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Briefing Note

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Dáil Election Results 2016 by Gender

1   Introduction

This note briefly summarises the results of the election to Dáil Éireann held on 26 February 2016. The note supplements the previous paper *Candidates for the 2016 Dáil Election by Gender*[1] and tracks the degree of gender representation for the 32nd Dáil.

The table at Appendix 1 summarises the results by constituency, party and gender. The information is represented on the map at Appendix 2.

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[1] Research and Information Service Briefing Note *Candidates for the 2016 Dáil Election by Gender* 26 February 2016: http://www.niassembly.gov.uk/globalassets/documents/raise/publications/2016/general/2616.pdf.

2   2016 Dáil Election Results by Gender

There was a significant increase in the proportion of women elected to the Dáil in 2016 compared with the election in 2011. In 2011, 15% of TDs were women, in 2016 the proportion was 22% (35 of 158). However, having met the gender quota of 30% candidates, none of the larger parties had 30% or more women elected. Results by party were:

Fine Gael	22%
Fianna Fáil	14%
Sinn Féin	26%
Labour	29%
Social Democrats	67%
Anti-Austerity Alliance – People Before Profit	33%
Green Party	50%
Independent Alliance	0%
Independents	29%

Of the 40 constituencies:

- 16 had no women elected

- 16 had more men, but at least one woman elected

- 3 had the same number of men and women elected

- 5 had more women than men elected

It can be concluded that the quota requirement succeeded in increasing the proportion of women candidates, which is likely to be the most important contributory factor for the increased proportion of women elected.

Appendix 1: Election Results by Gender, Party and Constituency

	FG		FF		SF		Lab		SD		AAA-PBP		Green		Indep.		Indep. Alliance		Total	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Carlow-Kilkenny	2	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	1
Cavan-Monaghan	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
Clare	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	4	0
Cork East	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0
Cork North-Central	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0
Cork North-West	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0
Cork South-Central	1	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0
Cork South-West	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	1
Donegal	1	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	5	0
Dublin Bay North	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	4	1
Dublin Bay South	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	0
Dublin Central	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	2
Dublin Fingal	1	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	3	2
Dublin Mid-West	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	1
Dublin North-West	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1
Dublin Rathdown	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	2
Dublin South-Central	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	3
Dublin South-West	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	4	1
Dublin West	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
Dún Laoghaire	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2

	FG		FF		SF		Lab		SD		AAA-PBP		Green		Indep.		Indep. Alliance		Total	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Galway East	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	1
Galway West	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	3	2
Kerry	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	5	0
Kildare North	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	1
Kildare South	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1
Laois	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0
Limerick City	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	1
Limerick County	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0
Longford-Westmeath	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1		4	0
Louth	2	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	1
Mayo	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	1
Meath East	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2
Meath West	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0
Offaly	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2
Roscomm. - Galway	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	3	0
Sligo-Leitrim	1	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0
Tipperary	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	5	0
Waterford	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	1
Wexford	2	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	5	0
Wicklow	2	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0
Total	39	11	38	6	17	6	5	2	1	2	4	2	1	1	12	5	6	0	124	34
% Women	22%		14%		26%		29%		67%		33%		50%		29%		0%		22%	

No women	Majority men	Gender parity	Majority women

Appendix 2: Women Elected by Constituency

Gender balance elected by Constituency in the Irish election 2016