



# REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON STANDING ORDERS AND DÁIL REFORM

*Orders of Reference for Committee on Key Issues affecting the  
Traveller Community*

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## Committee on Key Issues affecting the Traveller Community

Having agreed the matter at its meeting of 26 April 2023, the Committee on Standing Orders and Dáil Reform recommends to Dáil Éireann, pursuant to Standing Order 118A(2)(b), that a Committee on Key Issues affecting the Traveller Community be appointed, with Orders of Reference as contained in the **Appendix** to this report.

## APPENDIX: Proposed Orders of Reference of Committee on Key Issues affecting the Traveller Community

That, notwithstanding anything in Standing Orders—

- (1) Dáil Éireann hereby appoints a Committee (hereinafter referred to as ‘the Committee’), to be joined with a Committee to be appointed by Seanad Éireann, to form the Joint Committee on Key Issues affecting the Traveller Community;
- (2) the Joint Committee shall aim for consensus, based on human rights principles, on policy directions in respect of the following key issues affecting the Traveller Community:
  - (a) Travellers’ experience of the justice system;
  - (b) matters related to mental health among Travellers;
  - (c) progress in relation to employment opportunities for Travellers;
  - (d) progress in relation to implementation of the final report of the Joint Committee on Key Issues affecting the Traveller Community, November 2021,and shall report thereon twice yearly to both Houses of the Oireachtas;
- (3) in carrying out its role under paragraph (2), the Joint Committee may—
  - (a) review the work carried out by the previous Joint Committee on Key Issues affecting the Traveller Community during the 32<sup>nd</sup> Dáil, and the previous Joint Committee on Key Issues affecting the Traveller Community during the 33<sup>rd</sup> Dáil, and shall be provided with access to all submissions and relevant documentation of the respective Committees;
  - (b) invite submissions and presentations from the Traveller Community;
  - (c) examine current statutory, non-statutory and Departmental responses, including policy, resources and law;

- (d) research and identify models of good practice nationally and internationally;
  - (e) establish parameters to gather relevant data; and
  - (f) make recommendations, taking into account the views of the Traveller Community;
- (4) the Committee shall not exceed nine members of Dáil Éireann;
  - (5) members of either House, not being members of the Joint Committee, may attend and take part in proceedings of the Joint Committee, or any sub-Committee thereof, but without having a right to vote or to move motions or amendments, save where they attend, pursuant to Standing Orders, as a substitute for an absent member (or for a substitute not in attendance);
  - (6) members should be nominated to serve on the Committee by report of the Committee of Selection of each House;
  - (7) the Joint Committee shall elect one of its members to be Cathaoirleach; and
  - (8) the Joint Committee shall have the powers defined in Standing Order 96, other than paragraph (6).