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Purpose of the Bill

The purpose of this Bill is to provide for the renaming of Dublin Airport as *Seán Lemass Dublin International Airport*. This change is intended to honour the legacy of Seán Lemass, former Taoiseach and a pivotal figure in Ireland's economic and infrastructural development during the mid-20th century.

Background

Seán Lemass served as Taoiseach from 1959 to 1966 and is widely credited with modernising Ireland's economy, promoting industrialisation, and fostering international engagement. His contributions to transport policy, including the expansion of aviation infrastructure, make the naming of Ireland's principal airport in his honour a fitting tribute.

Dublin Airport, operated by daa plc under the State Airports Act 2004, is the primary international gateway to Ireland. The renaming reflects the national significance of the airport and aligns with practices in other jurisdictions where major transport hubs commemorate statespersons of historic importance.

Provisions of the Bill

Section 1 provides for the short title and commencement of the Act.

Section 2 defines key terms used in the Bill, including "Minister", "Dublin Airport", and "daa".

Section 3 enacts the formal renaming of Dublin Airport to *Seán Lemass Dublin International Airport* and provides for the interpretation of references in legal and public documents.

Section 4 empowers the Minister for Transport to issue directions to daa to implement the renaming, including signage, branding, and communications.

*Malcolm Byrne TD,
Samhain, 2025.*

