

An **Tionól**
Saoránach



The **Citizens'**
Assembly



Results

Manner in which referenda are held

Question 1: Do you think the functions of the Referendum Commission should be carried out by a permanent Electoral Commission?

Number of Eligible Voters	84
Number of Votes Cast	84
Invalid Votes	0
Total Valid Poll	84

OPTION	VOTES	PERCENTAGE
YES	79	(94%)
NO	5	(6%)

Question 2: Do you think the Referendum Commission should be obliged to give its view on significant matters of factual or legal dispute that arise during a referendum campaign in the public domain (including on social media)?

Number of Eligible Voters	84
Number of Votes Cast	84
Invalid Votes	1
Total Valid Poll	83

OPTION	VOTES	PERCENTAGE
YES	78	(94%)
NO	5	(6%)

Question 3: Do you agree with the current position where the Government is not permitted to spend public money to advocate on one side only of a referendum campaign?

Number of Eligible Voters	84
Number of Votes Cast	84
Invalid Votes	1
Total Valid Poll	83

OPTION	VOTES	PERCENTAGE
Yes	72	(87%)
No	11	(13%)

Question 4: Do you think the Government should provide money to both sides equally in referendum campaigns?

Number of Eligible Voters	84
Number of Votes Cast	84
Invalid Votes	0
Total Valid Poll	84

OPTION	VOTES	PERCENTAGE
YES	57	(68%)
NO	27	(32%)

Question 5a: Do you think the Oireachtas should develop and effectively implement a system of spending limits in referendum campaigns for registered political parties, campaign groups and individuals?

Number of Eligible Voters	84
Number of Votes Cast	84
Invalid Votes	0
Total Valid Poll	84

OPTION	VOTES	PERCENTAGE
YES	82	(98%)
NO	2	(2%)

Question 5b: Do you think that anonymous donations to registered political parties and campaign groups should be prohibited?

Number of Eligible Voters	84
Number of Votes Cast	84
Invalid Votes	1
Total Valid Poll	83

OPTION	VOTES	PERCENTAGE
YES	60	(72%)
NO	23	(28%)

Question 6: Do you think that it is a good idea to have more than one referendum, on unrelated issues, at the same time?

Number of Eligible Voters	84
Number of Votes Cast	84
Invalid Votes	0
Total Valid Poll	84

OPTION	VOTES	PERCENTAGE
YES	67	(80%)
NO	17	(20%)

Question 7: In the event that there is more than one referendum, on unrelated issues, at the same time, what do you think should be the maximum number of referendums?

Number of Eligible Voters	84
Number of Votes Cast	84
Invalid Votes	0
Total Valid Poll	84

OPTION	VOTES	PERCENTAGE	RANK
There should be no more than two referendums at the same time	35	(41.7%)	1
There should be no more than three referendums at the same time	34	(40.5%)	2
There should be no upper limit on the number of referendums held at the same time	15	(17.9%)	3

Question 8a: Do you think it should be permissible to have more than two options on the ballot paper in a constitutional referendum?

Number of Eligible Voters	84
Number of Votes Cast	84
Invalid Votes	0
Total Valid Poll	84

OPTION	VOTES	PERCENTAGE
YES	64	(76%)
NO	20	(24%)

Question 8b: If there are more than two options on the ballot paper in a constitutional referendum, the outcome should be decided by:

Number of Eligible Voters	84
Number of Votes Cast	84
Invalid Votes	0
Total Valid Poll	84

OPTION	VOTES	PERCENTAGE
First Past the Post	40	(48%)
PR STV	44	(52%)

Question 9: Do you agree that, in principle, the Oireachtas and the Government should give effect to the outcome of a referendum within 5 years?

Number of Eligible Voters	84
Number of Votes Cast	84
Invalid Votes	0
Total Valid Poll	84

OPTION	VOTES	PERCENTAGE
YES	75	(89%)
NO	9	(11%)

Question 10: Which, if any, of these initiatives do you think should be introduced to try to increase voter turnout:

Number of Eligible Voters	84
Number of Votes Cast	84

OPTION	Invalid	Valid Poll	YES	NO
a) Early voting in the weeks before the poll	3	81	45 (56%)	36 (44%)
b) Extended voting over a number of days	3	81	40 (49%)	41 (51%)
c) Weekend voting	1	83	83 (100%)	0 (0%)
d) Online voting	3	81	57 (70%)	24 (30%)
e) Wider availability of postal voting	1	83	69 (83%)	14 (17%)
f) The ability to vote at any polling station in the State	1	83	74 (89%)	9 (11%)
g) Automatic inclusion of all eligible voters on the electoral register	2	82	78 (95%)	4 (5%)
h) Compulsory voting	4	80	12 (15%)	68 (85%)
i) Lower the voting age to 16	1	83	66 (80%)	17 (20%)
j) Allow voting by otherwise eligible voters, who are resident outside the state, for no more than five years	0	84	65 (77%)	19 (23%)
k) Greater provision of voter education on Referendums	2	82	79 (96%)	3 (4%)

Question 11: Which, if any, of the following types of citizens' initiatives do you consider should be provided for?

Number of Eligible Voters	84
Number of Votes Cast	84

OPTION	Invalid	Valid Poll	YES	NO
a) A citizens' initiative to put a constitutional referendum proposal to the people	7	77	53 (69%)	24 (31%)
b) A citizens' initiative to put a legislative change proposal to the people (including enacting, changing or repealing legislation)	6	78	54 (69%)	24 (31%)
c) A citizens' initiative to put an item on the agenda for decision by the Oireachtas	6	78	65 (83%)	13 (17%)

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