



REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON STANDING ORDERS AND DÁIL REFORM

Orders of Reference for Special Committee on Drugs Use

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The Committee on Standing Orders and Dáil Reform recommends to Dáil Éireann, pursuant to Standing Order 118A(2)(b), that a Special Committee on Drugs Use be appointed, with Orders of Reference as contained in the **Appendix** to this report.

APPENDIX: Proposed Orders of Reference of Committee on Drugs Use

That, notwithstanding anything in Standing Orders—

- (1) a Special Committee consisting of 9 members of Dáil Éireann be appointed, to be joined with a Special Committee to be appointed by Seanad Éireann, to form the Joint Committee on Drugs Use ('the Joint Committee');
- (2) the Joint Committee shall consider the Report of the Citizens' Assembly on Drugs Use ('the Report') and shall provide a response to the subject matter of the Report, including a reasoned response to each of the 36 recommendations contained in the Report;
- (3) the Joint Committee shall report to both Houses of the Oireachtas on the matter before it within seven months of the first public meeting of the Joint Committee;
- (4) the quorum of the Joint Committee shall be four, at least one of whom shall be a member of Dáil Éireann, and one a member of Seanad 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) the member of Dáil Éireann nominated by the Independent Group to serve on the Joint Committee shall be Cathaoirleach; and
- (7) the Joint Committee shall have the powers defined in paragraphs (1), (2), (3), (4), (5), (9) and (10) of Standing Order 96.