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#### *Leasuithe Amendments*

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*\*Government amendments are denoted by an asterisk*

#### SECTION 10

1. In page 7, between lines 5 and 6, to insert the following:

##### **“Public Sector Companies in Health and Research**

10. The Minister shall, in consultation with the Minister for Health and the Minister for Higher Education, Research and Innovation, take steps to ensure that Irish public sector companies in the fields of healthcare and research make application to the Fund for an amount equivalent to at least five per cent of the moneys made available to applicants from Ireland.”.

—*Senator Alice-Mary Higgins.*

2. In page 7, between lines 5 and 6, to insert the following:

##### **“Strategic Decisions on Public Sector Companies**

10. Where strategic decisions made by the Contributors’ Committee under section 12.2 of the Fund Description relate to an increase of the proportion of funding available to public companies as beneficiaries or an extension of the category of public companies eligible, the representative appointed by Ireland will support such increase or extension unless directed otherwise by the Minister.”.

—*Senator Alice-Mary Higgins.*

#### SECTION 12

3. In page 7, between lines 32 and 33, to insert the following:

##### **“Support for Public Services and Public Infrastructure**

12. The Minister shall, within three months of the passing of this Act, lay before both Houses of the Oireachtas, a report outlining how Ireland will seek to use the Fund alongside the EU Covid-19 Recovery Fund to support investment in Ireland’s public sector, public services and public infrastructure.”.

—*Senator Alice-Mary Higgins.*

[SECTION 12]

4. In page 7, between lines 32 and 33, to insert the following:

**“Report to Oireachtas**

12. The Minister shall, within 12 months of the passing of this Act, and on an annual basis thereafter for the duration of the operation of the Fund, lay before both Houses of the Oireachtas, a report to include:

- (i) activities undertaken by Ireland’s representative on the Contributors’ Committee;
- (ii) governance decisions made by the Contributors’ Committee under procedures outlined in section 12.2 of the EIB Partnership Platform for Fund Rules and the position taken by the representative of Ireland on those decisions;
- (iii) steps taken by the representative of Ireland to support coherence between the operation and distribution of the Fund and its main objectives as identified under section 2.1 of the EIB Partnership Platform for Fund Rules, including specific detail on actions taken to support objectives—
  - (d) Reducing and eventually eradicating poverty,
  - (e) Supporting the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals,
  - (h) Climate change mitigation and adaptation, and
  - (i) Regional integration;
- (iv) information on other positions or decisions taken by the Minister which relate to the EIB or the operation of the Fund;
- (v) a breakdown of moneys received by Irish beneficiaries under the Fund; and
- (vi) analysis of how funding given to Irish beneficiaries from the Fund in this Act may contribute to the achievement of the main objectives outlined in section 2.1 of the EIB Partnership Platform for Fund Rules.”.

—*Senator Alice-Mary Higgins.*