

## THE HOEY AMENDMENT TO THE THIEN BILL

### Summary

Changes the proposed reform of the Laws to improve the clarity surrounding the purpose, governance, responsibilities and membership of the Subcommittee.

### Rationale

Problems with the original provisions:

- Poorly structured in defining purpose, governance, responsibilities and membership.
- Doesn't reflect the reality of how the Subcommittee has been developed and defined.

Problems with the proposed amendment:

- Fails to correct the flaws in the original provisions of the Article.
- Makes the Chair of the Subcommittee directly elected (only the Council should have a democratic mandate).
- Other issues resulting from this, e.g. a lack of clarity on the electorate for direct elections and a lack of consistency with the approach for the composition of the rest of Executive.
- Unnecessary overlap with other provisions in the Constitution, e.g. the dismissal procedure in Article 10b.
- General lack of conciseness, adding to the overall length of the Constitution.

## **REVISED WORDING**

### 9) Muriel Campbell Subcommittee

- a) The purpose of the Subcommittee is to:
  - i) Serve as a women and gender minorities support network and advisory group.
  - ii) Hold events relevant to women and gender minorities' interests, including but not limited to:
    - (1) Debates
    - (2) Socials
    - (3) Training workshops
  - iii) Assist the Council in maintaining inclusive practices to ensure representation in the Society more widely.
  - iv) Advise on matters related to the welfare of women and gender minorities in the Society more widely.
- b) The Subcommittee shall be governed by an Executive, including a Chair.
  - i) The Chair of the Subcommittee will usually be the highest-ranking woman or gender minority member of the Council.

- ii) The Executive will consist of the Chair and will usually consist of every woman and gender minority member of the Council.
  - iii) The Executive, including the Chair, may also be appointed by a two-thirds supermajority vote of the Council and ratified by a simple majority of the House.
  - iv) Meetings of the Executive of the Subcommittee may be opened to ordinary members of the Subcommittee and non-members by invitation.
- c) The Executive of the Subcommittee is responsible for:
- i) Organising at least three debates per semester.
  - ii) Keeping the Council informed about debates, socials, training workshops and other events organised by the Subcommittee.
- d) All women and gender minority members of the Society are ordinary members of the Subcommittee and may attend and speak at ordinary meetings of the Subcommittee.
- i) Ordinary meetings of the Subcommittee may be opened to non-members at the discretion of the Executive of the Subcommittee.

## **RESULTING MINOR MODIFICATION**

### Section Two, Article 10b

Current wording: “If an Ordinary Member of a Subcommittee has not upheld their duties or is acting against the direction of the Council, any Council member may propose a vote of no confidence.”

Change “an Ordinary Member of a Subcommittee...” to “a Member of a Subcommittee...”