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**AN BILLE CHOLÁISTE TALMHAÍOCHTA CHAISLEÁN  
BHAILE SHEONACH (LEASÚ), 1996  
JOHNSTOWN CASTLE AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE  
(AMENDMENT) BILL, 1996**

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**EXPLANATORY AND FINANCIAL MEMORANDUM**

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*General*

The Bill amends the Johnstown Castle Agricultural College (Amendment) Act, 1959, to allow Teagasc to—

- (i) dispose of part of Johnstown Estate, Wexford, for use for environmental, heritage, amenity or recreational purposes, and
- (ii) lease part of the Estate to the Environmental Protection Agency.

*Section 1* substitutes a new section for section 3 of the Johnstown Castle Agricultural College (Amendment) Act, 1959. Subsection (1) of the new section retains the existing use of the Estate as a lay agricultural college and for the conduct of agricultural research, subject to the provisions of subsections (2) and (3). Subsection (2) (a) provides that part of the Estate may be disposed of by Teagasc for environmental, heritage, amenity or recreational purposes, up to a maximum of 5 per cent. of the total area on the commencement of the legislation; and (b) that Teagasc may lease part of the Estate to the Environmental Protection Agency. Subsection (3) ensures that land disposed of or leased under the section may only be used for the purposes specified.

*Section 2* sets out the short title, and provides that the Bill and the earlier Johnstown Castle Agricultural College Acts shall be cited collectively.

*Financial Implications*

The Bill provides an enabling power, and does not, of itself, give rise to any financial cost. Existing financial controls in relation to disposals or lease of land by Teagasc will apply.

*An Roinn Comhshaoil,  
Eanáir, 1996.*



