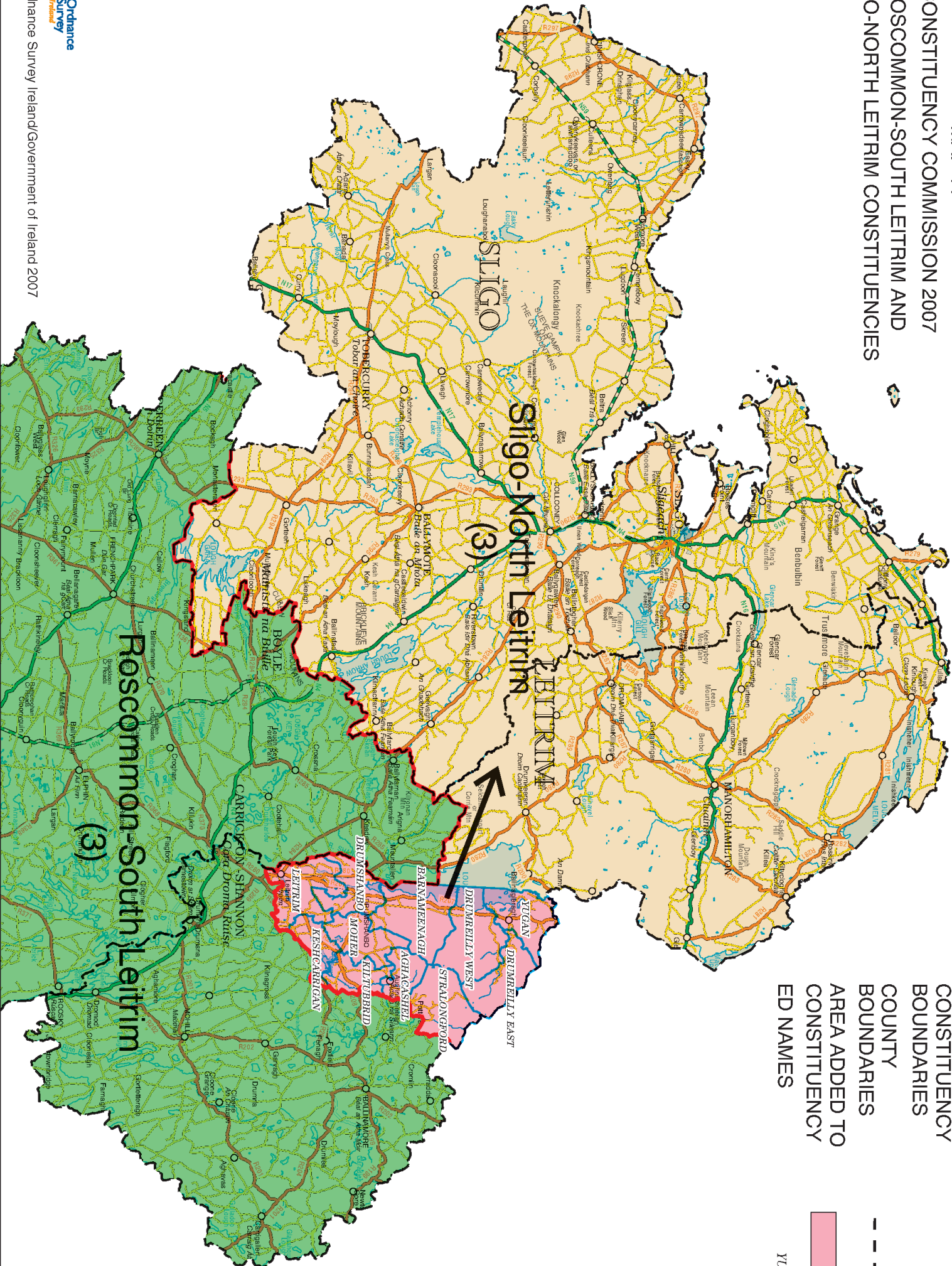
The Commission considered carefully each of the submissions relating to County Leitrim and was very much aware of the strength of feeling expressed in relation to this issue. It also considered carefully all of the available options relating to including the county in one constituency, including the proposals advanced in this regard in the submissions. It was not possible, however, to identify an alternative to the present general arrangement of constituencies in the area which both met the concerns advanced in the submissions and had no other undesirable impacts on the configuration of constituencies. Each of the alternatives considered had one or more significant disadvantage, including the breaching of another or other county boundary (-ies), the placing of 3 counties in one constituency, geographic difficulties and extensive loss of continuity (including large population movement) in the arrangement of constituencies. For these reasons, the Commission recommends adherence to the general constituency configuration proposed in the report of the 2003/4 Commission and enacted by the Oireachtas.

However, the 2006 Census records that Sligo-North Leitrim constituency now has a variance of -7.53%. With Roscommon-South Leitrim having a variance of +1.48%, the variance in Sligo-North Leitrim is capable of being dealt with in that context. In the north of the existing Roscommon-South Leitrim constituency, it is possible to move a number of electoral divisions (population: 3,376) into Sligo-North Leitrim. The Commission recommends that this transfer be made. Details of the transfer are in the Fourth Appendix. The following table sets out the relevant statistics for the recommended constituencies:

Recommended Constituency	No. of TDs	2006 Population	Population per TD	Variance	% Variance from National Average Population per TD
Roscommon-South Leitrim	3	74,384	24,795	-746	-2.92
Sligo-North Leitrim	3	74,228	24,743	-798	-3.12

The relevant parts of the recommended Roscommon-South Leitrim and Sligo-North Leitrim constituencies are shown on Map 11 on page 36.

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ROSCOMMON-SOUTH LEITRIM AND
SLIGO-NORTH LEITRIM CONSTITUENCIES



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6 European Parliament Constituencies

6.1 General

This chapter contains the Commission's recommendations in relation to the constituencies for the election of members to the European Parliament. As regards this part of its work, the Commission's terms of reference, set out in section 6 of the 1997 Act, require it to have regard to the following:

- (a) the total number of representatives to be elected in the State to the European Parliament shall be 15 or such other number as may be specified for the time being pursuant to the treaties governing the European Communities;
- (b) there shall be reasonable equality of representation as between constituencies;
- (c)
 - each constituency shall return 3, 4 or 5 members;
 - the breaching of county boundaries* shall be avoided as far as practicable;
 - each constituency shall be composed of contiguous areas;
 - there shall be regard to geographic considerations including significant physical features and the extent of and the density of population in each constituency; and
 - subject to the above provisions, the Commission shall endeavour to maintain continuity in relation to the arrangement of constituencies.

As with the Dáil constituencies, the Commission's role is advisory. The final determination of the constituencies for the European Parliament is a matter for the Oireachtas to prescribe in legislation.

6.2 Developments Since 1977

The history of the establishment of the European constituencies in Ireland can be found in the European Assembly Constituency Commission Report 1977 (Prl. 6626) and in the European Parliament Constituency Commission Report 1993 (Pl. 9901).

The 1977 Commission recommended that Ireland's representation of 15 MEPs be distributed as follows:

Connacht-Ulster	3 seats
Dublin	4 seats
Leinster	3 seats
Munster	5 seats

*Section 6(4) of the 1997 Act provides that this reference to county boundaries does not include city boundaries or the boundaries between the local government counties of Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown, Fingal and South Dublin.

The 1993 Commission recommended the transfer of a seat from the Munster to the Leinster constituency, while the 1998 Commission in its Report (Pn. 5074) did not recommend any change in the formation of the 4 constituencies or in the number of members to be elected in them.

Under the provisions of the Nice Treaty, Ireland was allocated 12 seats in the European Parliament with effect from the 2009 European elections. Transitional arrangements instituted by the Treaty provided that Ireland was to have an allocation of 13 seats until 2009.

Accordingly, the 2003/4 Commission (Prn. 1002) recommended that the constituencies for the election in Ireland of members of the European Parliament be altered by the reduction of a seat in each of the Leinster and Munster constituencies and the transfer of the population of County Clare from the Munster constituency to the Connacht-Ulster constituency. The Commission also recommended that the constituencies be renamed.

The recommended constituencies for the election of 13 members of the European Parliament were:—

Constituency	Area of Constituency (Counties and Cities)*	Number of Members
Dublin	The counties of: Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown, Fingal, South Dublin and the city of Dublin.	4
East	The counties of: Carlow, Kildare, Kilkenny, Laois, Longford, Louth, Meath, Offaly, Westmeath, Wexford and Wicklow.	3
North-West	The counties of: Cavan, Clare, Donegal, Galway, Leitrim, Mayo, Monaghan, Roscommon, Sligo and the city of Galway.	3
South	The counties of: Cork, Kerry, Limerick, North Tipperary, South Tipperary, Waterford and the cities of Cork, Limerick and Waterford.	3

*As specified in Schedule 5 to the Local Government Act 2001.

It is the task of the present Commission under its terms of reference to recommend an arrangement of constituencies for the election of 12 representatives from Ireland in the European Parliament as this is the legal provision at the time of the discharge by this Commission of its function.

6.3 Irish Legislation

Elections in Ireland to the European Parliament are governed by the European Parliament Elections Acts 1992 to 2006 which provide for elections on the single transferable vote system in multi-member constituencies. The provision concerning the revision of constituencies is set out in section 15(2) of the European Parliament Elections Act 1997, as follows:—

“(2) The Minister shall, having considered any report presented on statutory authority to each House of the Oireachtas recommending any alteration in the constituencies for which candidates shall be elected under this Act to be representatives in the Parliament, and not later than the first day of December 2003 and at least once in every ten years thereafter, submit to the Oireachtas proposals for a review of the said constituencies.”

The existing European constituencies are defined in the Third Schedule to the European Parliament Elections Act 1997, as follows:

European Constituency	Number of Members
Dublin	4
East	3
North-West	3
South	3

6.4 Submissions Received by the Commission

A total of 8 submissions were received by the Commission in accordance with its public notice inviting submissions in relation to European Parliament constituencies. The relevant organisations and persons are listed in the Fifth Appendix.

Two submissions were in favour of four 3-seat constituencies; two submissions recommended one 3-seat, one 4-seat and one 5-seat constituency; and one submission suggested three 4-seat constituencies. A further 3 submissions made recommendations in relation to particular constituencies.

6.5 Equality of Representation

The Commission's terms of reference require that there should be reasonable equality of representation as between constituencies. The degree of equality which can reasonably be achieved is limited by practical considerations, notably the small number of seats available for distribution (12) and the comparatively large blocks (primarily the counties) which are used for adjustment purposes. This approach is in line with the provision in the terms of reference that breaches of county boundaries shall be avoided as far as practicable.

The Commission noted that previous Commissions recommended and the Oireachtas enacted constituencies involving variances from the national average population per member ranging from -11.16% to +8.44% in 1977; from -11.12% to +9.05% in 1993; from -10.39% to +9.44% in 1998; and from -9.92% to +10.33% in 2003/4.

6.6 Arrangements for Constituencies — 12 members

The position of the existing constituencies, compared to the national average population per member based on 13 seats, is as follows:

Existing European Constituencies

Constituency	No. of MEPs	2006 Population	Population per MEP	% Variance from National Average Population per MEP, based on 13 Seats
Dublin	4	1,187,176	296,794	-9.00
East	3	1,107,947	369,316	+13.24
North-West	3	882,335	294,112	-9.82
South	3	1,062,390	354,130	+8.58
Total	13	4,239,848	326,142	

Based on numerical equality of representation between constituencies, each of the 12 MEPs to be elected in 2009 should represent an average 2006 population of 353,321. Applying this national average for 12 MEPs to the existing constituencies, the variances from the 2006 national average population per member based on 12 seats would be: Dublin -16%; East +4.53%; North-West -16.76%; and South +0.23%.

The Commission considered the following options for constituencies based on 12 seats:

- (1) adjustments to the existing 4 constituencies to take account of the reduced number of seats (i.e. four 3-seaters) and population change since 2002;
- (2) the other possible combinations:
 - three 4-seat constituencies, or
 - one 3-seat, one 4-seat and one 5-seat constituency; and
- (3) constituencies based on the regional authority/regional assembly areas.

The Commission concluded that option (1) above would be the most appropriate, having regard to its terms of reference, including the requirement to endeavour to maintain continuity in the arrangement of constituencies. The seat allocation can be reduced only in Dublin as the other constituencies are already 3-seaters. If a seat were removed from Dublin, the position of the 4 constituencies based on 12 seats would be as follows:

Constituency	No. of MEPs	2006 Population	Population per MEP	% Variance from National Average Population per MEP, based on 12 Seats
Dublin	3	1,187,176	395,725	+12.00
East	3	1,107,947	369,316	+4.53
North-West	3	882,335	294,112	-16.76
South	3	1,062,390	354,130	+0.23
Total	12	4,239,848	353,321	

Under this approach, the North-West constituency has a representation level that is out of line with the variances accepted by previous commissions and enacted by the Oireachtas. To achieve greater equality of representation, it is necessary to transfer population from East (the contiguous constituency with the greater overrepresentation) to North-West. (Population data for counties and cities in 2006 are in the Tenth Appendix). If the counties of Longford and Westmeath (113,737) were transferred, the position would be as follows:

Constituency	No. of MEPs	2006 Population	Population per MEP	% Variance from National Average Population per MEP, based on 12 Seats
East	3	994,210	331,403	-6.20
North-West	3	996,072	332,024	-6.03

With the transfer of counties Longford and Westmeath, the variances in the East and North-West constituencies are closely aligned with each other and the variances from national average population per member in the 4 constituencies are consistent with those accepted by previous commissions and enacted by the Oireachtas. Moreover, the variance in respect of 3 of the constituencies is lower than that recommended by the 2003/4 Commission and subsequently enacted, and the range of variance (from -6.20% to +12.00%) in the 4 constituencies is less than those previously recommended by commissions and enacted by the Oireachtas. The overall position is as follows:

Recommended Constituency	Number of MEPs	2006 Population	Population per MEP	% Variance from National Average Population per MEP, based on 12 seats (2003/4)
Dublin	3	1,187,176	395,725	+12.00 (-6.84)
East	3	994,210	331,403	-6.20 (+8.72)
North-West	3	996,072	332,024	-6.03 (-9.92)
South	3	1,062,390	354,130	+0.23 (+10.33)
Total	12	4,239,848	353,321	

6.7 Recommendation

Having carefully considered all the relevant circumstances and the submissions made to it, the Commission concluded that the arrangement most in keeping with its terms of reference would be the reduction of a seat in the Dublin constituency and the transfer of the population of counties Longford and Westmeath from the East to the North-West constituency. The Eleventh Appendix contains statistics relating to the proposed and existing European Parliament constituencies. The proposed European Parliament constituencies are shown on Map 12 on page 43.

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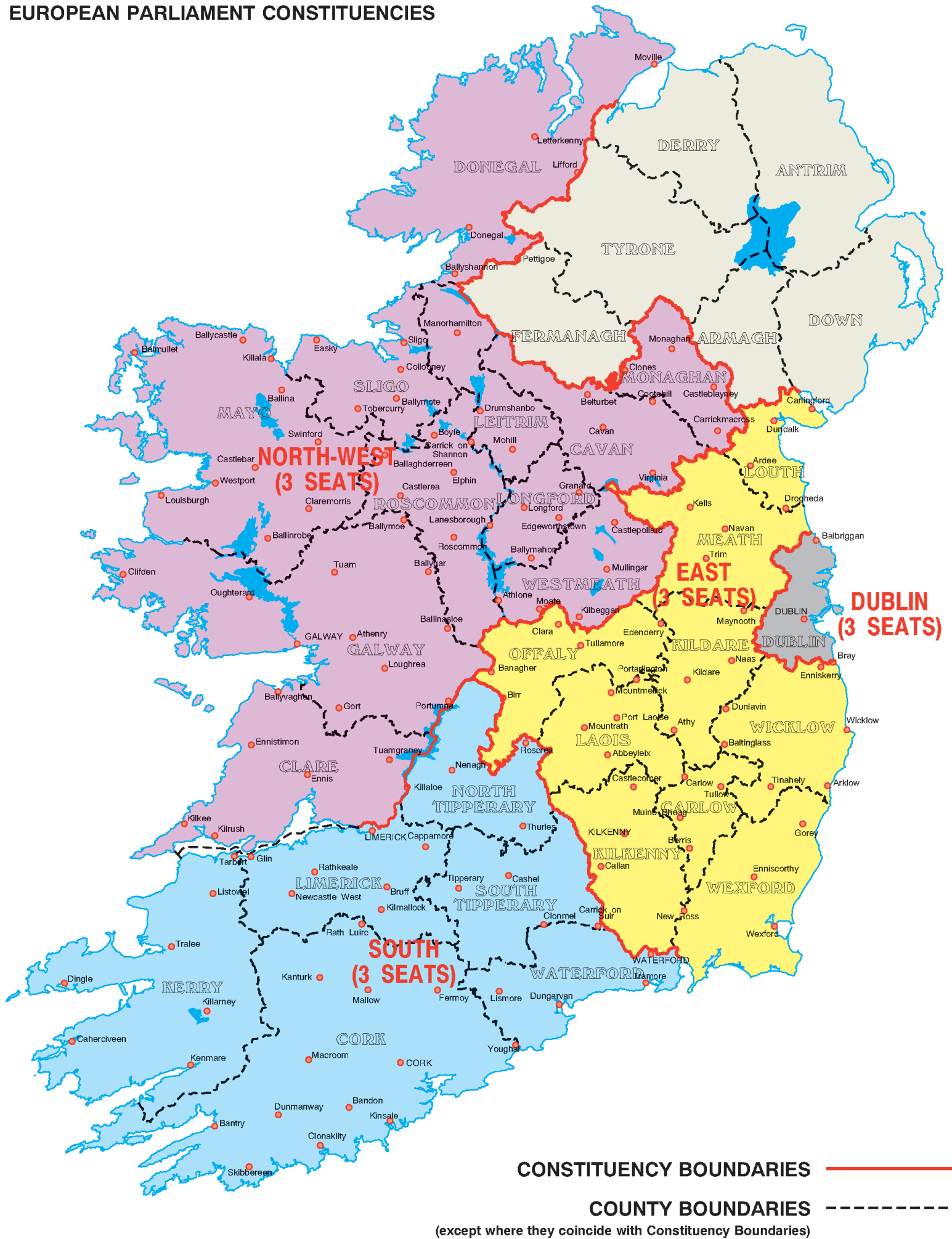
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First Appendix

Specification of Recommended Dáil Constituencies

(Existing Dáil constituencies are specified in the Electoral (Amendment) Act 2005 (No.16 of 2005))

Name of Proposed Constituency	Area	Number of Members
Carlow-Kilkenny	The county of Kilkenny and the county of Carlow, except the part thereof which is comprised in the constituency of Wicklow.	Five
Cavan-Monaghan	The counties of Cavan and Monaghan.	Five
Clare	The county of Clare, except the part thereof which is comprised in the constituency of Limerick City.	Four
Cork East	<p>In the county of Cork the electoral divisions of:</p> <p>Cobh Rural, Knockraha, in the former <i>Rural District of Cork</i>;</p> <p>Aghern, Ballyhooly, Ballynoe, Castlecooke, Castle Hyde, Castleyons, Castletownroche, Coole, Curraglass, Fermoy Rural, Glanworth East, Glanworth West, Gortnaskehy, Gortroe, Kilcor, Kilcummer, Killathy, Kilworth, Knockmourne, Leitrim, Rathcormack, in the former <i>Rural District of Fermoy</i>;</p> <p>Ballyclogh, Buttevant, Caherduggan, Carrig, Clenor, Doneraile, Kilmaclenine, Mallow Rural, Monanimy, Shanballymore, Skahanagh, Wallstown, in the former <i>Rural District of Mallow</i>;</p> <p>Ballintemple, Ballycottin, Ballyspillane, Carrigtohill, Castlemartyr, Clonmult, Cloyne, Corkbeg, Dangan, Dungourney, Garryvoe, Ightermurragh, Inch, Lisgoold, Middleton Rural, Mogeely, Rostellan, Templebodan, Templenacarriga, in the former <i>Rural District of Middleton</i>;</p> <p>Ballyarthur, Derryvillane, Farahy, Kildorrery, Kilgullane, Kilphelan, Marshalstown, Mitchelstown, Templemolaga, in the former <i>Rural District of Mitchelstown No. 1</i>;</p> <p>Ardagh, Clonpriest, Kilcronat, Killeagh, Kilmacdonagh, Youghal Rural, in the former <i>Rural District of Youghal No. 1</i>;</p> <p>and the towns of Cobh, Fermoy, Mallow, Middleton and Youghal.</p>	Four

Name of Proposed Constituency	Area	Number of Members
Cork North-Central	<p>In the city of Cork the electoral divisions of:</p> <p>Blackpool A, Blackpool B, Churchfield, Commons, Fair Hill A, Fair Hill B, Fair Hill C, Farranferris A, Farranferris B, Farranferris C, Gurranebraher A, Gurranebraher B, Gurranebraher C, Gurranebraher D, Gurranebraher E, Knocknaheeny, Mayfield, Montenotte A, Montenotte B, St. Patrick's A, St. Patrick's B, St. Patrick's C, Shanakiel, Shandon A, Shandon B, Sunday's Well A, Sunday's Well B, The Glen A, The Glen B, Tivoli A, Tivoli B;</p> <p>and, in the county of Cork, the electoral divisions of:</p> <p>Ballynaglogh, Blackpool, Blarney, Caherlag, Carrignavar, Carrigrohane Beg, Dripsey, Firmount, Glenville, Greenfort, Killeagh, Knockantota, Matehy, Rathcooney, Riverstown, St. Mary's, Whitechurch, in the former <i>Rural District of Cork</i>;</p> <p>Carrig, Kildinan, Watergrasshill, in the former <i>Rural District of Fermoy</i>;</p> <p>Gowlane, Kilcullen, Mountrivers, in the former <i>Rural District of Macroom</i>;</p> <p>Ballynamona, Dromore, Kilshannig, Rahan, in the former <i>Rural District of Mallow</i>.</p>	Four
Cork North-West	<p>In the county of Cork the electoral divisions of:</p> <p>Ballygroman, Ballymurphy, Bengour, Brinny, Kilbonane, Knockavilly, Moviddy, Murragh, Teadies, Templemartin, in the former <i>Rural District of Bandon</i>;</p> <p>Ballincollig, Ovens, in the former <i>Rural District of Cork</i>;</p> <p>Aultagh, Bealock, Béal Átha an Ghaorthaidh, Carrigboy, Castletown, Coolmountain, Garrown, Kinneigh, Manch, Teerelton, in the former <i>Rural District of Dunmanway</i>;</p> <p>Allow, Ballyhoolahan, Banteer, Barleyhill, Barnacurra, Bawncross, Boherboy, Castlecór, Castlemagner, Clonfert East, Clonfert West, Clonmeen, Coolclogh, Dromina, Glenlara, Gortmore, Greenane, Kanturk, Kilbrin, Kilmeen, Knockatooan, Knocktemple, Meens, Milford, Nad, Newmarket, Newtown, Roskeen, Rosnalee, Rows, Tincoora, Tullylease, Williamstown, in the former <i>Rural District of Kanturk</i>;</p> <p>Aghinagh, An Sliabh Riabhach, AGLISH, Béal Átha an Ghaorthaidh, Cannaway, Ceann Droma, Cill na Martra, Claonráth, Clondrohid, Clonmoyle, Doire Fhíinín, Gort na Tiobhratan, Greenville, Inchigeelagh, Kilberrihert, Macloneigh, Magourney, Mashanaglass, Na hUláin, Rahalisk, Warrenscourt, in the former <i>Rural District of Macroom</i>;</p> <p>Ardskeagh, Churchtown, Imphrick, Liscarroll, Milltown, Rathluirc, Springfort, Streamhill, Templemary, in the former <i>Rural District of Mallow</i>;</p> <p>Caherbarnagh, Coomlogane, Crinnaloo, Cullen, Derragh, Doonasleen, Drishane, Keale, Kilcorney, Knocknagree, Rathcool, Skagh, in the former <i>Rural District of Millstreet</i>;</p> <p>and the town of Macroom.</p>	Three

Name of Proposed Constituency	Area	Number of Members
Cork South-Central	<p>The city of Cork, except the part thereof which is comprised in the constituency of Cork North-Central;</p> <p>and, in the county of Cork, the electoral divisions of:</p> <p>Ballygarvan, Bishopstown, Carrigaline, Douglas, Iniskenny, Lehenagh, Monkstown Rural, Monkstown Urban, in the former <i>Rural District of Cork</i>;</p> <p>Carrigaline, Kilpatrick, Liscleary, Templebreedy, in the former <i>Rural District of Kinsale</i>.</p>	Five
Cork South-West	<p>The county of Cork, except the parts thereof which are comprised in the constituencies of Cork East, Cork North-Central, Cork North-West and Cork South-Central.</p>	Three
Donegal North-East	<p>In the county of Donegal the electoral divisions of:</p> <p>Ardmalin, Ballyliffin, Birdstown, Buncrana Rural, Burt, Carndonagh, Carthage, Castlecary, Castleforward, Culdaff, Desertegny, Dunaff, Fahan, Glenagannon, Gleneely, Glentogher, Greencastle, Illies, Inch Island, Kilderry, Killea, Malin, Mintiagh, Moville, Newtown Cunningham, Redcastle, Straid, Three Trees, Turmone, Whitecastle, in the former <i>Rural District of Inishowen</i>;</p> <p>Ballymacool, Castlewray, Corravaddy, Edenacarnan, Gartán, Gortnavern, Killymasny, Kincairgy, Letterkenny Rural, Magheraboy, Manorcunningham, Mín an Lábáin, Suí Corr, Templedouglass, in the former <i>Rural District of Letterkenny</i>;</p> <p>An Cheathrú Chaol, An Tearmann, Ballyarr, Carraig Airt, Cnoc Colbha, Creamhghort, Fánaid Thiar, Fánaid Thuaidh, Glen, Glenalla, Grianfort, Killygarvan, Kilmacrenan, Loch Caol, Millford, Rathmelton, Rathmullan, Ros Goill, Rosnakill, in the former <i>Rural District of Millford</i>;</p> <p>and the towns of Buncrana and Letterkenny.</p>	Three
Donegal South-West	<p>The county of Donegal, except the part thereof which is comprised in the constituency of Donegal North-East.</p>	Three
Dublin Central	<p>In the city of Dublin the electoral divisions of:</p> <p>Arran Quay A, Arran Quay B, Arran Quay C, Arran Quay D, Arran Quay E, Ashtown A, Ashtown B, Ballybough A, Ballybough B, Botanic A, Botanic B, Botanic C, Cabra East A, Cabra East B, Cabra East C, Cabra West A, Cabra West B, Cabra West C, Cabra West D, Drumcondra South B, Drumcondra South C, Inns Quay A, Inns Quay B, Inns Quay C, Mountjoy A, Mountjoy B, North City, North Dock A, North Dock B, North Dock C, Rotunda A, Rotunda B;</p> <p>and that part of the electoral division of Phoenix Park situated north of a line drawn along Chapelizod Road, Conyngham Road and Parkgate Street.</p>	Four

Name of Proposed Constituency	Area	Number of Members
Dublin Mid-West	<p>In the county of South Dublin the electoral divisions of:</p> <p>Clondalkin–Cappaghmore, Clondalkin–Dunawley, Clondalkin–Moorfield, Clondalkin–Rowlagh, Clondalkin Village, Lucan–Esker, Lucan Heights, Lucan–St. Helens, Newcastle, Palmerston Village, Palmerston West, Rathcoole, Saggart;</p> <p>and that part of the electoral division of Clondalkin–Monastery situated west of a line drawn along the M50 Western Parkway.</p>	Four
Dublin North	<p>In the county of Fingal the electoral divisions of:</p> <p>Balbriggan Rural, Balbriggan Urban, Ballyboghil, Balscadden, Clonmethan, Donabate, Garristown, Hollywood, Holmpatrick, Kinsaley, Lusk, Malahide East, Malahide West, Rush, Skerries, Swords–Glasmore, Swords–Lissenhall, Swords–Seatown, Swords Village.</p>	Four
Dublin North–Central	<p>In the city of Dublin the electoral divisions of:</p> <p>Beaumont B, Beaumont C, Beaumont D, Beaumont E, Beaumont F, Clontarf East A, Clontarf East B, Clontarf East C, Clontarf East D, Clontarf East E, Clontarf West A, Clontarf West B, Clontarf West C, Clontarf West D, Clontarf West E, Drumcondra South A, Edenmore, Grace Park, Harmonstown A, Harmonstown B, Kilmore A, Kilmore B, Kilmore C, Kilmore D.</p>	Three
Dublin North–East	<p>In the city of Dublin the electoral divisions of:</p> <p>Ayrfield, Grange A, Grange B, Grange C, Grange D, Grange E, Priorswood A, Priorswood B, Priorswood C, Priorswood D, Priorswood E, Raheny–Foxfield, Raheny–Greendale, Raheny–St. Assam;</p> <p>and, in the county of Fingal, the electoral divisions of:</p> <p>Baldoyle, Balgriffin, Howth, Portmarnock North, Portmarnock South, Sutton;</p> <p>and that part of the electoral division of Turnapin situated north of a line drawn along the Northern Cross Route (M50), passing in a clockwise direction around and excluding roundabout No. 3 at the junction of the Northern Cross Route (M50) with the M1 motorway.</p>	Three
Dublin North–West	<p>In the city of Dublin the electoral divisions of:</p> <p>Ballygall A, Ballygall B, Ballygall C, Ballygall D, Ballymun A, Ballymun B, Ballymun C, Ballymun D, Ballymun E, Ballymun F, Beaumont A, Finglas North A, Finglas North B, Finglas North C, Finglas South A, Finglas South B, Finglas South C, Finglas South D, Whitehall A, Whitehall B, Whitehall C, Whitehall D;</p> <p>and, in the county of Fingal, those parts of the electoral divisions of Airport, Blanchardstown–Abbotstown, Dubber, The Ward and Turnapin situated south of a line drawn along the Northern Cross Route (M50), passing in a clockwise direction around and including roundabout No. 3 at the junction of the Northern Cross Route (M50) with the M1 Motorway.</p>	Three

Name of Proposed Constituency	Area	Number of Members
Dublin South	<p>In the county of Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown the electoral divisions of:</p> <p>Ballinteer-Broadford, Ballinteer-Ludford, Ballinteer-Marley, Ballinteer-Meadowbroads, Ballinteer-Meadowmount, Ballinteer-Woodpark, Cabinteely-Loughlinstown, Churchtown-Castle, Churchtown-Landscape, Churchtown-Nutgrove, Churchtown-Orwell, Churchtown-Woodlawn, Clonskeagh-Belfield, Clonskeagh-Farranboley, Clonskeagh-Milltown, Clonskeagh-Roebuck, Clonskeagh-Windy Arbour, Dundrum-Balally, Dundrum-Kilmacud, Dundrum-Sandyford, Dundrum-Sweetmount, Dundrum-Taney, Foxrock-Carrickmines, Foxrock-Torquay, Glencullen, Stillorgan-Deerpark, Stillorgan-Kilmacud, Stillorgan-Leopardstown, Stillorgan-Merville, Stillorgan-Mount Merrion, Tibradden;</p> <p>and, in the county of South Dublin, the electoral divisions of:</p> <p>Ballyboden, Edmondstown, Firhouse-Ballycullen, Firhouse-Knocklyon, Rathfarnham-Ballyroan, Rathfarnham-Butterfield, Rathfarnham-Hermitage, Rathfarnham-St. Enda's, Rathfarnham Village.</p>	Five
Dublin South-Central	<p>In the city of Dublin the electoral divisions of:</p> <p>Carna, Chapelizod, Cherry-Orchard A, Cherry-Orchard C, Crumlin A, Crumlin B, Crumlin C, Crumlin D, Crumlin E, Crumlin F, Decies, Drumfinn, Inchicore A, Inchicore B, Kilmainham A, Kilmainham B, Kilmainham C, Kimmage A, Kimmage B, Kimmage C, Kimmage D, Kimmage E, Kylemore, Merchants Quay A, Merchants Quay B, Merchants Quay C, Merchants Quay D, Merchants Quay E, Merchants Quay F, Terenure A, Terenure B, Terenure C, Terenure D, Ushers A, Ushers B, Ushers C, Ushers D, Ushers E, Ushers F, Walkinstown A, Walkinstown B, Walkinstown C;</p> <p>and that part of the electoral division of Phoenix Park situated south of a line drawn along Chapelizod Road, Conyngham Road and Parkgate Street;</p> <p>and, in the county of South Dublin, the electoral divisions of:</p> <p>Templeogue-Kimmage Manor, Terenure-Cherryfield, Terenure-Greentrees;</p> <p>and those parts of the electoral divisions of Clondalkin-Monastery, Clondalkin-Ballymount and Tallaght-Kilnamanagh situated east of a line drawn along the M50 Western Parkway.</p>	Five

Name of Proposed Constituency	Area	Number of Members
Dublin South-East	<p>In the city of Dublin the electoral divisions of:</p> <p>Mansion House A, Mansion House B, Pembroke East A, Pembroke East B, Pembroke East C, Pembroke East D, Pembroke East E, Pembroke West A, Pembroke West B, Pembroke West C, Rathfarnham, Rathmines East A, Rathmines East B, Rathmines East C, Rathmines East D, Rathmines West A, Rathmines West B, Rathmines West C, Rathmines West D, Rathmines West E, Rathmines West F, Royal Exchange A, Royal Exchange B, St. Kevin's, South Dock, Wood Quay A, Wood Quay B.</p>	Four
Dublin South-West	<p>In the county of South Dublin the electoral divisions of:</p> <p>Ballinascorney, Bohernabreena, Firhouse Village, Tallaght-Avonbeg, Tallaght-Belgard, Tallaght-Fettercairn, Tallaght-Glenview, Tallaght-Jobstown, Tallaght-Killinardan, Tallaght-Kiltipper, Tallaght-Kingswood, Tallaght-Millbrook, Tallaght-Oldbawn, Tallaght-Springfield, Tallaght-Tymon, Templeogue-Cypress, Templeogue-Limekiln, Templeogue-Orwell, Templeogue-Osprey, Templeogue Village, Terenure-St. James;</p> <p>and those parts of the electoral divisions of Clondalkin-Ballymount and Tallaght-Kilnamanagh situated west of a line drawn along the M50 Western Parkway.</p>	Four
Dublin West	<p>In the county of Fingal the electoral divisions of:</p> <p>Blanchardstown-Blakestown, Blanchardstown-Coolmine, Blanchardstown-Corduff, Blanchardstown-Delwood, Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart, Blanchardstown-Roselawn, Blanchardstown-Tyrrelstown, Castleknock-Knockmaroon, Castleknock-Park, Kilsallaghan, Lucan North, Swords-Forrest;</p> <p>and those parts of the electoral divisions of Airport, Blanchardstown-Abbotstown, Dubber and The Ward situated north of a line drawn along the Northern Cross Route (M50).</p>	Four
Dún Laoghaire	<p>In the county of Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown the electoral divisions of:</p> <p>Ballybrack, Blackrock-Boooterstown, Blackrock-Carysfort, Blackrock-Central, Blackrock-Glenomena, Blackrock-Monkstown, Blackrock-Newpark, Blackrock-Seapoint, Blackrock-Stradbrook, Blackrock-Templehill, Blackrock-Williamstown, Cabinteely-Granitefield, Cabinteely-Kilbogget, Cabinteely-Pottery, Dalkey-Avondale, Dalkey-Bullock, Dalkey-Coliemoire, Dalkey Hill, Dalkey Upper, Dún Laoghaire-East Central, Dún Laoghaire-Glasthule, Dún Laoghaire-Glenageary, Dún Laoghaire-Monkstown Farm, Dún Laoghaire-Mount Town, Dún Laoghaire-Sallynoggin East, Dún Laoghaire-Sallynoggin South, Dún Laoghaire-Sallynoggin West, Dún Laoghaire-Salthill, Dún Laoghaire-Sandycove, Dún Laoghaire-West Central, Foxrock-Beechpark, Foxrock-Deansgrange, Killiney North, Killiney South, Shankill-Rathmichael, Shankill-Rathsallagh, Shankill-Shanganagh, Stillorgan-Priory.</p>	Four

Name of Proposed Constituency	Area	Number of Members
Galway East	<p>In the county of Galway the electoral divisions of:</p> <p>Abbeygormacan, Ahascragh, Aughrim, Ballinasloe Rural, Ballymacward, Clonfert, Clontuskert, Kellysgrove, Kilconnell, Killaan, Killallaghan, Killoran, Killure, Kilmacshane, Kiltormer, Kylemore, Laurencetown, Lismanny, Oatfield, in the former <i>Rural District of Ballinasloe No. 1</i>;</p> <p>Ballinastack, Ballymoe, Ballynakill, Boyounagh, Creggs, Curraghmore, Glennamaddy, Island, Kilcroan, Kiltullagh, Raheen, Scregg, Shankill, Templetogher, Toberroe, in the former <i>Rural District of Glennamaddy</i>;</p> <p>Ardmullivan, Ardrahan, Ballycahalan, Beagh, Cahermore, Cappard, Castletaylor, Doorus, Drumacoo, Gort, Kilbeacanty, Killeely, Killeenavarra, Killinny, Kiltartan, Kiltomas, Kinvarra, Rahasane, Skehanagh, in the former <i>Rural District of Gort</i>;</p> <p>Aille, Athenry, Ballynagar, Bracklagh, Bullaun, Cappalusk, Castleboy, Cloonkeen, Colmanstown, Craughwell, Derrylaur, Drumkeary, Graigabbey, Grange, Greethill, Kilchreest, Kilconickny, Kilconierin, Killimor, Killogilleen, Kilmeen, Kilreekill, Kilteskil, Kiltullagh, Lackalea, Leitrim, Loughatorick, Loughrea Rural, Loughrea Urban, Marblehill, Mountain, Movode, Raford, Tiaquin, Woodford, in the former <i>Rural District of Loughrea</i>;</p> <p>Annagh, Ballynakill, Caltra, Castleblakeney, Castlefrench, Clonbrock, Cloonkeen, Cooloo, Derryglassaun, Killeroran, Killian, Mount Bellew, Mounthazel, Taghboy, in the former <i>Rural District of Mount Bellew</i>;</p> <p>Abbeyville, Ballyglass, Coos, Derrew, Drummin, Eyrecourt, Killimor, Kilmalinoge, Kilquain, Meelick, Moat, Pallas, Portumna, Tiranascragh, Tynagh, in the former <i>Rural District of Portumna</i>;</p> <p>Abbey East, Abbey West, Addergoole, Annaghdown, Ballinderry, Ballinduff, Ballynapark, Beaghmore, Belclare, Carrownagur, Carrowrevagh, Claretuam, Clonbern, Cloonkeen, Cummer, Donaghpatrick, Doonbally, Dunmore North, Dunmore South, Foxhall, Headford, Hillsbrook, Kilbennan, Kilcoona, Killeany, Killeen, Killierin, Killower, Killursa, Kilmoylan, Kilshanvy, Levally, Milltown, Monivea, Moyne, Ryehill, Toberadosh, Tuam Rural, Tuam Urban, in the former <i>Rural District of Tuam</i>;</p> <p>and the town of Ballinasloe.</p>	Four
Galway West	<p>The county of Galway, except the part thereof which is comprised in the constituency of Galway East;</p> <p>and the city of Galway.</p>	Five

Name of Proposed Constituency	Area	Number of Members
Kerry North-West Limerick	<p>In the county of Kerry the electoral divisions of:</p> <p>Ardagh, Astee, Ballincloher, Ballyconry, Ballyduff, Ballyegan, Ballyhorgan, Beal, Carrig, Causeway, Cloontubbrid, Drommartin, Duagh, Ennismore, Gullane, Gunsborough, Kilfeighny, Killehenry, Killury, Kilmeany, Kilshenane, Kiltomy, Leitrim, Lisleaughtin, Lisselton, Listowel Rural, Lixnaw, Moynsha, Newtownsandies, Rathea, Shronowen, Tarbert, Tarmon, Trienearagh, Urlee, in the former <i>Rural District of Listowel</i>;</p> <p>Abbeydorney, Arabella, Ardfert, Ballyegan, Ballyheige, Ballynahaglish, Ballynorig, Ballyseedy, Banna, Blennerville, Brosna, Clogherbrien, Crinny, Doon, Gneevies, Kerryhead, Kilflyn, Killahan, Kilmurry, Knocknagashel, Lackabaun, Mount Eagle, Nohaval, O'Brennan, Ratass, Tralee Rural, Tubrid, in the former <i>Rural District of Tralee</i>;</p> <p>and the towns of Listowel and Tralee;</p> <p>and, in the county of Limerick, the electoral divisions of:</p> <p>Fleanmore, Glin, Kilfergus, Kilmoylan, in the former <i>Rural District of Glin</i>;</p> <p>Abbeyfeale, Ardagh, Caher, Dromtrasna, Garryduff, Glenagower, Glengort, Glensharrold, Monagay, Mountcollins, Port, Rathronan, Rooskagh, Templeglentan, in the former <i>Rural District of Newcastle</i>.</p>	Three
Kerry South	The county of Kerry, except the part thereof which is comprised in the constituency of Kerry North-West Limerick.	Three
Kildare North	<p>In the county of Kildare the electoral divisions of:</p> <p>Balraheen, Celbridge, Cloncurry, Donadea, Donaghcumper, Kilcock, Leixlip, Maynooth, Straffan, in the former <i>Rural District of Celbridge No. 1</i>;</p> <p>Ballynadrumny, Cadamstown, Carbury, Carrick, Drehid, Dunfieth, Kilpatrick, Kilrainy, Windmill Cross, in the former <i>Rural District of Edenderry No. 2</i>;</p> <p>Bodenstown, Clane, Downings, Kill, Kilteel, Naas Rural, Newtown, Oughterard, Rathmore, Robertstown, Timahoe North, Timahoe South, in the former <i>Rural District of Naas No. 1</i>;</p> <p>and the town of Naas.</p>	Four
Kildare South	The county of Kildare, except the part thereof which is comprised in the constituency of Kildare North.	Three
Laois-Offaly	The county of Laois and the county of Offaly, except the part thereof which is comprised in the constituency of Tipperary North.	Five
Limerick	The county of Limerick, except the parts thereof which are comprised in the constituencies of Limerick City and Kerry North-West Limerick.	Three

Name of Proposed Constituency	Area	Number of Members
Limerick City	<p>In the county of Limerick the electoral divisions of:</p> <p>Ballycummin, Ballysimon, Ballyvarra, Castleconnell, Limerick North Rural, Limerick South Rural, in the former <i>Rural District of Limerick No. 1</i>;</p> <p>and the city of Limerick;</p> <p>and, in the former <i>Rural District of Meelick</i>, in the county of Clare, the electoral division of Ballyglass.</p>	Four
Longford-Westmeath	<p>The county of Longford;</p> <p>and, in the county of Westmeath, the electoral divisions of:</p> <p>Athlone East Rural, Auburn, Ballybroder, Bellanalack, Carn, Castledaly, Glassan, Kilcumreragh, Killinure, Moate, Mount Temple, Moydrum, Muckanagh, Tubbrit, Umma, in the former <i>Rural District of Athlone No. 1</i>;</p> <p>Ardnagragh, Ballymore, Doonis, Drumraney, Noughaval, Piercetown, Templepatrick, Winetown, in the former <i>Rural District of Ballymore</i>;</p> <p>Boherquill, Coole, Coolure, Finnea, Glore, Knockarrow, Rathowen, Street, in the former <i>Rural District of Coole</i>;</p> <p>Ardnaglew, Ballinalack, Ballykilmore, Ballymorin, Ballynagore, Belvidere, Carrick, Castle, Castlelost, Castletown, Churchtown, Cloghan, Clonfad, Clonlost, Derrymore, Dysart, Emper, Enniscoffey, Gaybrook, Glenlough, Greenpark, Griffinstown, Heathstown, Hopestown, Huntingdon, Jamestown, Kilbeggan, Kilbixy, Killare, Killucan, Kinnegad, Knockdrim, Lackan, Lauree, Middleton, Milltown, Mullingar Rural, Mullingar North Urban, Mullingar South Urban, Multyfarnham, Newtown, Owel, Portloman, Raharney, Rahugh, Rathconrath, Russellstown, Skeagh, Sonna, Stonehall, Streamstown, Taghmon, Tullaghan, Woodland, in the former <i>Rural District of Mullingar</i>;</p> <p>and the town of Athlone.</p>	Four
Louth	<p>The county of Louth;</p> <p>and, in the county of Meath, the electoral divisions of:</p> <p>Julianstown, St. Mary's (part), in the former <i>Rural District of Meath</i>.</p>	Five
Mayo	The county of Mayo.	Five

Name of Proposed Constituency	Area	Number of Members
Meath East	<p>In the county of Meath the electoral divisions of:</p> <p>Drumcondra, Grangegeeth, Killary, in the former <i>Rural District of Ardee No. 2</i>;</p> <p>Culmullin, Donaghmore, Dunboyne, Dunshaughlin, Kilbrew, Killeen, Kilmore, Rathfeigh, Ratoath, Rodanstown, Skreen, in the former <i>Rural District of Dunshaughlin</i>;</p> <p>Ardagh, Carricleck, Ceanannas Mór Rural, Cruicetown, Kilmainham, Maperath, Moybolgue, Moynalty, Newcastle, Newtown, Nobber, Posseckstown, Staholmog, Trohanny, in the former <i>Rural District of Kells</i>;</p> <p>Ardcath, Duleek, Mellifont, Stamullin, in the former <i>Rural District of Meath</i>;</p> <p>Ardmulchan, Castletown, Domhnach Phádraig, Kentstown, Painestown, Rathkenny, Slane, Stackallan, Tara, in the former <i>Rural District of Navan</i>;</p> <p>and the town of Kells.</p>	Three
Meath West	The county of Meath, except the parts thereof which are comprised in the constituencies of Meath East and Louth, and the county of Westmeath, except the part thereof which is comprised in the constituency of Longford-Westmeath.	Three
Roscommon-South Leitrim	<p>The county of Roscommon;</p> <p>and, in the county of Leitrim, the electoral divisions of:</p> <p>Ballinamore, Cloverhill, Corralla, Drumreilly North, Drumreilly South, Garradice, Greaghglass, Killygar, Newtowngore, Oughteragh, in the former <i>Rural District of Ballinamore</i>;</p> <p>Annaduff, Carrick-on-Shannon, Drumsna, Gortnagullion, Gowel, in the former <i>Rural District of Carrick-on-Shannon No. 1</i>;</p> <p>Aghavas, Beihy, Breandrum, Bunny Beg, Carrigallen East, Carrigallen West, Cashel, Castlefore, Cattan, Cloone, Corriga, Drumard, Drumdoo, Drumod, Fenagh, Gortermone, Keeldra, Lisgillock, Mohill, Rinn, Riverstown, Roosky, Rowan, in the former <i>Rural District of Mohill</i>.</p>	Three
Sligo-North Leitrim	The county of Sligo and the county of Leitrim, except the part thereof which is comprised in the constituency of Roscommon-South Leitrim.	Three

Name of Proposed Constituency	Area	Number of Members
Tipperary North	<p>The county of North Tipperary;</p> <p>and, in the county of South Tipperary, the electoral divisions of:</p> <p>Ballysheehan, Clogher, Clonoulty East, Clonoulty West, Gaile, Graystown, Killenaule, Nodstown, in the former <i>Rural District of Cashel</i>;</p> <p>Ballyphilip, Buolick, Crohane, Farranrory, Fennor, Kilcooly, New Birmingham, Poyntstown, in the former <i>Rural District of Slievardagh</i>;</p> <p>Cappagh, Curraheen, Donohill, Glengar, in the former <i>Rural District of Tipperary No. 1</i>;</p> <p>and, in the county of Offaly, the electoral divisions of:</p> <p>Aghacon, Barna, Cangort, Cullenwaine, Dunkerrin, Ettagh, Gorteen, Mountheaton, Shinrone, Templeharry, in the former <i>Rural District of Roscrea No. 2</i>.</p>	Three
Tipperary South	<p>The county of South Tipperary, except the part thereof which is comprised in the constituency of Tipperary North;</p> <p>and, in the former <i>Rural District of Clonmel No. 2</i> in the county of Waterford, the electoral divisions of:</p> <p>Kilmacomma, Kilronan;</p> <p>and the townlands of:</p> <p>Barravakeen, Bawnard, Boola, Carrickabrone, Coolishal, Derrinlaur Lower, Derrinlaur Upper, Glendaw, Gurteen Lower, Gurteen Upper, Lisheen, Tikincor Lower, Tikincor Upper, in the electoral division of Gurteen;</p> <p>and the townlands of:</p> <p>Croan Lower, Croan Upper, Glenary, Glennagad, Kilgainy Lower, Kilgainy Upper, Knocklucas, Knocknagriffin, Lyranearla, Monacalee, Poulboy, Poulmagunoge, Scrothea East, Scrothea West, Spa, in the electoral division of St. Mary's.</p>	Three
Waterford	<p>The county of Waterford, except the part thereof which is comprised in the constituency of Tipperary South;</p> <p>and the city of Waterford.</p>	Four
Wexford	The county of Wexford.	Five
Wicklow	<p>The county of Wicklow;</p> <p>and, in the county of Carlow, the electoral divisions of:</p> <p>Clonmore, Hacketstown, Haroldstown, Kineagh, Rahill, Rathvilly, Ticknock, Williamstown, in the former <i>Rural District of Baltinglass No. 2</i>.</p>	Five

Second Appendix

Statistics Relating to Recommended Dáil Constituencies

Constituency	No. of TDs	2006 Population	Population per TD	% Variance from National Average Population per TD
Carlow-Kilkenny	5	133,745	26,749	+4.73
Cavan-Monaghan	5	120,000	24,000	-6.03
Clare	4	105,571	26,393	+3.34
Cork East	4	100,168	25,042	-1.95
Cork North-Central	4	100,180	25,045	-1.94
Cork North-West	3	74,619	24,873	-2.62
Cork South-Central	5	129,379	25,876	+1.31
Cork South-West	3	76,949	25,650	+0.43
Donegal North-East	3	73,874	24,625	-3.59
Donegal South-West	3	73,390	24,463	-4.22
Dublin Central	4	104,674	26,169	+2.46
Dublin Mid-West	4	100,399	25,100	-1.73
Dublin North	4	98,340	24,585	-3.74
Dublin North-Central	3	75,276	25,092	-1.76
Dublin North-East	3	76,160	25,387	-0.60
Dublin North-West	3	73,327	24,442	-4.30
Dublin South	5	130,377	26,075	+2.09
Dublin South-Central	5	122,168	24,434	-4.33
Dublin South-East	4	100,305	25,076	-1.82
Dublin South-West	4	97,989	24,497	-4.09
Dublin West	4	105,668	26,417	+3.43
Dún Laoghaire	4	102,493	25,623	+0.32
Galway East	4	100,629	25,157	-1.50
Galway West	5	131,041	26,208	+2.61
Kerry North-West Limerick	3	77,492	25,831	+1.14
Kerry South	3	75,489	25,163	-1.48
Kildare North	4	106,500	26,625	+4.24
Kildare South	3	79,835	26,612	+4.19
Laois-Offaly	5	133,651	26,730	+4.66
Limerick	3	75,295	25,098	-1.73
Limerick City	4	100,993	25,248	-1.15
Longford-Westmeath	4	106,211	26,553	+3.96
Louth	5	128,600	25,720	+0.70
Mayo	5	123,839	24,768	-3.03
Meath East	3	76,631	25,544	+0.01
Meath West	3	76,393	25,464	-0.30
Roscommon-South Leitrim	3	74,384	24,795	-2.92
Sligo-North Leitrim	3	74,228	24,743	-3.12
Tipperary North	3	80,203	26,734	+4.67
Tipperary South	3	74,748	24,916	-2.45
Waterford	4	106,530	26,633	+4.28
Wexford	5	131,749	26,350	+3.17
Wicklow	5	130,356	26,071	+2.08
TOTAL	166	4,239,848	25,541	

Third Appendix

Statistics Relating to Existing Dáil Constituencies

Constituency	No. of TDs	2006 Population	Population per TD	% Variance from National Average Population per TD
Carlow-Kilkenny	5	133,745	26,749	+4.73
Cavan-Monaghan	5	120,000	24,000	-6.03
Clare	4	105,571	26,393	+3.34
Cork East	4	104,423	26,106	+2.21
Cork North-Central	4	91,591	22,898	-10.35
Cork North-West	3	78,953	26,318	+3.04
Cork South-Central	5	129,379	25,876	+1.31
Cork South-West	3	76,949	25,650	+0.43
Donegal North-East	3	76,225	25,408	-0.52
Donegal South-West	3	71,039	23,680	-7.29
Dublin Central	4	104,674	26,169	+2.46
Dublin Mid-West	4	100,399	25,100	-1.73
Dublin North	4	120,309	30,077	+17.76
Dublin North-Central	3	72,518	24,173	-5.36
Dublin North-East	3	69,717	23,239	-9.01
Dublin North-West	3	73,327	24,442	-4.30
Dublin South	5	118,704	23,741	-7.05
Dublin South-Central	5	122,168	24,434	-4.33
Dublin South-East	4	100,305	25,076	-1.82
Dublin South-West	4	97,989	24,497	-4.09
Dublin West	3	92,900	30,967	+21.24
Dún Laoghaire	5	114,166	22,833	-10.60
Galway East	4	100,629	25,157	-1.50
Galway West	5	131,041	26,208	+2.61
Kerry North	3	69,444	23,148	-9.37
Kerry South	3	70,391	23,464	-8.13
Kildare North	4	105,186	26,297	+2.96
Kildare South	3	81,149	27,050	+5.91
Laois-Offaly	5	137,927	27,585	+8.00
Limerick East	5	118,235	23,647	-7.42
Limerick West	3	71,199	23,733	-7.08
Longford-Westmeath	4	106,211	26,553	+3.96
Louth	4	111,267	27,817	+8.91
Mayo	5	123,839	24,768	-3.03
Meath East	3	87,188	29,063	+13.79
Meath West	3	83,169	27,723	+8.54
Roscommon-South Leitrim	3	77,760	25,920	+1.48
Sligo-North Leitrim	3	70,852	23,617	-7.53
Tipperary North	3	75,927	25,309	-0.91
Tipperary South	3	74,748	24,916	-2.45
Waterford	4	106,530	26,633	+4.28
Wexford	5	131,749	26,350	+3.17
Wicklow	5	130,356	26,071	+2.08
TOTAL	166	4,239,848	25,541	

Fourth Appendix

Electoral Divisions Recommended for Transfer Between Dáil Constituencies

1. Cork Area Constituencies

Electoral Division	2006 Population
A. Transfer in County Cork from Cork East to Cork North-Central	
<i>Former Cork Rural District:</i>	
Ballynaglogh	357
Glenville	480
<i>Former Fermoy Rural District:</i>	
Carrig	133
Kildinan	522
Watergrasshill	1,073
<i>Former Mallow Rural District:</i>	
Ballynamona	895
Rahan	795
Total	4,255
B. Transfer in County Cork from Cork North-West to Cork North-Central	
<i>Former Macroom Rural District:</i>	
Kilcullen	741
Mountrivers	610
<i>Former Mallow Rural District:</i>	
Dromore	2,000
Kilshannig	983
Total	4,334

2. Donegal Constituencies

Electoral Division	2006 Population
Transfer in County Donegal from Donegal North-East to Donegal South-West	
<i>Former Stranorlar Rural District:</i>	
Feddyglass	397
Mín Charraigeach	90
St. Johnstown	1,227
Treantaghmucklagh	637
Total	2,351

3. Dublin Area Constituencies

Electoral Division	2006 Population
A. (i) Transfer in Fingal County from Dublin North to Dublin North-East	
Balgriffin	911
Portmarnock North	4,588
Portmarnock South	3,522
Turnapin (part north of M50)	0
(ii) Transfer in Dublin City from Dublin North to Dublin North-East	
Priorswood A (part north of N32)	0
Priorswood B (part north of N32)	0
Priorswood C (part north of N32)	180
Total	9,201
B. Transfer in Fingal County from Dublin North to Dublin West	
Airport (part north of M50)	325
Swords-Forrest	12,443
Total	12,768
C. Transfer in Dublin City from Dublin North-East to Dublin North-Central	
Edenmore	2,758
Total	2,758
D. Transfer in Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County from Dún Laoghaire to Dublin South	
Cabinteely-Loughlinstown (part east of Carrickmines-Kiltiernan road)	2,500
Foxrock-Carrickmines	5,982
Foxrock-Torquay	1,379
Stillorgan-Leopardstown (part north-east of former Harcourt Street-Bray railway line)	1,812
Total	11,673

4. Kerry and Limerick Constituencies

Electoral Division	2006 Population
A. Transfer in County Limerick from existing Limerick West to proposed Kerry North-West Limerick	
<i>Former Glin Rural District:</i>	
Fleanmore	205
Glin	1,211
Kilfergus	503
Kilmoylan	461
 <i>Former Newcastle Rural District:</i>	
Abbeyfeale	2,508
Ardagh	977
Caher	337
Dromtrasna	841
Garryduff	295
Glenagower	511
Glengort	712
Glensharrold	437
Monagay	1,113
Mountcollins	509
Port	547
Rathronan	841
Rooskagh	292
Templeglentan	846
Total	13,146
B. Transfer in County Limerick from existing Limerick East to proposed Limerick	
<i>Former Kilmallock Rural District:</i>	
Cahercorney	602
Hospital	1,206
Kilteely	553
 <i>Former Limerick No. 1 Rural District:</i>	
Abington	756
Ballybricken	1,606
Caherconlish East	510
Caherconlish West	1,393
Caherelly	281
Cappamore	1,407
Clonkeen	691
Doon West	220
Glenstal	931
Kilmurry	868
Roxborough	1,605
 <i>Former Tipperary No. 2 Rural District</i>	
Bilboa	402
Doon South	1,250
Grean	1,374
Oola	1,089
Templebredon	498
Total	17,242

4. Kerry and Limerick Constituencies—*contd.*

Electoral Division	2006 Population
C. Transfer in County Kerry from existing Kerry North to Kerry South	
<i>Former Dingle Rural District:</i> Deelis	288
<i>Former Killarney Rural District:</i> Kilfelim	238
<i>Former Tralee Rural District:</i> Baurtregaum	419
Castleisland	3,285
Cordal	278
Kilgobban	270
Knockglass	320
Total	5,098

5. Kildare Constituencies

Electoral Division	2006 Population
Transfer in County Kildare from Kildare South to Kildare North	
<i>Former Edenderry No. 2 Rural District:</i> Kilpatrick	841
<i>Former Naas No. 1 Rural District:</i> Newtown	473
Total	1,314

6. Laois-Offaly

Electoral Division	2006 Population
Transfer in County Offaly from Laois-Offaly to Tipperary North	
<i>Former Roscrea No. 2 Rural District:</i> Aghacon	380
Barna	171
Cangort	182
Cullenwaine	664
Dunkerrin	351
Ettagh	433
Gorteen	286
Mountheaton	730
Shinrone	921
Templeharry	158
Total	4,276

7. Louth and Meath Constituencies

Electoral Division	2006 Population
A. Transfer in County Meath from Meath East to Louth	
<i>Former Meath Rural District:</i>	
Julianstown	8,289
St. Mary's (part in County Meath)	9,044
Total	17,333
B. Transfer in County Meath from Meath West to Meath East	
Ceanannas Mór Urban	2,046
<i>Former Kells Rural District:</i>	
Ceanannas Mór Rural	3,876
Maperath	458
Staholmog	396
Total	6,776

8. Roscommon-South Leitrim and Sligo-North Leitrim

Electoral Division	2006 Population
Transfer in County Leitrim from Roscommon-South Leitrim to Sligo-North Leitrim	
<i>Former Ballinamore Rural District:</i>	
Stralongford	67
<i>Former Carrick-on-Shannon No. 1 Rural District:</i>	
Aghacashel	87
Barnameenagh	154
Drumreilly East	67
Drumreilly West	119
Drumshanbo	1,061
Keshcarrigan	365
Kiltubbrid	149
Leitrim	870
Moher	199
Yugan	238
Total	3,376

Fifth Appendix

Organisations and Persons Who Made Submissions

(Dáil and European Parliament)

A. Dáil Éireann

Political Parties

Fianna Fáil

Fianna Fáil, Dingle

Fianna Fáil, Dublin West

Fianna Fáil, Kerry South

Fianna Fáil, Leitrim County Councillors

Fianna Fáil, Leitrim

Fine Gael

Fine Gael, Dublin North-East

Fine Gael, Kerry South

Green Party / Comhaontas Glas

Green Party, Sligo/Roscommon/Leitrim

Progressive Democrats

Sinn Féin

The Labour Party

The Labour Party, Galway West

The Labour Party, Gralton South Leitrim Branch and Roscommon-South Leitrim Constituency Council

The Labour Party, Jack Clark Branch

The Labour Party, Louth

The Labour Party, Sligo/North Leitrim Constituency Council

The Labour Party, Tullow

The Socialist Party

The Workers Party

Public Representatives

Mr. Pat Carey, T.D., Minister of State at the Department of Community, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs

Mr. Bobby Aylward T.D.

Mr. Thomas P. Broughan T.D.

Ms. Joan Burton T.D.

Mr. Thomas Byrne T.D.

Mr. Niall Collins T.D.

Mr. Terence Flanagan, T.D.

Mr. Sean Fleming, T.D.

Mr. Tony Gregory T.D.

Dr. Martin Mansergh T.D.

Mr. Finian McGrath T.D.

Mr. Denis Naughten T.D.
Mr. M.J. Nolan T.D.
Mr. Michael Noonan T.D.
Mr. Fergus O'Dowd, T.D.
Mr. Jim O' Keeffe T.D.
Mr. Eamon Scanlon T.D.
Mr. Billy Timmins T.D.
Ms. Joanna Tuffy, T.D.
Dr. Leo Varadkar T.D.
Senator Feargal Browne
Senator Donie Cassidy
Senator Marc Mac Sharry
Senator Michael McCarthy
Senator John Paul Phelan
Ms. Marian Harkin, MEP
Councillor Declan Alcock, Carlow County Council and Carlow Town Council
Councillor Niamh Bhreathnach, Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council
Councillor Michael Colreavy, Leitrim County Council
Councillor Frank Dolan, Leitrim County Council
Councillor John Hannon, South Dublin County Council
Councillor Eithne Loftus, Fingal County Council
Councillor Joe MacDonald, Carlow County Council
Councillor Sean Mac Manus, Sligo County Council
Councillor Frank Maher, Louth County Council and Drogheda Borough Council
Councillor Enda McGloin, Leitrim County Council
Councillor Sean McGowan, Leitrim County Council
Councillor Joe Neville, South Dublin County Council
Councillor David O'Brien, Carlow County Council
Councillor Michael O' Donovan, Fingal County Council
Councillor John Pender, Carlow County Council
Councillor Gerard Reynolds, Leitrim County Council
Councillor Enda Stenson, Leitrim County Council
Councillor Eamon Tuffy, South Dublin County Council

Local Authorities

Carlow County Council
Donegal County Council
Kerry County Council
Killarney Town Council
Leitrim County Council

Organisations

Ballinamore Area Community Council Ltd.
Ballinamore Business Association
Ballinamore Post Primary School Parents' Association
Coiste Chontae Liatroma CLG
Council for the West
County Leitrim Partnership
Drumshanbo Enterprise Centre

Drumstrand Community Partnership Company Limited t/a Lough Allen Education Centre
Dublin 15 Community Council
Irish Farmers' Association Dromahair Branch
KBG Chartered Accountants
Leitrim Farmers to Unite Leitrim
Lough Allen Community Fisheries Company Limited
Lough Allen Conservation Association
Lough Allen Regional Community Development Company Limited
North Leitrim Community Development Network

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Phyll Beirne
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Stuart Bloom, Manorhamilton, County Leitrim
Anne Bohan and others, Aughaginny, Drumshanbo, County Leitrim
Cormac Bohan, Ashfield, North Road, Drogheda, County Louth
Jim Boles and Bridie Boles, Dromahair, County Leitrim
Gerry Brennan
Hugh Brennan, St. Mochtas Chase, Clonsilla, Dublin 15
Sheila Brennan, Castlegal, County Leitrim
Gerry Bridgett, Kilcrow, Athy, County Kildare
Pádraig Burke, Kerry County Registrar and Returning Officer
Patrick C. Butler, Gort, Carrick-on-Shannon, County Leitrim
Úna Butler, Hillcrest Grove, Drumshanbo, County Leitrim
Kathleen Campbell, Cornaroy, Drumshanbo, County Leitrim
Patrick Carrigan, Drogheda
Dan Carroll, Castle Avenue, Muskerry Estate, Ballincollig, County Cork
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Ciaran Cleary, Manorhamilton, County Leitrim
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John Clerkin, Deerpark, Manorhamilton, County Leitrim
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Sean Conlon, Dristernan, Drumshanbo, County Leitrim
Liam Connolly, Castlegal, County Leitrim
Nuala Connolly, Tawley, Castlegal, County Leitrim
Christina Conroy, Annaduff Glebe, Drumsna, Carrick-on-Shannon, County Leitrim
Geraldine Cornyn, Drumkeeran, County Leitrim
James Courtney, Castlegregory, County Kerry
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Eimear Croal, Curraghfore, Manorhamilton, County Leitrim
Gerry Croal, Curraghfore, Manorhamilton, County Leitrim

Marie Croal, Curraghfore, Manorhamilton, County Leitrim
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 Marie Curran, Kivvy, Carrigallen, County Leitrim
 Jonathan Davey
 Úna De Bréadún, Glenaniff, Rossinver, County Leitrim
 Carol Delaney, Aughafan, Castletown, Portlaoise, County Laois
 John Denning, Park Avenue, Castleknock, Dublin 15
 Kathleen Denning, Park Avenue, Castleknock, Dublin 15
 Paddy Devlin, Woodstown, Knocklyon, Dublin 16
 Mark Dillon
 A. Doherty, Drumdoo, Mohill, County Leitrim
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 Hugh Dolan, High Street, Ballinamore, County Leitrim
 Mark Dolan, High Street, Ballinamore, County Leitrim
 Mary Dolan
 PJ Dolan and Bernadette Dolan, High Street, Ballinamore, County Leitrim
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 James Doorley, Ashbourne, County Meath
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 Bridie Duignan, Coolebawn, Mohill, County Leitrim
 John Ellis, Fenagh, Ballinamore, County Leitrim
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Derek Wryne, Satrissaun, Gortvagh, Mohill, County Leitrim
Alice Wymbs, Wardhouse, Tullaghan PO, County Leitrim
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B. European Parliament

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Fine Gael
Green Party / Comhaontas Glas
Sinn Féin

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Ms. Kathy Sinnott M.E.P.

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Colm Moore, Kenilworth Square, Dublin 6

Sixth Appendix

Previous Commission Reports

A. Dáil Constituencies

Report of April 1980 (Prl. 8878)
Report of July 1983 (Pl. 1774)
Report of October 1988 (Pl. 5984)*
Report of July 1990 (Pl. 7520)
Report of April 1995 (Pn. 1619)
Report of March 1998 (Pn. 5074)
Report of January 2004 (Prn. 1554)

*The constituencies recommended in this report were not enacted into law

B. European Constituencies

Report of October 1977 (Prl. 6626)
Report of June 1993 (Pl. 9901)
Report of March 1998 (Pn. 5074)
Report of October 2003 (Prn. 1002)

Seventh Appendix

Press Notice issued by Commission

CONSTITUENCY COMMISSION

A Constituency Commission has been established under section 5 of the Electoral Act 1997 to report in relation to the constituencies for (a) the election of members to the Dáil and (b) the election of members to the European Parliament.

1. In relation to Dáil constituencies, the Commission is required, in observing the relevant provisions of the Constitution, to have regard to the following:
 - (a) the total number of members of the Dáil, subject to Article 16.2.2° of the Constitution, shall be not less than 164 and not more than 168;
 - (b) each constituency shall return 3, 4 or 5 members;
 - (c) the breaching of county boundaries shall be avoided as far as practicable. (The reference to county boundaries shall be deemed not to include a reference to the boundary of a city or any boundary between any 2 of the local government counties of Dun Laoghaire- Rathdown, Fingal and South Dublin);
 - (d) each constituency shall be composed of contiguous areas;
 - (e) there shall be regard to geographic considerations including significant physical features and the extent of and the density of population in each constituency; and
 - (f) subject to the above matters, the Commission shall endeavour to maintain continuity in relation to the arrangement of constituencies.
2. In relation to European constituencies, the Commission shall have regard to the following:
 - (a) in accordance with the provisions of the Nice Treaty, the total number of members to be elected in the State to the European Parliament shall be 12 (13 at present);
 - (b) there shall be reasonable equality of representation as between constituencies; and
 - (c) the matters specified at (b) to (f) of paragraph 1 above.

The Commission invites written submissions in relation to matters which should be considered in reporting on constituencies. Submissions should be addressed to The Secretary, Constituency Commission, Room 1.65, Custom House, Dublin 1, or by email to constituency_commission@environ.ie.

The closing date for submissions relating to Dáil constituencies is **Tuesday 31 July 2007** and for European constituencies is **Friday 31 August 2007**.

Submissions received by the Commission will be published on the Commission's website at www.constituency-commission.ie, and may be inspected by prior arrangement with the Commission in the Custom House, Dublin 1 (telephone 01-8882339) during the hours of 10.00am to 4.30pm (Monday

to Friday), until the conclusion of the Commission's work. The Commission is required to report not later than 6 months after its establishment (which was on 26 April 2007).

The Commission has prepared a statement of the constitutional provisions relating to Dáil constituencies and tables showing relevant statistics based on Census 2006 for the existing Dáil and European Parliament constituencies. This statement and tables are available on request from the Commission and on the Commission's website.

Eighth Appendix

Commission Statement on Relevant Provisions of the Constitution in relation to Dáil Constituencies, and Population Statistics relating to Dáil and European Parliament Constituencies

A. Dáil constituencies

1. Equality of representation

Article 16.2.2^o of the Constitution provides that:

“The number of members shall from time to time be fixed by law, but the total number of members of Dáil Éireann shall not be fixed at less than one member for each thirty thousand of the population, or at more than one member for each twenty thousand of the population.”

Article 16.2.3^o of the Constitution provides that:

“The ratio between the number of members to be elected at any time for each constituency and the population of each constituency, as ascertained at the last preceding census, shall, so far as it is practicable, be the same throughout the country.”

and Article 16.2.4^o provides that:

“The Oireachtas shall revise the constituencies at least once in every twelve years, with due regard to changes in distribution of the population. . . .”

Dáil constituencies were last revised under the Electoral (Amendment) Act 2005.

The text of Article 16.2 of the Constitution is set out in full on page 4; section 6 of the Electoral Act 1997 detailing the function and terms of reference of the Commission (relating to both Dáil and European Constituencies) is at page 7.

2. Court cases

The constitutional requirements in relation to equality of representation were considered by the High Court in the case of *O’Donovan v the Attorney General* (1961 IR 114) and the Supreme Court in “*In the matter of Article 26 of the Constitution and in the matter of the Electoral (Amendment) Bill, 1961*” (1961 IR 169).

The Court found in the *O’Donovan* case that the Electoral (Amendment) Act 1959 was unconstitutional because the ratio of members to population was not, so far as was practicable, the same throughout the country and because due regard had not been had to changes in the distribution of the population. The Court did not lay down what variation from the national average would be regarded as permissible.

The judgment also stated that:

“Attention should be paid to one important point. It is not the rise or fall of population in any particular constituency to which ‘due’ regard is to be had. It is something much wider than that. It is the constituencies themselves which have to be revised so as to give effect to the contemplated changes in the distribution of population. They, the constituencies, must be so formed and revised as to give effect to the changes.” (1961 IR 151)

3. **The Electoral (Amendment) Bill 1961**

The variances from national average representation in the constituencies set out in the Electoral (Amendment) Bill 1961 passed by both Houses of the Oireachtas, were all within a 1,000 population of the average population per member. Pursuant to Article 26 of the Constitution, the President referred the Bill to the Supreme Court for decision whether the Bill (or any provision or provisions thereof) was repugnant to the Constitution or to any provision thereof. The Court said:

“The subclause (i.e. Article 16.2.3°) recognises that exact parity in the ratio between members and the population of each constituency is unlikely to be obtained and is not required. The decision as to what is practicable is within the jurisdiction of the Oireachtas. It may reasonably take into consideration a variety of factors, such as the desirability so far as possible to adhere to well-known boundaries such as those of counties, townlands and electoral divisions. The existence of divisions created by such physical features as rivers, lakes and mountains may also have to be reckoned with. The problem of what is practicable is primarily one for the Oireachtas, whose members have knowledge of the problems and difficulties to be solved which this Court cannot have. Its decision should not be reviewed by this Court unless there is a manifest infringement of the Article. This Court cannot, as is suggested, lay down a figure above or below which a variation from what is called the national average is not permitted.” (1961 IR 183)

4. **Population details per Dáil constituency**

The table at page 5 contains details of the following information in relation to each constituency based on the population data taken from the Census of Population 2006:

- the number of members established for the constituency under the Electoral (Amendment) Act 2005;
- the population of the constituency;
- the population per member; and
- the percentage variance of population per member in the constituency from the national average population per member.

B. European Parliament Constituencies

Population details per European Constituency

Statistics relating to the existing European constituencies are contained in the Table on page 6. Under the provisions of the Nice Treaty, the total number of members to be elected in the State to the European Parliament shall be 12 (13 at present).

Constitution of Ireland

Article 16

THE NATIONAL PARLIAMENT

16. 2. 1° Dáil Éireann shall be composed of members who represent constituencies determined by law.
- 2° The number of members shall from time to time be fixed by law, but the total number of members of Dáil Éireann shall not be fixed at less than one member for each thirty thousand of the population, or at more than one member for each twenty thousand of the population.
- 3° The ratio between the number of members to be elected at any time for each constituency and the population of each constituency, as ascertained at the last preceding census, shall, so far as it is practicable, be the same throughout the country.
- 4° The Oireachtas shall revise the constituencies at least once in every twelve years, with due regard to changes in distribution of the population, but any alterations in the constituencies shall not take effect during the life of Dáil Éireann sitting when such revision is made.
- 5° The members shall be elected on the system of proportional representation by means of the single transferable vote.
- 6° No law shall be enacted whereby the number of members to be returned for any constituency shall be less than three.

Existing Dáil Constituencies

Constituency	No. of TDs	2006 population	Population per TD	% variance from national average population per TD
Carlow-Kilkenny	5	133,745	26,749	4.73
Cavan-Monaghan	5	120,000	24,000	-6.03
Clare	4	105,571	26,393	3.33
Cork East	4	104,423	26,106	2.21
Cork North-Central	4	91,591	22,898	-10.35
Cork North-West	3	78,953	26,318	3.04
Cork South-Central	5	129,379	25,876	1.31
Cork South-West	3	76,949	25,650	0.42
Donegal North-East	3	76,225	25,408	-0.52
Donegal South-West	3	71,039	23,680	-7.29
Dublin Central	4	104,674	26,169	2.46
Dublin Mid-West	4	100,399	25,100	-1.73
Dublin North	4	120,309	30,077	17.76
Dublin North-Central	3	72,518	24,173	-5.36
Dublin North-East	3	69,717	23,239	-9.01
Dublin North-West	3	73,327	24,442	-4.30
Dublin South	5	118,704	23,741	-7.05
Dublin South-Central	5	122,168	24,434	-4.34
Dublin South-East	4	100,305	25,076	-1.82
Dublin South-West	4	97,989	24,497	-4.09
Dublin West	3	92,900	30,967	21.24
Dún Laoghaire	5	114,166	22,833	-10.60
Galway East	4	100,629	25,157	-1.50
Galway West	5	131,041	26,208	2.61
Kerry North	3	69,444	23,148	-9.37
Kerry South	3	70,391	23,464	-8.13
Kildare North	4	105,186	26,297	2.96
Kildare South	3	81,149	27,050	5.91
Laois-Offaly	5	137,927	27,585	8.00
Limerick East	5	118,235	23,647	-7.42
Limerick West	3	71,199	23,733	-7.08
Longford-Westmeath	4	106,211	26,553	3.96
Louth	4	111,267	27,817	8.91
Mayo	5	123,839	24,768	-3.03
Meath East	3	87,188	29,063	13.79
Meath West	3	83,169	27,723	8.54
Roscommon-South Leitrim	3	77,760	25,920	1.48
Sligo-North Leitrim	3	70,852	23,617	-7.53
Tipperary North	3	75,927	25,309	-0.91
Tipperary South	3	74,748	24,916	-2.45
Waterford	4	106,530	26,633	4.27
Wexford	5	131,749	26,350	3.17
Wicklow	5	130,356	26,071	2.07
TOTAL	166	4,239,848	25,541	

Existing European Constituencies

Constituency	No. of MEPs	2006 Population	Population per MEP	% variance from national average population per MEP, based on 13 seats
Dublin	4	1,187,176	296,794	-9.00
East	3	1,107,947	369,316	13.24
North-West	3	882,335	294,112	-9.82
South	3	1,062,390	354,130	8.58
	13*	4,239,848	326,142	

*The number of MEPs to be elected in 2009 is 12

Electoral Act, 1997

Part II

Constituency Commission

Section 6

6. (1) It shall be the function of a Constituency Commission to make a report in relation to the constituencies for—
 - (a) the election of members to the Dáil, and
 - (b) the election of representatives to the European Parliament.
- (2) In preparing a report under subsection (1)(a) a Constituency Commission shall, in observing the relevant provisions of the Constitution in relation to Dáil constituencies, have regard to the following:
 - (a) the total number of members of the Dáil, subject to Article 16. 2. 2 of the Constitution, shall be not less than 164 and not more than 168;
 - (b) each constituency shall return three, four or five members;
 - (c) the breaching of county boundaries shall be avoided as far as practicable;
 - (d) each constituency shall be composed of contiguous areas;
 - (e) there shall be regard to geographic considerations including significant physical features and the extent of and the density of population in each constituency; and
 - (f) subject to the provisions of this section, the Commission shall endeavour to maintain continuity in relation to the arrangement of constituencies.
- (3) In preparing a report under subsection (1)(b) a Commission shall have regard to the following:
 - (a) the total number of representatives to be elected in the State to the European Parliament shall be 15 or such other number as may be specified for the time being pursuant to the treaties governing the European Communities;
 - (b) there shall be reasonable equality of representation as between constituencies; and
 - (c) the matters specified in paragraphs (b) to (f) of subsection (2).
- (4) The reference in subsection (2)(c) to county boundaries shall be deemed not to include a reference to the boundary of a county borough or any boundary between any two of the administrative counties standing established by virtue of Part II of the Local Government (Dublin) Act, 1993.

Ninth Appendix

Constituency Size and Total Dáil Membership since 1923

Year of Revision	Number of TDs in constituency						Total number of constituencies	Total Number of TDs
	3	4	5	7	8	9		
1923	6	4	9	5	3	1	28 ¹	147 ¹
1935	15	8	8	3			34	138
1947	22	9	9				40	147
1959 ²	21	9	9				39	144
1961	17	12	9				38	144
1969	26	14	2				42	144
1974	26	10	6				42	148
1980	13	13	15				41	166
1983	13	13	15				41	166
1990	12	15	14				41	166
1995	12	15	14				41	166
1998	16	12	14				42	166
2005	18	13	12				43	166
2007 (Recommended)	17	15	11				43	166

¹ Excludes 6 university members returned for 2 constituencies of 3 members each.

² This revision was found to be unconstitutional by the High Court.

Tenth Appendix

2006 Population of Each County and City

Local Government Area	2006 Population
Counties	
Carlow	50,349
Cavan	64,003
Clare	110,950
Cork	361,877
Donegal	147,264
Dublin	680,965
<i>of which</i>	
Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown	194,038
Fingal	239,992
South Dublin	246,935
Galway	159,256
Kerry	139,835
Kildare	186,335
Kilkenny	87,558
Laois	67,059
Leitrim	28,950
Limerick	131,516
Longford	34,391
Louth	111,267
Mayo	123,839
Meath	162,831
Monaghan	55,997
North Tipperary	66,023
Offaly	70,868
Roscommon	58,768
Sligo	60,894
South Tipperary	83,221
Waterford	62,213
Westmeath	79,346
Wexford	131,749
Wicklow	126,194
Cities	
Cork	119,418
Dublin	506,211
Galway	72,414
Limerick	52,539
Waterford	45,748
Total	4,239,848

Eleventh Appendix

Table A — Statistics Relating to Proposed European Parliament Constituencies (12 seats)

Recommended Constituency	Number of MEPs	2006 Population	Population per MEP	% Variance from National Average Population per MEP, based on 12 seats (2003/4)
Dublin	3	1,187,176	395,725	+12.00 (-6.84)
East	3	994,210	331,403	-6.20 (+8.72)
North-West	3	996,072	332,024	-6.03 (-9.92)
South	3	1,062,390	354,130	+0.23 (+10.33)
Total	12	4,239,848	353,321	

Table B — Statistics Relating to Existing European Parliament Constituencies (13 seats)

Constituency	No. of MEPs	2006 Population	Population per MEP	% Variance from National Average Population per MEP, based on 13 Seats
Dublin	4	1,187,176	296,794	-9.00
East	3	1,107,947	369,316	+13.24
North-West	3	882,335	294,112	-9.82
South	3	1,062,390	354,130	+8.58
Total	13	4,239,848	326,142	