



**Fw: additional Dáil Reform points**  
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Sean, a chara,

We wish to submit a number of further issues which could be considered in our deliberations regarding Dáil Reform, which we hadn't included in our initial submission on behalf of the party.

That the restriction on submission of bills of a similar nature by TDs be amended to allow for similar bills but not identical bills to be published.

That press facilities similar to government's be available for opposition TDs.

That a system be put in place to allow recognised media camera crews and photographers to be part of a press corps which could be housed in the glass building at entrance so as to avoid having to sign crews in for each occasion.

Also given that the state is meant to espouse republican values such as equality, we believe that elected members should enjoy few privileges while in office and that they end when their term is completed, when they revert to citizen. In that vein we believe:

That the practice of bowing to Ceann Chomhairle be discontinued.

That the wearing by the Ceann Chomhairle and leas Ceann Chomhairle of a gown be discontinued.

That the right to free car parking in the Oireachtas complex for former TDs and Senators should be discontinued.

That ministers who fail to get elected in a general election would lose the seal of office and their responsibilities be transferred to another care-taking minister.

That the Dail bars be closed or at least regulated in the same way as other bars, as a workplace is not an appropriate place for a bar. That the restaurant/canteen be extended on foot of that closure to accommodate more customers, and that staff from bar be reallocated to restaurants.

We have along with others previously argued that the opening prayer should be replaced with a moment's quiet reflection similar to the practice at the Assembly at Stormont.

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