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REGULATION OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE BILL 2026 —COMMITTEE STAGE

Leasuithe Amendments

SECTION 2

1. In page 11, between lines 15 and 16, to insert the following:

““Service” means the Public Appointments Service;”.

—Sinéad Gibney.

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2. In page 13, line 34, after “foster” to insert “ethical and responsible”.

—Sinéad Gibney.

3. In page 14, between lines 2 and 3, to insert the following:

“(f) prepare and publish, in such manner as it sees fit, reports including reports on any research undertaken, sponsored, commissioned or assisted by it,”.

—Sinéad Gibney.

4. In page 14, between lines 6 and 7, to insert the following:

“(h) develop, publish and disseminate guidance, codes of practice and other informational materials to assist businesses, public bodies and other persons in understanding and complying with the Artificial Intelligence Regulation and any enactments relating to the development, placing on the market, putting into service, deployment or use of AI systems;

(i) facilitate, promote and support access to training, educational programmes, workshops and other initiatives designed to enhance awareness, capability and compliance among businesses, public bodies and other persons in relation to AI systems and the Artificial Intelligence Regulation;

(j) provide advice, guidance and technical assistance to the Minister, relevant competent authorities, businesses and other organisations in relation to the interpretation, implementation and practical application of the Artificial Intelligence Regulation and related enactments, with a view to promoting compliance, legal certainty and the responsible adoption of AI systems;

(k) advise the Minister on policies, measures and initiatives to facilitate and accelerate the adoption, deployment and commercialisation of AI technologies by

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businesses, particularly small and medium-sized enterprises, to support innovation, productivity and competitiveness, reduce barriers to compliance, and strengthen the State's position as a leading location for the development and responsible use of AI technologies.”.

—James Geoghegan, Malcolm Byrne, Rose Conway-Walsh.

5. In page 14, between lines 6 and 7, to insert the following:

- “(h) promote the responsible adoption of AI systems in workplaces in a manner that respects and protects the existing legal rights of employees, including rights arising under employment legislation and collective agreements,
- (i) monitor the use of AI systems for the purposes of workforce management, including systems used for the monitoring, evaluation, direction or discipline of workers, and issue guidance to employers and workers on the rights and obligations applicable to such systems under this Act and the Artificial Intelligence Regulation, and
- (j) encourage and support the provision of training, reskilling and upskilling opportunities to enable workers in the State to adapt to changes in the labour market arising from the adoption of AI systems.”.

—George Lawlor.

6. In page 14, line 10, after “State,” to insert “and identifying and addressing where regulation may not be covered by existing authorities.”.

—Malcolm Byrne.

7. In page 14, between lines 15 and 16, to insert the following:

- “(d) the need to ensure that the development and adoption of AI systems in the State is consistent with the national climate objective within the meaning of the Climate Action and Low Carbon Development Act 2015, having particular regard to the energy consumption and environmental impact associated with the training, operation and deployment of AI systems.”.

—George Lawlor.

8. In page 14, between lines 15 and 16, to insert the following:

- “(d) the need to promote the adoption and responsible use of artificial intelligence technologies by businesses, public bodies and other organisations in the State;
- (e) the need to support innovation, research, development, testing and commercialisation of artificial intelligence technologies;
- (f) the need to facilitate the growth, competitiveness and productivity of enterprises in the State through the use of artificial intelligence technologies;
- (g) the need to support businesses, particularly small and medium-sized enterprises and start-up enterprises, in understanding and complying with obligations arising under the Artificial Intelligence Regulation; and

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- (h) the need to contribute to the development of the State as a leading location for the development, deployment and responsible use of artificial intelligence technologies.”.

—Rose Conway-Walsh.

9. In page 14, between lines 22 and 23, to insert the following:

“Promotion of AI innovation, adoption and competitiveness

10. (1) In performing its functions under this Act, the Office shall have regard to the need to—

- (a) promote the adoption and responsible use of artificial intelligence technologies by businesses, public bodies and other organisations in the State;
 - (b) support innovation, research, development, testing and commercialisation of artificial intelligence technologies;
 - (c) facilitate the growth, competitiveness and productivity of enterprises in the State through the use of artificial intelligence technologies;
 - (d) encourage investment in the development, deployment and use of artificial intelligence technologies in the State;
 - (e) reduce unnecessary regulatory uncertainty and barriers to innovation while ensuring compliance with the Artificial Intelligence Regulation and the protection of health, safety, fundamental rights and other public interests;
 - (f) support businesses, particularly small and medium-sized enterprises and start-up enterprises, in understanding and complying with obligations arising under the Artificial Intelligence Regulation; and
 - (g) contribute to the development of the State as a leading location for the development, deployment and responsible use of artificial intelligence technologies.
- (2) The Office shall, in consultation with relevant competent authorities and such other persons as it considers appropriate, take such measures as it considers necessary or expedient to advance the objectives specified in *subsection (1)*.
- (3) The Office shall include in each annual report prepared under *section 40* a report on the measures taken during the period to which the report relates to advance the objectives specified in *subsection (1)*.”.

—James Geoghegan.

10. In page 14, between lines 22 and 23, to insert the following:

- “(6) The Office shall, in consultation with relevant competent authorities and such other persons as it considers appropriate, take such measures as it considers necessary or expedient to advance the objectives specified in *subsection (1)*.
- (7) The Office shall include in each annual report prepared under *section 40* a report on the measures taken during the period to which the report relates to advance the

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objectives specified in *subsection (1)*.”.

—Rose Conway-Walsh.

SECTION 11

11. In page 15, between lines 5 and 6, to insert the following:

“(4) A direction under *subsection (1)* shall not require the Office to act in a manner that is inconsistent with the Artificial Intelligence Regulation or that would prejudice the independence of the Office in the performance of its supervisory or enforcement functions.

(5) The Minister shall, as soon as may be after giving a direction under *subsection (1)*, cause the direction to be laid before both Houses of the Oireachtas.”.

—George Lawlor.

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—Sinéad Gibney.

SECTION 12

12. In page 15, between lines 11 and 12, to insert the following:

“Establishment and membership of Board

12. (1) The Board shall consist of such and so many members (not being more than 11 and less than 7) as the Government determines.

(2) Of the members of the Board, not less than 3 of them shall be men and not less than 3 of them shall be women, and in a case where there are 10 or more members, not less than 5 of them shall be men and not less than 5 of them shall be women.

(3) Each member of the Board shall be appointed by the Government, in accordance with *section 13**, and shall hold office for such period not exceeding 5 years, as the Government may determine when appointing him or her.

(4) Each member of the Board shall hold his or her office on such terms and conditions as are determined by the Government at the time of his or her appointment and shall, subject to *subsection (8)*, be eligible for re-appointment for a further term not exceeding 4 years.

(5) The Board may act notwithstanding any vacancy among its members (including one or more vacancies that result in *subsection (1)* or (2) not being complied with).

(6) Of the persons who on establishment day are to comprise the members of the Board—

(a) one less than half of such members shall be appointed for a term of 3 years, and

(b) the remainder of such members, including the Chairperson, shall be appointed for a term of 4 years.

(7) Subject to *subsection (8)*, a member of the Board whose term of office expires with the passage of time shall be eligible for re-appointment to the Board.

(8) A person who is reappointed to be a member of the Board in accordance with

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subsection (7) shall not hold office for more than 2 consecutive terms and, in any event, may not hold office for periods the aggregate of which exceeds 8 years.

- (9) Where it is proposed to reappoint a person as a member of the Board in accordance with *subsection (3)*, it shall not be necessary for the person to participate in a further selection process undertaken by the Public Appointments Service under *section 13** or to be recommended for reappointment by the Public Appointments Service.
- (10) Subject to *sections 17* and *18*, a member of the Board shall hold office on such terms and conditions as the Minister, with the consent of the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation, determines.”.

—Sinéad Gibney.

*[*This is a reference to a section proposed to be inserted by amendment No. 15.]*

[Acceptance of this amendment involves the deletion of section 12 of the Bill.]

13. In page 15, between lines 21 and 22, to insert the following:

“(5) In making appointments under this section, the Minister shall ensure that not fewer than 2 members of the Board possess significant knowledge of, and experience in, the development, deployment or commercialisation of artificial intelligence technologies, digital innovation, entrepreneurship or business representation, including experience gained through service with a recognised representative body of enterprises or industry sectors.”.

—James Geoghegan.

14. In page 15, between lines 23 and 24, to insert the following:

“(6) Without prejudice to *subsection (5)*, the Minister shall, in so far as is practicable, endeavour to ensure that among the members of the Board there is at least one person with demonstrated expertise in one or more of the following:

- (a) fundamental rights law;
- (b) data protection law;
- (c) consumer protection law.”.

—George Lawlor.

SECTION 13

15. In page 16, between lines 1 and 2, to insert the following:

“Recommendations for appointment of members of Board

13. (1) A member of the Board shall be appointed by the Government.
- (2) Where a vacancy arises, or is anticipated will arise, on the Board, the Government shall, for the purposes of identifying persons and making recommendations to the Government in respect of those persons for appointment as members of the Board, invite the Service to undertake a selection competition.
- (3) The Service shall appoint the members of the selection panel from amongst persons

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who, in the opinion of the Service, have relevant experience of, and expertise in relation to, matters connected with any or all of the following:

- (a) human rights matters or human rights law;
 - (b) equality matters or equality law;
 - (c) public sector administration and reform;
 - (d) board management and corporate governance;
 - (e) industrial relations;
 - (f) climate or energy systems.
- (4) The Minister shall agree with the Service the selection criteria and process to be implemented in respect of the filling of any vacancy on the Board.
- (5) A vacancy on the Board shall be advertised publicly and shall include details of the agreed selection criteria for the filling of the vacancy and the process to be implemented in respect of the filling of that vacancy.
- (6) The Service may adopt such procedures as it thinks fit to carry out its functions under this section.
- (7) A person shall not be recommended for appointment by the Government under this section unless the person is, in the opinion of the Service and the Government agrees, suitably qualified for such appointment by reason of his or her possessing such relevant experience, training or expertise as is appropriate having regard in particular to the functions conferred on the Board by or under this Act.
- (8) The Service shall provide the Government with particulars of experience, training and expertise of the person whom it recommends under this section.
- (9) Where the Service makes a recommendation for the appointment of a person to the Board, the Government shall accept that recommendation.
- (10) In exceptional circumstances, where the Government, for substantial and stated reasons, is unable to accept the recommendation by the Service of a particular person, it shall inform the Service of that fact and the reasons for it and shall request the Service to make another recommendation in respect of the vacancy and, the Service shall—
- (a) consider the Government’s reasons, and
 - (b) unless the Service disagrees with the reasons and wishes to make representations to the Government in that behalf, make another recommendation for appointment to the Board.”.

—Sinéad Gibney.

[Acceptance of this amendment involves the deletion of section 13 of the Bill.]

16. In page 16, line 17, to delete “Board.” and substitute the following:

“Board, and, insofar as practicable, shall ensure the recommended persons collectively possess expertise and experience in —

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- (a) artificial intelligence and computer science,
- (b) human rights and equality law,
- (c) trade union and workers' rights matters,
- (d) consumer protection, and
- (e) civil society engagement.”.

—Rose Conway-Walsh.

SECTION 14

17. In page 16, between lines 17 and 18, to insert the following:

“Conditions of office of membership of Board

14. (1) A member of the Board may at any time by notice in writing to the Government—

- (a) resign from the Board, or
 - (b) in the case of the chairperson, with or without resigning from the Board, resign from the office of chairperson.
- (2) A resignation under *subsection (1)* takes effect on the date specified in the notice to the Government, or on the date on which the Government receives the notice, whichever is the later.”.

—Sinéad Gibney.

[Acceptance of this amendment involves the deletion of section 14 of the Bill.]

—Sinéad Gibney.

SECTION 15

Section opposed.

—Sinéad Gibney.

SECTION 16

18. In page 17, between lines 8 and 9, to insert the following:

“Casual vacancies in membership of Board

16. (1) If a member of the Board resigns, dies or ceases to hold office (otherwise than by effluxion of time), the Government shall, as soon as practicable, appoint a person from among such persons as are recommended by the Public Appointments Service in accordance with *section 13** to be a member of the Board to fill the casual vacancy so occasioned.
- (2) A person appointed under *subsection (1)* shall hold office for the unexpired period of his or her predecessor’s term of office, as the Government may determine.
- (3) A person appointed under *subsection (1)* is eligible for reappointment to the Board on the expiry of the unexpired period but shall not hold office for more than 2 further consecutive terms and in any event shall not hold office for periods the aggregate of

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which exceeds 8 years.”.

—Sinéad Gibney.

*[*This is a reference to a section proposed to be inserted by amendment No. 15.]*

[Acceptance of this amendment involves the deletion of section 16 of the Bill.]

SECTION 19

19. In page 18, line 25, to delete “The Minister may remove a member of the Board from office if he or she is” and substitute “The Government may remove a member of the Board from office if they are”.

—Sinéad Gibney.

20. In page 18, to delete lines 34 and 35.

—Sinéad Gibney.

21. In page 19, line 1, to delete “Minister” and substitute “Government”.

—Sinéad Gibney.

22. In page 19, line 2, to delete “Minister” and substitute “Government”.

—Sinéad Gibney.

23. In page 19, line 8, to delete “Minister” and substitute “Government”.

—Sinéad Gibney.

24. In page 19, line 11, to delete “Minister” and substitute “Government”.

—Sinéad Gibney.

25. In page 19, line 14, to delete “Minister” and substitute “Government”.

—Sinéad Gibney.

26. In page 19, line 18, to delete “Minister” and substitute “Government”.

—Sinéad Gibney.

27. In page 19, line 19, to delete “Minister” and substitute “Government”.

—Sinéad Gibney.

28. In page 19, line 20, to delete “Minister” and substitute “Government”.

—Sinéad Gibney.

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29. In page 22, line 20, to delete “Minister” and substitute “Government”.

—Sinéad Gibney.

30. In page 22, to delete lines 25 to 30.

—Sinéad Gibney.

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31. In page 22, line 34, to delete “Minister” and substitute “Government”.

—Sinéad Gibney.

32. In page 22, line 37, to delete “Minister” and substitute “Government”.

—Sinéad Gibney.

33. In page 22, line 41, to delete “Minister” and substitute “Government”.

—Sinéad Gibney.

SECTION 28

34. In page 24, between lines 10 and 11, to insert the following:

“(d) the Chief Executive Officer has, in the view of the Board, a conflict of interest of such significance that the Chief Executive Officer should cease to hold office.”.

—Sinéad Gibney.

35. In page 24, line 28, to delete “Minister” and substitute “Government”.

—Sinéad Gibney.

36. In page 24, lines 37 to 39, to delete all words from and including “furnish” in line 37 down to and including line 39 and substitute the following:

“ensure that the statement is laid before both Houses of the Oireachtas as soon as practicable.”.

—Sinéad Gibney.

SECTION 31

37. In page 26, lines 5 and 6, to delete all words from and including “or” in line 5 down to and including line 6.

—Malcolm Byrne.

38. In page 26, line 7, after “staff.” to insert the following:

“and in the case of the Chief Executive being elected or co-opted to be a member of a local authority, he/she shall cease to be Chief Executive.”.

—Malcolm Byrne.

SECTION 32

39. In page 26, to delete lines 30 to 32.

—Sinéad Gibney.

SECTION 33

40. In page 27, to delete lines 35 to 38.

—Sinéad Gibney.

SECTION 38

41. In page 30, line 4, to delete “and submit to the Minister”.

—Sinéad Gibney.

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42. In page 30, to delete lines 13 and 14 and substitute the following:

“(3) A strategy statement shall be prepared in the form and manner that the Office sees fit.”.

—Sinéad Gibney.

43. In page 30, to delete lines 17 to 22 and substitute the following:

“(5) The Commission shall as soon as may be after the preparation of a strategy statement under *subsection (1)* cause copies of it to be laid before each House of the Oireachtas.

(6) The Commission shall ensure that, as soon as practicable after copies of a strategy statement are laid before both Houses of the Oireachtas in accordance with *subsection (4)*, the strategy statement is published in such manner as the Commission considers appropriate.”.

—Sinéad Gibney.

SECTION 39

44. In page 30, to delete lines 38 to 40, and in page 31, to delete lines 1 and 2.

—Sinéad Gibney.

SECTION 40

45. In page 31, between lines 2 and 3, to insert the following:

“Annual report

40. (1) The Office shall not later than 6 months after the end of each financial year of the Office prepare a report on its activities during that year, and the Office shall as soon as may be after preparing the report, cause copies to be laid before each House of the Oireachtas.

(2) Notwithstanding *subsection (1)*, if, but for this subsection, the first annual report would relate to a period of less than 6 months, the report shall relate to that period and to the year immediately following that period and shall be prepared, and the Office shall cause copies to be laid before each House of the Oireachtas as soon as may be, but not later than 6 months after the end of that year.

(3) A report under *subsection (1)* shall include information on the performance of the functions of the Office during the period to which the report relates and without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, shall include such other information in such form as the Office thinks fit or the Minister may request.

(4) The Office shall ensure that, as soon as practicable after copies of an annual report are laid before both Houses of the Oireachtas in accordance with *subsection (1)*, the annual report is published in such manner as the Office considers appropriate.”.

—Sinéad Gibney.

[Acceptance of this amendment involves the deletion of section 40 of the Bill.]

[SECTION 40]

46. In page 31, line 14, to delete “as the Office considers appropriate or the Minister may direct” and substitute the following:

“as the Office considers appropriate, which shall include an assessment of—

- (a) the observed impact, in so far as it can be ascertained, of AI adoption on employment and the labour market in the State during the period to which the report relates, having regard to available data on job displacement, job creation and changes in the nature of work attributable to the use of AI systems, and
- (b) any measures taken or proposed by the Office or other public bodies to support workers affected by AI related changes to the labour market, including access to training, reskilling and upskilling programmes.”.

—George Lawlor.

SECTION 43

47. In page 32, between lines 18 and 19, to insert the following:

“(5) The AI register shall be made publicly available via the Office’s website.”.

—Sinéad Gibney.

48. In page 32, between lines 18 and 19, to insert the following:

“(5) The Office shall publish quarterly statistical reports summarising entries in the AI Register, including information on prohibited AI practices, serious incidents, enforcement actions and corrective measures undertaken.”.

—Rose Conway-Walsh.

SECTION 44

49. In page 32, line 28, to delete “Minister” and substitute “Government”.

—Sinéad Gibney.

SECTION 45

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

“Co-operation forum

45. (1) The Office shall establish a co-operation forum which shall include representatives of Oifig IS na hÉireann, Market Surveillance Authorities and Fundamental Human Rights Bodies, to meet a minimum of once per quarter and to discuss issues such as but not limited to—

- (a) assignment of complex adjudications,
- (b) co-operation strategies,
- (c) means of information exchange, and
- (d) other issues relevant to the enforcement of this Act,

at the discretion of Oifig IS na hÉireann as the case may be experts may be summoned to give evidence regarding a matter before the Co-operation Forum.

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- (2) Where two or more Market Surveillance Authorities receive a complaint relating to the same potential breach of this Act they shall determine between themselves the lead Market Surveillance Authority who shall then appoint an authorised officer and shall be responsible for liaising with the other relevant Market Surveillance Authorities regarding the case.
- (3) Should under *subsection (2)* the relevant Market Surveillance Authorities fail to agree the lead Market Surveillance Authority within 14 days the matter shall be referred to Oifig IS na hÉireann which shall appoint a lead Market Surveillance Authority.”.

—Sinéad Gibney.

[Acceptance of this amendment involves the deletion of section 45 of the Bill.]

SECTION 46

51. In page 33, line 8, after “sandbox” to insert “to support small and medium enterprises”.

—Sinéad Gibney.

52. In page 33, between lines 8 and 9, to insert the following:

“(3) Before making regulations under *subsection (2)*, the Minister shall cause a draft of the proposed regulations to be laid before each House of the Oireachtas and the regulations shall not be made until a resolution approving the draft has been passed by each such House.”.

—George Lawlor.

SECTION 47

53. In page 33, between lines 31 and 32, to insert the following:

“(2) No personal data for the purposes outlined *subsection(1)* shall be used without the permission of the data subject.”.

—Sinéad Gibney.

SECTION 48

54. In page 34, between lines 23 and 24, to insert the following:

“(5) In making a determination on permitting or refusing to permit testing, the market surveillance authority shall have due regard for the potential impact of this testing on the fundamental rights of those exposed to the high risk system.”.

—Sinéad Gibney.

SECTION 49

55. In page 35, to delete lines 1 to 3 and substitute the following:

“(c) inform the provider or prospective provider that the proposal shall come into provisional effect immediately unless otherwise specified in the notice provided to the provider or prospective provider, and”.

—Sinéad Gibney.

56. In page 35, line 12, after “into” to insert “full”.

—Sinéad Gibney.

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57. In page 35, line 23, after “into” to insert “full”.

—Sinéad Gibney.

58. In page 35, line 25, after “into” to insert “full”.

—Sinéad Gibney.

SECTION 55

59. In page 38, between lines 18 and 19, to insert the following:

“(2) Should a request be authorised under *subsection (1)*, the completion of necessary conformity assessment procedures shall be undertaken without undue delay.”.

—Sinéad Gibney.

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60. In page 40, between lines 35 and 36, to insert the following:

“(3) Should the Office be the subject of the complaint in question, the Office shall ensure its assessment under *subsection (2)* is conducted by an independent person appointed by the Office.”.

—Sinéad Gibney.

SECTION 63

61. In page 42, line 1, to delete “The Minister and any other relevant Minister” and substitute “The Government”.

—Sinéad Gibney.

62. In page 42, line 7, to delete “Minister and any other relevant Minister” and substitute “Government”.

—Sinéad Gibney.

63. In page 43, between lines 2 and 3, to insert the following:

“Determination of lead competent authority

64. (1) Where two or more relevant competent authorities consider that they each have functions under this Act or the Artificial Intelligence Regulation in relation to the same matter, investigation, AI system, provider, deployer or alleged infringement, the authorities concerned shall seek to agree, as soon as practicable, which authority shall act as the lead competent authority for that matter.

(2) In determining which authority should act as lead competent authority, the authorities concerned shall have regard to—

- (a) the principal regulatory subject matter of the investigation;
- (b) the authority having primary statutory responsibility for the sector in which the AI system is placed on the market, put into service or deployed;
- (c) the nature and seriousness of the risks concerned, including risks to health, safety, consumer protection, financial stability, data protection or fundamental rights;

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- (d) the authority possessing the greatest relevant expertise, resources or investigative capability in relation to the matter;
 - (e) the extent to which the alleged infringement falls within the functions of a particular authority; and
 - (f) the objective of ensuring effective, proportionate and coherent enforcement of the Artificial Intelligence Regulation.
- (3) Where the authorities concerned are unable to reach agreement within 20 working days, any of those authorities may refer the matter to the Office.
- (4) Upon receipt of a referral under *subsection (3)*, the Office shall, after consulting the authorities concerned, determine—
- (a) which authority shall act as lead competent authority;
 - (b) whether a joint investigation should be conducted; and
 - (c) such arrangements for cooperation, information-sharing and allocation of responsibilities as it considers appropriate.
- (5) A determination of the Office under *subsection (4)* shall be binding on the authorities concerned.
- (6) The designation of a lead competent authority under this section shall not prevent another relevant competent authority from exercising any function conferred on it by law where necessary for the performance of its statutory duties, provided that it shall coordinate its activities with the lead competent authority.
- (7) The Office may publish guidance concerning the operation of this section.”.

—James Geoghegan, Malcolm Byrne, Rose Conway-Walsh.

SECTION 94

- 64.** In page 64, line 18, to delete “Each party concerned shall bear their own costs in adjudication proceedings.” and substitute the following:

“The adjudicator may at his or her own discretion, taking into consideration the circumstances of the case before him or her direct one party to pay costs in full or in part incurred by the other party in line with the outcome of the adjudication process.”.

—Sinéad Gibney.

SECTION 102

- 65.** In page 68, lines 27 to 29, to delete all words from and including “, or” in line 27 down to and including line 29.

—Sinéad Gibney.

- 66.** In page 68, to delete lines 28 and 29, and substitute the following:

“(b) where it has reasonable grounds to believe that a material error of fact was made in the adjudication, refer the matter back to the adjudicator for reconsideration, setting out in writing the grounds for doing so.

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- (2) Where an applicable market surveillance authority refers a matter back to an adjudicator under subsection (1)(b)—
 - (a) the adjudicator shall, having considered the grounds set out by the applicable market surveillance authority, make a fresh finding under *section 99* on the matter, and
 - (b) the applicable market surveillance authority shall adopt that finding.”.

—George Lawlor.

67. In page 69, to delete lines 9 to 14.

—Sinéad Gibney.

SECTION 111

68. In page 73, to delete lines 12 to 21, and substitute the following:

“111. (1) On the hearing of an application to confirm an adjudication, the High Court shall confirm the adjudication unless the High Court determines that—

- (a) the adjudication contains an error of law which—
 - (i) is manifest from the record of the adjudication, and
 - (ii) deprives the adjudication of its basis,
- (b) the findings of fact in the adjudication were not supported by evidence before the adjudicator, or
- (c) the administrative fine imposed was—
 - (i) disproportionate having regard to the nature and gravity of the infringement concerned and to the matters referred to in Article 99(7) of the Artificial Intelligence Regulation, or
 - (ii) in excess of the limits prescribed by the Artificial Intelligence Regulation.”.

—George Lawlor.

SECTION 112

69. In page 74, lines 8 and 9, to delete all words from and including “shall” in line 8 down to and including line 9 and substitute the following:

“may accept the findings of fact in the adjudication as final unless the High Court considers that those findings were not supported by evidence before the adjudicator.”.

—George Lawlor.

SECTION 116

70. In page 75, line 4, to delete “Minister” and substitute “Government”.

—Sinéad Gibney.

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71. In page 75, line 17, to delete “Minister” and substitute “Government”.

—Sinéad Gibney.

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72. In page 76, line 36, to delete “Minister” and substitute “Government”.

—Sinéad Gibney.

SECTION 139

73. In page 95, to delete lines 24 to 27 and substitute the following:

““(za) Oifig IS na hÉireann, other than in so far as records relate to—

- (i) the general administration of the Office,
- (ii) the strategy statement prepared under section 38 of the Regulation of Artificial Intelligence Act 2026,
- (iii) the annual report prepared under section 40 of that Act,
- (iv) co-operation agreements entered into under section 44 or 63 of that Act, or
- (v) guidance, guidelines or codes of practice published by the Office in the performance of its functions.”.”.

—George Lawlor.

74. In page 95, after line 27, to insert the following:

“Amendment of Data Protection Act 2018

140. (1) In this section, “Act of 2018” means the Data Protection Act 2018.

(2) Section 12 of the Act of 2018 is amended by the insertion of the following subsections after subsection (8):

“(9) The Commission shall develop, publish and disseminate guidance, codes of practice and other informational materials, provide advice and technical assistance, and facilitate, promote and support access to training, educational programmes, workshops and other initiatives for businesses, public bodies and other organisations to assist them in understanding, implementing and complying with data protection law, including in the development, deployment and use of artificial intelligence systems, with a view to promoting compliance, legal certainty and the responsible use of personal data.

(10) In the performance of its functions under this Act and under Regulation (EU) 2016/679, the Commission shall act in a proportionate manner and shall have regard to the need to promote business development, economic growth, technological innovation and the responsible use of data-driven technologies, including in the field of AI.”.

—James Geoghegan.

[SECTION 139]

75. In page 95, after line 27, to insert the following:

“Amendment of Broadcasting Act 2009

140. (1) In this section, “Act of 2009” means the Broadcasting Act 2009 (as substituted by section 8 of the Online Safety and Media Regulation Act 2022).

(2) Section 7 of the Act of 2009 relating to the Powers and functions of Commission is amended by insertion of a new subsection after subsection (5):

“(6) In the performance of its functions, the Commission shall act in a proportionate manner and shall have regard to the need to promote compliance with regulatory obligations through guidance, engagement, transparency and regulatory certainty, and to foster innovation and the sustainable development of media and online services, including in the field of AI, insofar as such promotion is consistent with the attainment of the objects of the Commission.”.”.

—James Geoghegan.

SCHEDULE 1

76. In page 96, line 26, after “oath” to insert “or affirmation”.

—Sinéad Gibney.

