

**Ballot questions to be formally voted on**

**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> April**

**BLOC A: THE CONSTITUTION**

***Note – involves some sequential voting***

**Article 41.2 of the Constitution**

The provision, as currently formulated, reads:

*41.2.1 In particular, the State recognises that by her life within the home, woman gives the State a support without which the common good cannot be achieved.*

*41.2.2 The State shall, therefore, endeavour to ensure that mothers shall not be obliged by economic necessity to engage in labour to the neglect of their duties in the home.*

**Question 1 – Article 41.2: ‘no change’ versus ‘change’**

Please choose one of the following two options

- A. The Assembly should recommend that no change is made to Article 41.2, and the Assembly should not make any further recommendations on the matter

**OR**

- B. The Assembly should recommend change (either deleting or replacing Article 41.2), and the Assembly should make further recommendations on the matter

*If a majority vote A no further vote. If a majority vote B move to question 2. If this occurs, all members will be entitled to vote on question 2 regardless of their vote on question 1.*

**Question 2 –Article 41.2, ‘simple delete’ or ‘delete and replace’**

**Please register your preference by selecting one of the following two options:**

**A. Simple delete:**

The Assembly should recommend that this provision be deleted from the Constitution, and not make any further recommendations on the matter

**OR**

**B. Delete and replace:**

The Assembly should recommend that this provision be deleted from the Constitution and further recommend that it be replaced with a provision relating to care that would not be gender-specific.

*If a majority choose A in response to question 2, there will be no further vote.*

*If a majority choose B there will be a vote on question 3. If this occurs, all members will be entitled to vote on question 3 regardless of their vote on question 2.*

### Question 3 – Nature of Replacement provision

Please choose one of the following two options

A - The Assembly should recommend replacing the text of Article 41.2 with language that is not gender specific and recognises the principle of valuing and supporting care within the home and wider community.

OR

B - The Assembly should recommend replacing the text of Article 41.2 with language that is not gender specific and obliges the State to take reasonable measures to support care within the home and wider community.

### Article 41 of the Constitution: the Family

*41.1.1 The State recognises the Family as the natural primary and fundamental unit group of Society, and as a moral institution possessing inalienable and imprescriptible rights, antecedent and superior to all positive law.*

*41.1.2 The State, therefore, guarantees to protect the Family in its constitution and authority, as the necessary basis of social order and as indispensable to the welfare of the Nation and the State.*

*41.3.1. The State pledges itself to guard with special care the institution of Marriage, on which the Family is founded, and to protect it against attack.*

*(The following provisions deal with divorce and marriage equality and are outside our scope).*

**Question 4**

**Please vote 'Yes' or 'No' in answer to the following question.**

Should the Constitution continue to provide recognition for the family?

Yes

No

*If a majority choose No in response to question 4 there will be no further vote.*

*If a majority votes Yes there will be a vote on question 5. If this occurs, all members will be entitled to vote on question 5 regardless of their vote on question 4.*

**Question 5:**

**Please vote 'Yes' or 'No' in answer to the following question.**

Should the Constitution protect private and family life, including forms of family life beyond the marital family?

Yes

No