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## **The Voice Of Reason**

**Government in Ireland Believe it or Not**

**We have a government In Ireland that is frightening in its scale of excess and bureaucratic waste. We are represented by the following bastions of efficiency and political foresight:**

**166 TDs**

**15 Senior Ministers**

**15 Junior Ministers**

**60 Senators**

**29 County Councils (How many county councillors?)**

**5 County Boroughs**

**5 Borough Corporations**

**49 Urban District Councils**

**26 Boards of Town Commissioners**

**8 Regional Authorities**

**Numerous Local Authorities: Dublin Alone Has 4.**



**In both houses of Leinster House we have 266 TDs and 60 Senators (Total 226) representing 4,203,200 people.**

That equates to one senior elected representative for every 18, 598 people in Ireland.

Compare this to the EU Average of 1 : 69,063 and we can see what absolute inefficiencies exist in the houses of the Oireachtas.

How many millions of Euro ( Of our money) is wasted on such needless profligacy? Such wasteful extravagance only serves to promote the ego's of many self important yet ineffectual individuals with notions of their own importance on a local and national stage.

It is time that we the public put in train a process to call a halt to this ridiculous situation.

Our politicians certainly will not, it is not in their interest to do so. Turkeys and Christmas spring to mind. Indeed Turkeys in every sense of the term springs to mind!

What can we do?

I am working on a group to kick start a situation whereby Oireachtas reform will become inevitable. I will have a lobby group established before the next general election which will inform the public through online and viral marketing. We will insist that the candidates will sign a document supporting a radical downsizing of Dáil Eireann in return for our support.

It is time to rattle this country to its very foundations and get rid of the Pot Hole Fillers once and for all.

Gombeenmen and phone box fixers masquerading as statesmen have been the root cause of all of the socio-economic problems facing this country for far too long.

We have suffered from ineptitude and incompetence of government for too long. The time has come to dispense with parochial self interest and devise a system that will ensure that Ireland will become a country we can thrive in and be proud of.

Not simply a form of a federal nation of county councils stumbling from one crisis to another.

Lets do something that will ensure that competent people represent us. This will mean electoral reform on a massive scale.

It has got to start somewhere!

Feel free to contact me if you are interested in becoming part of this initiative.