

CHAPTER 1 SUMMARY - NUMBER OF SEATS IN THE NI ASSEMBLY

Question 1

What should the future size of the Northern Ireland Assembly be?

THE LINK WITH WESTMINSTER CONSTITUENCIES DOES NOT NEED TO REMAIN DIFFERENT ELECTIONS DIFFERENT VOTING SYSTEMS. ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS SHOULD BE BASED ON COUNTY BOUNDARIES 5 MLA PER COUNTY 5 MLA FOR BELFAST 4 MLA FOR STRIKE CITY TOTAL 39 MLA. MORE THAN ENOUGH FOR 1.8^M PEOPLE 46 TH PER HEAD. AS FOR SMALLER PARTYS LOSER OUT IF THERE POLICIES ARE WHAT THE VOTERS WANT THEY WILL VOTE FOR THEM IF NOT THEY WON'T GET VOTES UNDER ANY SYSTEM.

Westminster and move to 5-year terms on a permanent basis. It could be argued that 5-year terms allow incumbent administrations time to deliver more. Others may feel that 4-year terms are adequate. The Government does not believe that there needs to be uniformity across the Parliaments and Assemblies of the UK on this matter. We seek views on what would be the best approach for the Northern Ireland Assembly.

CHAPTER 2 SUMMARY – LENGTH OF ASSEMBLY TERMS

Question 2

Do you believe that there should be combination of Parliamentary and Assembly elections in 2015 or should these be decoupled?

Question 3

Do you think the term of the current Northern Ireland Assembly should be extended from 2015 to 2016?

Question 4

Should the Northern Ireland Assembly move to a fixed 5-year term permanently?

PARLIAMANTARY & ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS SHOULD NOT BE DECOUPLED AS IT IS ONE SURV WAY OF GETTING MORE VOTERS OUT & IT WOULD SAVE SOME MONEY THE CURRENT ASSEMBLY SHOULD NOT BE EXTENDED & THE LINK WITH PARLIAMANTARY ELECTIONS RETAINED FOR THE FUTURE THIS ASSEMBLY SHOULD THEREFOR MOVE TO A FIXED 5 YR TERM PERMANENTLY AS 45% OF OUR MLA'S ARE TOTALLY USELESS & INEPT IT WOULD MAKE NO DIFFERENCE WHAT SO EVER

so, how can this system best be achieved?

THIS IS A POINTLESS QUESTION OF COURSE THE ASSEMBLY
WOULD OPERATE BETTER & MORE EFFECTIVELY WITH AN
OPPOSITION. NOTHING CONCENTRATES A M.L.A.'S MIND
MORE THAN LOSING THEIR SEAT & THAT IS WHY
DUP/S/F WILL NEVER AGREE TO ANYTHING THAT
SMELLS OF DEMOCRACY. THEY HAVE STORMONT
BOWN UP TIGHTLY & THE ONLY WAY TO CHANGE IT
IS TO DEMOLISH D'HONDT & START AGAIN.
THE PEOPLE VOTE & THE PARTY WITH THE MOST SEATS
IS ELECTED TO RUN FOR 5 YRS. ITS CALLED DEMOCRACY
SIMPLES

MLAs and Peers

3.8 We also seek views on whether any legislation to ban 'double-jobbing' between MPs and MLAs should also extend to MLAs and members of the House of Lords. Many, if not all, of the above considerations relating to holding both MP and MLA offices will also apply.

CHAPTER 3 SUMMARY – MULTIPLE MANDATES

Question 5

Do you believe that representatives should be prohibited from holding the offices of MP and MLA at the same time?

Question 6

Should MLAs also be prohibited from being members of the House of Lords?

Question 7

Is it better to use primary legislation to ban such practices outright at the earliest opportunity or to take a power to do so at a later date to allow space for agreement to be reached?

REPRESENTATIVES SHOULD BE PROHIBITED FROM HOLDING OFFICE OF MP / MLA'S & COUNCILLORS. AT THE SAME TIME IF THE ASSEMBLY IS REDUCED I.E. 39 MLAs THEN THE EXTRA WORK LOAD MEANS THEY COULD ONLY DO ONE JOB CORRECTLY HOPEFULLY SAME GOES FOR PARLIAMENT & USING COUNCILS TO BRING NEW TALENT IS BETTER THAN HANDING OUT JOBS TO TIME SERVERS. THE H. OF LORDS SHOULD BE ADVISABLE FULL STOP. IT'S UNDEMOCRATIC. YOU MUST USE LEGISLATION TO BAN SUCH PRACTICES IMMEDIATELY IF YOU ARE GOING TO WAIT FOR THAT BUNCH OF USELESS MLAs TO REACH AGREEMENT YOU WILL BE WAITING FOR EVER. TURKEYS DONT VOTE FOR CHRISTMAS.