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1. Content and Format of Report

This report has been prepared pursuant to Standing Order 100 (3), (4), (5) and (6) (Dáil Éireann) and Standing Order 77 (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 8 February 2021, the Joint Committee agreed that all these items should be included in this report covering the period from 30 August 2020 to 31 December 2020.

2. Establishment and Functions

2.1. Establishment of the Select Committee

The Dáil Select Committee was established by Order of Dáil Éireann of the 30 July 2020, 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 18 September 2020, to form the Joint Committee on Agriculture 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 104(2) provides for a proportion of Chairpersons to be allocated to each group by means of the D'Hondt System. Deputy Jackie Cahill was appointed as Chairman of the Select Committee on 3 September 2020 by an Order of Dáil Éireann. The Chairman of the Select Committee is also the Chairman of the Joint Committee. Senator Tim Lombard was elected as Vice-Chairman of the Joint Committee on 30 September 2020.

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 17 occasions during the period under report. The number of hours of discussion involved in these meetings was in excess of 24 hours. The Committee met privately 7 times in 2020. 6 of these meetings were held online in order to reduce the number of corporeal meetings during the Covid Pandemic. In relation to public meetings, Members and Witnesses were also facilitated to attend these online and/or other measures were taken in order to minimise health risks during the pandemic.

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 on two occasions during the period under report. The number of hours of discussion involved in these meetings was in excess of two 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 Chairman and Members of the Joint Committee did not meet informally with delegations on any occasion during the period under report, due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

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	45
Select Committee	1

7. Committee reports published

Although no reports were published during the period under report, 3 public meetings had been held on the topic of challenges for the forestry sector (including ash die back and licensing issues). A report on this matter is due to be published in early 2021.

8. Travel

In accordance with its Orders of Reference, the Committee is permitted to undertake travel in connection with its Work Programme. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, no Committee travel took place during the period under report.

9. EU Mainstreaming

9.1 Legislative Proposals

From January to December 2020, the Joint Committee considered EU matters at 7 meetings involving consideration of some 38 legislative proposals, of which further action or scrutiny was taken on the following proposal:

PROPOSAL NO.	PROPOSAL TITLE	OUTCOME
COM (2020)668	Proposal for a COUNCIL REGULATION fixing for 2021 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	Agreed, by way of further scrutiny, to invite the Minister to appear before the Joint Committee. Subsequent to the meeting with the Minister, it was agreed that this proposal does not warrant further scrutiny.

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 meeting on the following date:-

JC MEETING DATE	MINISTER	EU COUNCIL MEETING
1 December	Mr. Charlie McConalogue T.D., Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine	AGRIFISH (15-16 December)

10. Report on Functions and Powers

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



Jackie Cahill T.D.

Chairman

08/02/2021

APPENDIX 1: Orders of Reference

Scope and context of activities of Select Committees (DSO 94 and SSO 70)

94. (1) The Dáil may appoint a Select Committee to consider and, if so permitted, to take evidence upon any Bill, Estimate or matter, and to report its opinion for the information and assistance of the Dáil. Such motion shall specifically state the orders of reference of the Committee, define the powers devolved upon it, fix the number of members to serve on it, state the quorum, and may appoint a date upon which the Committee shall report back to the Dáil.

(2) It shall be an instruction to each Select Committee that—

- (a) it may only consider such matters, engage in such activities, exercise such powers and discharge such functions as are specifically authorised under its orders of reference and under Standing Orders;
- (b) such matters, activities, powers and functions shall be relevant to, and shall arise only in the context of, the preparation of a report to the Dáil;
- (c) it shall not consider any matter which is being considered, or of which notice has been given of a proposal to consider, by the Joint Committee on Public Petitions in the exercise of its functions under Standing Order 125(1)¹; and
- (d) it shall refrain from inquiring into in public session or publishing confidential information regarding any matter if so requested, for stated reasons given in writing, by—
 - (i) a member of the Government or a Minister of State, or
 - (ii) the principal office-holder of a State body within the responsibility of a Government Department or
 - (iii) the principal office-holder of a non-State body which is partly funded by the State,

Provided that the Committee may appeal any such request made to the Ceann Comhairle, whose decision shall be final.

(3) It shall be an instruction to all Select Committees to which Bills are referred that they shall ensure that not more than two Select Committees shall meet to consider a Bill on any given day, unless the Dáil, after due notice to the Business Committee by a Chairman of one of the Select Committees concerned, waives this instruction.

¹ Retained pending review of the Joint Committee on Public Petitions.

Scope and Context of Activities of Select Committees

70. (1) The Seanad may appoint a Select Committee to consider any Bill or matter and to report its opinion for the information and assistance of the Seanad and, in the case of a Bill, whether or not it has amended the Bill. Such motion shall specifically state the orders of reference of the Committee, define the powers devolved upon it, fix the number of members to serve on it, state the quorum thereof, and may appoint a date upon which the Committee shall report back to the Seanad.

(2) It shall be an instruction to each Select Committee that—

- (a) it may only consider such matters, engage in such activities, exercise such powers and discharge such functions as are specifically authorised under its orders of reference and under Standing Orders;
- (b) such matters, activities, powers and functions shall be relevant to, and shall arise only in the context of, the preparation of a report to the Seanad;
- (c) it shall not consider any matter which is being considered, or of which notice has been given of a proposal to consider, by the Joint Committee on Public Petitions in the exercise of its functions under Standing Order 108 (1)¹; and
- (d) it shall refrain from inquiring into in public session or publishing confidential information regarding any matter if so requested, for stated reasons given in writing, by—

(i) a member of the Government or a Minister of State, or

(ii) the principal office-holder of a State body within the responsibility of a Government Department, or

(iii) the principal office-holder of a non-State body which is partly funded by the State,

provided that the Committee may appeal any such request made to the Cathaoirleach, whose decision shall be final.

¹ Retained pending review of the Joint Committee on Public Petitions

Functions of Departmental Select Committees (DSO 95 and SSO 71)

95. (1) The Dáil may appoint a Departmental Select Committee to consider and, unless otherwise provided for in these Standing Orders or by order, to report to the Dáil on any matter relating to—
- (a) legislation, policy, governance, expenditure and administration of—
 - (i) a Government Department, and
 - (ii) State bodies within the responsibility of such Department, and
 - (b) the performance of a non-State body in relation to an agreement for the provision of services that it has entered into with any such Government Department or State body.
- (2) A Select Committee appointed pursuant to this Standing Order shall also consider such other matters which—
- (a) stand referred to the Committee by virtue of these Standing Orders or statute law, or
 - (b) shall be referred to the Committee by order of the Dáil.
- (3) The principal purpose of Committee consideration of matters of policy, governance, expenditure and administration under paragraph (1) shall be—
- (a) for the accountability of the relevant Minister or Minister of State, and
 - (b) to assess the performance of the relevant Government Department or of a State body within the responsibility of the relevant Department, in delivering public services while achieving intended outcomes, including value for money.
- (4) A Select Committee appointed pursuant to this Standing Order shall not consider any matter relating to accounts audited by, or reports of, the Comptroller and Auditor General unless the Committee of Public Accounts—
- (a) consents to such consideration, or
 - (b) has reported on such accounts or reports.
- (5) A Select Committee appointed pursuant to this Standing Order may be joined with a Select Committee appointed by Seanad Éireann to be and act as a Joint Committee for the purposes of paragraph (1) and such other purposes as may be specified in these Standing Orders or by order of the Dáil: provided that the Joint Committee shall not consider—
- (a) the Committee Stage of a Bill,
 - (b) Estimates for Public Services, or
 - (c) a proposal contained in a motion for the approval of an international agreement involving a charge upon public funds referred to the Committee by order of the Dáil.

- (6) Any report that the Joint Committee proposes to make shall, on adoption by the Joint Committee, be made to both Houses of the Oireachtas.
- (7) The Chairman of the Select Committee appointed pursuant to this Standing Order shall also be Chairman of the Joint Committee.
- (8) Where a Select Committee proposes to consider—
 - (a) EU draft legislative acts standing referred to the Select Committee under Standing Order 133, including the compliance of such acts with the principle of subsidiarity,
 - (b) other proposals for EU legislation and related policy issues, including programmes and guidelines prepared by the European Commission as a basis of possible legislative action,
 - (c) non-legislative documents published by any EU institution in relation to EU policy matters, or
 - (d) matters listed for consideration on the agenda for meetings of the relevant Council (of Ministers) of the European Union and the outcome of such meetings,

the following may be notified accordingly and shall have the right to attend and take part in such consideration without having a right to move motions or amendments or the right to vote:

- (i) members of the European Parliament elected from constituencies in Ireland,
 - (ii) members of the Irish delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, and
 - (iii) at the invitation of the Committee, other members of the European Parliament.
- (9) A Select Committee appointed pursuant to this Standing Order may, in respect of any Ombudsman charged with oversight of public services within the policy remit of the relevant Department consider—
 - (a) such motions relating to the appointment of an Ombudsman as may be referred to the Committee, and
 - (b) such Ombudsman reports laid before either or both Houses of the Oireachtas as the Committee may select: Provided that the provisions of Standing Order 130 apply where the Select Committee has not considered the Ombudsman report, or a portion or portions thereof, within two months (excluding Christmas, Easter or summer recess periods) of the report being laid before either or both Houses of the Oireachtas.²

² Retained pending review of the Joint Committee on Public Petitions.

Functions of Departmental Select Committees

71. (1) The Seanad may appoint a Departmental Select Committee to consider and, unless otherwise provided for in these Standing Orders or by order, to report to the Seanad on any matter relating to—
- (a) legislation, policy, governance, expenditure and administration of—
 - (i) a Government Department, and
 - (ii) State bodies within the responsibility of such Department, and
 - (b) the performance of a non-State body in relation to an agreement for the provision of services that it has entered into with any such Government Department or State body.
- (2) A Select Committee appointed pursuant to this Standing Order shall also consider such other matters which –
- (a) stand referred to the Committee by virtue of these Standing Orders or statute law, or
 - (b) shall be referred to the Committee by order of the Seanad.
- (3) The principal purpose of Committee consideration of matters of policy, governance expenditure and administration under paragraph (1) shall be—
- (a) for the accountability of the relevant Minister or Minister of State, and
 - (b) to assess the performance of the relevant Government Department or a State body within the responsibility of the relevant Department, in delivering public services while achieving intended outcomes, including value for money.
- (4) A Select Committee appointed pursuant to this Standing Order shall not consider any matter relating to accounts audited by, or reports of, the Comptroller and Auditor General unless the Committee of Public Accounts—
- (a) consents to such consideration, or
 - (b) has reported on such accounts or reports.
- (5) A Select Committee appointed pursuant to this Standing Order may be joined with a Select Committee appointed by Dáil Éireann to be and act as a Joint Committee for the purposes of paragraph (1) and such other purposes as may be specified in these Standing Orders or by order of the Seanad: provided that the Joint Committee shall not consider—
- (a) the Committee Stage of a Bill,
 - (b) Estimates for Public Services, or
 - (c) a proposal contained in a motion for the approval of an international agreement involving a charge upon public funds referred to the Committee by order of the Dáil.

- (6) Any report that the Joint Committee proposes to make shall, on adoption by the Joint Committee, be made to both Houses of the Oireachtas.
- (7) The Chairman of a Joint Committee appointed pursuant to this Standing Order shall be a member of Dáil Éireann.
- (8) Where a Select Committee proposes to consider—
- (a) EU draft legislative acts standing referred to the Select Committee under Standing Order 116, including the compliance of such acts with the principle of subsidiarity,
 - (b) other proposals for EU legislation and related policy issues, including programmes and guidelines prepared by the European Commission as a basis of possible legislative action,
 - (c) non-legislative documents published by any EU institution in relation to EU policy matters, or
 - (d) matters listed for consideration on the agenda for meetings of the relevant EC Council (of Ministers) of the European Union and the outcome of such meetings,

the following may be notified accordingly and shall have the right to attend and take part in such consideration without having a right to move motions or amendments or the right to vote:

- (i) members of the European Parliament elected from constituencies in Ireland,
 - (ii) members of the Irish delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, and
 - (iii) at the invitation of the Committee, other members of the European Parliament.
- (9) A Select Committee appointed pursuant to this Standing Order may, in respect of any Ombudsman charged with oversight of public services within the policy remit of the relevant Department consider—
- (a) such motions relating to the appointment of an Ombudsman as may be referred to the Committee, and
 - (b) such Ombudsman reports laid before either or both Houses of the Oireachtas as the Committee may select: Provided that the provisions of Standing Order 113 apply where the Select Committee has not considered the Ombudsman report, or a portion or portions thereof, within two months (excluding Christmas, Easter or summer recess periods) of the report being laid before either or both Houses of the Oireachtas.²

² Retained pending review of the Joint Committee on Public Petitions.

Powers of Select Committees (DSO 96 and SSO 72)

96. Unless the Dáil shall otherwise order, a Committee appointed pursuant to these Standing Orders shall have the following powers:

- (1) power to invite and receive oral and written evidence and to print and publish from time to time—
 - (a) minutes of such evidence as was heard in public, and
 - (b) such evidence in writing as the Committee thinks fit;
- (2) power to appoint sub-Committees and to refer to such sub-Committees any matter comprehended by its orders of reference and to delegate any of its powers to such sub-Committees, including power to report directly to the Dáil;
- (3) power to draft recommendations for legislative change and for new legislation;
- (4) in relation to any statutory instrument, including those laid or laid in draft before either or both Houses of the Oireachtas, power to—
 - (a) require any Government Department or other instrument-making authority concerned to—
 - (i) submit a memorandum to the Select Committee explaining the statutory instrument, or
 - (ii) attend a meeting of the Select Committee to explain any such statutory instrument: Provided that the authority concerned may decline to attend for reasons given in writing to the Select Committee, which may report thereon to the Dáil, and
 - (b) recommend, where it considers that such action is warranted, that the instrument should be annulled or amended;
- (5) power to require that a member of the Government or Minister of State shall attend before the Select Committee to discuss—
 - (a) policy, or
 - (b) proposed primary or secondary legislation (prior to such legislation being published),

for which he or she is officially responsible: Provided that a member of the Government or Minister of State may decline to attend for stated reasons given in writing to the Select Committee, which may report thereon to the Dáil: and provided further that a member of the Government or Minister of State may request to attend a meeting of the Select Committee to enable him or her to discuss such policy or proposed legislation;
- (6) power to require that a member of the Government or Minister of State shall attend before the Select Committee and provide, in private session if so requested by the attendee, oral briefings in advance of meetings of the relevant EC Council (of Ministers) of

the European Union to enable the Select Committee to make known its views: Provided that the Committee may also require such attendance following such meetings;

- (7) power to require that the Chairperson designate of a body or agency under the aegis of a Department shall, prior to his or her appointment, attend before the Select Committee to discuss his or her strategic priorities for the role;
- (8) power to require that a member of the Government or Minister of State who is officially responsible for the implementation of an Act shall attend before a Select Committee in relation to the consideration of a report under Standing Order 197;
- (9) subject to any constraints otherwise prescribed by law, power to require that principal officeholders of a—
 - (a) State body within the responsibility of a Government Department or
 - (b) non-State body which is partly funded by the State,

shall attend meetings of the Select Committee, as appropriate, to discuss issues for which they are officially responsible: Provided that such an office-holder may decline to attend for stated reasons given in writing to the Select Committee, which may report thereon to the Dáil; and

- (10) power to—
 - (a) engage the services of persons with specialist or technical knowledge, to assist it or any of its sub-Committees in considering particular matters; and
 - (b) undertake travel;

Provided that the powers under this paragraph are subject to such recommendations as may be made by the Working Group of Committee Chairmen under Standing Order 120(4)(a).

Powers of Select Committees

72. Unless the Seanad shall otherwise order, a Committee appointed pursuant to these Standing Orders shall have the following powers:

- (1) power to invite and receive oral and written evidence and to print and publish from time to time –
 - (a) minutes of such evidence as was heard in public, and
 - (b) such evidence in writing as the Committee thinks fit;
- (2) power to appoint sub-Committees and to refer to such sub-Committees any matter comprehended by its orders of reference and to delegate any of its powers to such sub-Committees, including power to report directly to the Seanad;
- (3) power to draft recommendations for legislative change and for new legislation;
- (4) in relation to any statutory instrument, including those laid or laid in draft before either or both Houses of the Oireachtas, power to –
 - (a) require any Government Department or other instrument making authority concerned to –
 - (i) submit a memorandum to the Select Committee explaining the statutory instrument, or
 - (ii) attend a meeting of the Select Committee to explain any such statutory instrument: provided that the authority concerned may decline to attend for reasons given in writing to the Select Committee, which may report thereon to the Seanad, and
 - (b) recommend, where it considers that such action is warranted, that the instrument should be annulled or amended;
- (5) power to require that a member of the Government or Minister of State shall attend before the Select Committee to discuss–
 - (a) policy, or
 - (b) proposed primary or secondary legislation (prior to such legislation being published), for which he or she is officially responsible: provided that a member of the Government or Minister of State may decline to attend for stated reasons given in writing to the Select Committee, which may report thereon to the Seanad: and provided further that a member of the Government or Minister of State may request to attend a meeting of the Select Committee to enable him or her to discuss such policy or proposed legislation;
- (6) power to require that a member of the Government or Minister of State shall attend before the Select Committee and provide, in private session if so requested by the attendee, oral briefings in advance of meetings of the relevant EC Council (of Ministers) of

the European Union to enable the Select Committee to make known its views: Provided that the Committee may also require such attendance following such meetings;

- (7) power to require that the Chairperson designate of a body or agency under the aegis of a Department shall, prior to his or her appointment, attend before the Select Committee to discuss his or her strategic priorities for the role;
- (8) power to require that a member of the Government or Minister of State who is officially responsible for the implementation of an Act shall attend before a Select Committee in relation to the consideration of a report under Standing Order 168;
- (9) subject to any constraints otherwise prescribed by law, power to require that principal office-holders of a –
 - (a) State body within the responsibility of a Government Department, or
 - (b) non-State body which is partly funded by the State,

shall attend meetings of the Select Committee, as appropriate, to discuss issues for which they are officially responsible: Provided that such an office-holder may decline to attend for stated reasons given in writing to the Select Committee, which may report thereon to the Seanad; and

- (10) power to-
 - (a) engage the services of persons with specialist or technical knowledge, to assist it or any of its sub-Committees in considering particular matters; and
 - (b) undertake travel;

Provided that the powers under this paragraph are subject to such recommendations as may be made by the Working Group of Committee Chairmen under Standing Order 107(4)(a).

APPENDIX 2: Membership of the Joint and Select Committees

List of Members of the Joint Committee

(The Select Committee membership comprises of Deputies only)

Deputies: Martin Browne (SF)
 Jackie Cahill (FF) [Chair]
 Matt Carthy (SF)
 Michael Collins (Ind)
 Michael Fitzmaurice (Ind)
 Joe Flaherty (FF)
 Paul Kehoe (FG)
 Brian Leddin (GP)
 Michael Ring (FG)

Senators: Victor Boyhan (Ind)
 Lynn Boylan (SF)
 Paul Daly (FF)
 Tim Lombard (FG) [Vice-Chair]
 Denis O'Donovan (FF)

Notes:

1. Deputies appointed by Order of the Dáil on 3 September 2020.
2. Senators appointed by Order of the Seanad on 25 September 2020.

APPENDIX 3: Meetings of the Joint Committee

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

MEETING NO. AND DATE	TOPIC	ORGANISATIONS, GROUPS AND INDIVIDUALS WHO ATTENDED
J01 30/09/20	Private Meeting	
J02 06/10/20	Impact of Covid 19 on the Agriculture Sector and priorities in relation to CAP and Brexit	Mr. Charlie McConalogue T.D., Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine
J03 14/10/20	Private Meeting (MS Teams)	
J04 20/10/20	Challenges for the Forestry Sector	<p><u>Session A:</u> <i>Limerick Tipperary Woodland Owners Ltd. (LTWO)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Simon White, Vice Chair • Mr. John O’Connell, Director <p><u>Session B:</u> <i>The Irish Farmers’ Association (IFA)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Tim Cullinan, President • Ms. Geraldine O’Sullivan, Senior Policy Executive, Environment & Forestry
J05 29/10/20	Private Meeting (MS Teams)	
J06 03/11/20	Challenges for the Forestry Sector	<p><i>Forest Industries Ireland, Ibec (FII)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Mark McAuley, Director [Remote Witness] • Mr. Peter O’Brien, Chairman [Remote Witness] <p><i>Woodlands of Ireland</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Mr. Joe Gowran, CEO [Remote Witness]</i>
J07 10/11/20	<i>Meeting Postponed</i>	

MEETING NO. AND DATE	TOPIC	ORGANISATIONS, GROUPS AND INDIVIDUALS WHO ATTENDED
J08 12/11/20	Article 105(4) EU Regulation on Veterinary Medicinal Products EU 2019/6	<p><u>Session A:</u> <i>Independent Licensed Merchants Association (ILMA)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Ian Scott, Scott Consulting (UK) Ltd. [Remote Witness] • Mr. Terence O’Shea [Remote Witness] <p><i>Irish Pharmacy Union (IPU)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Daragh Quinn [Remote Witness] <p><u>Session B:</u> <i>Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine (DAFM)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Colm Forde, Principal ERAD Division & Veterinary Medicines • Ms. Caroline Garvan, Veterinary Inspector
J09 17/11/20	Private Meeting (MS Teams)	
J10 17/11/20	Challenges for the Forestry Sector	<p><u>Session A:</u> <i>Coillte</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Imelda Hurley, Chief Executive • Mr. Mark Carlin, Managing Director <p><u>Session B:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Senator Pippa Hackett , Minister of State for the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine, with responsibility for Land Use and Biodiversity <p><i>Department of Agriculture Food and the Marine (DAFM)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Colm Hayes, Assistant Secretary
J11 18/11/20	Private Meeting (MS Teams)	

MEETING NO. AND DATE	TOPIC	ORGANISATIONS, GROUPS AND INDIVIDUALS WHO ATTENDED
J12 24/11/20	<p><u>Session A:</u> Motion on Horse and Greyhound Racing Fund Regulations 2020</p> <p><u>Session B:</u> Review of the process relating to the Virapro hand sanitiser</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Charlie McConalogue, T.D., Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine <p><i>Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine (DAFM)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Kevin Smyth, Assistant Secretary with responsibility for Finance Division • Ms. Caroline Ball, Head of Division, Horse and Greyhound Racing, and Teagasc • Mr. Donal Coleman, Deputy Chief Inspector • Mr. Tom Medlycott, Senior Inspector
J13 26/11/20	Private Meeting (MS Teams)	
J14 01/12/20	Pre-Agriculture and Fisheries Council engagement & Scrutiny of EU Legislative Proposals: Schedule A: COM (2020)668	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Charlie McConalogue, T.D., Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine <p><i>Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine (DAFM)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Cecil Beamish, Assistant Secretary General, Fisheries-Marine • Mr. Dominic Rihan, Economic and Strategic Services Director, Bord Iascaigh Mhara (BIM) [Remote Witness] • Mr. Ciaran Kelly, Director Fisheries and Ecosystems Advisory Services (FEAS), Marine Institute [Remote Witness]

MEETING NO. AND DATE	TOPIC	ORGANISATIONS, GROUPS AND INDIVIDUALS WHO ATTENDED
J15 08/12/20	Brexit and its impact on the Agri-Food Industry	<p><u>Session A:</u> <i>The Irish Farmers' Association (IFA)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Tim Cullinan, President • Mr. Bryan Barry, Assistant Director <p><i>Irish Natura and Hill Farmer's Association (INHFA)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Vincent Roddy, Director of Organisation [Remote Witness] • Mr. Henry O'Donnell, Donegal National Council Representative [Remote Witness] <p><u>Session B:</u> <i>Irish Co-operative Organisation Society (ICOS)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. John O'Gorman, Chairman Dairy Committee • Mr. Eamonn Farrell, Agri-Food Policy Executive • Ms. Alison Graham, European Affairs Executive [Remote Witness] <p><i>Meat Industry Ireland, Ibec (MII)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Philip Carroll, Chairman • Mr. Cormac Healy, Senior Director <p><i>Dairy Industry Ireland, Ibec (DII)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Conor Mulvihill, Director
J16 10/12/20	Private Meeting (MS Teams)	

MEETING NO. AND DATE	TOPIC	ORGANISATIONS, GROUPS AND INDIVIDUALS WHO ATTENDED
J17 15/12/20	Brexit and its impact on the Agri-Food Industry	<p><u>Session A:</u> <i>Irish Cattle and Sheep Farmer's Association (ICSA)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Eddie Punch, General Secretary • Mr. Edmond Phelan, President <p><i>Irish Creamery Milk Suppliers Association (ICMSA)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Lorcan McCabe, Deputy President [Remote Witness] • Mr. John Enright, General Secretary [Remote Witness] <p><u>Session B:</u> <i>Bord Bia</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Tara McCarthy, CEO • Mr. Padraig Brennan, Director, Meat, Food and Beverage • Mr. Shane Hamill, Manager, Strategic Projects [Remote Witness] <p><i>Irish Grain and Feed Association (IGFA)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Bobby Roche, President [Remote Witness] • Mr. Joe Connolly, CEO, Connolly's Red Mills [Remote Witness]

MEETING NO. AND DATE	TOPIC	ORGANISATIONS, GROUPS AND INDIVIDUALS WHO ATTENDED
J18 17/12/20	<p><u>Session A:</u> Brexit and its impact on the Fisheries Industry</p> <p><u>Session B:</u> African Swine Fever</p>	<p><u>Session A:</u> <i>Irish South and West Fish Producers Organisation (ISWFPO)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Patrick Murphy, CEO • Mr. Damien Turner, Chairman • Mr. Greagoir O’Cathasaigh [Remote Witness] <p><i>Killybeg’s Fisherman’s Organisation (KFO)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Seán O ’Donoghue, CEO [Remote Witness] <p><u>Session B:</u> <i>The Irish Farmers’ Association (IFA) Pig and Pigmear Committee</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Robert Malone, Senior Policy Executive, IFA National Pigs & Poultry Committees • Mr. Roy Gaille, Chairman, IFA National Pigs Committee [Remote Witness] • Mr. Shane McAuliffe, IFA National Pigs Committee • Mr. David Ronan, Tara Pig Farms Ltd & Miltownmoo Ltd [Remote Witness]

APPENDIX 4: Minutes of Proceedings of the Joint Committee

Minutes of Meeting of Thursday, 30 September 2020

1. The Joint Committee met at 12.48 p.m. in Committee Room 3, LH 2000, a quorum being present.

2. **Members present**

The following Members were present: -

Deputies Jackie Cahill (*in the Chair*), Michael Collins, Michael Fitzmaurice, Paul Kehoe and Michael Ring.

Senators Victor Boyhan, Paul Daly and Tim Lombard.

Apologies were received from Deputies Martin Browne, Matt Carthy and Brian Leddin.

Also present: - Deputy Martin Kenny attended in substitution for Deputy Matt Carthy [DSO 106 (2)]

3. **PRIVATE SESSION**

The Chairman welcomed all Members to the Meeting, and it was agreed to go into Private Session at 12.49 p.m.

4. **ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION**

5. **ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION**

6. **ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION**

7. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

There being no further Business for consideration in Private Session, the Committee agreed to go into Public Session.

8. **ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN**

On motion made (*by Deputy Paul Kehoe*) it was agreed that Senator Tim Lombard be the Vice Chairman of the Committee.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The Committee adjourned at 1.26 p.m. until 4 p.m. on Tuesday, 6 October 2020.

Jackie Cahill T.D.
Chairman
6 October 2020

Minutes of Meeting of Tuesday, 6 October 2020

1. The Joint Committee met at 4.05 p.m. in Committee Room 4, LH 2000, a quorum being present.

2. MEMBERS PRESENT

The following Members were present: -

Deputies Jackie Cahill (*in the Chair*), Martin Browne, Matt Carthy, Michael Collins, Michael Fitzmaurice and Brian Leddin.

Senators Victor Boyhan, Paul Daly and Tim Lombard.

Apologies were received from Deputy Michael Ring.

Also present: - Deputy Danny Healy-Rae [DSO106 (3)]

3. PUBLIC SESSION

The Committee heard from Charlie McConalogue, TD, Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine in relation to the Impact of Covid 19 on the Agriculture Sector and his priorities in relation to CAP and Brexit.

Debate ensued and concluded. It was agreed that these issues be kept under review.

4. PRIVATE SESSION

It was agreed to go into Private Session at 5.58 p.m.

5. ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE DISCUSSION

6. ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE DISCUSSION

7. ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE DISCUSSION

8. ADJOURNMENT

The Committee adjourned at 6.10 p.m. until 7 p.m. on Wednesday, 14 October 2020.

Jackie Cahill T.D.
Chairman
14 October 2020

Minutes of Meeting Held in Private Session on Wednesday, 14 October 2020

1. The Joint Committee met at 7 p.m. via MS Teams, a quorum being present.

2. MEMBERS PRESENT

The following Members were present: -

Deputies Jackie Cahill (*in the Chair*), Martin Browne, Matt Carthy, Michael Fitzmaurice and Brian Leddin.

Senators Victor Boyhan, Lynn Boylan, Paul Daly, and Tim Lombard.

Apologies were received from Deputy Michael Ring and Senator Denis O'Donovan.

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. Adjournment

The Committee adjourned at 7.33 p.m. until 4 p.m. on Tuesday, 20 October 2020.

Jackie Cahill T.D.
Chairman
20 October 2020

MINUTES OF MEETING OF TUESDAY, 20 OCTOBER 2020

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

2. Members Present

The following Members were present: -

Deputies Jackie Cahill (*in the Chair*), Martin Browne, Matt Carthy, Michael Collins, Michael Fitzmaurice and Brian Leddin.

Senators Victor Boyhan and Paul Daly.

Apologies were received from Deputy Michael Ring and Senator Tim Lombard.

Also present: - Deputy Danny Healy-Rae [DSO106 (3)]

3. TAKING OF EVIDENCE - Challenges Facing the Forestry Sector

The Committee took oral evidence from representatives of the Limerick and Tipperary Woodland Owners Ltd., Mr Simon White (Vice Chair) and Mr John O'Connell (Director) in relation to Ash dieback. Debate ensued and adjourned.

4. MEETING SUSPENDED

The meeting was suspended at 4.54 p.m. until 5.02 p.m.

5. PRIVATE SESSION

The Committee went into Private Session at 5.03 pm to address technological issues with witnesses participating remotely.

The Committee went into Public Session at 5.12 pm.

6. TAKING OF EVIDENCE - Challenges Facing the Forestry Sector

The Committee took oral evidence from representatives of the Irish Farmers Association, Tim Cullinan IFA (President) and Geraldine O'Sullivan (IFA Senior Policy Executive) in relation to challenges facing the forestry sector (including Ash dieback and licensing issues). Debate ensued and concluded.

7. PRIVATE SESSION

The Committee agreed to go into private session at 6.12 p.m.

8. ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION

9. ADJOURNMENT

The Committee adjourned at 6.18 p.m. until 4 p.m. on Tuesday, 3 November 2020.

Jackie Cahill, T.D.

Chairman

29 October 2020

Minutes of Meeting Held in Private Session on Thursday, 29 October 2020

1. The Joint Committee met **in private** at 12 noon via MS Teams, a quorum being present.

2. Members present

The following Members were present: -

Deputies Jackie Cahill (*in the Chair*), Martin Browne, Matt Carthy, Michael Fitzmaurice, Paul Kehoe, Brian Leddin and Michael Ring.

Senators Victor Boyhan, Lynn Boylan, Paul Daly and Tim Lombard.

Apologies were received from Deputy Michael Collins and Senator Denis O'Donovan.

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. **ADJOURNMENT**

The Committee adjourned at 1.10 p.m. until 4 p.m. on Tuesday, 3 November 2020.

Jackie Cahill, T.D.
Chairman
03 November 2020

Minutes of Meeting Held in Private Session of Thursday, 29 October 2020

1. The Joint Committee met **in private** at 12 noon via MS Teams, a quorum being present.

2. Members present

The following Members were present: -

Deputies Jackie Cahill (*in the Chair*), Martin Browne, Matt Carthy, Michael Fitzmaurice, Paul Kehoe, Brian Leddin and Michael Ring.

Senators Victor Boyhan, Lynn Boylan, Paul Daly and Tim Lombard.

Apologies were received from Deputy Michael Collins and Senator Denis O'Donovan.

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. **ADJOURNMENT**

The Committee adjourned at 1.10 p.m. until 4 p.m. on Tuesday, 3 November 2020.

Jackie Cahill, T.D.
Chairman
03 November 2020

Minutes of Meeting of Tuesday, 3 November 2020

1. The Joint Committee met at 4.05 p.m. in Committee Room 4, LH 2000, a quorum being present.

2. Members present

The following Members were present: -

Deputies Jackie Cahill (*in the Chair*), Martin Browne, Matt Carthy, Michael Collins, Michael Fitzmaurice, Joe Flaherty, Paul Kehoe, and Brian Leddin.

Senators Victor Boyhan, Paul Daly and Tim Lombard.

Also present: - Deputies Michael Healy-Rae, Carol Nolan, Éamon Ó Cuív and Seán Sherlock attended [DSO106 (3)]

3. CHALLENGES FOR THE FORESTRY SECTOR (INCLUDING ASH DIEBACK AND LICENSING ISSUES) (RESUMED)

The Committee took oral evidence on Challenges for the Forestry Sector (including Ash dieback and Licensing Issues) from representatives from:

Forest Industries Ireland Ibec (FII) – Mr Mark McAuley, Director and Mr Peter O’Brien, Chairman Forestry Group and from Woodlands of Ireland – Mr Joe Gowran, CEO.

Debate ensued and concluded.

4. PRIVATE SESSION

The Committee went into private session at 5.58 pm.

5. ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION

6. ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION

7. ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION

8. ADJOURNMENT

The Committee adjourned at 6.25 p.m. until 4.00 p.m. on Tuesday, 10 November 2020.

Jackie Cahill, T.D.
Chairman
17 November 2020

Minutes of Meeting of Thursday, 12 November 2020

1. The Joint Committee met at 4.00 p.m. in Committee Room 2, LH 2000, a quorum being present.

2. Members present

The following Members were present: -

Deputies Jackie Cahill (*in the Chair*), Martin Browne, Matt Carthy, Michael Collins, Michael Fitzmaurice, Paul Kehoe, Brian Leddin and Michael Ring.

Senators Victor Boyhan, Paul Daly, Tim Lombard and Denis O'Donovan.

Also present: - Deputy Carol Nolan attended [DSO 106(3)].

3. ARTICLE 105(4) EU REGULATION ON VETERINARY MEDICINAL PRODUCTS EU 2019/6

The Committee met with representatives from the Irish Pharmacy Union; Mr Daragh Quinn and Mr DJ Barry; and from the Independent Licensed Merchants Mr Ian Scott and Mr Terence O'Shea to discuss Article 105(4) EU Regulation on Veterinary Medicinal Products EU 2019/6.

Debate ensued and concluded.

4. MEETING SUSPENDED

The meeting was suspended at 5.01 p.m. until 5.04 p.m.

5. ARTICLE 105(4) EU REGULATION ON VETERINARY MEDICINAL PRODUCTS EU 2019/6

The Committee met with officials from the Department of Agriculture and the Marine; Mr Colm Forde, Principal, ERAD Division & Veterinary Medicines and Ms Caroline Garvan, Veterinary Inspector.

Debate ensued and concluded.

6. ADJOURNMENT

The Committee adjourned at 6.00 p.m. until 3.00 p.m. on Tuesday, 17 November 2020.

Jackie Cahill, T.D.
Chair
18 November 2020

Minutes of Meeting Held in Private Session of Tuesday, 17 November 2020

1. The Joint Committee met **in private** at 3.00 p.m. through MS Teams, a quorum being present.

2. MEMBERS PRESENT

The following Members were present: -

Deputies Jackie Cahill (*in the Chair*), Martin Browne, Matt Carthy, Joe Flaherty and Brian Leddin.

Senators Victor Boyhan, Lynn Boylan, Paul Daly and Tim Lombard.

3. ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION

4. MEETING SUSPENDED

The meeting was suspended at 3.03 p.m. until after the Meeting in Public Session at 4pm. At the time of resumption at 6.35 p.m. the Chairman proposed the adjournment until 2 p.m. tomorrow.

5. ADJOURNMENT

The Committee adjourned at 6.40 p.m. until 2.00 p.m. on Wednesday 18 November 2020.

Jackie Cahill, T.D.
Chair
26 November 2020

Minutes of Meeting of Tuesday, 17 November 2020

1. The Joint Committee met at 4.00 p.m. in Committee Room 4, LH 2000, a quorum being present.

2. MEMBERS PRESENT

The following Members were present: -

Deputies Jackie Cahill (*in the Chair*), Martin Browne, Matt Carthy, Michael Collins, Michael Fitzmaurice, Paul Kehoe and Brian Leddin.

Senators Victor Boyhan, Lynn Boylan, Paul Daly and Tim Lombard.

Also present: - Deputies Danny Healy-Rae, Michael Healy-Rae, Eugene Murphy, Carol Nolan, Éamon Ó Cuív and Seán Sherlock attended. [DSO 106(3)]

Senator Róisín Garvey attended. [SSO 82(2)]

3. CHALLENGES FOR THE FORESTRY SECTOR (INCLUDING ASH DIEBACK AND LICENSING ISSUES)

The Committee met with the following representatives from Coillte to discuss Challenges for the Forestry Sector (including Ash dieback and licensing issues):

- Ms Imelda Hurley, Chief Executive, Coillte [*Remote*]
- Mr Mark Carlin, MD Coillte Forest, Coillte [*Remote*]

Debate ensued and concluded.

The witnesses agreed to write to the Committee, to answer questions raised by Members, which did not receive an answer due to time constraints.

4. MEETING SUSPENDED

The meeting was suspended at 5.06 p.m. until 5.12 p.m.

5. CHALLENGES FOR THE FORESTRY SECTOR (INCLUDING ASH DIEBACK AND LICENSING ISSUES)

The Committee met with the following to discuss Challenges for the Forestry Sector (including Ash dieback and licensing issues):

- Minister of State Pippa Hackett, with responsibility for Land Use and Biodiversity, DAFM
- Mr. Colm Hayes, Assistant Secretary, DAFM

Debate ensued and concluded.

The witnesses agreed to write to the Committee, to answer questions raised by Members, which did not receive an answer due to time constraints.

6. ADJOURNMENT

The Committee adjourned at 6.35 p.m. until 4.00 p.m. on 24 November 2020.

Jackie Cahill, T.D.
Chair
26 November 2020

Minutes of Meeting Held in Private Session of Wednesday, 18 November 2020

1. The Joint Committee met **in private** at 2.05 p.m. through MS Teams, a quorum being present.

2. MEMBERS PRESENT

The following Members were present: -

Deputies Jackie Cahill (*in the Chair*), Martin Browne, Matt Carthy and Joe Flaherty.

Senators Lynn Boylan and Paul Daly.

Apologies were received from Senator Victor Boyhan.

3. ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION

4. ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION

5. ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION

6. ADJOURNMENT

The Committee adjourned at 2.20 p.m. until 4.00 p.m. on 24 November 2020.

Jackie Cahill, T.D.
Chair
26 November 2020

Minutes of Meeting of Tuesday, 24 November 2020

1. The Joint Committee met at 4.00 p.m. in Committee Room 4, LH 2000, a quorum being present.

2. MEMBERS PRESENT

The following Members were present: -

Deputies Jackie Cahill (*in the Chair*), Martin Browne, Matt Carthy, Michael Collins, Michael Fitzmaurice, and Brian Leddin [*Remote*].

Senators Victor Boyhan, Lynn Boylan, Paul Daly and Tim Lombard.

Apologies were received from Deputy Michael Ring and Senator Denis O'Donovan.

Also present: Deputies Holly Cairns [*Remote*], Danny Healy-Rae and Mattie McGrath attended in accordance with Dáil Standing Order 106(3).

3. CONSIDERATION OF MOTION RE HORSE AND GREYHOUND RACING FUND REGULATIONS 2020

The Committee met with the Minister of 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 the proposal that Dáil Éireann approves the following Regulations in draft:

Horse and Greyhound Racing Fund Regulations 2020,

copies of which were laid in draft form before Dáil Éireann on 13th November, 2020, be referred to the Joint Committee on Agriculture and the Marine in accordance with Standing Order 95(5), which, not later than 25th November, 2020, shall send a message to the Dáil in the manner prescribed in Standing Order 101, and Standing Order 100(2) shall accordingly apply.”;

and

“That the proposal that Seanad Éireann approves the following Regulations in draft:

Horse and Greyhound Racing Fund Regulations 2020,

copies of which were laid in draft form before Seanad Éireann on 13th November, 2020, be referred to the Joint Committee on Agriculture and the Marine in accordance with Standing Order 71 (2)(b), which, not later than 24th November, 2020, shall send a message to the Seanad in the manner prescribed in Standing Order 75, and Standing Order 77(2) shall accordingly apply.”

Debate ensued and concluded.

In accordance with Standing Orders, the Committee agreed that a message would be sent to the Clerk of the Dáil and the Clerk of the Seanad stating that the Committee had completed its consideration of the motion.

4. MEETING SUSPENDED

The meeting was suspended at 5.24 p.m. until 5.28 p.m.

5. REVIEW OF THE PROCESS RELATING TO THE VIRAPRO HAND SANITISER

The Committee met with the Minister of Agriculture, Food and the Marine to discuss the review of the process relating to the Virapro Hand Sanitiser.

Debate ensued and concluded.

The Minister agreed to provide, in written correspondence, additional answers and information to questions raised by Members.

6. ADJOURNMENT

The Committee adjourned at 6.06 p.m. until 11.00 a.m. 26 November 2020.

Jackie Cahill, T.D.
Chair
10 December 2020

Minutes of Meeting Held in Private Session of Thursday, 26 November 2020

1. The Joint Committee met **in private** at 11.00 a.m. through MS Teams, a quorum being present.

2. MEMBERS PRESENT

The following Members were present: -

Deputies Jackie Cahill (*in the Chair*), Martin Browne, Michael Collins and Michael Fitzmaurice [*Outside Leinster House Precinct*].

Senators Victor Boyhan and Paul Daly.

Apologies were received from Deputy Brian Leddin.

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. ADJOURNMENT

The Committee adjourned at 11.44 a.m. until 1.30 p.m. on Tuesday 1 December 2020.

Jackie Cahill, T.D.
Chair
10 December 2020

Minutes of Meeting of Tuesday, 1 December 2020

1. The Joint Committee met at 1.30 p.m. in Committee Room 4, LH 2000, a quorum being present.

2. MEMBERS PRESENT

The following Members were present: -

Deputies Jackie Cahill (*in the Chair*), Martin Browne, Michael Collins, Michael Fitzmaurice and Paul Kehoe.

Senators Victor Boyhan, Paul Daly and Tim Lombard.

Apologies were received from Deputy Matt Carthy.

Also present: - Deputy Pádraig Mac Lochlainn substituted for Deputy Matt Carthy in accordance with Dáil Standing Order 106(2)

3. PRE-AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES COUNCIL ENGAGEMENT

The Committee met with the Minister of Agriculture, Food and the Marine to discuss issues related to fisheries, in advance of the Agriculture and Fisheries Council meeting and carry out scrutiny on EU Legislative Proposal COM (2020)668.

Debate ensued and concluded.

4. SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

The Chair reminded members that a Select Meeting of the Committee was Scheduled for Thursday 3 December at 10:00 a.m. to consider a Supplementary Estimate for Vote 30 (Agriculture, Food and the Marine).

It was proposed to go into private session to discuss the proposed upcoming meetings on the topic of Brexit.

5. PRIVATE SESSION

The Committee agreed to go into private session at 2.55 p.m.

6. ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION

7. ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION

8. ADJOURNMENT

The Committee adjourned at 2.56 p.m. until 4.00 p.m. on Tuesday 8 December 2020.

Jackie Cahill, T.D.
Chair
10 December 2020

Minutes of Meeting of Tuesday, 8 December 2020

1. The Joint Committee met at 4.00 p.m. in Committee Room 4, LH 2000, a quorum being present.

2. MEMBERS PRESENT

The following Members were present: -

Deputies Martin Browne, Jackie Cahill (*in the Chair*), Matt Carthy, Michael Collins, Michael Fitzmaurice, Brian Leddin (*Remote from within parliamentary precincts*) and Michael Ring (*Remote from within parliamentary precincts*).

Senators Victor Boyhan, Paul Daly and Tim Lombard.

Apologies were received from Deputy Paul Kehoe.

Also present: - Senator Aisling Dolan attended.

3. IMPACT OF BREXIT ON THE AGRI-FOOD INDUSTRY

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

- Mr. Tim Cullinan, President, The Irish Farmers' Association (IFA)
- Mr. Bryan Barry, Assistant Director, The Irish Farmers' Association (IFA)
- Mr. Vincent Roddy, Director of Organisation, Irish Natura & Hill Farmer's Association (INHFA) [*Remote*]
- Mr. Henry O'Donnell, Donegal National Council Representative, Irish Natura & Hill Farmer's Association (INHFA) [*Remote*]

Debate ensued and concluded.

4. MEETING SUSPENDED

The meeting was suspended at 5.12 p.m. until 5.17 p.m.

5. IMPACT OF BREXIT ON THE AGRI-FOOD INDUSTRY

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

- Mr. John O'Gorman, Chairman Dairy Committee, Irish Co-operative Organisation Society Ltd (ICOS)
- Mr. Eamonn Farrell, Agri-Food Policy Executive, Irish Co-operative Organisation Society Ltd (ICOS)

- Ms. Alison Graham, European Affairs Executive, Irish Co-operative Organisation Society Ltd (ICOS) [*Remote*]
- Mr. Philip Carroll, Chairman, Meat Industry Ireland / Ibec (MII)
- Mr. Cormac Healy, Senior Director, Meat Industry Ireland / Ibec (MII)
- Mr. Conor Mulvihill, Director, Dairy Industry Ireland / Ibec (DII)

Debate ensued and concluded.

6. ADJOURNMENT

The Committee adjourned at 6.11 p.m. until 10.00 a.m. on Thursday, 10 December 2020.

Jackie Cahill, T.D.

Chair

26 January 2021

Minutes of Meeting Held in Private Session of Thursday, 10 December 2020

1. The Joint Committee met **in private** at 10.04 a.m. through MS Teams, a quorum being present.

2. MEMBERS PRESENT

The following Members were present: -

Deputies Martin Browne, Jackie Cahill (*in the Chair*), Matt Carthy [Outside LH], Michael Collins [Outside LH] and Michael Fitzmaurice [Outside LH].

Senator Paul Daly [Outside LH].

3. ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION

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9. ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION

10. ADJOURNMENT

The Committee adjourned at 10.37 a.m. until 4.00 p.m. on Tuesday, 15 December 2020.

Jackie Cahill, T.D.

Chair

26 January 2021

Minutes of Meeting of Tuesday, 15 December 2020

1. The Joint Committee met at 4.00 p.m. in Committee Room 4, LH 2000, a quorum being present.

2. MEMBERS PRESENT

The following Members were present: -

Deputies Jackie Cahill (*in the Chair*), Matt Carthy, Michael Collins and Michael Fitzmaurice.

Senators Victor Boyhan, Paul Daly and Tim Lombard.

Also present: - Deputy Eugene Murphy attended.

3. MEETING SUSPENDED

The meeting was suspended at 4.02 p.m. and resumed in public session at 4.04 p.m.

4. IMPACT OF BREXIT ON THE AGRI-FOOD INDUSTRY

The Committee met with the following representatives from the Irish Creamery Milk Suppliers Association (ICMSA) and Irish Cattle and Sheep Farmers Association (ICSA) to discuss the impact of Brexit on the Agri-food industry:

- Mr. Eddie Punch, General Secretary, ICSA
- Mr. Edmond Phelan, President, ICSA
- Mr. Lorcan McCabe, Deputy President, ICMSA [*Remote*]
- Mr. John Enright, General Secretary, ICMSA [*Remote*]

Debate ensued and concluded.

5. MEETING SUSPENDED

The meeting was suspended at 4.53 p.m. and resumed in public session at 5.00 p.m.

6. IMPACT OF BREXIT ON THE AGRI-FOOD INDUSTRY

The Committee met with the following representatives from Bord Bia and the Irish Grain and Feed Association (IGFA) to discuss the impact of Brexit on the Agri-food industry:

- Ms. Tara McCarthy, CEO, Bord Bia
- Mr. Pdraig Brennan, Director – Meat, Food and Beverage, Bord Bia
- Mr. Shane Hamill, Manager Strategic Projects, Bord Bia [*Remote*]
- Mr. Bobby Roche, President, IGFA [*Remote*]
- Mr. Joe Connolly, Connolly's Red Mills, IGFA [*Remote*]

Debate ensued and concluded.

7. PRIVATE SESSION

The Committee went into Private Session at 6.03 p.m.

8. ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION

9. ADJOURNMENT

The Committee adjourned at 6.04 p.m. until 9.00 a.m. on Thursday 17 December 2020.

Jackie Cahill, T.D.

Chair

26 January 2020

Minutes of Meeting of Thursday, 17 December 2020

1. The Joint Committee met at 9.03 a.m. in Committee Room 4, LH 2000, a quorum being present.

2. MEMBERS PRESENT

The following Members were present: -

Deputies Jackie Cahill (*in the Chair*), Matt Carthy, Michael Fitzmaurice and Joe Flaherty.

Senators Paul Daly and Tim Lombard.

Apologies were received from Deputies Paul Kehoe and Senator Lynn Boylan.

Also present: - Deputy Pádraig MacLochlainn substituted for Deputy Martin Browne.

3. THE IMPACT OF BREXIT ON THE FISHERIES INDUSTRY

The Committee met with the following representatives from the Irish South and West Fish Producers Organisation (ISWFPO) and the Killybegs Fishermen's Organisation (KFO) to discuss the impact of Brexit on the fisheries industry:

- Mr. Patrick Murphy, CEO, ISWFPO
- Mr. Damien Turner, Chairman, ISWFPO
- Mr. Greagoir O'Cathasaigh, ISWFPO [*Remote*]
- Mr. Seán O'Donoghue, CEO, KFO [*Remote*]

Debate ensued and concluded.

It was agreed to write a letter to the Minister of Agriculture, Food and the Marine to seek clarification reciprocal landing rights for Irish and UK registered fishing boats post-Brexit.

4. MEETING SUSPENDED

The meeting was suspended at 9.58 a.m. until 10.04 a.m.

5. AFRICAN SWINE FEVER

The Committee met with the following representatives from the IFA National Pig and Pigmear Committee to discuss African Swine Fever:

- Mr. Roy Gaille, Chairman IFA Pig and Pigmear Committee
- Mr. Shane McAuliffe, IFA
- Mr. Robert Malone, IFA
- Mr. David Ronan, Pig and Dairy Farmer

Debate ensued and concluded.

It was agreed to write a letter to the Minister of Agriculture, Food and the Marine in relation to the evidence heard on African Swine Fever.

6. MEETING SUSPENDED

The meeting was suspended at 10.39 a.m. until 10.44 a.m.

7. PRIVATE SESSION

The Committee agreed to go into private session at 10.44 a.m.

Senator Tim Lombard took the Chair at 10.44 a.m.

8. ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION

9. ADJOURNMENT

The Committee adjourned at 11.13 a.m. until 4pm Tuesday 26 January 2021.

Jackie Cahill, T.D.
Chair
26 January 2021

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
S01 15/10/2020	2020 Revised Estimates for Public Services - Vote 30 (Agriculture, Food and the Marine) <i>(Revised Estimate)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr. Charlie McConalogue T.D., Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine• Dr. Kevin Smyth, Assistant Secretary with responsibility for Finance Division, Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine
S02 03/12/2020	2020 Supplementary Estimates for Public Services - Vote 30 (Agriculture, Food and the Marine) <i>(Supplementary Estimate)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr. Charlie McConalogue T.D., Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine

APPENDIX 6: Proceedings of the Select Committee (Imeachtaí)

IMEACHTAÍ AN ROGHCHOISTE PROCEEDINGS OF THE SELECT COMMITTEE

Déardaoin, 15 Deireadh Fómhair, 2020

Thursday, 15 October, 2020

1. Chruinnigh an Coiste ar 2.01 p.m.

1. The Committee met at 2.01 p.m.

2. COMHALTAÍ I LÁTHAIR¹.

2. MEMBERS PRESENT².

Bhí na comhaltaí seo a leanas i láthair:

The following Members were present:

An Teachta Seán Ó Cathail (*i gCeannas*),
An Teachta Cathal Mac Conall Óg (*an tAire Talmhaíocht, Bia agus Mara*), na
Teachtaí Mairtín de Brún, Maitiú Ó
Cártaigh, Micheál Mac Muiris, Pól Mac
Eocaidh agus Micheál Ó Rinn.

Deputy Jackie Cahill (*in the Chair*),
Deputy Charlie McConalogue (*Minister
for Agriculture, Food and the Marine*),
Deputies Martine Browne, Matt Carthy,
Michael Fitzmaurice, Paul Kehoe and
Michael Ring.

3. BREITHNIÚ AR MHEASTACHÁIN I
GCOMHAIR SEIRBHÍSÍ POIBLÍ.

3. CONSIDERATION OF ESTIMATES FOR
PUBLIC SERVICES.

Bhreithnigh an Coiste an Meastachán (na
Meastacháin seo a leanas i gcomhair
Seirbhísí Poiblí don bhliain dar críoch an
31 Nollaig, 2020 –

The Committee considered the following
Estimate for Public Services for the year
ending 31st December, 2020 –

Vóta 30 (Talmhaíocht, 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.

4. ATHLÁ.

Chuaigh an Coiste ar athló ar 3.57 p.m. *sine die*.

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

4. ADJOURNMENT.

The Committee adjourned at 3.57 p.m. *sine die*.

Jackie Cahill, T.D.
Chairman
15/10/2020

IMEACHTAÍ AN ROGHCHOISTE
PROCEEDINGS OF THE SELECT COMMITTEE

Déardaoin, 03 Nollaig, 2020

Thursday, 03 December, 2020

1. Chruinnigh an Coiste ar 10.15 a.m.

1. The Committee met at 10.15 a.m.

2. COMHALTAÍ I LÁTHAIR.

2. MEMBERS PRESENT.

Bhí na comhaltaí seo a leanas i láthair:

The following Members were present:

An Teachta Seán Ó Cathail (*i gCeannas*),
An Teachta Cathal Mac Conall Óg (*an tAire Talmhaíochta, Bia agus Mara*), na
Teachtaí Maitiú Ó Cárthaigh agus Micheál
Mac Muiris.

Deputy Jackie Cahill (*in the Chair*),
Deputy Charlie McConalogue (*Minister
for Agriculture, Food and the Marine*),
Deputies Matt Carthy and Michael
Fitzmaurice.

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, 2020 –

The Committee considered the following
Estimate for Public Services for the year
ending 31st December, 2020 –

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

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

Críochnaíodh an breithniú ar an
Meastachán.

Consideration of the Estimate was
concluded/adjourned.

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.

4. ADJOURNMENT.

Chuaigh an Coiste ar athló ar 11.15 a.m.
sine die.

The Committee adjourned at 11.15 a.m.
sine die.

JACKIE CAHILL, T.D.
Chairman
03 December 2020