SEANAD ÉIREANN

AN BILLE UM ATHCHÓIRIÚ AN DLÍ LEASA SHÓISIALAIGH AGUS UM PINSIN 2006 — AN COISTE
SOCIAL WELFARE LAW REFORM AND PENSIONS BILL 2006 — COMMITTEE

Leasuithe
Amendments

SECTION 1

1. In page 5, before section 1, to insert the following new section:

"1.—The Minister shall within 6 months from after the passing of this Act prepare and lay before both Houses of the Oireachtas a report on the effect and operation of means tests overall in the social welfare system and in particular in relation to the carer's allowance.".

— *Senators Michael McCarthy, Brendan Ryan, Kathleen O'Meara, Derek McDowell, Joanna Tuffy.*

2. In page 5, before section 1, to insert the following new section:

"1.—The Minister shall within 6 months from after the passing of this Act prepare and lay before both Houses of the Oireachtas a report on introducing an earnings disregard for the purposes of social welfare benefits for relatives who assist in childminding similar to that for childminders.".

— *Senators Michael McCarthy, Brendan Ryan, Kathleen O'Meara, Derek McDowell, Joanna Tuffy.*

3. In page 5, before section 1, to insert the following new section:

"1.—The Minister shall within 6 months from after the passing of this Act prepare and lay before both Houses of the Oireachtas a report on continued anomalies affecting persons who were recipients of deserted wife's benefit.".

— *Senators Michael McCarthy, Brendan Ryan, Kathleen O'Meara, Derek McDowell, Joanna Tuffy.*

SECTION 4

4. In page 6, before section 1, to insert the following new section:

"Child poverty and child benefit.

4.—The Minister shall, within 3 months of the commencement of this Act, lay a report on the effectiveness of Child Benefit and Child Income Support as a tool for tackling child poverty, before the Houses of the Oireachtas.".

— *Senator Sheila Terry.*

SECTION 8

5. In page 7, before section 8, to insert the following new section:

SECTION 8—*continued*

"Carers.

8.—The Minister shall, within 3 months of the commencement of this Act, lay before the Houses of the Oireachtas, a report on the review of social welfare payments for carers.".

— *Senator Sheila Terry.*

SECTION 15

Section opposed.

—*Senator Sheila Terry.*

SECTION 28

6. In page 18, before section 28, to insert the following new section:

"One Parent Families.

28.—The Minister shall, within 3 months of the commencement of this Act, lay before the Houses of the Oireachtas, a report on the position of one parent families.".

— *Senator Sheila Terry.*

7. In page 18, before section 28, to insert the following new section:

"Lone Parents.

28.—The Minister shall, within 6 months of the commencement of this Act, prepare and lay before the Houses of the Oireachtas, a report on the work of the Maintenance Recovery Unit of his Department.".

— *Senator Sheila Terry.*

8. In page 18, before section 28, to insert the following new section:

"Second Tier Payment.

28.—The Minister shall, within 6 months of the commencement of this Act, prepare and lay before the Houses of the Oireachtas, a report on the progress of his proposal to develop a second tier payment.".

— *Senator Sheila Terry.*

SECTION 32

9. In page 20, before section 32, to insert the following new section:

"Qualified Adults.

32.—The Qualified Adult Allowance shall be paid directly to the qualified adult in all cases.".

— *Senator Sheila Terry.*

10. In page 20, before section 32, to insert the following new section:

"Back to Education Allowance.

32.—The Minister shall, within 3 months of the commencement of this Act, lay before the Houses of the Oireachtas, a report on the support provided by the Back to Education Allowance.".

— *Senator Sheila Terry.*

SECTION 32—*continued*

11. In page 20, before section 32, to insert the following new section:

"Jobseekers.

32.—The Minister shall, within 3 months of the commencement of this Act, lay before the Houses of the Oireachtas, a report on the position of jobseekers.".

— *Senator Sheila Terry.*

SECTION 41

12. In page 25, before section 41, to insert the following new section:

"41.—The Principal Act is amended in section 27 by the insertion of the following new definition:

'"pension coverage" means the number of people who are covered by pension plans;'.".

— *Senator Sheila Terry.*

13. In page 25, before section 41, to insert the following new section:

"Pension coverage.

41.—The Principal Act is amended by the insertion of the following new section after section 39:

"40.—The Minister shall, within the first 3 months of each calendar year, lay before the Houses of the Oireachtas, a report on pension coverage.".".

— *Senator Sheila Terry.*

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