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Subject Seanad reform submission

Dear Sirs,

It is my understanding that the 7th amendment to the Constitution provided for graduates from the IoT sector to have a vote. Surely one of the simplest reform tasks would be to implement this provision in legislation. This would make the franchise for the graduate constituency almost perfectly in line with the actual graduate population thus increasing enormously the credibility of the Seanad. In the same vein it should be possible to reduce the number of seats allocated to Trinity College from 3 to 1. In the first place extra seats for the college associated with privilege in Ireland is a highly regressive position. In the second place the extra seats for Trinity were originally envisaged as providing a 'Protestant' voice in the Seanad. Such a sectarian action has no place in modern Ireland and is highly insulting to Trinity itself.

Yours Sincerely,
Phelim Murnion

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