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1. Content and Format of Report

This report has been prepared pursuant to Standing Order 89 (3), (4), (5) and (6) (Dáil Éireann) and Standing Order 76 (3), (4), (5) and (6) (Seanad Éireann) which provide for the Joint Committee to-

- undertake a review of its procedure and its role generally;
- prepare an annual work programme;
- lay minutes of its proceedings before both Houses;
- make an annual report to both Houses.

At its meeting on the 15 January 2019, the Joint Committee agreed that all these items should be included in this report covering the period from 1 January 2018 to 31 December 2018.

2. Establishment and Functions

2.1. Establishment of the Select Committee

The Dáil Select Committee was established by Order of Dáil Éireann of the 16 June 2016, to consider Bills, Estimates for Public Services, Motions, and the terms of any international agreement involving a charge on public funds, which come within the aegis of the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine.

The Select Committee may also consider Annual Output Statements, Value for Money Reviews and Policy Reviews prepared by the relevant Government Department.

2.2 Establishment of the Joint Committee

The Dáil Select Committee, under the same Order, was enjoined with a Select Committee of Seanad Éireann, established by Order of Seanad Éireann of 21 July 2016, to form the Joint Committee on Agriculture, Food and the Marine.

2.3 Functions of the Joint Committee

Among the principal functions of the Joint Committee are to consider—

- public affairs administered by the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine;

- matters of policy for which the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine is responsible;
- legislative and expenditure proposals of the Departments;
- EU legislative proposals;
- certain matters relating to bodies under the aegis of the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine.

The Orders of Reference of the Dáil Select Committee and the Joint Committee are set out at **Appendix 1**.

3. Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Membership

Dáil SO 93(2) provides for a proportion of Chairs to be allocated to each group by means of the D'Hondt System. Deputy Pat Deering was appointed as Chairman of the Select Committee on 22 June 2016 by an Order of Dáil Éireann. The Chairman of the Select Committee is also the Chairman of the Joint Committee. Deputy Jackie Cahill was elected as Vice-Chairman of the Joint Committee on 28 March 2017.

Membership of the Committee, including all internal changes within the reported period, is listed at **Appendix 2**.

4. Meetings, Attendance and Recording

Meetings of the Joint Committee and Select Committee took place in the Committee rooms in Leinster House 2000. Meetings were in public unless otherwise ordered by the Committee.

Committee proceedings were broadcast live within Leinster House and also made available to RTE, TV3 and TG4. Proceedings were also webcast making them available worldwide on the internet. Since September 2014 the proceedings of Committees in public session, typically recorded but occasionally live, are broadcast on the dedicated parliamentary

channel Oireachtas TV which is available on these channels:

- Saorview 22, Sky 517, Virgin Media 207, eir Vision 504
- Vodafone Channels 217, 207 and 208

An Official Report (Parliamentary Debates) of the public meetings of the Committee may be viewed on the Houses of the Oireachtas website at www.oireachtas.ie.

Copies of other reports published by the Joint Committee are also available on the Oireachtas Committee website pages at www.oireachtas.ie. A list of these reports is set out at paragraph 7.

5. Number and Duration of Meetings

5.1 Joint Committee

The Joint Committee met on 35 occasions during the period under report. The number of hours of discussion involved in these meetings was in excess of 93 hours.

The subject matter of each meeting of the Joint Committee, including the groups, organisations or individuals who attended the meetings, is detailed in **Appendix 3**. The Minutes of Proceedings of the Joint Committee in public session are attached at **Appendix 4**.

5.2 Select Committee

The Dáil Select Committee met twice during the period under report and the number of hours of discussion involved in these meetings was in excess of 3 hours.

The subject matter of each meeting, including the names of those who attended the meetings of the Select Committee, is detailed in **Appendix 5**. The proceedings (Imeachtaí) of the Select Committee are attached at **Appendix 6**.

5.3 Informal Meetings

An important part of the Committee's work is to meet with incoming parliamentary delegations. Often for logistical reasons these take the form of informal meetings and present opportunities to discuss and explore issues of mutual concern. The Joint Committee met informally with delegations on 5 occasions during the period under report.

INFORMAL MEETING DATE	ATTENDEES AND TOPICS COVERED
25 April	<p>Meeting with the Joint Committee and First Counsellor, of the Embassy of Montenegro to the United Kingdom, Mr Mladen Dragasevic.</p> <p>Potential for cooperation between Ireland and Montenegro, in the areas of food, agriculture, and marine.</p>
13 November	<p>Meeting with the Joint Committee and President of the European Court of Auditors Mr. Klaus-Heiner Lehne.</p> <p>Discussion on CAP, including the issues of; environmental protection, direct payments, risk management, and young farmers.</p>
20 November	<p>Meeting with the Joint Committee and French Ambassador to Ireland, H.E. Stéphane Crouzat.</p> <p>Fishing quotas (post-brexit) and agri-food sector.</p>
28 November	<p>Meeting with the Joint Committee and Parliamentary Delegation from French National Assembly led by Deputy Paul Molac, President of the France – Ireland Parliamentary Friendship Group.</p> <p>CAP, Irish Agriculture, Brexit, Trade.</p>
5 December	<p>Meeting with the Joint Committee and Executive Director of the United Nations World Food Programme, David Beasley.</p> <p>Work of the World Food Programme.</p> <div data-bbox="608 1330 1370 1921" data-label="Image"> </div> <p><i>Joint Committee meeting with David Beasley, Executive Director of the United Nations World Food Programme.</i></p>

6. Witnesses attending before the Joint Committee

During the period, the number of speaking witnesses was as follows:

COMMITTEE NAME	NUMBER OF WITNESSES
Joint Committee	161

7. Committee Reports Published

During the period under report, the Joint Committee published the following reports:

- Annual Report 2017;
- Travel Report Brussels 3-5 Dec 2017;
- Work Programme 2018;
- Political Contribution on the Reform of the Common Agricultural Policy;
- Political Contribution – COM(2018)149 on the proposed EU western waters multiannual plan;
- Travel Report - Brussels, 24 April 2018
- Political Contribution – COM(2017)692 Market Intervention for Skimmed Milk Powder;
- Political Contribution – Legislative Proposals for the Common Agricultural Policy Post 2020 COM(2018)392, COM(2018)393 & COM(2018)394;
- Political Contribution – COM(2018)173 Proposed Directive on Unfair Trading Practices in Business to Business Relationships in the Food Supply Chain;
- Climate Change and Sustainability in the Agriculture and Food Sectors;
- Report on Detailed Scrutiny of the Island Fisheries (Heritage Licence) Bill 2017;
- Travel Report BEACON Bioeconomy Research Centre, UCD;
- Second Report on the Impact of Brexit on the Irish Agri-Food and Fisheries sectors.

8. Travel

The Joint Committee undertook the following travel in accordance with its Orders of Reference in connection with its Work Programme.

1. Purpose of travel: Attendance at the Interparliamentary Committee Meeting on “Towards the CAP after 2020: the future of food and farming”.

Date and Destination: Monday 23 and Tuesday 24 April, 2018, Brussels.

Members travelling: Deputies Pat Deering (Chairman) and Jackie Cahill (Vice Chairman); Senators Paul Daly and Tim Lombard.

Accompanying Official: Ivan Farmer (Policy Advisor)

2. Purpose of travel: Visit to the Science Foundation Ireland Research Centres in UCD to observe its work in the area of agricultural research and innovation.

Date and Destination: Wednesday 20 June, 2018, UCD.

Members travelling: Deputies Pat Deering (Chairman), Jackie Cahill (Vice Chairman), Martin Kenny, and Charlie McConalogue; Senators Paul Daly and Michelle Mulherin.

Accompanying Officials: Josie Briody (Clerk to the Committee) and Ivan Farmer (Policy Advisor).



Joint Committee at Science Foundation Ireland Research Centres

3. Purpose of travel: Attendance at the Interparliamentary Conference on “The Role of Parliaments in Shaping the Future of Food and Farming”.

Date and Destination: Thursday 22 and Friday 23 November 2018, Zagreb.

Members travelling: Deputies Pat Deering (Chairman) and Jackie Cahill (Vice-Chairman); Senator Michelle Mulherin.

Accompanying Official: Josie Briody (Clerk to the Committee).



*Joint Committee with Mr Tomislav Panenic, Chairman of the Croatian Parliament
Agriculture Committee*

9. EU Mainstreaming

9.1 Legislative Proposals

From January to December 2018, the Joint Committee considered EU matters at 12 meetings involving consideration of some 49 legislative proposals, of which further action or scrutiny was taken on the following proposals:

PROPOSAL NO.	PROPOSAL TITLE	OUTCOME
COM(2017)692	Proposal for a Council Regulation amending Regulation (EU) No 1370/2013 determining measures on fixing certain aids and refunds related to the common organisation of the markets in agricultural products, as regards the quantitative limitation for buying in skimmed milk powder.	Agreed, by way of further scrutiny to, submit a Political Contribution to the EU institutions.
COM(2018)149	Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a multiannual plan for fish stocks in the Western Waters and adjacent waters, and for fisheries exploiting those stocks, amending Regulation (EU) 2016/1139 establishing a multiannual plan for the Baltic Sea, and repealing Regulations (EC) No 811/2004, (EC) No 2166/2005, (EC) No 388/2006, (EC) 509/2007 and (EC) 1300/2008	Agreed, by way of further scrutiny to, submit a Political Contribution to the EU institutions.
COM(2018)392	Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing rules on support for strategic plans to be drawn up by Member States under the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP Strategic plans) and financed by the European Agricultural Guarantee Fund (EAGF) and by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD) and repealing Regulation (EU) No 1305/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council and Regulation (EU) No 1307/2013 of	Agreed, by way of further scrutiny to, submit a Political Contribution to the EU institutions.

PROPOSAL NO.	PROPOSAL TITLE	OUTCOME
	the European Parliament and of the Council {SEC92018} 305 final} – {SWD(2018) 301 final}	
COM(2018)393	Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the financing, management and monitoring of the Common Agricultural Policy and repealing Regulation (EU) No 1306/2013 {SWD(2018) 301 final} – {SEC(2018) 305 final}	Agreed, by way of further scrutiny to, submit a Political Contribution to the EU institutions.
COM(2018)394	Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulations (EU) No 1308/2013 establishing a common organisation of the markets in agricultural products, (EU) No 1151/2012 on quality schemes for agricultural products and foodstuffs, (EU) No 251/2014 on the definition, description, presentation, labelling and the protection of geographical indications of aromatised wine products, (EU) No 228/2013 laying down specific measures for agriculture in the outermost regions of the Union and (EU) No 229/2013 laying down specific measures for agriculture in favour of the smaller Aegean islands.	Agreed, by way of further scrutiny to, submit a Political Contribution to the EU institutions.
COM(2018)173	Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on unfair trading practices in business-to-business relationships in the food supply chain {SWD(2018) 91 final} – {SWD(2018) 92 final} – {SWD(2018) 93 final}	Agreed, by way of further scrutiny to, submit a Political Contribution to the EU institutions.
COM(2018)368	Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Council Regulation (EC) No 1224/2009, and amending Council Regulations (EC) No 768/2005, (EC) No 1967/2006, No 1005/2008, and Regulation (EU)	Agreed, by way of further scrutiny, that the Committee is kept informed of developments by the Department of Agriculture, Food and

PROPOSAL NO.	PROPOSAL TITLE	OUTCOME
	No 2016/1139 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards fisheries control {SEC(2018) 267 final} – {SWD(2018) 279 final} – {SWD(2018) 280 final}	the Marine.
COM(2018)390	Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund and repealing Regulation (EU) No 508/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council {SEC(2018) 276 final} – {SWD(2018) 295 final}	Agreed, by way of further scrutiny, that the Committee is kept informed of developments by the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine.
COM(2018)533	Proposal for a Council Regulation amending Regulation (EU) No 1370/2013 determining measures on fixing certain aids and refunds related to the common organisation of the markets in agricultural products, as regards the quantitative limitation for buying-in skimmed milk powder.	Agreed, by way of further scrutiny, to a briefing from Departmental officials on the current situation in the SMP market and potential impacts.
COM(2018)350	Proposal for a Council Decision on the accession of the European Union to the Geneva Act of the Lisbon Agreement on Appellations of Origin and Geographical Indications.	Agreed, by way of further scrutiny, that the Committee is kept informed of developments by the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine.
COM(2018)365	Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the action of the Union following its accession to the Geneva Act of the Lisbon Agreement on Appellations of Origin and Geographical Indications.	Agreed, by way of further scrutiny, that the Committee is kept informed of developments by the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine.

The five following contributions were submitted to the Presidents of the Parliament, Council and Commission and the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine:

Proposal No.	Proposal Title
N/A	Political Contribution on the Reform of the Common Agricultural Policy. – April 2018
COM(2018)149	Political Contribution on the Proposed EU Western Waters Multiannual Plan. – May 2018
COM(2017)692	Political Contribution on Market Intervention for Skimmed Milk Powder.- June 2018
COMs(2018)392,393,and 394	Political Contribution on Legislative Proposals for the Common Agricultural Policy Post 2020. October 2018
COM(2018)173	Political Contribution on Proposed Directive on Unfair Trading Practices in Business to Business Relationships in the Food Supply Chain. October 2018

9.2 EU Council Meetings

The Joint Committee heard oral briefing from the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine in advance of his attendance at EU Council meetings on the following dates:-

JC MEETING DATE	MINISTER	EU COUNCIL MEETING
29 March	Mr Michael Creed T.D., Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine	AGRIFISH (19 March)
27 November	Mr Michael Creed T.D., Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine	AGRIFISH (17–18 December)

10. Report on Functions and Powers

The Joint Committee is currently satisfied with its present procedures and role.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pat Deering". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "P" and "D".

Pat Deering T.D.
Chairman
29 January 2019

APPENDIX 1: Orders of Reference

[Please click here to link to the Terms of Reference of the Committee](#)

APPENDIX 2: Membership of the Joint and Select Committees

List of Members of the Joint Committee

Chairman: Pat Deering (FG)

Vice Chairman: Jackie Cahill (FF)

Deputies: Marcella Corcoran Kennedy (FG)
Martin Kenny (SF)
Charlie McConalogue (FF)
Willie Penrose (LAB)
Thomas Pringle (I4C)

Senators: Rose Conway-Walsh (SF)
Paul Daly (FF)
Tim Lombard (FG)
Michelle Mulherin (FG)

Notes:

1. Deputies appointed by Order of the Dáil of 16 June 2016.
2. Senators appointed by Order of the Seanad on 21 July 2016.
3. Deputy Michael D'Arcy was discharged from the Committee and Deputy Marcella Corcoran Kennedy was appointed in substitution for him by Order of the Dáil of 13 July 2017.
4. Senator Pádraig MacLochlainn was discharged from the Committee and Senator Rose Conway-Walsh was appointed in substitution for him by Order of the Seanad of 9 October 2018.

List of Members of the Select Committee

<u>Chairman:</u>	Pat Deering (FG)
<u>Vice Chairman</u>	Jackie Cahill (FF)
<u>Deputies:</u>	Marcella Corcoran Kennedy (FG) Martin Kenny (SF) Charlie McConalogue (FF) Willie Penrose (LAB) Thomas Pringle (I4C)

Notes:

1. Deputies appointed by Order of the Dáil of 16 June 2016.
2. Deputy Michael D'Arcy was discharged from the Committee and Deputy Marcella Corcoran Kennedy was appointed in substitution for him by Order of the Dáil of 13 July 2017.

MEETING NO. AND DATE	TOPIC	ORGANISATIONS, GROUPS AND INDIVIDUALS WHO ATTENDED
J43 30/01/2018	(i) Hen Harrier Programme; and (ii) Private Session	<p><i>(i) Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Colm Hayes, Assistant Secretary General • Mr Ronan O’Flaherty, Principal Officer • Mr Fergal Monaghan, Project Manager (Hen Harrier Project) <p><i>Irish Farmers with Designated Land</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Jason Fitzgerald, Chairperson • Mr Morris Flynn, Committee Member • Mr Kenneth Fitzgerald, Committee Member • Mr Sean Kelly, Committee Member
J44 06/02/2018	Report on the Review of the Aquaculture Licensing Process carried out by the Independent Aquaculture Licensing Review Group	<p><i>Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Cecil Beamish, Assistant Secretary • Mr John Quinlan, Principal Officer • Mr Kevin Hodnett, Assistant Principal Officer
J45 13/02/2018	Climate Change issues specific to the agriculture, food and the marine sectors	<p><i>Irish Farmers’ Association</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Joe Healy, President • Mr Thomas Cooney, Environment Chairman <p><i>Irish Creamery Milk Suppliers Association</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Pat McCormack, President • Mr John Enright, General Secretary <p><i>Irish Co-Operative Organisation Society</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Martin Keane, President • Mr Eamonn Farrell, Agri Food Policy Executive <p><i>Macra na Feirme</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Thomas Duffy, Vice-Chair • Ms Jennifer Keegan, Agriculture Policy Officer

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J46 20/02/2018	Climate Change issues specific to the agriculture, food and the marine sectors	<p><i>Meat Industry Ireland</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Philip Carroll, Chairman • Mr Cormac Healy, Director <p><i>Irish Natura and Hill Farmers Association</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms Bridget Murphy, Member • Mr Joe Condon, Member <p><i>Irish Grain Growers Group</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Clive Carter, Secretary • Mr Pat Cleary, Environmental spokesperson
J47 27/02/2018	Farm Partnerships	<p><i>Irish Farmers Association</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Joe Healy, President • Mr Pat Collins, Chairman • Mr Damian McDonald, Director General • Mr Nicholas Sweetman, IFA Farm Forestry Committee <p><i>Coillte</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Gerard Murphy, Managing Director • Mr Bill Stanley, Strategy and Business Development Director • Mr Pauric Nolan, National Partner Liaison • Mr PJ Trait, Business Area Unit Leader • Mr Paul Ruane, Business Area Unit Leader • Ms Deirdre Coleman, Solicitor
J48 01/03/2018	CANCELLED	

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J49 06/03/2018	Climate Change issues specific to the agriculture, food and the marine sectors	<p><i>Environmental Protection Agency</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Matthew Crowe, Director of the Office of Evidence and Assessment <p><i>Environmental Pillar</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Michael Ewing, Coordinator, Environmental Pillar • Mr Ian Lumley, Built Environment and Heritage Officer, An Taisce <p><i>Stop Climate Chaos Coalition</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Oisín Coghlan, Director, Friends of the Earth Ireland • Ms Noreen Gumbo, Head of Humanitarian Programmes, Trócaire <p><i>Marine Institute</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Peter Heffernan, Chief Executive • Dr Paul Connolly, Director, Fisheries Ecosystem and Advisory Services <p><i>Dairy Industry Ireland</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Conor Mulvihill, Director • Dr Miriam Ryan, Executive <p><i>Irish Organic Farmers and Growers Association</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms Gillian Westbrook, Chief Executive Officer • Mr John McHugh, Dairy farmer <p><i>Teagasc</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Professor Frank O'Mara, Director of Research • Dr Trevor Donnellan, Research Officer <p><i>Irish Cattle and Sheep Farmers' Association</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Patrick Kent, National President • Ms Neassa Fitzgibbon, Press and Communications Officer

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J50 27/03/2018	CANCELLED	
J51 29/03/2018	Post-EU Council Meeting of Agriculture and Fisheries (AGRI FISH)	<p><i>Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Michael Creed T.D., Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine • Mr Brendan Gleeson, Assistant Secretary General
J52 11/04/2018	Ongoing fodder crisis	<p><i>Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Michael Creed T.D., Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine • Mr Bill Callanan, Assistant Secretary General and Chief Inspector • Mr Donal Coleman, Deputy Chief Inspector • Mr Colm Hayes, Assistant Secretary General • Mr Michael Sheahan, Deputy Chief Veterinary Officer • Mr Fintan O'Brien, Principal Officer
J53 17/04/2018	Private Meeting	
J54 26/04/2018	<p>Joint meeting with Joint Committee on Rural and Community Development:</p> <p>Discussion on (i) Reform of the CAP post-2020, (ii) EU Trade Policy, (iii) Market Intervention, (iv) Brexit, (v) Rural Development Programme/LEADER Programme</p>	<p><i>EU Commission</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Phil Hogan, European Commissioner for Agriculture and Rural Development • Mr Gerry Kiely, Head of European Commission Representation in Ireland • Mr Dermot Ryan, Member of Cabinet • Mr Tom Tynan, Member of Cabinet

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J55 01/05/2018	<p>(i) Scrutiny of EU Legislative Proposals: Schedule A: COM(2018)149 (on multiannual plan for fish stocks and fisheries in the Western Waters and adjacent areas) Schedule B: COM(2018)115; COM(2018)119; COM(2018)143; and</p> <p>(ii) Detailed scrutiny of the Island Fisheries (Heritage Licence) Bill 2017 [PMB]</p>	<p>(ii) [PMB]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deputy Martin Kenny • Deputy Martin Ferris • Mr Seamus Bonner <p><i>Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Cecil Beamish, Assistant Secretary General • Ms Josephine Kelly, Principal Officer, Seafood Policy and Management • Mr Paschal Hayes, Principal Officer, Marine Programmes Division

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J56 08/05/2018	<p>(i) Risk management measures in relation to the recent fodder shortages; and</p> <p>(ii) Issues surrounding 'Burnt land'</p>	<p>(i) <i>Allied Irish Bank</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Anne Finnegan, Head of Agriculture Sector • Ms Margaret Brennan, Head of Sector Strategy <p><i>Bank of Ireland</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Seán Farrell, Head of Agriculture, Business Banking • Mr Michael Lauhoff, Head of Agriculture, Director of Business Banking <p><i>Ulster Bank</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Ailish Byrne, Senior Agricultural Manager • Mr Eddie Cullen, Managing Director, Commercial Banking <p><i>Strategic Banking Corporation of Ireland</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Nick Ashmore, Chief Executive Officer • Ms Suzanne Sweeney, Head of Lending <p>(ii) <i>Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Paul Dillon, Assistant Secretary • Mr Paul McKiernan, Principal Officer • Mr Noel Dinneny, Assistant Principal Officer
J57 15/05/2018	Different approaches and new opportunities in Irish agriculture	<p><i>Macra na Feirme</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr James Healy, President • Mr Derrie Dillon, Agricultural Affairs Manager <p><i>BASE Ireland</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Louis McAuley, Chairman • Mr Conor O'Flaherty, Committee Member • Mr Jonny Greene, Committee Member

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J58 22/05/2018	<p>(i) Further Scrutiny of EU Legislative Proposals: COM(2018)149; Proposed Regulation establishing a Multiannual Plan for fish stocks in the EU Western Waters; and</p> <p>(ii) Beef Data Genomics Programme</p>	<p>(i) <i>Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Cecil Beamish, Assistant Secretary General • Ms Josephine Kelly, Principal Officer • Ms Carol Forrest, Assistant Principal Officer <p>(ii) <i>Irish Charolais Cattle Society (ICCS)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Nevan Mc Kiernan, Secretary • Mr Kevin Maguire, President • Mr Noel McGoldrick, Treasurer • Mr Christy Comerford, Suckler farmer • Mr Alan Wood, Suckler farmer and pedigree cattle breeder • Ms Alison De Vere Hunt, Manager, Cashel Mart <p><i>Irish Cattle Breeding Federation (ICBF)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Michael Doran, Chairman • Dr Andrew Cromie, Technical Director • Mr Sean Coughlan, Chief Executive
J59 29/05/2018	Different approaches and new opportunities in Irish agriculture	<p><i>University College Dublin</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms Triona McCormack, Director of Research • Professor Alex Evans, Dean of Agriculture and Head of the School of Agriculture & Food Science • Professor Dolores O'Riordan, Director of the UCD Institute of Food & Health and Vice-President for Global Engagement • Professor Mark Keane, Chair of Computer Science

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J60 12/06/2018	<p>(i) Scrutiny of EU Legislative Proposals: Schedule A: COM(2017)692 on Agreement of Political Contribution on Skimmed Milk Powder; COM(2018)179 on Agri-Food Chain – Increase in Transparency in Risk Assessment Process Schedule B: COM(2018)199; COM(2018)229; and</p> <p>(ii) Detailed scrutiny of the Island Fisheries (Heritage Licence) Bill 2017 [PMB] (resumed)</p>	<p>(ii) <i>Low Impact Fishers of Europe (LIFE)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Jeremy Percy, Executive Director <p><i>Killybegs Fishermen’s Organisation (KFO)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms Norah M Parke, Project Coordinator <p><i>Irish Fish Producers Organisation (IFPO)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Francis O’Donnell, CEO <p><i>Irish South & East Fish Producer’s Organisation (ISEFPO)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Hugo Boyle, CEO <p><i>Irish South & West Fish Producers Organisation (ISWFPO)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Patrick Murphy, CEO • Mr Greg Casey, Consultant <p><i>Comhdháil Oileáin na hÉireann</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Simon Murray, Chairman <p><i>Irish Islands Marine Resource Organisation (IIMRO)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Jerry Early, Arranmore Island, Chair • Mr Enda Conneely, Inis Oírr, Committee Member <p><i>Trinity College Dublin</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Ruth Brennan, Marine Social Scientist, Trinity Centre for Environmental Humanities

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J61 19/06/2018	<p>(i) Electronic identification of sheep; and</p> <p>(ii) Rural Development Programme Expenditure</p>	<p>(i) <i>Meat Industry Ireland (MII)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Philip Carroll, Chairman • Mr Cormac Healy, Senior Director <p><i>Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Martin Blake, Chief Veterinary Officer (CVO) • Ms Paula Barry Walsh, Deputy CVO • Mr Martin Farrell, Principal Officer • Ms Maria Dunne, Principal Officer <p>(ii) <i>Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Michael Creed T.D., Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine • Mr Colm Hayes, Assistant Secretary General • Ms Patricia Kelly, Principal Officer • Ms Valerie Kirwan, Principal Officer • Mr Martin Crowley, Assistant Principal Officer

MEETING No. AND DATE	TOPIC	ORGANISATIONS, GROUPS AND INDIVIDUALS WHO ATTENDED
J62 26/06/2018	<p>(i) Scrutiny of EU Legislative Proposals: Schedule A: COM(2018) 392 on CAP Strategic Plans; COM(2018)393 on Financing, management and monitoring of the Common Agricultural Policy; COM(2018)394 on Measures including the common organisation of the markets in agricultural products and quality schemes for agricultural products and foodstuffs Schedule B: COM(2018)276; COM(2018)289; and</p> <p>(ii) Scrutiny of the EU Legislative Proposals relating to the CAP post 2020 – COM(2018)392, COM(2018)393, COM(2018)394 and associated issues</p>	<p>(ii) <i>Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Brendan Gleeson, Assistant Secretary General • Ms Sharon Murphy, Principal Officer • Ms Patricia Kelly, Principal Officer
J63 03/07/2018	<p>(i) Engagement with Mr Nicholas Hartery, Chairperson, Horse Racing Ireland; and</p> <p>(ii) Review of the Report of the Agriculture Appeals Act Review Committee</p>	<p>(i) <i>Horse Racing Ireland (HRI)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Nicholas Hartery, Chairperson <p>(ii) <i>Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Kevin Smyth, Assistant Secretary General • Ms Eilis O’Connell, Assistant Secretary General
J64 10/07/2018	Private Meeting	

MEETING No. AND DATE	TOPIC	ORGANISATIONS, GROUPS AND INDIVIDUALS WHO ATTENDED
J65 04/09/2018	Fodder Shortages and Drought Issues	<p><i>Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Michael Creed T.D., Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine • Mr Brendan Gleeson, Assistant Secretary General • Mr Bill Callanan, Assistant Secretary General and Chief Inspector • Mr Donal Coleman, , Director, Crop Safety, Pesticides, Plant Health and Horticulture • Mr Michael Moloney, Senior Inspector <p><i>Bank of Ireland</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Seán Farrell, Head of Agriculture, Business Banking • Mr Pierce Butler, Head of Sectors <p><i>Allied Irish Bank</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Tadhg Buckley, Head of Agriculture • Ms Margaret Brennan, Head of SME Sector Strategy <p><i>Ulster Bank</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Ailish Byrne, Head of Agriculture • Mr Eddie Cullen, Managing Director, Commercial Banking Division <p><i>Strategic Banking Corporation of Ireland</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Nick Ashmore, Chief Executive Officer

MEETING No. AND DATE	TOPIC	ORGANISATIONS, GROUPS AND INDIVIDUALS WHO ATTENDED
J66 25/09/2018	Unfair Trading Practices	<i>Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms Sinéad McPhillips, Assistant Secretary General • Ms Gráinne Mulligan, Principal Officer • Mr Niall McKeon, Assistant Principal
J67 02/10/2018	Pre-Budget Discussion	<i>Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Michael Creed T.D., Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine • Dr Kevin Smyth, Assistant Secretary General • Ms Sinéad McPhillips, Assistant Secretary General • Ms Valerie Kirwan, Principal Officer • Mr Martin Crowley, Assistant Principal Officer

MEETING NO. AND DATE	TOPIC	ORGANISATIONS, GROUPS AND INDIVIDUALS WHO ATTENDED
J68 16/10/2018	<p>(i) Scrutiny of EU Legislative Proposals: Schedule A: COM(2018) 613 on fishing opportunities for European seabass; Schedule B: COM(2018)577; COM(2018)608; and</p> <p>(ii) Further Scrutiny of EU Legislative Proposals: COM(2018)173 on Proposed Directive on unfair trading practices in business-to-business relationships in the food supply chain (resumed)</p>	<p>(ii) <i>Competition and Consumer Protection Commission</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms Isolde Goggin, Chairperson • Mr Fergal O’Leary, Member of the Commission • Mr Seán Murphy, Director of Consumer Protection and Chief Legal Advisor <p><i>Irish Farmers Association</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Joe Healy, President • Mr Damian McDonald, Director General • Ms Elaine Farrell, Retail Executive <p><i>Irish Creamery Milk Suppliers Association</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Pat McCormack, President • Mr John Enright, General Secretary <p><i>Irish Co-operative Organisation Society</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms Alison Graham, European Affairs Executive <p><i>Retail Ireland/Ibec</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Thomas Burke, Director
J69 23/10/2018	<p>(i) Engagement with Chairperson, Teagasc;</p> <p>(ii) Engagement with Chairperson, Bord na gCon; and</p> <p>(iii) Update on the Aquaculture Licensing Review process</p>	<p>(i) <i>Teagasc</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Liam Herlihy, Chairman • Professor Gerry Boyle, Director <p>(ii) <i>Bord na gCon</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Frank Nyhan, Chairman <p>(iii) <i>Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Michael Creed T.D., Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine • Dr Cecil Beamish, Assistant Secretary General • Mr John Quinlan, Principal Officer • Mr Kevin Hodnett, Assistant Principal Officer • Ms Geraldine O’Donovan, Administrative Officer

MEETING No. AND DATE	TOPIC	ORGANISATIONS, GROUPS AND INDIVIDUALS WHO ATTENDED
J70 06/11/2018	<p>(i) Scrutiny of EU Legislative Proposals: Schedule A: COM(2018)350 on Proposed Decision - Geneva Act of the Lisbon Agreement on Appellations of Origin and Geographical Indications; COM(2018)365 on Proposed Regulation - Action of the EU on Geneva Act of the Lisbon Agreement on Appellations of Origin and Geographical Indications; COM(2018)625 on Proposed Regulation - Management of autonomous Union tariff quotas for certain fishery products for 2019-2020 Schedule B: COM(2018)626;</p> <p>(ii) The Impact of Brexit on Agriculture, Food and Fisheries sectors; and</p> <p>(iii) Implementation of the Common Fisheries Policy and the sustainability of Ireland's fisheries</p>	<p>(ii) <i>Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Paul Savage, Head of Brexit and International Trade Division • Ms Hazel Sheridan, Senior Superintending Veterinary Inspector, NDCC Division • Mr Barry Delany, Senior Inspector, Horticulture and Plant Health Division • Mr Kevin Galligan, Head of HR Division • Ms Josephine Kelly, Head of Sea Fisheries Policy Division • Ms Louise Kissane, Deputy Head of Accommodation Division <p>(iii) <i>BirdWatch Ireland</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Fintan Kelly, Policy Officer

MEETING NO. AND DATE	TOPIC	ORGANISATIONS, GROUPS AND INDIVIDUALS WHO ATTENDED
J71 13/11/2018	The Impact of Brexit on Agriculture, Food and Fisheries sectors	<p><i>British Irish Chamber of Commerce</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms Maree Gallagher, Chair of Agri-Food Committee • Mr Paul Lynam, Head of Sectoral Policy <p><i>Irish Exporters Association</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Simon McKeever, Chief Executive Officer • Mr Pascal Koenig, Communications & Public Affairs Manager
J72 20/11/2018	<p>(i) The impact of Brexit on agriculture, food and fisheries sectors; and</p> <p>(ii) Report on "Untapped Potential: Unlocking the Economic Potential of the Irish Sport Horse Industry"</p>	<p>(i) <i>Bord Bia</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Pdraig Brennan, Director • Mr Shane Hamill, Overseas Trade Manager <p>(ii) <i>Sports Horse Alliance</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Barry O'Connor, Chairman • Mr Greg Broderick, Member • Mr Ger O'Neill, Member • Mr Jim Power, Economist

MEETING NO. AND DATE	TOPIC	ORGANISATIONS, GROUPS AND INDIVIDUALS WHO ATTENDED
J73 27/11/2018	<p>(i) Briefing by Department Officials on Areas of Natural Constraint (ANCs);</p> <p>(ii) Motion re. Horse and Greyhound Racing Fund Regulations 2018; and</p> <p>(iii) Pre-EU Council Meeting of Agriculture and Fisheries (AGRI FISH) and Sea Fisheries Sustainability Impact Assessment</p>	<p>(i) <i>Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Paul Dillon, Assistant Secretary General • Mr Fintan O’Brien, Principal Officer • Mr Larry Cashman, Assistant Principal • Mr Thomas Harty, Assistant Principal <p>(ii) <i>Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Michael Creed, T.D., Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine • Dr Kevin Smyth, Assistant Secretary General • Ms Rebecca Chapman, Principal Officer • Mr Gerry Greally, Principal Officer • Ms Annemarie Daly, Higher Executive Officer <p>(iii) <i>Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Michael Creed, T.D., Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine • Dr Cecil Beamish, Assistant Secretary General • Ms Josephine Kelly, Principal Officer • Mr Colm O’Suilleabhain, Assistant Principal
J74 04/12/2018	The impact of Brexit on the agri-food sector	<p><i>Food Drink Ireland (FDI)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Paul Kelly, Director <p><i>Alcohol Beverage Federation of Ireland (ABFI)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms Patricia Callan, Director • Mr William Lavelle, Head of the Irish Whiskey & Irish Spirits Associations

MEETING NO. AND DATE	TOPIC	ORGANISATIONS, GROUPS AND INDIVIDUALS WHO ATTENDED
J75 11/12/2018	(i) Ireland's Bovine TB Eradication Programme; and (ii) Teagasc Annual Report 2017	(i) <i>Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Michael Sheahan, Deputy Chief Veterinary Officer • Mr Eoin Ryan, Senior Supervisory Veterinary Inspector • Mr Colm Forde, Principal Officer • Ms Rosanne Greene, Assistant Principal • Mr Philip Breslin, Senior Veterinary Inspector (ii) <i>Teagasc</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Professor Gerry Boyle, Director
J76 18/12/2018	(i) Report on "The Economic and Societal Importance of the Irish Suckler Beef Sector"	(i) <i>The Irish Farmers Association</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Joe Healy, President • Mr Angus Woods, Livestock Chairman • Mr Kevin Kinsella, Director of Livestock • Mr Damian McDonald, Director General

APPENDIX 4: Minutes of Proceedings of the Joint Committee

Minutes of Meeting of 16 January 2018

1. The Joint Committee met at 3.40 p.m. in Committee Room 1, LH 2000, a quorum being present.

2. **MEMBERS PRESENT**

The following members were present:-

Deputies Jackie Cahill, Marcella Corcoran Kennedy, Pat Deering (*in the Chair*), Martin Kenny, Charlie McConalogue and Willie Penrose.

Senators Paul Daly, Tim Lombard and Pádraig Mac Lochlainn.

Apologies were received from Deputy Thomas Pringle.

3. **PRIVATE SESSION**

The Committee agreed to go into private session at 3.40 p.m.

4. **ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION**

5. **ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION**

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8. **ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION**

9. **ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION**

10. **ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION**

The Committee went out of private session

11. **SCRUTINY OF EU LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS**

The Committee considered the European legislative proposals, as outlined in Schedules A and B for consideration. A description of each proposal and the decisions taken are contained in Appendix 1.

12. IRISH HARNESS RACING ASSOCIATION – REVIEW OF THE INDECON REPORT

The Committee met with representatives from the Irish Harness Racing Association – Mr Arthur Cooper and Mr Mark Flanagan in relation to the findings of the Indecon 'Review of the Irish Harness Racing Sector'.

Debate ensued

It was agreed that the Committee would follow up on the requests made in respect of seed funding and other issues raised today and that a copy of the transcript of the debate would be sent to the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine for his attention.

Debate concluded.

13. ADJOURNMENT

The Committee adjourned at 6 p.m. until 3.30 p.m. on Tuesday, 23 January 2018.

Pat Deering, T.D.
Chairman
23 January, 2018

Appendix 1

List of EU Legislative Proposals Date of Meeting: 16 January 2018

Schedule A:

COM(2017)692 Proposal for a Council Regulation amending Regulation (EU) No 1370/2013 determining measures on fixing certain aids and refunds related to the common organisation of the markets in agricultural products, as regards the quantitative limitation for buying-in skimmed milk powder

Decision: It was agreed that this proposal warrants further scrutiny, by inviting the relevant officials from the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine before the Committee at the earliest opportunity.

COM(2017)645 Proposal for a Council Regulation fixing for 2018 the fishing opportunities for certain fish stocks and groups of fish stocks, applicable in Union waters and, for Union fishing vessels, in certain non Union waters

COM(2017)742 Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Council Directive 92/66/EEC introducing Community measures for the control of Newcastle disease (Text with EEA relevance)

Decision: It was agreed that the above two proposals warranted no further scrutiny.

Schedule B:

COM(2017)641 Proposal for a Council Decision on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union within the Joint Veterinary Committee set up by the Agreement between the European Community and the Swiss Confederation on trade in agricultural products in relation to Decision No 1/2017 regarding the amendment of Appendix 6 of Annex 11 to the Agreement

COM(2017)642 Proposal for a Council Regulation fixing for 2018 the fishing opportunities for certain fish stocks and groups of fish stocks in the Black Sea

COM(2017)643 Proposal for a Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Council Decision 2003/17/EC as regards the equivalence of field inspections carried out in Brazil on fodder plant seed-producing crops and cereal seed-producing crops and on the equivalence of fodder plant seed and cereal seed produced in Brazil, and as regards the equivalence of field inspections carried out in Moldova on cereal seed-producing crops, vegetable seed-producing crops and oil and fibre plant seed producing crops and on the equivalence of cereal seed, vegetable seed and oil and fibre plant seed produced in Moldova

Decision: It was agreed that the proposals warranted no further scrutiny.

Minutes of Meeting of 23 January 2018

1. The Joint Committee met at 3.35 p.m. in Committee Room 1, LH 2000, a quorum being present.

2. **MEMBERS PRESENT**

The following members were present:-

Deputies Jackie Cahill, Marcella Corcoran Kennedy, Pat Deering (*in the Chair*), Willie Penrose and Thomas Pringle.

Senators Paul Daly, Tim Lombard, Pádraig Mac Lochlainn and Michelle Mulherin.

Apologies were received from Deputies Martin Kenny and Charlie McConalogue.

Also present:

Deputy Michael Fitzmaurice attended [DSO 95(3)].

3. **PRIVATE SESSION**

The Committee agreed to go into private session at 3.38 p.m.

4. **ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION**

5. **ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION**

6. **ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION**

7. **ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION**

8. **ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION**

9. **ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION**

10. **ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION**

The Committee went out of private session

11. **BORD BIA**

The Committee met with representatives from Bord Bia – Ms Tara McCarthy, Chief Executive and Mr Michael Maloney, Director of Origin Green in relation to roles, responsibilities and key programmes of Bord Bia and issues concerning Origin Green, Climate Change and Sustainability, Market Diversification and Talen Development Programme.

Debate ensued and concluded.

12. MEETING SUSPENDED

The meeting was suspended at 5.54 p.m. until 5.59 p.m.

13. PRIVATE SESSION

The Committee agreed to go into private session at 5.59 p.m.

14. ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION

15. ADJOURNMENT

The Committee adjourned at 7 p.m. until 12.15 p.m. on Wednesday, 24 January 2018.

Pat Deering, T.D.
Chairman
30 January, 2018

Minutes of Meeting of 24 January 2018

1. The Joint Committee met at 3.35 p.m. in Committee Room 1, LH 2000, a quorum being present.

2. **MEMBERS PRESENT**

The following members were present:-

Deputies Jackie Cahill, Marcella Corcoran Kennedy, Pat Deering (in the Chair) and Charlie McConalogue.

Senators Paul Daly, Tim Lombard, Pádraig Mac Lochlainn and Michelle Mulherin.

Apologies were received from Deputy Martin Kenny.

Also present:

Deputies Sean Canney, Joe Carey, Michael Fitzmaurice, Danny Healy-Rae, Eugene Murphy [DSO 95(3)] and Senator Grace O'Sullivan attended [SSO 81(2)].

3. **EUROPEAN COURT OF AUDITORS SPECIAL REPORTS ON 'RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMING' AND 'EU SUPPORT TO YOUNG FARMERS'**

The Committee met with representatives from the European Court of Auditors – Mr Kevin Cardiff, Mr Janusz Wojciechowski, Mr Peter Welch, Director and Mr Tony Murphy, Director and Member-Designate in relation to the European Court of Auditors special reports on 'Rural Development Programming' and 'EU Support to Young Farmers'.

Debate ensued and concluded.

4. **ADJOURNMENT**

The Committee adjourned at 2.05 p.m. until 3.30 p.m. on Tuesday, 30 January 2018.

Pat Deering, T.D.
Chairman
30 January, 2018

Minutes of Meeting of 30 January 2018

1. The Joint Committee met at 3.40 p.m. in Committee Room 1, LH 2000, a quorum being present.

2. **MEMBERS PRESENT**

The following members were present:-

Deputies Jackie Cahill, Marcella Corcoran Kennedy, Pat Deering (*in the Chair*), Martin Kenny, Charlie McConalogue and Willie Penrose.

Senators Paul Daly, Tim Lombard and Pádraig Mac Lochlainn.

Apologies were received from Deputy Thomas Pringle and Senator Michelle Mulherin.

Also present:

Deputies John Brassil, Michael Collins, Danny Healy-Rae, Aindrias Moynihan, Michael Moynihan, Margaret Murphy O'Mahony, Tom Neville [DSO 95(3)].

3. **PRIVATE SESSION**

The Committee agreed to go into private session at 3.40 p.m.

4. **ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION**

5. **ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION**

6. **ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION**

7. **ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION**

8. **ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION**

The Committee went out of private session

9. **SCRUTINY OF EU LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS**

The Committee considered the European legislative proposals, as outlined in Schedule B for consideration. A description of the proposal and the decision taken is contained in Appendix 1.

10. **MEETING SUSPENDED**

The meeting was suspended at 4.10 p.m. until 4.13 p.m.

11. HEN HARRIER PROGRAMME

The Committee met with representatives from the Irish Farmers with Designated Land – Mr Jason Fitzgerald, Chairman, Mr Morris Flynn, Committee Member, Mr Kenneth Fitzgerald, Committee Member and Mr Sean Kelly, Committee Member to discuss the Hen Harrier Programme.

Debate ensued and concluded.

12. MEETING SUSPENDED

The meeting was suspended at 6.05 p.m. until 6.07 p.m.

13. HEN HARRIER PROGRAMME

The Committee met with officials from the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine — Mr Colm Hayes, Assistant Secretary General and Mr Ronan O’Flaherty, Principal Officer, and with Mr Fergal Monaghan, Hen Harrier Project to discuss the Hen Harrier Programme.

Debate ensued.

14. MEETING SUSPENDED

The meeting was suspended at 6.46 p.m. until 7.07 p.m. due to a Dáil Vote.

15. HEN HARRIER PROGRAMME

The Committee resumed discussion with the officials from the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine on the Hen Harrier Programme.

Debate ensued and concluded.

16. MEETING SUSPENDED

The meeting was suspended at 7.38 p.m. until 7.45 p.m.

17. PRIVATE SESSION

The Committee resumed in private session at 7.45 p.m.

18. ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION

19. ADJOURNMENT

The Committee adjourned at 8.40 p.m. until 3.30 p.m. on Tuesday, 6 February 2018.

Pat Deering, T.D.
Chairman
6 February, 2018

Appendix 1

List of EU Legislative Proposals
Date of Meeting: 30 January 2018

Schedule B:

COM(2017)774 Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EU) 2016/1139 as regards fishing mortality ranges and safeguard levels for certain herring stocks in the Baltic Sea

Decision: It was agreed that the proposal warranted no further scrutiny.

Minutes of Meeting of 6 February 2018

1. The Joint Committee met at 3.35 p.m. in Committee Room 1, LH 2000, a quorum being present.

2. **MEMBERS PRESENT**

The following members were present:-

Deputies Jackie Cahill (*in the Chair for part of the meeting*), Pat Deering (*in the Chair, for part of the meeting*), Martin Kenny, Charlie McConalogue and Thomas Pringle.

Senators Paul Daly, Tim Lombard, Pádraig Mac Lochlainn and Michelle Mulherin.

Apologies were received from Deputies Marcella Corcoran Kennedy and Willie Penrose.

Also present:

Deputy Margaret Murphy O'Mahony [DSO 95(3)].

3. **PRIVATE SESSION**

The Committee agreed to go into private session at 3.35 p.m.

4. **ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION**

5. **ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION**

6. **ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION**

7. **ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION**

8. **ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION**

The Committee went out of private session

9. **MEETING SUSPENDED**

The meeting was suspended at 3.59 p.m. until 4 p.m.

10. REPORT ON THE REVIEW OF THE AQUACULTURE LICENSING PROCESS

The Committee met with officials from the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine – Dr Cecil Beamish, Assistant Secretary, Mr John Quinlan, Principal Officer and Mr Kevin Hodnett, Assistant Principal Officer, in relation to the status of the recommendations of the Report on the Review of the Aquaculture Licensing Process carried out by the Independent Aquaculture Licensing Review Group.

Debate ensued and concluded.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The Committee adjourned at 6.45 p.m. until 3.30 p.m. on Tuesday, 13 February 2018.

Pat Deering, T.D.
Chairman
13 February, 2018

Minutes of Meeting of 13 February 2018

1. The Joint Committee met at 5.20 p.m. in Committee Room 4, LH 2000, a quorum being present.

2. Members Present

The following members were present:-

Deputies Jackie Cahill, Pat Deering (*in the Chair*), Martin Kenny, Charlie McConalogue and Willie Penrose.

Senators Paul Daly, Pádraig Mac Lochlainn and Michelle Mulherin.

Apologies were received from Deputies Marcella Corcoran Kennedy, Thomas Pringle, and Senator Tim Lombard.

Also present:

Deputy Jonathan O'Brien [DSO 95(3)].

3. PRIVATE SESSION

The Committee agreed to go into private session at 5.20 p.m.

4. ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION

5. ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION

6. ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION

7. ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION

The Committee went out of private session

8. MEETING SUSPENDED

The meeting was suspended at 5.44 p.m. until 5.46 p.m.

9. CLIMATE CHANGE ISSUES SPECIFIC TO THE AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND THE MARINE SECTORS

The Committee met with representatives from the following farming organisations in relation to climate change issues specific to the agriculture and food sectors:

- (i) Irish Farmers' Association - Mr Joe Healy, President, and Mr Thomas Cooney, Environment Chairman
- (ii) Irish Creamery Milk Suppliers Association - Mr Pat McCormack, President, and Mr John Enright, General Secretary

- (iii) Irish Co-Operative Organisation Society - Mr Martin Keane, President, and Mr Eamonn Farrell, Agri Food Policy Executive
- (iv) Macra na Feirme – Mr Thomas Duffy, Member, and Ms Jennifer Keegan, Agriculture Policy Officer

Debate ensued and concluded.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The Committee adjourned at 7.50 p.m. until 3.30 p.m. on Tuesday, 20 February 2018.

Pat Deering, T.D.
Chairman
20 February, 2018

Minutes of Meeting of 20 February 2018

1. The Joint Committee met at 3.40 p.m. in Committee Room 1, LH 2000, a quorum being present.

2. **MEMBERS PRESENT**

The following members were present:-

Deputies Jackie Cahill, Marcella Corcoran Kennedy, Pat Deering (*in the Chair*), Martin Kenny, Charlie McConalogue, Willie Penrose and Thomas Pringle.

Senators Paul Daly, Tim Lombard, Pádraig Mac Lochlainn and Michelle Mulherin.

Also present:

Deputy Eamon Ryan [DSO 95(3)].

3. **PRIVATE SESSION**

The Committee agreed to go into private session at 3.40 p.m.

4. **ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION**

5. **ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION**

6. **ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION**

7. **ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION**

8. **ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION**

The Committee went out of private session

9. **SCRUTINY OF EU LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS**

The Committee considered the European legislative proposal, as outlined in Schedule B for consideration. A description of the proposal and the decision taken is contained in Appendix 1.

10. **MEETING SUSPENDED**

The meeting was suspended at 3.56 p.m. until 3.58 p.m.

11. **CLIMATE CHANGE ISSUES SPECIFIC TO THE AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND THE MARINE SECTORS**

The Committee met with representatives from the following organisations in relation to climate change issues specific to the agriculture and food sectors:

- (i) Meat Industry Ireland - Mr Philip Carroll, Chairman, and Mr Cormac Healy, Director
- (ii) Irish Grain Growers Group - Mr Clive Carter, Secretary, and Mr Pat Cleary, Environmental Spokesman
- (iii) Irish Nature and Hill Farmers Association – Mr Joe Condon and Ms Bridget Murphy, Members of the Climate Change Committee

Debate ensued and concluded.

12. ADJOURNMENT

The Committee adjourned at 6.35 p.m. until 3.30 p.m. on Tuesday, 27 February 2018.

Pat Deering, T.D.
Chairman
27 February, 2018

Appendix 1

List of EU Legislative Proposals Date of Meeting: Tuesday 20 February 2018

Schedule B:

COM(2018)30 Proposal for a Council Decision on the position of the European Union in the EU-Algeria Association Committee regarding the modification of the conditions of application of the preferential tariffs for agricultural products and processed agricultural products set out in Article 14 of the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an Association between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria, of the other part

Decision: It was agreed that the proposal warranted no further scrutiny.

Minutes of Meeting of 27 February 2018

1. The Joint Committee met at 3.40 p.m. in Committee Room 1, LH 2000, a quorum being present.

2. **MEMBERS PRESENT**

The following members were present:-

Deputies Jackie Cahill (*in the Chair for part of the meeting*), Marcella Corcoran Kennedy, Pat Deering (*in the Chair for part of the meeting*), Martin Kenny, Willie Penrose and Thomas Pringle.

Senators Paul Daly, Tim Lombard and Michelle Mulherin.

Apologies were received from Deputy Charlie McConalogue and Senator Pádraig Mac Lochlainn.

Also present:

Deputy Michael Fitzmaurice [DSO 95(3)].

3. **PRIVATE SESSION**

The Committee agreed to go into private session at 3.40 p.m.

4. **ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION**

5. **ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION**

6. **ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION**

The Committee went out of private session

7. **MEETING SUSPENDED**

The meeting was suspended at 3.46 p.m. until 3.47 p.m.

8. **FARM FORESTRY PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENTS**

The Committee met with representatives from the Irish Farmers' Association — Mr Joe Healy, President, Mr Pat Collins, Farm Forestry Chairman, Mr Damian McDonald, Director General and Mr Nicholas Sweetman, Farm Forestry Executive in relation to farm forestry partnership agreements.

Debate ensued and concluded.

9. MEETING SUSPENDED

The meeting was suspended at 4.54 p.m. until 4.59 p.m.

10. FARM FORESTRY PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENTS

The Committee met with representatives from Coillte — Mr Gerard Murphy, Managing Director, Mr Bill Stanley, Strategy and Business Development Director, Mr Pauric Nolan, National Partner Liaison, Mr PJ Trait and Mr Paul Ruane, Business Area Unit Leaders in relation to farm forestry partnership agreements.

Debate ensued.

It was agreed that Coillte would keep the Committee informed of progress on the ongoing review.

Debate concluded.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The Committee adjourned at 7.35 p.m. until 3 p.m. on Tuesday, 6 March 2018.

Pat Deering, T.D.
Chairman
6 March, 2018

Minutes of Meeting of 6 March 2018

1. The Joint Committee met at 3.40 p.m. in Committee Room 1, LH 2000, a quorum being present.

2. **MEMBERS PRESENT**

The following members were present:-

Deputies Pat Deering (*in the Chair*), Martin Kenny, Charlie McConalogue, Willie Penrose and Thomas Pringle.

Senators Paul Daly, Pádraig Mac Lochlainn and Michelle Mulherin.

Also present:

Deputies Danny Healy-Rae and Eamon Ryan [DSO 95(3)].

3. **PRIVATE SESSION**

The Committee agreed to go into private session at 3.40 p.m.

4. **ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION**

5. **ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION**

The Committee went out of private session

6. **MEETING SUSPENDED**

The meeting was suspended at 3.53 p.m. until 3.55 p.m.

7. **CLIMATE CHANGE ISSUES SPECIFIC TO THE AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND THE MARINE SECTORS**

The Committee met with representatives from the following organisations in relation to climate change issues specific to the agriculture and food sectors:

- (v) Environmental Protection Agency – Dr Matthew Crowe, Director of the Office of Evidence and Assessment
- (vi) Environmental Pillar – Mr Michael Ewing, Coordinator, Environmental Pillar and Mr Ian Lumley, Built Environment and Heritage Officer, An Taisce
- (vii) Stop Climate Chaos Coalition – Mr Oisín Coghlan, Director, Friends of the Earth Ireland and Ms Noreen Gumbo, Head of Humanitarian Programmes, Trócaire
- (viii) Marine Institute – Dr Peter Heffernan, Chief Executive and Dr Paul Connolly, Director, Fisheries Ecosystem and Advisory Services

Debate ensued and concluded.

8. MEETING SUSPENDED

The meeting was suspended at 6.10 p.m. until 6.21 p.m.

9. CLIMATE CHANGE ISSUES SPECIFIC TO THE AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND THE MARINE SECTORS

The Committee met with representatives from the following organisations in relation to climate change issues specific to the agriculture and food sectors:

- (i) Dairy Industry Ireland – Mr Conor Mulvihill, Director and Dr Miriam Ryan, Executive
- (ii) Irish Organic Farmers and Growers Association – Ms Gillian Westbrook, CEO and Mr John McHugh, Dairy farmer
- (iii) Teagasc – Professor Frank O’Mara, Director of Research and Dr Trevor Donnellan, Research Officer
- (iv) Irish Cattle and Sheep Farmers’ Association – Mr Patrick Kent, National President and Ms Neassa Fitzgibbon, Press and Communications Officer

Debate ensued and concluded.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The Committee adjourned at 8.20 p.m. until 3.30 p.m. on Tuesday, 27 March 2018.

Pat Deering, T.D.
Chairman
27 March, 2018

Minutes of Meeting of 29 March 2018

1. The Joint Committee met at 2.15 p.m. in Committee Room 1, LH 2000, a quorum being present.

2. **MEMBERS PRESENT**

The following members were present:-

Deputies Jackie Cahill, Pat Deering (*in the Chair*), Martin Kenny, Charlie McConalogue and Willie Penrose.

Senators Paul Daly and Tim Lombard.

3. **PRIVATE SESSION**

The Committee agreed to go into private session at 2.17 p.m.

4. **ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION**

5. **ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION**

6. **ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION**

7. **ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION**

8. **ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION**

The Committee went out of private session

9. **POST-EU COUNCIL MEETING ON AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES (AGRI-FISH)**

The Committee met with the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine in relation to issues including CAP, Brexit and Mercosur.

Debate ensued and concluded.

10. **ADJOURNMENT**

The Committee adjourned at 3.55 p.m. until 3.30 p.m. on Tuesday, 17 April 2018.

Pat Deering, T.D.
Chairman
17 April, 2018

Minutes of Meeting of 11 April 2018

1. The Joint Committee met at 2.35 p.m. in Committee Room 1, LH 2000, a quorum being present.

2. MEMBERS PRESENT

The following members were present:-

Deputies Jackie Cahill, Marcella Corcoran Kennedy, Pat Deering (*in the Chair*), Martin Kenny, Charlie McConalogue and Willie Penrose.

Senators Paul Daly, Tim Lombard and Michelle Mulherin.

Apologies were received from Deputy Thomas Pringle and Senator Pádraig Mac Lochlainn.

Also present:

Deputies Dara Calleary, Michael Fitzmaurice, Tony McLoughlin, Tom Neville and Kevin O’Keeffe [DSO 95(3)].

Senators Maura Hopkins and Terry Leyden [SSO 81(2)].

3. ONGOING FODDER CRISIS

The Committee met with the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine in relation to the ongoing fodder crisis.

Debate ensued and concluded.

4. ADJOURNMENT

The Committee adjourned at 4.15 p.m. until 3.30 p.m. on Tuesday, 17 April 2018.

Pat Deering, T.D.
Chairman
17 April, 2018

Minutes of Meeting of 17 April 2018

1. The Joint Committee met in **private** at 3.40 p.m. in Committee Room 1, LH 2000, a quorum being present.

2. MEMBERS PRESENT

The following members were present:-

Deputies Jackie Cahill, Pat Deering (*in the Chair*), Martin Kenny, Charlie McConalogue and Willie Penrose.

Senators Paul Daly, Tim Lombard, Pádraig Mac Lochlainn and Michelle Mulherin.

Apologies were received from Deputy Marcella Corcoran Kennedy.

3. ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION

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11. ADJOURNMENT

The Committee adjourned at 4.30 p.m. until 2 p.m. on Thursday, 26 April 2018.

Pat Deering, T.D.

Chairman

1 May 2018

Minutes of Meeting of 26 April 2018

1. The Joint Committee held a **joint meeting** with the Joint Committee on Rural and Community Development, at 2 p.m. in Committee Room 4, LH 2000, a quorum being present.

2. MEMBERS PRESENT

The following members of the Joint Committee on Agriculture, Food and the Marine were present:-

Deputies Jackie Cahill, Marcella Corcoran Kennedy, Pat Deering, Martin Kenny, Charlie McConalogue and Willie Penrose.

Senator Tim Lombard.

Apologies were received from Senators Paul Daly and Pádraig Mac Lochlainn.

The following members of the Joint Committee on Rural and Community Development were present:-

Deputies Seán Canny, Joe Carey, Michael Fitzmaurice, Martin Kenny, Éamon Ó Cuív and Willie Penrose.

Apologies were received from Senators Maura Hopkins and Grace O'Sullivan.

Also present:

Deputies Bernard Durkan, Michael Healy-Rae and Carol Nolan [DSO 95(3)].
Senator John Dolan [SSO 81(2)].

The meeting was chaired by Deputy Pat Deering, Chair of the Joint Committee on Agriculture, Food and the Marine, who was joined by Deputy Joe Carey, Chair of the Joint Committee on Rural and Community Development.

3. ADDRESS BY THE EU COMMISSIONER FOR AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT

The Chair welcomed the EU Commissioner for Agriculture and Rural Development, Mr Phil Hogan to the Joint meeting.

The Commissioner addressed the Joint Committees on matters including Reform of the CAP post-2020, EU Trade Policy, Market Intervention, Brexit, and the Rural Development Programme/LEADER Programme.

Debate ensued and concluded.

4. ADJOURNMENT

The Committee adjourned at 3.25 p.m. *sine die*.

Pat Deering, T.D.
Chairman
1 May, 2018

Minutes of Meeting of 1 May 2018

1. The Joint Committee met at 3.35 p.m. in Committee Room 1, LH 2000, a quorum being present.

2. **MEMBERS PRESENT**

The following members were present:-

Deputies Jackie Cahill, Marcelle Corcoran Kennedy, Pat Deering (*in the Chair*), Martin Kenny, Charlie McConalogue, Willie Penrose and Thomas Pringle.

Senators Paul Daly, Tim Lombard and Pádraig Mac Lochlainn.

Also present:

Deputies Martin Ferris and Éamon Ó Cuív [DSO 95(3)].

3. **ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION**

4. **ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION**

5. **ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION**

6. **ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION**

7. **ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION**

The Committee went out of private session

8. **Scrutiny of EU Legislative Proposals**

The Committee considered the European legislative proposals, as outlined in Schedules A and B for consideration. A description of each proposal and the decisions taken are contained in Appendix 1.

9. **MEETING SUSPENDED**

The meeting was suspended at 3.57 p.m. until 3.59 p.m.

10. **ISLAND FISHERIES (HERITAGE LICENCE) BILL 2017 [PMB]**

The Committee met with Deputy Martin Kenny, Deputy Martin Ferris and Mr Seamus Bonner, to conduct detailed scrutiny on the Island Fisheries (Heritage Licence) Bill 2017 [PMB].

Debate ensued and concluded.

11. MEETING SUSPENDED

The meeting was suspended at 4.33 p.m. until 4.35 p.m.

12. ISLAND FISHERIES (HERITAGE LICENCE) BILL 2017 [PMB]

The Committee met with officials from the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine — Dr Cecil Beamish, Assistant Secretary, Mr Paschal Hayes, Principal Officer and Ms Josephine Kelly, Principal Officer, to conduct detailed scrutiny on the Island Fisheries (Heritage Licence) Bill 2017 [PMB].

Debate ensued and concluded.

13. ADJOURNMENT

The Committee adjourned at 6.10 p.m. until 3 p.m. on Tuesday, 8 May 2018.

Pat Deering, T.D.
Chairman
8 May 2018

Appendix 1

List of EU Legislative Proposals Date of Meeting: Tuesday 1 May 2018

Schedule A:

COM(2018)149 Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a multiannual plan for fish stocks in the Western Waters and adjacent waters, and for fisheries exploiting those stocks, amending Regulation (EU) 2016/1139 establishing a multiannual plan for the Baltic Sea, and repealing Regulations (EC) No 811/2004, (EC) No 2166/2005, (EC) No 388/2006, (EC) 509/2007 and (EC) 1300/2008

Decision: It was agreed that this proposal warrants further scrutiny. It was also agreed to do this by way of writing to the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine seeking to be kept updated on consultations with stakeholders and developments on the proposal.

Schedule B:

COM(2018)115 Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a multi-annual plan for the fisheries exploiting demersal stocks in the western Mediterranean Sea

COM(2018)119 Proposal for a Council Regulation amending Regulation (EU) 2018/120 as regards certain fishing opportunities

COM(2018)143 Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council of amending Regulation (EU) No 1343/2011 on certain provisions for fishing in the GFCM (General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean) Agreement area

Decision: It was agreed that the proposals warranted no further scrutiny.

Minutes of Meeting of 8 May 2018

1. The Joint Committee met at 3.10 p.m. in Committee Room 1, LH 2000, a quorum being present.

2. MEMBERS PRESENT

The following members were present:-

Deputies Jackie Cahill (*in the Chair for part of the meeting*), Pat Deering (*in the Chair for part of the meeting*), Martin Kenny and Willie Penrose.

Senators Paul Daly and Pádraig Mac Lochlainn.

Apologies were received from Deputy Charlie McConalogue and Senator Michelle Mulherin.

Also present:

Deputies Danny Healy-Rae, Éamon Ó Cuív, Kevin O’Keeffe and Eamon Scanlon [DSO 95(3)].

3. ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION

4. ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION

5. ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION

The Committee went out of private session

6. MEETING SUSPENDED

The meeting was suspended at 3.11 p.m. until 3.13 p.m.

7. RISK MANAGEMENT MEASURES IN RELATION TO THE RECENT FODDER SHORTAGES

The Committee met with representatives from the following organisations with regard to risk management measures in relation to the recent fodder shortages:

- (i) Bank of Ireland - Mr Seán Farrell, Head of Agriculture, Business Banking, and Mr Michael Lauhoff, Director of Business Banking
- (ii) Allied Irish Banks - Dr Anne Finnegan, Head of Agriculture, and Ms Margaret Brennan, Head of Sector Strategy
- (iii) Ulster Bank - Dr Ailish Byrne, Head of Agriculture, and Mr Eddie Cullen, Managing Director, Commercial Banking Division

- (iv) Strategic Banking Corporation of Ireland - Mr Nick Ashmore, Chief Executive, and Ms Suzanne Sweeney, Head of Lending

Debate ensued and concluded.

8. MEETING SUSPENDED

The meeting was suspended at 4.42 p.m. until 4.45 p.m.

9. RISK MANAGEMENT MEASURES IN RELATION TO THE RECENT FODDER SHORTAGES

The Committee met with representatives from the following organisations with regard to risk management measures in relation to the recent fodder shortages:

- (i) Teagasc - Professor Gerry Boyle, Director, and Dr Siobhan Kavanagh, Regional Manager
- (ii) Irish Co-Operative Organisation Society - Mr Martin Keane, President, Mr TJ Flanagan, CEO, and Mr Eamonn Farrell, Dairy Policy Executive

Debate ensued and concluded.

10. MEETING SUSPENDED

The meeting was suspended at 6.27 p.m. until 6.30 p.m.

11. ISSUES SURROUNDING 'BURNT LAND'

The Committee met with officials from the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine - Mr Paul Dillon, Assistant Secretary General, Mr Paul McKiernan, Principal Officer and Mr Noel Dinneney, Assistant Principal Officer in relation to issues surrounding 'burnt land'.

Debate ensued and concluded.

12. ADJOURNMENT

The Committee adjourned at 7.25 p.m. until 3.30 p.m. on Tuesday, 15 May 2018.

Pat Deering, T.D.
Chairman
15 May 2018

Minutes of Meeting of 15 May 2018

1. The Joint Committee met at 3.40 p.m. in Committee Room 1, LH 2000, a quorum being present.

2. **MEMBERS PRESENT**

The following members were present:-

Deputies Jackie Cahill (*in the Chair for part of the meeting*), Marcella Corcoran Kennedy, Pat Deering (*in the Chair for part of the meeting*), Martin Kenny, Charlie McConalogue and Willie Penrose.

Senators Paul Daly, Tim Lombard and Pádraig Mac Lochlainn.

Apologies were received from Senator Michelle Mulherin.

3. **ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION**

4. **ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION**

5. **ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION**

6. **ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION**

7. **ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION**

The Committee went out of private session

8. **MEETING SUSPENDED**

The meeting was suspended at 4.01 p.m. until 4.02 p.m.

9. **DIFFERENT APPROACHES AND NEW OPPORTUNITIES IN AGRICULTURE**

The Committee met with representatives from Macra na Feirme - Mr James Healy, National President and Mr Derrie Dillon, CEO, to discuss different approaches and new opportunities in Irish agriculture.

Debate ensued and concluded.

10. **MEETING SUSPENDED**

The meeting was suspended at 5.11 p.m. until 5.13 p.m.

11. DIFFERENT APPROACHES AND NEW OPPORTUNITIES IN AGRICULTURE

The Committee met with representatives from BASE Ireland - Mr Louis McAuley, Chairman, Mr Jonny Greene, Committee Member, and Mr Conor O'Flaherty, Committee Member, to discuss the issue of conservation agriculture, its potential benefits and the opportunities it offers.

Debate ensued and concluded.

12. ADJOURNMENT

The Committee adjourned at 6.15 p.m. until 3 p.m. on Tuesday, 22 May 2018.

Pat Deering, T.D.
Chairman
22 May 2018

Minutes of Meeting of 22 May 2018

1. The Joint Committee met at 3.10 p.m. in Committee Room 1, LH 2000, a quorum being present.

2. **MEMBERS PRESENT**

The following members were present:-

Deputies Jackie Cahill (*in the Chair for part of the meeting*), Pat Deering (*in the Chair for part of the meeting*), Charlie McConalogue, Willie Penrose and Thomas Pringle.

Senators Paul Daly, Tim Lombard, Pádraig Mac Lochlainn and Michelle Mulherin.

Deputy Michael Fitzmaurice substituted for Deputy Thomas Pringle (for part of the meeting) [DSO 95(2)].

3. **ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION**

4. **ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION**

5. **ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION**

6. **ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION**

7. **ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION**

8. **ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION**

The Committee went out of private session

9. **MEETING SUSPENDED**

The meeting was suspended at 3.24 p.m. until 3.26 p.m.

10. **SCRUTINY OF EU LEGISLATIVE PROPOSAL**

The Committee considered the European legislative proposals, as outlined in Schedules A for consideration. A description of the proposal, and the decision taken are contained in Appendix 1.

11. **MEETING SUSPENDED**

The meeting was suspended at 4.14 p.m. until 4.18 p.m.

12. BEEF DATA GENOMICS PROGRAMME

The Committee met with representatives from the Irish Charolais Cattle Society (ICCS) - Mr Kevin Maguire, President, Mr Nevan Mc Kiernan, Secretary, Mr Noel McGoldrick, Treasurer, Mr Christy Comerford, Suckler farmer, Mr Alan Wood, Suckler farmer and pedigree cattle breeder, and Ms Alison De Vere Hunt, Manager, Cashel Mart, to discuss the issue of the beef data genomics programme.

Debate ensued and concluded.

13. MEETING SUSPENDED

The meeting was suspended at 5.52 p.m. until 5.57 p.m.

14. BEEF DATA GENOMICS PROGRAMME

The Committee met with representatives from the Irish Cattle Breeding Federation (ICBF) - Mr Michael Doran, Chairman, Mr Sean Coughlan, Chief Executive, and Dr Andrew Cromie, Technical Director, to discuss the issue of the beef data genomics programme.

Debate ensued and concluded.

15. ADJOURNMENT

The Committee adjourned at 7.30 p.m. until 3 p.m. on Tuesday, 29 May 2018.

Pat Deering, T.D.
Chairman
29 May 2018

Appendix 1

List of EU Legislative Proposals Date of Meeting: Tuesday 22 May 2018

Schedule A:

COM(2018)149 Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a multiannual plan for fish stocks in the Western Waters and adjacent waters, and for fisheries exploiting those stocks, amending Regulation (EU) 2016/1139 establishing a multiannual plan for the Baltic Sea, and repealing Regulations (EC) No 811/2004, (EC) No 2166/2005, (EC) No 388/2006, (EC) 509/2007 and (EC) 1300/2008

Decision: Further to the Committee's decision on 1 May regarding this this legislative proposal, it was agreed to further scrutinize this proposal by way of making a Political Contribution to the EU Institutions.

Minutes of Meeting of 29 May 2018

1. The Joint Committee met at 3.10 p.m. in Committee Room 1, LH 2000, a quorum being present.

2. **MEMBERS PRESENT**

The following members were present:-

Deputies Jackie Cahill, Marcella Corcoran Kennedy, Pat Deering (*in the Chair*), Martin Kenny and Charlie McConalogue.

Senators Paul Daly, Tim Lombard, Pádraig Mac Lochlainn and Michelle Mulherin.

Also present:

Deputy John Brassil [DSO 95(3)].

3. **MEETING SUSPENDED**

The meeting was suspended at 3.12 p.m. until 3.52 p.m. due to a Dáil Vote.

4. **PRIVATE SESSION**

The Committee resumed and agreed to go into private session at 3.52 p.m.

5. **ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION**

6. **ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION**

7. **ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION**

The Committee went out of private session

8. **MEETING SUSPENDED**

The meeting was suspended at 4.06 p.m. until 4.07 p.m.

9. **DIFFERENT APPROACHES AND NEW OPPORTUNITIES IN IRISH AGRICULTURE**

The Committee met with representatives from University College Dublin - Professor Alex Evans, Ms Triona McCormack, Professor Dolores O'Riordan and Professor Mark Keane, to discuss the issues of different approaches and new opportunities in Irish agriculture.

Debate ensued and concluded.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The Committee adjourned at 5.45 p.m. until 3 p.m. on Tuesday, 12 June 2018.

Pat Deering, T.D.
Chairman
12 June 2018

Minutes of Meeting of 12 June 2018

1. The Joint Committee met at 3.40 p.m. in Committee Room 2, LH 2000, a quorum being present.

2. **MEMBERS PRESENT**

The following members were present:-

Deputies Jackie Cahill, Marcella Corcoran Kennedy, Pat Deering (*in the Chair*), Martin Kenny and Charlie McConalogue.

Senators Paul Daly and Pádraig Mac Lochlainn.

Apologies were received from Deputy Willie Penrose and Senator Michelle Mulherin.

Also present:

Deputies Pearse Doherty, Martin Ferris, Éamon Ó Cuív and Eamon Ryan [DSO 95(3)].

3. **PRIVATE SESSION**

The Committee agreed to go into private session at 3.40 p.m.

4. **ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION**

5. **ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION**

6. **ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION**

7. **ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION**

8. **ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION**

9. **ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION**

The Committee went out of private session

10. **SCRUTINY OF EU LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS**

The Committee considered the European legislative proposals, as outlined in Schedules A and B for consideration. A description of each proposal and the decisions taken are contained in Appendix 1.

11. **MEETING SUSPENDED**

The meeting was suspended at 4.24 p.m. until 4.26 p.m.

12. ISLAND FISHERIES (HERITAGE LICENCE) BILL 2017 [PMB]

The Committee met with representatives from the following organisations to conduct detailed scrutiny of the Island Fisheries (Heritage Licence) Bill 2017:

- (i) Low Impact Fishers of Europe (LIFE) – Mr Jeremy Percy, Executive Director
- (ii) Killybegs Fishermen’s Organisation (KFO) – Ms Norah M Parke, Project Coordinator
- (iii) Irish Fish Producers Organisation (IFPO) – Mr Francis O’Donnell, CEO
- (iv) Irish South & East Fish Producer’s Organisation (ISEFPO) – Mr Hugo Boyle, CEO
- (v) Irish South & West Fish Producers Organisation (ISWFPO) – Mr Patrick Murphy, CEO and Mr Greg Casey, Consultant

Debate ensued and concluded.

13. MEETING SUSPENDED

The meeting was suspended at 6.09 p.m. until 6.14 p.m.

14. ISLAND FISHERIES (HERITAGE LICENCE) BILL 2017 [PMB]

The Committee met with representatives from the following organisations to conduct detailed scrutiny of the Island Fisheries (Heritage Licence) Bill 2017:

- (i) Comhdháil Oileáin na hÉireann – Mr Simon Murray, Chairman
- (ii) Irish Islands Marine Resource Organisation (IIMRO) – Mr Jerry Early, Arranmore Island, Chair of IIMRO and Mr Enda Conneely, Inis Oírr, IIMRO Committee Member
- (iii) Trinity College Dublin – Dr Ruth Brennan, Marine Social Scientist, Trinity Centre for Environmental Humanities

Debate ensued.

The Chairman advised that the Committee will decide, over the next number of weeks, on the next course of action regarding the Bill.

15. ADJOURNMENT

The Committee adjourned at 7.35 p.m. until 3.30 p.m. on Tuesday, 19 June 2018.

Pat Deering, T.D.
Chairman
19 June 2018

Appendix 1

List of EU Legislative Proposals Date of Meeting: Tuesday 12 June 2018

Schedule A:

COM(2017)692 Proposal for a Council Regulation amending Regulation (EU) No 1370/2013 determining measures on fixing certain aids and refunds related to the common organisation of the markets in agricultural products, as regards the quantitative limitation for buying-in skimmed milk powder

Decision: As a Political Contribution was agreed, it was agreed that the proposal warranted no further scrutiny.

COM(2018)179 Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the transparency and sustainability of the EU risk assessment in the food chain amending Regulation (EC) No 178/2002 [on general food law], Directive 2001/18/EC [on the deliberate release into the environment of GMOs], Regulation (EC) No 1829/2003 [on GM food and feed], Regulation (EC) No 1831/2003 [on feed additives], Regulation (EC) No 2065/2003 [on smoke flavourings], Regulation (EC) No 1935/2004 [on food contact materials], Regulation (EC) No 1331/2008 [on the common authorisation procedure for food additives, food enzymes and food flavourings], Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009 [on plant protection products] and Regulation (EU) No 2015/2283 [on novel foods]

Decision: It was agreed that the proposal warranted no further scrutiny.

Schedule B:

COM(2018)199 Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EC) No 110/2008 as regards nominal quantities for placing on the Union market of single distilled shochu produced by pot still and bottled in Japan

COM(2018)229 Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on a multiannual recovery plan for Mediterranean swordfish and amending Regulations (EC) No 1967/2006 and (EU) 2017/2107

Decision: It was agreed that the proposals warranted no further scrutiny.

Minutes of Meeting of 19 June 2018

1. The Joint Committee met at 3.40 p.m. in Committee Room 1, LH 2000, a quorum being present.

2. **MEMBERS PRESENT**

The following members were present:-

Deputies Jackie Cahill, Pat Deering (*in the Chair*), Martin Kenny, Charlie McConalogue and Willie Penrose.

Senators Paul Daly, Pádraig Mac Lochlainn and Michelle Mulherin.

Also present:

Senator Anthony Lawlor [SSO 81(2)].

3. **PRIVATE SESSION**

The Committee agreed to go into private session at 3.40 p.m.

4. **ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION**

5. **ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION**

6. **ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION**

7. **ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION**

8. **ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION**

The Committee went out of private session

9. **MEETING SUSPENDED**

The meeting was suspended at 3.57 p.m. until 3.59 p.m.

10. **ELECTRONIC IDENTIFICATION OF SHEEP**

The Committee took evidence from the following in relation to issues concerning the electronic identification of sheep:

- (i) Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine – Mr Martin Blake, Chief Veterinary Officer (CVO), Ms Paula Barry Walsh, Deputy CVO, Mr Martin Farrell, Principal Officer and Ms Maria Dunne, Principal Officer; and

(ii) Meat Industry Ireland (MII) – Mr Philip Carroll, Chairman and Mr Cormac Healy, Senior Director

Debate ensued and concluded.

11. MEETING SUSPENDED

The meeting was suspended at 5.22 p.m. until 5.34 p.m.

12. RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME EXPENDITURE

The Committee met with the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine in relation to Rural Development Programme expenditure.

Debate ensued and concluded.

13. ADJOURNMENT

The Committee adjourned at 7.15 p.m. until 3.30 p.m. on Tuesday, 26 June 2018.

Pat Deering, T.D.
Chairman
26 June 2018

Minutes of Meeting of 26 June 2018

1. The Joint Committee met at 3.40 p.m. in Committee Room 1, LH 2000, a quorum being present.

2. **MEMBERS PRESENT**

The following members were present:-

Deputies Jackie Cahill, Marcella Corcoran Kennedy, Pat Deering (*in the Chair*), Martin Kenny, Charlie McConalogue and Willie Penrose.

Senators Paul Daly, Tim Lombard and Michelle Mulherin.

3. **PRIVATE SESSION**

The Committee agreed to go into private session at 3.41 p.m.

4. **ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION**

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11. **ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION**

12. **ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION**

The Committee went out of private session

13. **SCRUTINY OF EU LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS**

The Committee considered the European legislative proposals, as outlined in Schedules A and B for consideration. A description of each proposal and the decisions taken are contained in Appendix 1.

14. **MEETING SUSPENDED**

The meeting was suspended at 4.20 p.m. until 4.21 p.m.

15. SCRUTINY OF EU LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS: COM(2018)392, COM(2018)393 and COM(2018)394

The Committee met with officials from the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine — Mr Brendan Gleeson, Assistant Secretary General, Ms Sharon Murphy, Principal Officer and Ms Patricia Kelly, Principal Officer in relation to Scrutiny of EU Legislative Proposals relating to CAP post 2020 - COM(2018)392, COM(2018)393 and COM(2018)394.

Debate ensued and concluded.

16. ADJOURNMENT

The Committee adjourned at 6 p.m. until 3.30 p.m. on Tuesday, 3 July 2018.

Pat Deering, T.D.
Chairman
3 July 2018

Appendix 1

List of EU Legislative Proposals Date of Meeting: Tuesday 26 June 2018

Schedule A:

COM(2018)392 Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing rules on support for strategic plans to be drawn up by Member States under the Common agricultural policy (CAP Strategic Plans) and financed by the European Agricultural Guarantee Fund (EAGF) and by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD) and repealing Regulation (EU) No 1305/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council and Regulation (EU) No 1307/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council {SEC(2018) 305 final} - {SWD(2018) 301 final}

COM(2018)393 Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the financing, management and monitoring of the common agricultural policy and repealing Regulation (EU) No 1306/2013 {SWD(2018) 301 final} - {SEC(2018) 305 final}

COM(2018)394 Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulations (EU) No 1308/2013 establishing a common organisation of the markets in agricultural products, (EU) No 1151/2012 on quality schemes for agricultural products and foodstuffs, (EU) No 251/2014 on the definition, description, presentation, labelling and the protection of geographical indications of aromatised wine products, (EU) No 228/2013 laying down specific measures for agriculture in the outermost regions of the Union and (EU) No 229/2013 laying down specific measures for agriculture in favour of the smaller Aegean islands

Decision: It was agreed that these proposals warranted further scrutiny.

Schedule B:

COM(2018)276 Proposal for a Council Regulation on fixing the export refunds on poultrymeat

COM(2018)289 Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending and correcting Regulation (EU) No 167/2013 on the approval and market surveillance of agricultural and forestry vehicles (Text with EEA relevance)

Decision: It was agreed that these proposals warranted no further scrutiny.

Minutes of Meeting of 3 July 2018

1. The Joint Committee met at 3.40 p.m. in Committee Room 1, LH 2000, a quorum being present.

2. **MEMBERS PRESENT**

The following members were present:-

Deputies Jackie Cahill, Marcella Corcoran Kennedy, Pat Deering (*in the Chair*), Martin Kenny, Charlie McConalogue, Willie Penrose and Thomas Pringle.

Senators Tim Lombard, Pádraig Mac Lochlainn and Michelle Mulherin.

Apologies were received from Senator Paul Daly.

Also present:

Senator Anthony Lawlor attended [SSO 81(2)].

3. **PRIVATE SESSION**

The Committee agreed to go into private session at 3.40 p.m.

4. **ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION**

5. **ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION**

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7. **ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION**

8. **ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION**

9. **ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION**

The Committee went out of private session

10. **MEETING SUSPENDED**

The meeting was suspended at 4.25 p.m. until 4.26 p.m.

11. **ENGAGEMENT WITH MR NICHOLAS HARTERY, CHAIRPERSON, HORSE RACING IRELAND**

The Committee met with Mr Nicholas Hartery, Chairperson, Horse Racing Ireland.

Debate ensued and concluded.

12. MEETING SUSPENDED

The meeting was suspended at 5.16 p.m. until 5.21 p.m.

13. REVIEW OF THE REPORT OF THE AGRICULTURE APPEALS ACT REVIEW COMMITTEE

The Committee met with officials from the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine – Dr Kevin Smyth, Assistant Secretary General and Ms Eilis O’Connell, Assistant Secretary General, in relation to the review of the Report of the Agriculture Appeals Act Review Committee.

Debate ensued and concluded.

14. ADJOURNMENT

The Committee adjourned at 6.10 p.m. until 4.30 p.m. on Tuesday, 10 July 2018.

Pat Deering, T.D.
Chairman
10 July 2018

Minutes of Meeting of 10 July 2018

1. The Joint Committee met **in private** at 4.45 p.m. in Committee Room 1, LH 2000, a quorum being present.

2. MEMBERS PRESENT

The following members were present:-

Deputies Marcella Corcoran Kennedy, Pat Deering (*in the Chair*) and Martin Kenny.

Senators Pádraig Mac Lochlainn and Michelle Mulherin.

Apologies were received from Deputies Jackie Cahill, Charlie McConalogue, Willie Penrose and Senator Paul Daly.

3. ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION

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8. ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION

9. ADJOURNMENT

The Committee adjourned at 5.20 p.m. until 3.30 p.m. on Tuesday, 25 September 2018.

Pat Deering, T.D.
Chairman
25 September 2018

Minutes of Meeting of 4 September 2018

1. The Joint Committee met at 2.40 p.m. in Committee Room 4, LH 2000, a quorum being present.

2. **MEMBERS PRESENT**

The following members were present:-

Deputies Jackie Cahill, Pat Deering (*in the Chair*), Martin Kenny, Charlie McConalogue, Willie Penrose and Thomas Pringle.

Senators Paul Daly, Pádraig Mac Lochlainn and Michelle Mulherin.

Apologies were received from Deputy Marcella Corcoran Kennedy and Senator Tim Lombard.

Also present:

Deputies Seán Canney, Michael Collins, Michael Fitzmaurice, Danny Healy-Rae, Mattie McGrath, Margaret Murphy O'Mahony, Carol Nolan and Kevin O'Keeffe [DSO 95(3)].

3. **FODDER SHORTAGES AND DROUGHT ISSUES**

The Committee met with the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine in relation to the ongoing fodder shortages and drought issues.

Debate ensued and concluded.

4. **MEETING SUSPENDED**

The meeting was suspended at 4.47 p.m. until 5.02 p.m.

5. **FODDER SHORTAGES AND DROUGHT ISSUES**

The Committee met with representatives from the following organisations with regard to the ongoing fodder shortages and drought issues:

- (i) Bank of Ireland – Mr Seán Farrell, Head of Agriculture, and Mr Pierce Butler, Head of Sectors
- (ii) Allied Irish Banks – Mr Tadhg Buckley, Head of Agriculture, and Ms Margaret Brennan, Head of SME Sector Strategy
- (iii) Ulster Bank – Dr Ailish Byrne, Head of Agriculture, and Mr Eddie Cullen, Managing Director, Commercial Banking Division

(iv) Strategic Banking Corporation of Ireland - Mr Nick Ashmore, Chief Executive

Debate ensued and concluded.

6. ADJOURNMENT

The Committee adjourned at 6.35 p.m. until 3.30 p.m. on Tuesday, 25 September 2018.

Pat Deering, T.D.
Chairman
25 September 2018

Minutes of Meeting of 25 September 2018

1. The Joint Committee met at 3.40 p.m. in Committee Room 1, LH 2000, a quorum being present.

2. **MEMBERS PRESENT**

The following members were present:-

Deputies Jackie Cahill, Marcella Corcoran Kennedy, Pat Deering (*in the Chair*), Martin Kenny, Charlie McConalogue and Willie Penrose.

Senators Paul Daly and Pádraig Mac Lochlainn.

Apologies were received from Deputy Thomas Pringle and Senator Michelle Mulherin.

Also present:

Deputy Eugene Murphy [DSO 95(3)].

3. **PRIVATE SESSION**

The Committee agreed to go into private session at 3.41p.m.

4. **ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION**

5. **ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION**

6. **ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION**

7. **ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION**

8. **ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION**

The Committee went out of private session

9. **SCRUTINY OF EU LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS**

The Committee considered the European legislative proposals, as outlined in Schedules A and B for consideration. A description of each proposal and the decisions taken are contained in Appendix 1.

10. **MEETING SUSPENDED**

The meeting was suspended at 4.34 p.m. until 4.35 p.m.

11. FURTHER SCRUTINY OF EU LEGISLATIVE PROPOSAL: COM(2018)173 – UNFAIR TRADING PRACTICES IN BUSINESS-TO-BUSINESS RELATIONSHIPS IN THE FOOD CHAIN

The Committee met with officials from the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine – Ms Sinéad McPhillips, Assistant Secretary General, Ms Gráinne Mulligan, Principal Officer and Mr Niall McKeon, Assistant Principal, Food Industry Development Division in relation to unfair trading practices in business-to-business relationships in the food chain.

Debate ensued and concluded.

12. ADJOURNMENT

The Committee adjourned at 5.05 p.m. until 3.30p.m. on Tuesday, 2 October 2018.

Pat Deering, T.D.
Chairman
2 October, 2018

Appendix 1

List of EU Legislative Proposals Date of Meeting: Tuesday 25 September 2018

Schedule A:

COM(2018)390 Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund and repealing Regulation (EU) No 508/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council

Decision: It was agreed that the proposal warranted further scrutiny. It was also agreed that this is by way of requesting that the Committee is kept informed of developments.

COM(2018)517 Proposal for a Council Decision on the signature, on behalf of the European Union, of the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the Union and the People's Republic of China in connection with the WTO dispute settlement proceedings DS492 Measures affecting Tariff Concessions on Certain Poultry Meat Products

Decision: It was agreed that the proposal warranted no further scrutiny.

COM(2018)518 Proposal for a Council Decision on the conclusion, on behalf of the European Union, of the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the Union and the People's Republic of China in connection with the WTO dispute settlement proceedings DS492 Measures affecting Tariff Concessions on Certain Poultry Meat Products

Decision: It was agreed that the proposal warranted no further scrutiny.

COM(2018)533 Proposal for a Council Regulation amending Regulation (EU) No 1370/2013 determining measures on fixing certain aids and refunds related to the common organisation of the markets in agricultural products, as regards the quantitative limitation for buying-in skimmed milk powder

Decision: It was agreed that the proposal warranted further scrutiny. It was also agreed that this is by way of requesting a briefing from Department officials on the current situation in the SMP market and potential impacts.

Schedule B:

COM(2018)453 Proposal for a Council Decision on the conclusion, on behalf of the European Union, of the Agreement to prevent unregulated high seas Fisheries in the Central Arctic Ocean

COM(2018)454 Proposal for a Council Decision on the signing, on behalf of the European Union, of the Agreement to prevent unregulated high seas Fisheries in the Central Arctic Ocean

COM(2018)499 Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the European Fisheries Control Agency (codification)

COM(2018)500 Proposal for a Council Regulation amending Regulation (EU) 2017/1970 fixing for 2018 the fishing opportunities for certain fish stocks and groups of fish stocks applicable in the Baltic Sea

COM(2018)502 Proposal for a Council Decision on the signing, on behalf of the Union, and provisional application of the Protocol implementing the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire and the European Community (2018-2024)

COM(2018)503 Proposal for a Council Decision on the conclusion of the Protocol on the implementation of the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire and the European Community (2018- 2024)

COM(2018)505 Proposal for a Council Regulation on the allocation of fishing opportunities under the Protocol on the implementation of the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire and the European Community (2018-2024)

COM(2018)514 Proposal for a Council Decision on the signing, on behalf of the Union, of the Voluntary Partnership Agreement between the European Union and the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam on forest law enforcement, governance and trade

COM(2018)515 Proposal for a Council Decision on the conclusion of the Voluntary Partnership Agreement between the European Union and the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam on forest law enforcement, governance and trade

Decision: It was agreed that these proposals warranted no further scrutiny.

Minutes of Meeting of 2 October 2018

1. The Joint Committee met at 3.40 p.m. in Committee Room 1, LH 2000, a quorum being present.

2. **MEMBERS PRESENT**

The following members were present:-

Deputies Jackie Cahill, Marcella Corcoran Kennedy, Pat Deering (*in the Chair*), Martin Kenny and Charlie McConalogue.

Senators Paul Daly, Tim Lombard, Pádraig Mac Lochlainn and Michelle Mulherin.

Apologies were received from Deputy Willie Penrose.

Also present:

Deputies Danny Healy-Rae, Eugene Murphy and Kevin O’Keeffe [DSO 95(3)].

3. **PRIVATE SESSION**

The Committee agreed to go into private session at 3.40 p.m.

4. **ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION**

5. **ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION**

6. **ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION**

7. **ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION**

8. **ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION**

9. **ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION**

The Committee went out of private session

10. **PRE-BUDGET DISCUSSION**

The Committee met with the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to discuss priorities in advance of the Budget.

Debate ensued and concluded.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The Committee adjourned at 6.30 p.m. until 3.30 p.m. on Tuesday, 16 October 2018.

Pat Deering, T.D.
Chairman
16 October 2018

Minutes of Meeting of 16 October 2018

1. The Joint Committee met at 3.40 p.m. in Committee Room 1, LH 2000, a quorum being present.

2. **MEMBERS PRESENT**

The following members were present:-

Deputies Jackie Cahill, Marcella Corcoran Kennedy, Pat Deering (*in the Chair*), Martin Kenny, Charlie McConalogue and Willie Penrose.

Senators Paul Daly, Tim Lombard and Michelle Mulherin.

3. **PRIVATE SESSION**

The Committee agreed to go into private session at 3.40 p.m.

4. **ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION**

5. **ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION**

6. **ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION**

7. **ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION**

8. **ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION**

9. **ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION**

The Committee went out of private session

10. **SCRUTINY OF EU LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS**

The Committee considered the European legislative proposals, as outlined in Schedules A and B for consideration. A description of each proposal and the decisions taken are contained in Appendix 1.

11. **MEETING SUSPENDED**

The meeting was suspended at 3.54 p.m. until 3.56 p.m.

12. **SCRUTINY OF EU LEGISLATIVE PROPOSAL: COM(2018)173 – RESUMED**

The Committee met with representatives from the Competition and Consumer Protection Commission (CCPC) – Ms Isolde Goggin, Chairperson, Mr Fergal O’Leary, Member of the Commission and Mr Seán Murphy, Director of Consumer Protection and

Chief Legal Advisor in relation to unfair trading practices in business-to-business relationships in the food chain.

Debate ensued and concluded.

13. MEETING SUSPENDED

The meeting was suspended at 5 p.m. until 5.05 p.m.

14. SCRUTINY OF EU LEGISLATIVE PROPOSAL: COM(2018)173 – RESUMED

The Committee met with representatives from the following organisations in relation to unfair trading practices in business-to-business relationships in the food chain:

- (i) Irish Farmers' Association – Mr Joe Healy, President, Mr Damian McDonald, Director General and Ms Elaine Farrell, Retail Executive;
- (ii) Irish Creamery Milk Suppliers Association – Mr Pat McCormack, President and Mr John Enright, General Secretary;
- (iii) Irish Co-operative Organisation Society – Ms Alison Graham, European Affairs Executive; and
- (iv) Retail Ireland – Mr Thomas Burke, Director.

Debate ensued and concluded.

15. ADJOURNMENT

The Committee adjourned at 6.10 p.m. until 3.30 p.m. on Tuesday, 23 October 2018.

Pat Deering, T.D.
Chairman
23 October 2018

Appendix 1

List of EU Legislative Proposals Date of Meeting: Tuesday 16 October 2018

Schedule A:

COM(2018)613 Proposal for a Council Regulation amending Regulation (EU) 2018/120 as regards fishing opportunities for European seabass

Decision: It was agreed that the proposal warranted no further scrutiny.

Schedule B:

COM(2018)577 Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down conservation and control measures applicable in the Regulatory Area of the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organisation and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 2115/2005 and Council Regulation (EC) No 1386/2007

COM(2018)608 Proposal for a Council Regulation fixing for 2019 the fishing opportunities for certain fish stocks and groups of fish stocks applicable in the Baltic Sea

Decision: It was agreed that these proposals warranted no further scrutiny.

Minutes of Meeting of 23 October 2018

1. The Joint Committee met at 3.45 p.m. in Committee Room 1, LH 2000, a quorum being present.

2. **MEMBERS PRESENT**

The following members were present:-

Deputies Jackie Cahill (*in the Chair for part of the meeting*), Marcella Corcoran Kennedy, Pat Deering (*in the Chair for part of the meeting*), Martin Kenny, Charlie McConalogue, Willie Penrose and Thomas Pringle.

Senators Paul Daly, Tim Lombard and Michelle Mulherin.

Also present:

Deputies Michael Fitzmaurice, Danny Healy-Rae [DSO 95(3)] and Senator Pádraig Mac Lochlainn [SSO 81(2)].

3. **PRIVATE SESSION**

The Committee agreed to go into private session at 3.47 p.m.

4. **ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION**

5. **ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION**

6. **ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION**

7. **ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION**

The Committee went out of private session

8. **MEETING SUSPENDED**

The meeting was suspended at 4.01 p.m. until 4.02 p.m.

9. **ENGAGEMENT WITH MR LIAM HERLIHY, CHAIRPERSON DESIGNATE, TEAGASC**

The Committee engaged with Mr Liam Herlihy, Chairperson Designate of Teagasc in relation to his strategic priorities for the role.

Debate ensued and concluded.

10. **MEETING SUSPENDED**

The meeting was suspended at 5.21 p.m. until 5.24 p.m.

11. ENGAGEMENT WITH MR FRANK NYHAN, CHAIRPERSON DESIGNATE, BORD NA GCON

The Committee engaged with Mr Frank Nyhan, Chairperson Designate of Bord na gCon in relation to his strategic priorities for the role.

Debate ensued and concluded.

12. MEETING SUSPENDED

The meeting was suspended at 5.48 p.m. until 6.06 p.m.

13. UPDATE ON THE AQUACULTURE LICENSING REVIEW PROCESS

The Committee met with the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine in relation to the aquaculture licensing review process.

Debate ensued and concluded.

14. ADJOURNMENT

The Committee adjourned at 7.35 p.m. until 3.30 p.m. on Tuesday, 6 November 2018.

Pat Deering, T.D.
Chairman
6 November 2018

Minutes of Meeting of 6 November 2018

1. The Joint Committee met at 3.40 p.m. in Committee Room 1, LH 2000, a quorum being present.

2. **MEMBERS PRESENT**

The following members were present:-

Deputies Jackie Cahill, Marcella Corcoran Kennedy, Pat Deering (*in the Chair*), Martin Kenny, Willie Penrose and Thomas Pringle.

Senators Rose Conway-Walsh, Paul Daly and Michelle Mulherin.

Apologies were received from Deputy Charlie McConalogue.

3. **PRIVATE SESSION**

The Committee agreed to go into private session at 3.40 p.m.

4. **ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION**

5. **ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION**

6. **ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION**

7. **ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION**

8. **ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION**

9. **ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION**

10. **ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION**

The Committee went out of private session

11. **SCRUTINY OF EU LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS**

The Committee considered the European legislative proposals, as outlined in Schedules A and B for consideration. A description of each proposal and the decisions taken are contained in Appendix 1.

12. **MEETING SUSPENDED**

The meeting was suspended at 4.02 p.m. until 4.03 p.m.

13. IMPACT OF BREXIT ON AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND FISHERIES SECTORS

The Committee met with officials from the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine – Mr Paul Savage, Head of Brexit and International Trade Division, Ms Hazel Sheridan, Senior Superintending Veterinary Inspector, NDCC Division, Mr Barry Delany, Senior Inspector, Horticulture and Plant Health Division, Mr Kevin Galligan, Head of HR Division, Ms Josephine Kelly, Head of Sea Fisheries Policy Division and Ms Louise Kissane, Deputy Head of Accommodation Division, in relation to the impact of Brexit on agriculture, food and fisheries sectors.

Debate ensued and concluded.

14. MEETING SUSPENDED

The meeting was suspended at 5.20 p.m. until 5.22 p.m.

15. COMMON FISHERIES POLICY AND THE SUSTAINABILITY OF IRELAND'S FISHERIES

The Committee met with Mr Fintan Kelly, Policy Officer, BirdWatch Ireland, in relation to issues concerning the implementation of the Common Fisheries Policy (CFP) and the sustainability of Ireland's fisheries.

The Chairman advised that the issues raised would be brought to the attention of the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when he is before the Committee on 27 November 2018.

Debate ensued and concluded.

16. ADJOURNMENT

The Committee adjourned at 5.50 p.m. until 3.30 p.m. on Tuesday, 13 November 2018.

Pat Deering, T.D.
Chairman
13 November 2018

Appendix 1

List of EU Legislative Proposals Date of Meeting: Tuesday 6 November 2018

Schedule A:

COM(2018)350 Proposal for a Council Decision on the accession of the European Union to the Geneva Act of the Lisbon Agreement on Appellations of Origin and Geographical Indications

COM(2018)365 Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the action of the Union following its accession to the Geneva Act of the Lisbon Agreement on Appellations of Origin and Geographical Indications

Decision: It was agreed that these proposals warranted further scrutiny. It was also agreed that this is by way of requesting that the Committee is kept informed of developments.

COM(2018)625 Proposal for a Council Regulation opening and providing for the management of autonomous Union tariff quotas for certain fishery products for the period 2019-2020

Decision: It was agreed that the proposal warranted no further scrutiny.

Schedule B:

COM(2018)626 Proposal for a Council Decision on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union in the International Organisation for Vine and Wine (OIV)

Decision: It was agreed that the proposal warranted no further scrutiny.

Minutes of Meeting of 13 November 2018

1. The Joint Committee met at 3.40 p.m. in Committee Room 1, LH 2000, a quorum being present.

2. MEMBERS PRESENT

The following members were present:-

Deputies Jackie Cahill, Pat Deering (*in the Chair*) and Martin Kenny.

Senators Paul Daly, Tim Lombard and Michelle Mulherin.

Apologies were received from Deputies Charlie McConalogue and Willie Penrose.

3. PRIVATE SESSION

The Committee agreed to go into private session at 3.40 p.m.

4. ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION

5. ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION

6. ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION

7. ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION

The Committee went out of private session

8. MEETING SUSPENDED

The meeting was suspended at 3.51 p.m. until 3.52 p.m.

9. IMPACT OF BREXIT ON AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND FISHERIES SECTORS

The Committee met with representatives from the following organisations to discuss the impact of Brexit on the agri-food and fisheries sectors:

- (i) Irish Exporters Association – Mr Simon McKeever, Chief Executive and Mr Pascal Koenig, Communications & Public Affairs Manager; and
- (ii) British Irish Chamber of Commerce – Ms Maree Gallagher, Chair of Agri-Food Committee and Mr Paul Lynam, Head of Sectoral Policy.

Debate ensued and concluded.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The Committee adjourned at 5.20 p.m. until 3.30 p.m. on Tuesday, 20 November 2018.

Pat Deering, T.D.
Chairman
20 November 2018

Minutes of Meeting of 20 November 2018

1. The Joint Committee met at 3.35 p.m. in Committee Room 1, LH 2000, a quorum being present.

2. **MEMBERS PRESENT**

The following members were present:-

Deputies Jackie Cahill, Marcella Corcoran Kennedy, Pat Deering (*in the Chair*), Martin Kenny, Willie Penrose and Thomas Pringle.

Senators Rose Conway-Walsh, Paul Daly, Tim Lombard and Michelle Mulherin.

Apologies were received from Deputy Charlie McConalogue.

3. **PRIVATE SESSION**

The Committee agreed to go into private session at 3.37 p.m.

4. **ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION**

5. **ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION**

6. **ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION**

7. **ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION**

8. **ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION**

The Committee went out of private session

9. **MEETING SUSPENDED**

The meeting was suspended at 4.01p.m. until 4.03 p.m.

10. **IMPACT OF BREXIT ON AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND FISHERIES SECTORS**

The Committee met with representatives from Bord Bia – Mr Pdraig Brennan, Director – Markets and Mr Shane Hamill, Overseas Trade Manager to discuss the impact of Brexit on the agri-food and fisheries sectors.

Debate ensued and concluded.

11. **MEETING SUSPENDED**

The meeting was suspended at 5.27 p.m. until 5.31 p.m.

12. REPORT ON "UNTAPPED POTENTIAL: UNLOCKING THE ECONOMIC POTENTIAL OF THE IRISH SPORT HORSE INDUSTRY"

The Committee met with representatives from Sports Horse Alliance – Mr Barry O'Connor, Chairman, Mr Greg Broderick, Mr Ger O'Neill and Mr Jim Power, Economist to discuss the Report on "Untapped Potential: Unlocking the Economic Potential of the Irish Sport Horse Industry".

Debate ensued and concluded.

13. ADJOURNMENT

The Committee adjourned at 6.45 p.m. until 3.30 p.m. on Tuesday, 27 November 2018.

Pat Deering, T.D.
Chairman
27 November 2018

Minutes of Meeting of 27 November 2018

1. The Joint Committee met at 3.45 p.m. in Committee Room 1, LH 2000, a quorum being present.

2. **MEMBERS PRESENT**

The following members were present:-

Deputies Jackie Cahill, Marcella Corcoran Kennedy, Pat Deering (*in the Chair*), Martin Kenny, Charlie McConalogue and Willie Penrose.

Senators Rose Conway-Walsh and Michelle Mulherin.

Apologies were received from Senator Paul Daly.

Also present:

Deputies James Browne Michael Fitzmaurice, [DSO 95(3)] and Senator Anthony Lawlor attended [SSO 80(2)].

3. **PRIVATE SESSION**

The Committee agreed to go into private session at 3.45 p.m.

4. **ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION**

5. **ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION**

6. **ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION**

7. **ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION**

8. **ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION**

The Committee went out of private session

9. **MEETING SUSPENDED**

The meeting was suspended at 3.55 p.m. until 3.57 p.m.

10. **AREAS OF NATURAL CONSTRAINTS (ANC) SCHEME 2019**

The Committee was briefed by the Departmental officials on the details in relation to the Areas of Natural Constraints (ANC) Scheme for 2019.

Debate ensued and concluded.

11. MEETING SUSPENDED

The meeting was suspended at 4.43 p.m. until 4.47 p.m.

12. MOTION RE: DRAFT HORSE AND GREYHOUND RACING FUND REGULATIONS 2017

The Committee met with the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine in relation to the following motions referred to the Joint Committee by Dáil Éireann and Seanad Éireann for consideration:-

“That Dáil Éireann approves the following Regulations in draft:-

Horse and Greyhound Racing Fund
Regulations 2018,

copies of which were laid in draft form before Dáil Éireann
on 20th November 2018.”.

“That Seanad Éireann approves the following Regulations in draft:-

Horse and Greyhound Racing Fund
Regulations 2018,

copies of which were laid in draft form before Seanad Éireann
on 20th November 2018.”.

Debate ensued and concluded.

The Committee agreed that a message would be sent to the Clerk of the Dáil and the Clerk of the Seanad acquainting them that the Committee had completed its consideration of the motion.

13. MEETING SUSPENDED

The meeting was suspended at 6.00 p.m. until 6.05 p.m.

14. PRE-EU COUNCIL MEETING ON AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES (AGRI-FISH): SEA FISHERIES SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

The Committee met with the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine in relation to the Sea Fisheries Sustainability Impact Assessment arising at the AGRIFISH Council meeting scheduled to take place in Brussels on 17 and 18 December 2018.

Debate ensued and concluded.

15. ADJOURNMENT

The Committee adjourned at 6.45 p.m. until 4.30 p.m. on Tuesday 4 December 2018.

Pat Deering, T.D.
Chairman
4 December 2018

Minutes of Meeting of 4 December 2018

1. The Joint Committee met at 4.55 p.m. in Committee Room 1, LH 2000, a quorum being present.

2. MEMBERS PRESENT

The following members were present:-

Deputies Marcella Corcoran Kennedy, Pat Deering (*in the Chair*), Martin Kenny and Thomas Pringle.

Senators Rose Conway-Walsh and Paul Daly.

Apologies were received from Deputies Charlie McConalogue and Willie Penrose.

Also present:

Deputy Eugene Murphy attended [DSO 95(3)].

3. PRIVATE SESSION

The Committee agreed to go into private session at 4.55 p.m.

4. ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION

5. ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION

The Committee went out of private session

7. MEETING SUSPENDED

The meeting was suspended at 5.02 p.m. until 5.03 p.m.

8. IMPACT OF BREXIT ON THE AGRIL-FOOD SECTOR

The Committee met with representatives from the following organisations to discuss the impact of Brexit on the agri-food sector:

(i) Food Drink Ireland - Mr Paul Kelly, Director; and

(ii) Alcohol Beverage Federation of Ireland - Ms Patricia Callan, Director and Mr William Lavelle.

Debate ensued and concluded.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The Committee adjourned at 5.45 p.m. until 3.30 p.m. on Tuesday 11 December 2018.

Pat Deering, T.D.
Chairman
11 December 2018

Minutes of Meeting of 11 December 2018

1. The Joint Committee met at 3.45 p.m. in Committee Room 1, LH 2000, a quorum being present.

2. MEMBERS PRESENT

The following members were present:-

Deputies Jackie Cahill, Marcella Corcoran Kennedy, Pat Deering (*in the Chair*), Martin Kenny and Willie Penrose.

Senators Paul Daly, Tim Lombard and Michelle Mulherin.

Apologies were received from Deputy Charlie McConalogue.

Also present:

Deputy Kevin O'Keeffe attended [DSO 95(3)].

3. PRIVATE SESSION

The Committee agreed to go into private session at 3.45 p.m.

4. ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION

5. ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION

6. ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION

7. ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION

The Committee went out of private session

8. MEETING SUSPENDED

The meeting was suspended at 3.48 p.m. until 3.49 p.m.

9. TB ERADICATION PROGRAMME

The Committee met with the officials from the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine - Mr Michael Sheahan, Deputy Chief Veterinary Officer, Mr Eoin Ryan, Senior Supervisory Veterinary Inspector, Mr Philip Breslin, Senior Veterinary Inspector, Mr Colm Forde, Principal Officer and Ms Rosanne Greene, Assistant Principal in relation to the TB Eradication Programme.

Debate ensued and concluded.

9. MEETING SUSPENDED

The meeting was suspended at 5.52 p.m. until 5.58 p.m.

10. TEAGASC ANNUAL REPORT 2017

The Committee met with Professor Gerry Boyle, Director of Teagasc in relation to its Annual Report 2017.

Debate ensued and concluded.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The Committee adjourned at 7.25 p.m. until 3.30 p.m. on Tuesday 18 December 2018.

Pat Deering, T.D.
Chairman
18 December 2018

Minutes of Meeting of 18 December 2018

1. The Joint Committee met at 3.45 p.m. in Committee Room 1, LH 2000, a quorum being present.

2. MEMBERS PRESENT

The following members were present:-

Deputies Jackie Cahill, Pat Deering (*in the Chair*), Martin Kenny, Charlie McConalogue, Willie Penrose and Thomas Pringle.

Senators Rose Conway-Walsh, Paul Daly and Michelle Mulherin.

3. PRIVATE SESSION

The Committee agreed to go into private session at 3.47 p.m.

4. ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION

5. ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION

6. ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION

The Committee went out of private session

7. MEETING SUSPENDED

The meeting was suspended at 4.22 p.m. until 4.24 p.m.

8. REPORT ON THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIETAL IMPORTANCE OF THE IRISH SUCKLER BEEF SECTOR

The Committee met with representatives from the Irish Farmer's Association – Mr Joe Healy, President, Mr Angus Woods, Livestock Chairman, Mr Kevin Kinsella, Director of Livestock and Mr Damian McDonald, Director in relation to the Report on 'The Economic and Societal Importance of the Irish Suckler Beef Sector'.

Debate ensued and concluded.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The Committee adjourned at 6.23 p.m. until Tuesday, 3.30 p.m. on Tuesday 15 January 2019.

Pat Deering, T.D
Chairman
15 January, 2019

APPENDIX 5: Meetings of the Dáil Select Committee

The following are the details, in date order, of the scheduled meetings of the Select Committee which took place during the period under report.

MEETING NO. AND DATE	TOPIC	ORGANISATIONS, GROUPS AND INDIVIDUALS WHO ATTENDED
S06 27/03/2018	2018 Revised Estimates for Public Services - Vote 30 (Agriculture, Food and the Marine) <i>(Revised Estimate)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Michael Creed T.D., Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine
S07 04/12/2018	2018 Supplementary Estimates for Public Service - Vote 30 (Agriculture, Food and the Marine) <i>(Supplementary Estimate)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Michael Creed T.D., Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine

APPENDIX 6: Proceedings of the Select Committee (Imeachtaí)

Dé Máirt, 27 Márta 2018

Tuesday, 27 March 2018

1. Chruinnigh an Coiste ar 3.40 p.m.

1. The Committee met at 3.40 p.m.

2. COMHALTAÍ I LÁTHAIR.

2. MEMBERS PRESENT.

Bhí na comhaltaí seo a leanas i láthair:

The following Members were present:

An Teachta Pádraig Ó Díring (*i gCeannas*), an tAire Talmhaíochta, Bia agus Mara, na Teachtaí Jackie Cahill, Mairsile Ní Chorcoráin Cinnéide, Martin Kenny, Cathal Mac Conall Óg agus Liam Pearrós.

Deputy Pat Deering (*in the Chair*), the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine, Deputies Jackie Cahill, Marcella Corcoran Kennedy, Martin Kenny, Charlie McConalogue and Willie Penrose.

3. BREITHNIÚ AR MHEASTACHÁIN I GCOMHAIR SEIRBHÍSÍ POIBLÍ.

3. CONSIDERATION OF ESTIMATES FOR PUBLIC SERVICES.

Bhreithnigh an Coiste an Meastachán seo a leanas i gcomhair Seirbhísí Poiblí don bhliain dar críoch an 31 Nollaig, 2018 –

The Committee considered the following Estimate for Public Services for the year ending 31 December, 2018 –

Vóta 30 (Talmhaíochta, Bia agus Mara) (Meastachán Athbhreithnithe).

Vote 30 (Agriculture, Food and the Marine) (Revised Estimate).

Críochnaíodh an breithniú ar an Meastachán.

Consideration of the Estimate was concluded.

Cuireadh teachtaireacht chun na Dála de réir Bhuan-Ordú 90 á chur in iúl di gur chríochnaigh an Coiste a bhreithniú ar an Meastachán.

Message sent to the Dáil in accordance with Standing Order 90 acquainting it that the Committee had completed its consideration of the Estimate.

4. ATHLÁ.

Chuaigh an Coiste ar athló ar 5.15 p.m.
sine die.

4. ADJOURNMENT.

The Committee adjourned at 5.15 p.m.
sine die.

PAT DEERING, T.D.
Chairman
27 March 2018

Dé Máirt, 4 Nollaig 2018

Tuesday, 4 December 2018

1. Chruinnigh an Coiste ar 3.105 p.m.

1. The Committee met at 3.15 p.m.

2. COMHALTAÍ I LÁTHAIR.

2. MEMBERS PRESENT.

Bhí na comhaltaí seo a leanas i láthair:

The following Members were present:

An Teachta Pádraig Ó Díring (*i gCeannas*), an tAire Talmhaíochta, Bia agus Mara, na Teachtaí Jackie Cahill, Mairsile Ní Chorcoráin Cinnéide, Máirtín Ó Cionaoith agus Tomás Pringle.

Deputy Pat Deering (*in the Chair*), the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine, Deputies Jackie Cahill, Marcella Corcoran Kennedy, Martin Kenny and Thomas Pringle.

3. BREITHNIÚ AR MHEASTACHÁIN I GCOMHAIR SEIRBHÍSÍ POIBLÍ.

3. CONSIDERATION OF ESTIMATES FOR PUBLIC SERVICES.

Bhreithnigh an Coiste an Meastachán seo a leanas i gcomhair Seirbhísí Poiblí don bhliain dar críoch an 31 Nollaig, 2018 –

The Committee considered the following Estimate for Public Services for the year ending 31st December, 2018 –

Vóta 30 (Talmhaíocht, Bia agus Muir)
(Meastachán Forlíontach).

Vote 30 (Agriculture, Food and the Marine) (Supplementary Estimate).

Críochnaíodh an breithniú ar an Meastachán.

Consideration of the Estimate was concluded.

Cuireadh teachtaireacht chun na Dála de réir Bhuan-Ordú 90 á chur in iúl di gur chríochnaigh an Coiste a bhreithniú ar an Meastachán.

Message sent to the Dáil in accordance with Standing Order 90 acquainting it that the Committee had completed its consideration of the Estimate.

4. ATHLÁ.

Chuaigh an Coiste ar athló ar 4.30 p.m.
sine die.

4. ADJOURNMENT.

The Committee adjourned at 4.30 p.m.
sine die.

PAT DEERING, T.D.
Chairman
4 December 2018