*Government amendments are distinguished by an asterisk.

1. In page 6, to delete line 1 and substitute the following:

“(5) The Equal Status Acts 2000 to 2008 and sections 25 to 27 may be”.

2. In page 17, to delete lines 7 to 13 and substitute the following:

20.—Section 75 of the Act of 1998 is amended—

(a) by the substitution of the following subsection for subsection (4A):

“(4A) Other persons with relevant qualifications or experience may, with the approval of the Minister and the consent of the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform, be appointed to be equality officers or equality mediation officers on such terms and conditions as may be so approved.”,

and

(b) in subsection (6), by the substitution of “the delegation of a function under subsection (4B)” for “the delegation of a function under subsection (4)”.

3. In page 20, line 45, to delete “12th anniversary” and substitute “3rd anniversary”.

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4. In page 22, line 2, to delete “5 years” and substitute “3 years”.

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5. In page 31, between lines 13 and 14, to insert the following:
“31.—The Irish Nationality and Citizenship Act 1956 is amended by the substitution of the following for the first three lines of subsection (1) of Section 15A (inserted by section 5 of the Act of 2001):

“15A. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 15, the Minister may, in his or her absolute discretion, grant an application for a certificate of naturalisation to the non-national spouse or civil partner of an Irish citizen if satisfied that the applicant—”.

—Senators Katherine Zappone, Seán D. Barrett.

*6. In page 32, line 43, to delete “substituting” and substitute “the substitution of”.

*7. In page 33, line 27, to delete “substituting” and substitute “the substitution of”.

*8. In page 33, line 35, to delete “Finance” and substitute “Public Expenditure and Reform”.

*9. In page 33, line 43, to delete “Finance” and substitute “Public Expenditure and Reform”.

*10. In page 33, line 50, to delete “Finance” and substitute “Public Expenditure and Reform”.

11. In page 37, to delete lines 22 to 29.

—Senators Seán D. Barrett, Katherine Zappone.

*12. In page 37, line 27, to delete “age of 65 years” and substitute “age of 70 years”.

13. In page 37, line 27, to delete “65 years” and substitute “66 years”.

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14. In page 40, to delete lines 10 to 35.

Senators Trevor Ó Clochartaigh, David Cullinane, Kathryn Reilly.

15. In page 40, line 20, to delete “in aon teanga oifigiúil amháin” and substitute “i ngach cheann de na teangacha oifigiula”.

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16. In page 40, lines 33 and 34, to delete “in one official language only” and substitute “in both official languages”.

—Senators Denis O’Donovan, Thomas Byrne, Mark Daly, Terry Leyden, Marc Mac Sharry, Paschal Mooney, Brian Ó Domhnaill, Labhras Ó Murchú, Darragh O’Brien, Ned O’Sullivan, Averil Power, Jim Walsh, Mary White, Diarmuid Wilson.