

Citizens' Assembly

Work Programme Item 1: The Eighth Amendment of the Constitution

Weekend 5

Detailed Conversation Starters: Facilitators and Note Takers

General Instructions for Roundtable Discussions following presentations:

- Hear from everyone and as you do, enforce the groundrules, firmly and with good humour. In particular, encourage people to be respectful of others and to share the airtime.
- If you are asked for your opinion, remind the citizens that this is not your role.
- Spend the last 5-10 minutes recapping the conversation to ensure that the key points are captured for inclusion in the table summary, and that any questions to be asked by the facilitator on behalf of the table are agreed by the table.
- If other questions are agreed before the end of the discussion, please write those questions down and raise your hand and a member of the EAG/Secretariat will collect the written question

The purpose of this round table discussion is to:

- help members understand the draft ballot paper
- surface any queries they may have and seek clarification.
- capture the key questions which emerge during the discussion.
- Remember to use the last five minutes of the session to recap the discussion and agree with the Members what questions you might ask on their behalf (if required)

Saturday Afternoon

12.20pm Member Roundtable Discussion on draft Ballot 2

You'll have **20 minutes** for this part of the meeting.

Conversation Starters/ Suggested Questions to guide discussions:

1. Do you understand what is being asked of you in this question?
2. Is there anything about the meaning or effect of draft Ballot 2 that you would like to clarify?
3. Do you understand the implications of voting for options 1 and 2 on this ballot?

If discussing draft Ballot 3

2.45pm Member Roundtable Discussion on draft Ballot 3.

You'll have **30 minutes** for this part of the meeting.

Conversation Starters/ Suggested Questions to guide discussions:

1. Do you understand what is being asked of you in this question?
2. Is there anything about the meaning or effect of draft Ballot 3 that you would like to clarify?
3. Do you understand the implications of voting for options 1 and 2 on this ballot?

If discussing draft Ballot 4A

2.50pm Member Roundtable Discussion on draft Ballot 4A.

You'll have **45 minutes** for this part of the meeting.

Conversation Starters/ Suggested Questions to guide discussions:

1. Do you understand what is being asked of you in this question?
2. Is there anything about the meaning or effect of draft Ballot 4A that you would like to clarify?
3. Do you understand what is meant by each of the reasons (1-7) listed on the ballot paper? Do you understand what is captured by number 8?
4. Do you understand what is meant by the various options presented for each reason (A, B1, B2, B3, C)?
5. Do you understand the implications of your vote in each case?
6. Is there any reason not included that you would like to vote on?

Sunday Morning

If discussing draft Ballot 4B

9.45am Member Roundtable Discussion on draft Ballot 4B.

You'll have **45 minutes** for this part of the meeting.

Conversation Starters/ Suggested Questions to guide discussions:

1. Do you understand what is being asked of you in this question?
2. Is there anything about the meaning or effect of draft Ballot 4B that you would like to clarify?
3. Do you understand what is meant by each of the reasons (1-7) listed on the ballot paper? Do you understand what is captured by number 8?
4. Do you understand what is meant by the various options presented for each reason (A, B1, B2, B3, C)?
5. Do you understand the implications of your vote in each case?
6. Is there any reason not included that you would like to vote on?

If discussing draft Ballot 4C

9.45am Member Roundtable Discussion on draft Ballot 4B/ 4C.

You'll have **45 minutes** for this part of the meeting.

Conversation Starters/ Suggested Questions to guide discussions:

1. Do you understand what is being asked of you in this question?
2. Is there anything about the meaning or effect of draft Ballot 4B/C that you would like to clarify?
3. Do you understand what is meant by each of the reasons listed on the ballot paper?
4. In Part 1, do you understand what is meant by the various options presented for each reason (A, B1, B2, B3, C)?
5. In Part 2, do you understand the difference between the two legal mechanisms presented?
6. Is there any reason not included that you would like to vote on?