



**IRELAND - HOUSES OF THE OIREACHTAS**

Reply to the ECPRD request

**6116- The offering of a financial advantage in exchange for the resignation of a seat in parliament**

**DENMARK - FOLKETINGET**

**Request date:** 02/07/2025

**Addressed to:** SLOVENIA , CZECHIA , SPAIN , NETHERLANDS , AUSTRIA , POLAND , - EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT , FINLAND , MALTA , ESTONIA , GERMANY , CROATIA , ROMANIA , ITALY , CYPRUS , LUXEMBOURG , SWEDEN , UNITED KINGDOM , SLOVAKIA , LITHUANIA , HUNGARY , IRELAND , FRANCE , LATVIA , NORWAY , PORTUGAL , GREECE , BELGIUM , BULGARIA

**Subject areas:** Corruption, whistleblowing

**Deadline** 28/07/2025

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**Response from Ireland**

See below

Reply provided by [REDACTED] on **2025-07-23**

ECPRD Correspondent: [REDACTED]

**Is there any legislation or other form of regulation, such as a code of conduct, that prohibits: A) a Member of Parliament from accepting a financial advantage on the condition that they resign their seat; B) the act of offering such a proposal, including by individuals from the members own party.**

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No such specific legislation/regulation has been found, however the Ethics legislation and the legislation around public finance to political parties, as well as the electoral system would appear to disallow the Danish scenario described. See below

**If so, what does the regulation entail, and how is it enforced?**

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The legislation underpinning state funding to political parties sets out how public monies can be spent and this scenario is not included. See unofficial consolidated version of [Electoral Act 1997 \(as amended\)](#) . The [Ethics Acts](#) ( note link is for an unofficial consolidated version of the legislation ) and the associated [Code of Conduct](#) Members would appear to preclude a member from accepting such an arrangement. It is worth noting that Members are elected to Dáil Éireann in a personal capacity rather than on a list in the Irish electoral system. Members of parliament can resign and if they do so a bye election must be called within 6 months to fill the vacancy.