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MP084 ‘Other User Panel Seating Amendment’

December 2019 Working Group Meeting summary

Recap of the issue

The Working Group meeting for [MP084 ‘Other User Panel Seating Amendment’](#) began with an overview of what issue was identified in the Development Stage of this Proposal.

Discussion of solutions

The Working Group were presented with the two options:

1. To change one of the two Other SEC Party Seats into an Other User Seat;
2. To keep the two Other SEC Party Seats and add an additional Seat for an Other User.

One member of the Working Group who was an Other SEC Party was concerned that keeping the same number of Seats and changing one of the Other SEC Party Seats would mean that an Other SEC Party would be de-seated, they were therefore in favour of adding an additional Seat. The rest of the Working Group stated that they preferred to keep the number of Seats constant and change one Other Sec Party Seat to an Other User seat.

One member asked about the original questionnaire sent to Panel members and if there was any information available regarding why it was felt Other Users were underrepresented.

Who will the Other User represent?

One member of the Working group asked if there was an association of Other Users and if the Other User on Panel would be able to represent the views of Other Users or if the Other User group were so disparate that the representative would only be representing themselves. The view of the group was that although there are no such associations SEC Section C2.2 (c) clearly states that Panel shall ensure the ‘Code is given effect in a fair manner without undue discrimination between the Parties or any classes of Party’.

Will this have other implications for the Sub-Committees?

A Working Group member pointed out that this under-representation is replicated through all the Sub-Committees not just at Panel and that this might prompt further discussions around appropriate representation at Panel Sub-Committees.

Next steps and further actions

- SECAS will draft the Modification Report and legal text for MP084
- SECAS will issue a Refinement Consultation