1. In page 7, line 9, after “authorities” to insert “, and investigation into the performance of functions,”.

—An tAire Oideachais agus Scileanna.

2. In page 7, line 10, after “Technology;” to insert the following:

“to provide for investigation into the performance of functions of the Institute for Advanced Studies and its Constituent Schools and the National College of Art and Design;”.

—An tAire Oideachais agus Scileanna.

3. In page 7, between lines 23 and 24, to insert the following:

“ “Act of 1940” means the Institute for Advanced Studies Act 1940;
“Act of 1971” means the National College of Art and Design Act 1971;”.

—An tAire Oideachais agus Scileanna.

4. In page 8, between lines 35 and 36, to insert the following:

“ “pensionable public servant” shall be construed in accordance with Part 2 of the Public Service Pensions (Single Scheme and Other Provisions) Act 2012;”.

—An tAire Oideachais agus Scileanna.

5. In page 9, to delete lines 26 to 28 and substitute the following:

“ “student union”, in relation to an institute or technological university, means an independent body established by students, with a written constitution ratified by students in a referendum to promote the general interests of students of an institute or technological university and which represents students, both individually and collectively, in respect of academic, disciplinary and other matters arising within the university;”.

—Catherine Martin.

6. In page 9, to delete lines 26 to 28 and substitute the following:

“ “students’ union” means an independent body established by students, with a written
constitution ratified by students in a referendum to promote the general interests of students of an institute, merged institute or technological university, and which represents students, both individually and collectively, in respect of academic, disciplinary and other matters arising within the institution and provides services to them, including commercial services at competitive rates;”.

—Kathleen Funchion.

7. In page 11, to delete lines 1 to 3 and substitute the following:

“(2) A reference in this Part to a region includes a reference to each of the regions in which the campuses of a technological university or, as the case may be, applicant institutes are located.”.

—An tAire Oideachais agus Scileanna.

8. In page 11, line 31, to delete “citizens” and substitute “individuals”.

—An tAire Oideachais agus Scileanna.

9. In page 11, line 32, to delete “the professions and other stakeholders” and substitute “the professions, the community, local interests and other stakeholders”.

—An tAire Oideachais agus Scileanna.

10. In page 12, line 16, to delete “the professions and related stakeholders” and substitute “the professions, the community, local interests and related stakeholders”.

—An tAire Oideachais agus Scileanna.

11. In page 12, between lines 32 and 33, to insert the following:

“(i) developing and promoting strong social and cultural links, and links supporting creativity, between the technological university and the community in the region in which the campuses of the technological university are located,”.

—An tAire Oideachais agus Scileanna.

12. In page 13, between lines 7 and 8, to insert the following:

“(V) organisations representing the social, creative and cultural interests of the community in the region in which the campuses of the technological university are located,”.

—An tAire Oideachais agus Scileanna.

13. In page 13, line 9, to delete “where practicable” and substitute “in so far as possible”.

—Catherine Martin.

14. In page 13, line 10, to delete “cultural and social” and substitute “cultural, social, scientific and technological”.

—An tAire Oideachais agus Scileanna.
15. In page 14, line 3, to delete “or” and substitute “and”.

—Catherine Martin.

16. In page 14, line 37, after “staff” to insert “, or a student”.

—Catherine Martin, Kathleen Funchion.

17. In page 15, line 25, to delete “2” and substitute “3”.

—Catherine Martin.

18. In page 15, line 33, after “purpose” to insert the following:

“and at least one is a local elected public representative or a member of the community, representing local interests such as social, environmental, creative and cultural interests, elected by members of the local Public Participation Network”.

—Catherine Martin.

19. In page 15, line 34, to delete “and”.

—Jan O'Sullivan.

20. In page 15, line 37, to delete “located.” and substitute “located, and”.

—Jan O'Sullivan.

21. In page 15, between lines 37 and 38, to insert the following:

“(k) one external member nominated by the Minister, following consultation with the Irish Congress of Trade Unions, who has relevant experience or expertise in the representation of employees in management bodies.”.

—Jan O'Sullivan.

22. In page 18, between lines 22 and 23, to insert the following:

“Superannuation of staff of Technological University

15. (1) Subject to section 48 of the Public Service Pensions (Single Scheme and Other Provisions) Act 2012, a pensionable public servant who—

(a) is not a member of the Single Public Service Pension Scheme, and

(b) is appointed under section 13 or 14 to be a member of staff of a technological university,

shall, on his or her appointment to the technological university concerned, become and be a member of the Education Sector Superannuation Scheme 2015 or the ESSS 2015 (S.I. No. 290 of 2015) in accordance with its terms and conditions.

(2) Nothing in this section shall prevent the Education Sector Superannuation Scheme 2015 or the ESSS 2015 being varied in accordance with its terms and conditions.”.

—An tAire Oideachais agus Scileanna.
23. In page 19, to delete lines 9 and 10 and substitute the following:

“(iii) not less than 4 or 10 per cent (whichever is greater) of student representatives of the technological university, nominated by the students’ union, in accordance with its own procedures.”.

—Kathleen Funchion.

24. In page 20, line 2, to delete “professions and related stakeholders” and substitute “professions, the community, local interests and related stakeholders”.

—An tAire Oideachais agus Scileanna.

25. In page 20, to delete lines 21 and 22 and substitute the following:

“(4) In subsection (3)—

“involvement” shall be construed in accordance with section 9(8); “programme” means a programme of education and training.”.

—An tAire Oideachais agus Scileanna.

26. In page 21, line 5, to delete “citizens” and substitute “individuals”.

—An tAire Oideachais agus Scileanna.

27. In page 21, lines 5 and 6, to delete “the professions, the community” and substitute “the professions, the community, local interests”.

—An tAire Oideachais agus Scileanna.

28. In page 21, line 9, to delete “links” and substitute “links, and links supporting creativity,”.

—An tAire Oideachais agus Scileanna.

29. In page 23, line 24, to delete “An tÚdarás may, from time to time with the approval of the Minister,” and substitute “An tÚdarás shall, from time to time with the approval of the Minister, given with the consent of”.

—An tAire Oideachais agus Scileanna.

30. In page 23, to delete lines 35 and 36 and substitute the following:

“(d) the requirement for a technological university to obtain the prior approval of An tÚdarás, which approval shall be subject to the consent of the Minister and which consent is subject to the prior consent of the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform and the Minister for Finance, before borrowing, guaranteeing or underwriting.”.

—An tAire Oideachais agus Scileanna.

31. In page 23, line 38, to delete “subsection (1).” and substitute “subsection (1), and”.

—An tAire Oideachais agus Scileanna.

32. In page 23, between lines 38 and 39, to insert the following:

“(f) the requirement to comply with the provisions of section 67 of the Credit
Institutions (Stabilisation) Act 2010.”.

—An tAire Oideachais agus Scileanna.

33. In page 25, between lines 24 and 25, to insert the following:

“CHAPTER 8
Investigation and information

Investigator and report

25. (1) Following consultation with An tÚdarás, the Minister may appoint a person (in this section referred to as an “investigator”) to carry out an investigation into any matter specified in writing by the Minister concerning the performance by a technological university of its functions.

(2) The Minister shall by notice in writing inform the governing body of his or her proposal to appoint an investigator under subsection (1) and the matter to be investigated.

(3) A notice under subsection (2) shall state that the governing body may make representations to the Minister in relation to the proposed appointment not later than 14 days after the giving of the notice to the governing body.

(4) The Minister shall consider any representations made pursuant to subsection (3) before making an appointment under subsection (1).

(5) An investigator shall be entitled at all reasonable times to enter any premises occupied by the technological university and shall be afforded every facility and cooperation, including access to equipment and records, as the investigator may require to perform his or her functions under this section, by the following:

(a) the president;
(b) a member of the governing body;
(c) an employee of the technological university;
(d) a contractor appointed by the technological university to perform any function on its behalf and an employee of that contractor;
(e) a consultant or advisor appointed by the technological university.

(6) Each person referred to in paragraphs (a) to (e) of subsection (5) shall comply with a request of the investigator to provide such information and assistance as the investigator may reasonably require for the purposes of the investigation.

(7) As soon as practicable after the investigation, the investigator shall prepare a draft of the report on the investigation that he or she proposes to furnish to the Minister (in this section referred to as the “draft report”).

(8) The investigator shall furnish the draft report to the Minister, An tÚdarás and the governing body and may furnish the draft report, or part of the draft report, to any other person as he or she considers necessary and shall give notice to the Minister, An
tÚdaráis, the governing body and such other person, that they may make representations to the investigator concerning the draft report or, as the case may be, part of the draft report, not later than 28 days after it is furnished to them.

(9) As soon as practicable after the expiration of the 28 days referred to in subsection (8) and, having considered any representations made pursuant to that subsection, the investigator may amend the draft report and shall furnish the final report on the investigation to the Minister and An tÚdaráis.

(10) In this section “records” means any document, or any other written or printed material in any form, including information stored, maintained or preserved by means of any mechanical or electronic device, whether or not stored, maintained or preserved in a legible form.”.

—An tAire Oideachais agus Scileanna.

34. In page 25, between lines 24 and 25, to insert the following:

“Information requested by Minister

26.* (1) A governing body shall furnish to the Minister any information requested by the Minister concerning the performance by a technological university of its functions.

(2) The Minister shall not request information under subsection (1) in respect of a matter specified by the Minister under section 25**(1), during the period beginning on the appointment of the investigator under section 25** to investigate the matter and ending when the final report on the matter is furnished under section 25**(9).

(3) The Minister may provide information furnished to him or her under subsection (1) to an investigator for the time being appointed under section 25**.”.

—An tAire Oideachais agus Scileanna.

[*This reference is correct if Amendment No. 33 is accepted.]*

[**This reference is correct if Amendment No. 33 is accepted.]

35. In page 26, line 5, to delete “professions, the community” and substitute “professions, the community, local interests”.

—An tAire Oideachais agus Scileanna.

36. In page 27, line 17, to delete “the professions, the community” and substitute “the professions, the community, local interests”.

—An tAire Oideachais agus Scileanna.

37. In page 27, lines 36 and 37, to delete “the professions, the community” and substitute “the professions, the community, local interests”.

—An tAire Oideachais agus Scileanna.

38. In page 28, lines 6, to delete “professions, the community” and substitute “professions, the community, local interests”.

—An tAire Oideachais agus Scileanna.
39. In page 28, line 15, to delete “the” where it firstly occurs.

—An tAire Oideachais agus Scileanna.

40. In page 28, line 21, to delete “links” and substitute “links, and links supporting creativity,”.

—An tAire Oideachais agus Scileanna.

41. In page 30, between lines 34 and 35, to insert the following:

“(2) When considering the report, views and information under section 30 and the application and information under section 26 in accordance with subsection (1), the Minister shall have regard to the following matters:

(a) if the needs of students, business, enterprise, the professions, the community, local interests and other stakeholders in the region in which the campuses of the applicant institutes are located would be more efficiently and effectively served by the proposed technological university;

(b) if the projected demand, based on demographic trends, for higher education in the region in which the campuses of the applicant institutes are located would justify the making of the order under section 33;

(c) if sufficient financial resources are available to the applicant institutes to meet projected costs arising on the making of the order under section 33;

(d) if the proposed technological university would be financially viable if the order under section 33 were made;

(e) if making the order under section 33 would comply with such policies of the Government as relate to higher education.”.

—An tAire Oideachais agus Scileanna.

42. In page 34, line 22, to delete “the professions and” and substitute “the professions, the community, local interests and”.

—An tAire Oideachais agus Scileanna.

43. In page 42, to delete lines 1 to 8.

—An tAire Oideachais agus Scileanna.

44. In page 42, line 9, to delete “prevents” and substitute “shall prevent”.

—An tAire Oideachais agus Scileanna.

45. In page 42, to delete lines 11 to 14 and substitute the following:

“(3)* In this section “relevant superannuation scheme” means, as the case may be—”.

—An tAire Oideachais agus Scileanna.

[*This reference is correct if Amendment No. 43 is accepted.]

46. In page 42, lines 15 and 16, to delete “(S.I. No. 290 of 2015)”.

—An tAire Oideachais agus Scileanna.
47. In page 50, line 10, to delete “11” and substitute “12”.

—An tAire Oideachais agus Scileanna.

48. In page 54, between lines 26 and 27, to insert the following:

“Amendment of section 15 of Dublin Institute of Technology Act 1992

71. Section 15 of the Dublin Institute of Technology Act 1992 is amended—

(a) by the insertion of the following subsection after subsection (2):

“(2A) The Minister and An tÚdarás shall not require the supply of information under subsection (2) and An tÚdarás shall not require the supply of information under subsection (3), in respect of a matter specified by the Minister under section 21(1), during the period beginning on the appointment of the investigator under section 21 to investigate the matter and ending when the final report on the matter is furnished under section 21(9).”,

and

(b) by the insertion of the following subsection after subsection (3):

“(4) The Minister may provide information supplied to him under subsection (2) to an investigator for the time being appointed under section 21.”.

—An tAire Oideachais agus Scileanna.

49. In page 54, to delete lines 27 to 40, and in page 55, to delete lines 1 to 14 and substitute the following:

“Investigator and report

72. The Dublin Institute of Technology Act 1992 is amended by the substitution of the following section for section 21:

“21. (1) Following consultation with An tÚdarás, the Minister may appoint a person (in this section referred to as an “investigator”) to carry out an investigation into any matter specified in writing by the Minister concerning the performance by the Institute or the Governing Body of its functions.

(2) The Minister shall by notice in writing inform the Governing Body of his or her proposal to appoint an investigator under subsection (1) and the matter to be investigated.

(3) A notice under subsection (2) shall state that the Governing Body may make representations to the Minister in relation to the proposed appointment not later than 14 days after the giving of the notice to the Governing Body.

(4) The Minister shall consider any representations made pursuant to
subsection (3) before making an appointment under subsection (1).

(5) An investigator shall be entitled at all reasonable times to enter any premises occupied by the Institute and shall be afforded every facility and cooperation, including access to equipment and records as the investigator may require to perform his or her functions under this section, by the following:

(a) the President;
(b) a Director;
(c) a member of the Governing Body;
(d) an employee of the Institute;
(e) a contractor appointed by the Institute to perform any function on its behalf and an employee of that contractor;
(f) a consultant or advisor appointed by the Institute.

(6) Each person referred to in paragraphs (a) to (f) of subsection (5) shall comply with a request of the investigator to provide such information and assistance as the investigator may reasonably require for the purposes of the investigation.

(7) As soon as practicable after the investigation, the investigator shall prepare a draft of the report on the investigation that he or she proposes to furnish to the Minister (in this section referred to as the “draft report”).

(8) The investigator shall furnish the draft report to the Minister, An tÚdaráis and the Governing Body and may furnish the draft report, or part of the draft report, to any other person as he or she considers necessary and shall give notice to the Minister, An tÚdaráis, the Governing Body and such other person, that they may make representations to the investigator concerning the draft report or, as the case may be, part of the draft report, not later than 28 days after it is furnished to them.

(9) As soon as practicable after the expiration of the 28 days referred to in subsection (8) and, having considered any representations made pursuant to that subsection, the investigator may amend the draft report and shall furnish the final report on the investigation to the Minister and An tÚdaráis.

(10) In this section “records” means any document, or any other written or printed material in any form, including information stored, maintained or preserved by means of any mechanical or electronic device, whether or not stored, maintained or preserved in a legible form.”.

—An tAire Oideachais agus Scileanna.

[This reference is correct if Amendment No. 48 is accepted.]
50. In page 62, line 36, to delete “11” and substitute “12”.

—An tAire Oideachais agus Scileanna.

51. In page 68, between lines 31 and 32, to insert the following:

“Amendment of section 14 of Act of 1992

85. Section 14 of the Act of 1992 is amended—

(a) by the insertion of the following subsection after subsection (2):

“(2A) The Minister and An tÚdarás shall not require the supply of information under subsection (2) and An tÚdarás shall not require the supply of information under subsection (3), in respect of a matter specified by the Minister under section 20(1), during the period beginning on the appointment of the investigator under section 20 to investigate the matter and ending when the final report on the matter is furnished under section 21(9).”,

and

(b) by the insertion of the following subsection after subsection (3):

“(4) The Minister may provide information supplied to him under subsection (2) to an investigator for the time being appointed under section 20.”.

—An tAire Oideachais agus Scileanna.

52. In page 68, to delete lines 32 to 40, and in page 69, to delete lines 1 to 18 and substitute the following:

“Investigator and report

86.* The Act of 1992 is amended by the substitution of the following section for section 20:

“20. (1) Following consultation with An tÚdarás, the Minister may appoint a person (in this section referred to as an “investigator”) to carry out an investigation into any matter specified in writing by the Minister concerning the performance by a college or its governing body of its functions.

(2) The Minister shall by notice in writing inform the governing body of his or her proposal to appoint an investigator under subsection (1) and the matter to be investigated.

(3) A notice under subsection (2) shall state that the governing body may make representations to the Minister in relation to the proposed appointment not later than 14 days after the giving of the notice to the governing body.

(4) The Minister shall consider any representations made pursuant to subsection (3) before making an appointment under subsection (1).

—An tAire Oideachais agus Scileanna.
(5) An investigator shall be entitled at all reasonable times to enter any premises occupied by a college and shall be afforded every facility and cooperation, including access to equipment and records as the investigator may require to perform his or her functions under this section, by the following:

(a) the Director;

(b) a member of the governing body;

(c) an employee of the college;

(d) a contractor appointed by the college to perform any function on its behalf and an employee of that contractor;

(e) a consultant or advisor appointed by the college.

(6) Each person referred to in paragraphs (a) to (e) of subsection (5) shall comply with a request of the investigator to provide such information and assistance as the investigator may reasonably require for the purposes of the investigation.

(7) As soon as practicable after the investigation, the investigator shall prepare a draft of the report on the investigation that he or she proposes to furnish to the Minister (in this section referred to as the “draft report”).

(8) The investigator shall furnish the draft report to the Minister, An tÚdarás and the governing body and may furnish the draft report, or part of the draft report, to any other person as he or she considers necessary and shall give notice to the Minister, An tÚdarás, the governing body and such other person, that they may make representations to the investigator concerning the draft report or, as the case may be, part of the draft report, not later than 28 days after it is furnished to them.

(9) As soon as practicable after the expiration of the 28 days referred to in subsection (8) and, having considered any representations made pursuant to that subsection, the investigator may amend the draft report and shall furnish the final report on the investigation to the Minister and An tÚdarás.

(10) In this section “records” means any document, or any other written or printed material in any form, including information stored, maintained or preserved by means of any mechanical or electronic device, whether or not stored, maintained or preserved in a legible form.”.”.

—An tAire Oideachais agus Scileanna.

[*This reference is correct if Amendment No. 51 is accepted.*]
53. In page 77, after line 2, to insert the following:


93. Section 2 of the Education (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2015 is amended—

(a) in subsection (1) by the substitution of “as a university for specified purposes” for “as a university outside the State for specified purposes”, and

(b) by the substitution of the following subsection for subsection (4):

“(4) An education provider which is granted a university authorisation under this section shall not describe itself, or cause itself to be described, as a university other than for a specified purpose.”.

—Thomas Byrne.

54. In page 77, after line 2, to insert the following:

“PART 7

Amendment of Certain Enactments to Provide for Investigation and Information

Chapter 1

Amendment of Act of 1940

Investigator and report

93. The Act of 1940 is amended by the insertion of the following section after section 29:

“29A. (1) Following consultation with An tÚdarás, the Minister may appoint a person (in this section referred to as an “investigator”) to carry out an investigation into any matter specified in writing by the Minister concerning the performance by the Institute or as the case may be, a Constituent School of its functions.

(2) The Minister shall by notice in writing inform the Council, or, if applicable, the Governing Board of a Constituent School of his or her proposal to appoint an investigator under subsection (1) and the matter to be investigated.

(3) A notice under subsection (2) shall state that the Council or, if applicable, the Governing Board of a Constituent School may make representations to the Minister in relation to the proposed appointment not later than 14 days after the giving of the notice to the governing body.

(4) The Minister shall consider any representations made pursuant to subsection (3) before making an appointment under subsection (1).

(5) An investigator shall be entitled at all reasonable times to enter any
premises occupied by the Institute or, if required, a Constituent School and shall be afforded every facility and cooperation, including access to equipment and records as the investigator may require to perform his or her functions under this section, by the following:

(a) the Registrar;

(b) a member of the Council;

(c) a member of the Governing Board of a Constituent School;

(d) a Director of a Constituent School;

(e) an employee of the Institute or a Constituent School;

(f) a contractor appointed by the Institute or a Constituent School to perform any function on its behalf and an employee of that contractor;

(g) a consultant or advisor appointed by the Institute or a Constituent School.

(6) Each person referred to in paragraphs (a) to (g) of subsection (5) shall comply with a request of the investigator to provide such information and assistance as the investigator may reasonably require for the purposes of the investigation.

(7) As soon as practicable after the investigation, the investigator shall prepare a draft of the report on the investigation that he or she proposes to furnish to the Minister (in this section referred to as the “draft report”).

(8) The investigator shall furnish the draft report to the Minister, An tÚdarás, the Institute and, if applicable a Constituent School and may furnish the draft report, or part of the draft report, to any other person as he or she considers necessary and shall give notice to the Minister, An tÚdarás, the Institute, a Constituent School (where applicable) and such other person, that they may make representations to the investigator concerning the draft report or, as the case may be, part of the draft report, not later than 28 days after it is furnished to them.

(9) As soon as practicable after the expiration of the 28 days referred to in subsection (8) and, having considered any representations made pursuant to that subsection, the investigator may amend the draft report and shall furnish the final report on the investigation to the Minister and An tÚdarás.

(10) In this section “records” means any document, or any other written or printed material in any form, including information stored, maintained or preserved by means of any mechanical or electronic device, whether or not stored, maintained or preserved in a legible form.”.”

—An tAire Oideachais agus Scileanna.
55. In page 77, after line 2, to insert the following:

“Information requested by Minister

94.* The Act of 1940 is amended by the insertion of the following section after section 29A (inserted by section 93):

“29B.(1) The Institute or a Constituent School shall furnish to the Minister any information requested by the Minister concerning the performance by the Institute or a Constituent School of its functions.

(2) The Minister shall not request information under subsection (1) in respect of a matter specified by the Minister under section 29A(1), during the period beginning on the appointment of the investigator under section 29A to investigate the matter and ending when the final report on the matter is furnished under section 29A(9).

(3) The Minister may provide information furnished to him or her under subsection (1) to an investigator for the time being appointed under section 29A.”.

—An tAire Oideachais agus Scileanna.

[*This reference is correct if Amendment No. 54 is accepted.*]

56. In page 77, after line 2, to insert the following:

“Chapter 2

Amendment of Act of 1971

Investigator and report

95.* The Act of 1971 is amended by the insertion of the following section after section 15:

“15A.(1) Following consultation with An tÚdarás, the Minister may appoint a person (in this section referred to as an “investigator”) to carry out an investigation into any matter specified in writing by the Minister concerning the performance by the College of its functions.

(2) The Minister shall by notice in writing inform An Bord of his or her proposal to appoint an investigator under subsection (1) and the matter to be investigated.

(3) A notice under subsection (2) shall state that An Bord may make representations to the Minister in relation to the proposed appointment not later than 14 days after the giving of the notice to An Bord.

(4) The Minister shall consider any representations made pursuant to subsection (3) before making an appointment under subsection (1).

(5) An investigator shall be entitled at all reasonable times to enter any premises occupied by the College and shall be afforded every facility
and cooperation, including access to equipment and records, as the investigator may require to perform his or her functions under this section, by the following:

(a) the Director;
(b) a member of An Bord;
(c) the Registrar;
(d) an employee of the College;
(e) a contractor appointed by the College to perform any function on its behalf and an employee of that contractor;
(f) a consultant or advisor appointed by the College.

(6) Each person referred to in paragraphs (a) to (f) of subsection (5) shall comply with a request of the investigator to provide such information and assistance as the investigator may reasonably require for the purposes of the investigation.

(7) As soon as practicable after the investigation, the investigator shall prepare a draft of the report on the investigation that he or she proposes to furnish to the Minister (in this section referred to as the “draft report”).

(8) The investigator shall furnish the draft report to the Minister, An tÚdarás and An Bord and may furnish the draft report, or part of the draft report, to any other person as he or she considers necessary and shall give notice to the Minister, An tÚdarás, An Bord and such other person, that they may make representations to the investigator concerning the draft report or, as the case may be, part of the draft report, not later than 28 days after it is furnished to them.

(9) As soon as practicable after the expiration of the 28 days referred to in subsection (8) and, having considered any representations made pursuant to that subsection, the investigator may amend the draft report and shall furnish the final report on the investigation to the Minister and An tÚdarás.

(10) In this section “records” means any document, or any other written or printed material in any form, including information stored, maintained or preserved by means of any mechanical or electronic device, whether or not stored, maintained or preserved in a legible form.”.

—An tAire Oideachais agus Scileanna.

[*This reference is correct if Amendment No. 54 is accepted.]
57. In page 77, after line 2, to insert the following:

“Amendment of section 16 of Act of 1971

96.* Section 16 of the Act of 1971 is amended—

(a) by the insertion of the following subsection after subsection (2):

“(3) The Minister shall not require the supply of information under subsection (2) in respect of a matter specified by the Minister under section 15A(1), during the period beginning on the appointment of the investigator under section 15A to investigate the matter and ending when the final report on the matter is furnished under section 15A(9).”,

and

(b) by the insertion of the following subsection after subsection (3) (inserted by paragraph (a)):

“(4) The Minister may provide information supplied to him or her under subsection (2) to an investigator for the time being appointed under section 15A.”.”.

—An tAire Oideachais agus Scileanna.

[*This reference is correct if Amendment No. 54 is accepted.*]