

SOUTH EAST CHAMBERS

Press Release

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South East Demands a strong Voice at Cabinet.

Reshuffle needs to redress loss of Cullen, Browne and McGuinness.

Further Neglect is unacceptable.

The Business Community in the South East under the umbrella group of South East Chambers has demanded that the proposed Cabinet reshuffle due within hours return a strong voice to South East. Speaking on behalf of the nine Chambers covering, Carlow, Clonmel, Dungarvan, Enniscorthy, New Ross, Gorey, Kilkenny, Waterford and Wexford .Dick White PRO for South East Chambers, commented

“ We cover a population of up to half a million people and we currently only have one Minister of State in, or close to, the Cabinet table. This neglect of the South East at the highest political levels is unacceptable and on behalf of South East Chambers we demand a strong voice at cabinet level.”

This call comes following a full meeting of South East Chambers last week where the issue was debated following Minister Martin Cullen’s decision to retire from Public Life.

White continued, “ In the recent past we have lost one senior Minister and two Ministers of State from three constituencies, Carlow/Kilkenny, Waterford and Wexford, but with 17 members of Dail Eireann representing all political parties it beggars belief that our ministerial representation has been reduced by 75%” , while adding “ This is not parish pump politics, we have good people representing us in Leinster House and we need to have our voice heard”

South East Chambers is part of Chambers Ireland and acts as a lobbying group for business in the region. It is a none party political organisation and strives to work for the betterment of all counties.

Before concluding, White added, “ The proposed downgrading of the 24 Hour Air Sea Rescue service is another example of neglect of the region. It would seem that accidents in the fishing and leisure sectors will not be dealt with on the same level of importance into the future as other regions. Are our lives not as valuable?” and then added “It will be up to the people of the South East to decide in

future as to who they wish to elect to Dail Eireann, from a Business point of view, we demand cabinet representation , failure to do this will have serious repercussions for employment and growth.”

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