

SEANAD ÉIREANN

AN BILLE UM FHAISNÉIS DO SHAORÁNAIGH 2006 CITIZENS INFORMATION BILL 2006

LEASUITHE COISTE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

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CITIZENS INFORMATION BILL 2006 —COMMITTEE STAGE

Leasuithe Amendments

*Government Amendments are distinguished by an asterisk.

SECTION 5

1. In page 6, between lines 10 and 11, to insert the following:

"(*b*) A personal advocate shall have such qualifications, expertise and experience as are appropriate to perform the functions conferred on him or her by this Act.".

-Senator Sheila Terry.

2. In page 7, between lines 30 and 31, to insert the following:

"(5) Each application for a personal advocate shall be considered within 2 months of the date of application.".

-Senator Sheila Terry.

- **3.** In page 12, between lines 42 and 43, to insert the following:
 - "(*d*) A person, or a person acting on his or her behalf, who is unhappy with the performance of a personal advocate, may submit a complaint to the Director of the Personal Advocacy Service.".

-Senator Sheila Terry.

4. In page 12, after line 52, to insert the following:

"(6) The following persons may notify the Minister that an offence has occurred under subsection (5):

- (a) a personal advocate;
- (b) a qualifying person;
- (c) members of a qualifying person's family;
- (d) a carer; or
- (e) any combination of the persons mentioned in paragraphs (a) to (d).". —Senator Sheila Terry.