

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE DUBLIN, THE UNIVERSITY OF ICELAND AND THE UNIVERSITY OF ESSEX, IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE HOUSES OF THE OIREACTHAS COMMISSION/HOUSES OF THE OIREACTHAS SERVICE

PRIVACY NOTICE – MEMBERS’ SURVEY

This Privacy Notice is being issued because of the duties of the [Houses of the Oireachtas Service](#) (the “Service”) under the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and the *Data Protection Act 2018*. You will have accessed it through a link in the Information Note about the survey provided by the Research Team who are conducting it with the support and encouragement of the Ceann Comhairle and the Cathaoirleach of the Seanad. Details of the team and further information about the purposes of the survey can be found in the Information Note.

This Notice tells you about how far the Service will determine the means and purposes of dealing with [personal information](#) you may supply in answer to the survey. In particular, the Service has proposed some of the questions in the Questionnaires, encourages and facilitates your participation, and uses the anonymized statistical product to enhance how it performs its statutory functions. For more detailed information on the Service’s discharge of its GDPR duties and definition of relevant terms, see the Service’s [General Data Protection Policy](#). If you are not content with how your personal information is being dealt with, you may bring your dissatisfaction to the attention of the Data Protection Commission: see www.dataprotection.ie.

Data protection responsibilities as between co-controllers

University College, Dublin (UCD) has arranged pursuant to Article 26 of the GDPR with the Research Team members to take principal responsibility for compliance with the law about dealing with your personal information and to secure your data protection rights, for example, rights such as data access under Chapter III of the GDPR. The Research Team will provide you with contact details of UCD’s Data Protection Officer. Without prejudice to that arrangement, you may exercise your GDPR rights in respect of and against each of the Research Team and the Service.

PURPOSES/SPECIAL CATEGORY DATA

The Research Team deals in the public interest with your personal information for academic and statistical purposes. The Service deals with the anonymized information to enhance how it performs its statutory functions to provide advice and support services to the Houses of the Oireachtas, their Committees, and their Members. For these purposes and on the legal basis set out below, personal information about your political opinions will be collected in conducting the survey. This is known as special category data/information and dealing with it is subject to additional limits and protections for you in accordance with data protection law. In particular, the Consent Forms and Questionnaires will be stored separately, and such technical and organizational measures will be taken in respect of them (“pseudonymization”) that no one outside the Research Team, including any data processors, will be able to attribute or link to any Member any set of answers to the Questionnaires or personal information in them.

You will, in the Consent Form, if you participate, expressly agree in writing to your special category information being dealt with in accordance with the Information Note and this Notice. Other than as pseudonymized and set out in that data protection information, the Research Team will not share your personal information with anyone.

LEGAL BASIS

- UCD: Articles 6(1)(e), 9(2)(a), 85, and 89 of the GDPR and ss. 42 and 43 of the *Data Protection Act 2018* (Ireland).
- University of Iceland: GDPR as applied by Icelandic law and Article 3(7) of Act 90/2018 on Privacy and Processing of Personal Data.
- University of Essex: *Data Protection Act 2018* [UK] and the UK General Data Protection Regulation.

In substance, Iceland and the UK form part of the same data protection zone as the EU and your personal information will not be transferred outside that zone. The Service only deals with the anonymized statistical product of the survey which helps it to perform its functions under s. 3A of the *Houses of the Oireachtas Commission Act 2003*.

SOURCES, RECIPIENTS/DATA SHARING, AND RETENTION

The Research Team has identified you as an addressee of the survey from public sources and obtains personal information about you relevant to this Privacy Notice from your Consent Form and replies. The Research Team and Service retain data processors to assist them in processing data. They are bound by data processing agreements that secure your rights regarding your personal information in accordance with the GDPR. In particular, the University of Essex has such a contract with a United States company called Qualtrics International Inc., 333 W River Park Drive, Provo, Utah 84604, (“Qualtrics”). The survey is being carried out electronically using the University of Essex’s Qualtrics platform and Qualtrics’ German-based cloud server. When collection of information is complete, the data will be transferred to and stored on a secure cloud drive operated by the University of Essex, becoming the sole and pseudonymized copy of the dataset and, once the project’s results have been disseminated in publications, the data will be deleted as set out in the Information Note.