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Joint Committee on Disability Matters
Annual Report 2020/2021

October 2022

Membership

- Holly Cairns T.D., Social Democrats
- Seán Canney T.D., Independent
- Emer Higgins T.D., Fine Gael
- Neasa Hourigan T.D., Green Party
- Michael Moynihan T.D., Fianna Fáil, (Cathaoirleach)
- Jennifer Murnane O'Connor T.D., Fianna Fáil
- John Paul Phelan T.D., Fine Gael
- Pauline Tully T.D., Sinn Féin, (Leas-Chathaoirleach)
- Violet – Anne Wynne T.D., Sinn Féin
- Senator Ivana Bacik, Labour
- Senator Alice Mary Higgins, Independent
- Senator Erin McGreehan, Fianna Fáil
- Senator Fiona O'Loughlin, Fianna Fáil
- Senator Mary Seery Kearney, Fine Gael

Notes:

1. Deputies nominated by the Dáil Committee of Selection and appointed by Order of the Dáil of 22 September 2020.
2. Senators nominated by the Seanad Committee of Selection and appointed by Order of the Seanad on 25 September 2020.
3. On 13 July 2021, the Cathaoirleach of the Seanad announced the resignation of Senator Ivana Bacik as a Member of Seanad Éireann, and that consequently, a casual vacancy had arisen in the membership of Seanad Éireann.

Joint Committee on Disability Matters



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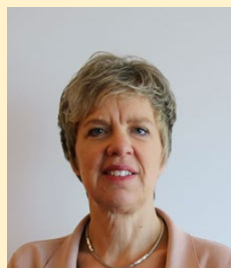
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Content and Format of Report

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 15 September 2022, the Joint Committee agreed that all these items should be included in this report covering the period from 30 September 2020 to 31 December 2021.

2. Establishment and Functions

2.1 Establishment of the Joint Committee

The Joint Committee on Disability Matters was established following Orders of Dáil Éireann and of Seanad Éireann on 22 September 2020 and 25 September 2020 respectively.

2.2 Functions of the Joint Committee

Among the principal functions of the Joint Committee are to consider and report on the 'Implementation Plan' for the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNCRC) and national strategies including the National Disability Inclusion Strategy and sector strategies

and the effectiveness of

- (i) all national processes established to implement the UNCRC
- (ii) the National Framework for Monitoring the implementation of the Convention including engagement with the Irish Human Rights and Equality Commission and the National Disability Authority.

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

3. Cathaoirleach, Leas Cathaoirleach and Membership

Dáil Standing Order 104 (2) provides for a proportion of Chairs to be allocated to each group by means of the D'Hondt System. Deputy Michael Moynihan was appointed as Cathaoirleach of the Joint Committee on 30 September 2020 by an Order of Dáil Éireann.

Deputy Pauline Tully was appointed Leas- Cathaoirleach on 9 December 2020.

4. Meetings, Attendance and Recording

Meetings of the Joint Committee took place in the Committee Rooms in Leinster House 2000. Due to Covid restrictions the business of the Committee was limited to essential business only during level 5 and private meetings were held over Microsoft Teams. The Covid restrictions impacted the number of meetings held and the witness participation over the period 2020 and 2021.

Committee proceedings were broadcast live within Leinster House, and made available to RTE, TV3 and TG4. Proceedings were also live streamed on our website and through our app. 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 Channel 22
- Virgin Media Channel 207
- Sky Channel 517
- eir Vision Channel 504
- Vodafone Channels 201, 207 (Dáil Éireann) and 208 (Seanad Éireann)

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.

5. Number and Duration of Meetings

5.1 Joint Committee

The Committee met privately 53 times in 2020/2021. These meetings were held online in order to reduce the number of onsite 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 Joint Committee publicly met on 69 occasions during the period under report. The number of hours of discussion involved in these meetings was in excess of 85.23 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*.

6. Witnesses attending before the Committee(s)

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

COMMITTEE NAME	NUMBER OF WITNESSES
Joint Committee 2020	11
Joint Committee 2021	124

** 35% of Witnesses attending had lived experience*

** Note that the Minister appearing before the Select Committee is an ex-officio member of the Select Committee and is therefore not regarded as a witness appearing before the Select Committee.*

7. Committees Reports Published

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

- Report in relation to Revised Terms of Reference
Joint Committee on Disability Matters report in relation to Revised Terms of Reference, December 2020
- Joint Committee on Disability Matters report on Aligning Disability Funding with the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Budget 2022 Pre-Budget Submission July 2021
- Work Programme 2020/2021
Joint Committee on Disability Matters Work Programme 2020/2021, July 2021

The Joint Committee on Disability Matters is satisfied with its present procedures and role.

Appendix 1 – Terms of Reference of the Joint Committee

Orders of Reference - Dáil Éireann

(1) That a Select Committee consisting of 9 Members be appointed by Dáil Éireann to form the Joint Committee on Disability Matters to consider all disability matters including monitoring the implementation (by Ireland) of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of People with Disabilities.

(2) That the Select Committee on Disability Matters shall consider and report on-
(a) the 'Implementation Plan' for the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNCRPD) and national strategies including the National Disability Inclusion Strategy and sector strategies for the purpose of-

(i) ensuring implementation plans are configured to advance the UNCRPD while delivering outcomes for persons with disabilities in their lived experience and planning into the future;

(ii) making recommendations which align the plans and strategies of Ireland's international obligations;

(iii) monitoring progress of the drafting and initiation of required and relevant legislation;

(iv) engaging with Ministers and the Secretaries General of relevant Government departments regarding implementation measures and budgetary measures;

(v) aligning the UN Sustainable Development Goals with the provisions of the UNCRPD;

(vi) supporting the embedding of a rights-based approach to disability as provided by the UNCRPD within Ireland's economy, society, and culture;

(vii) reviewing Ireland's Report/s to the UNCRPD Committee;

(viii) monitoring and ensuring the timely implementation of the Optional Protocol of the UNCRPD;

(b) the effectiveness of-

(i) all national processes established to implement the UNCRPD.

(ii) the National Framework for Monitoring the implementation of the Convention including engagement with the Irish Human Rights and Equality Commission and the National Disability Authority.

(3) For the purposes of paragraph (2) the Committee shall-

(a) engage with persons with disabilities, family carers, Disabled Persons Organisations, service providers and advocates in the Committee's work;

(b) consider other topics that the disability community identifies as key as agreed by the Committee;

(c) have regard to Concluding Observations of the UN Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UN Committee) with respect to Ireland's periodic reports, review the Government response to the Observations of the UN Committee and make its own recommendations with respect to same.

(4) The Joint Committee shall have the powers defined in Standing Order 96, other than paragraphs (3) to (9) inclusive thereof;

(5) The Chairman of the Dáil Select Committee shall also be Chairman of the Joint Committee

Orders of Reference - Seanad Éireann

(1) That a Select Committee consisting of 5 Members to be appointed by Seanad Éireann to form the Joint Committee on Disability Matters to consider all disability matters including monitoring the implementation (by Ireland) of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of People with Disabilities.

(2) That the Select Committee on Disability Matters shall consider and report on-
(a) the 'Implementation Plan' for the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNCRPD) and national strategies including the National Disability Inclusion Strategy and sector strategies for the purpose of-

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(c) have regard to Concluding Observations of the UN Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UN Committee) with respect to Ireland's periodic reports, review the Government response to the Observations of the UN Committee and make its own recommendations with respect to same.

(4) The Joint Committee shall have the powers defined in Standing Order 72, other than paragraphs (3) to (9) inclusive thereof;

(5) The Chairman of the Dáil Select Committee shall also be Chairman of the Joint Committee

Appendix 2 – Meeting 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
J1. 14/10/2020	Private Meeting	N/A
J2. 21/10/2020	Private Meeting	N/A
J3. 04/11/2020	Public Meeting - National Disability Inclusion Strategy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roderic O’Gorman, TD., Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration & Youth • Anne Rabbitte, TD. Minister of State for Disability
J4. 11/11/2020	Public Meeting - National Disability Inclusion Strategy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Aideen Hartney, Director, National Disability Authority (NDA) • Dr Rosalyn Tamming, Interim Head of Policy, Public Affairs and Research, NDA • Sinead Gibney, Chief Commissioner, Irish Human Rights and Equality Commission • Dr Rosaleen McDonagh, Commission member and chair of the commission’s disability advisory committee, Irish Human Rights and Equality Commission
J5. 18/11/2020	Public Meeting - UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Professor Gerrard Quinn, UN Special Rapporteur, Raoul Wallenberg Chair (Raoul Wallenberg Institute, Sweden) & Research Chair, University of Leeds

J6. 02/12/2020	Private Meeting	N/A
J7. 03/12/2020	Public Meeting - Why Disability Matters	Matt English, Chief Executive Officer, Special Olympics Ireland Margaret Turley Special Olympics Athlete Marie Devitt, Pathways Co-Ordinator, Trinity Centre for People with Intellectual Disabilities Catherine Kelly, Director of Services, WALK
J8. 09/12/2020	Public Meeting Election of Chair	N/A
J8. 09/12/2020	Private Meeting	N/A
J9. 16/12/2020	Private Meeting	N/A
J10. 13/01/2021	Private Meeting	N/A
J11. 20/01/2021	Private Meeting	N/A
J12. 27/01/2021	Private Meeting	N/A
J13. 03/02/2021	Private Meeting	N/A
J14. 10/02/2021	Private Meeting	N/A
J15. 17/02/2021	Private Meeting	N/A
J16. 23/02/2021	Public Meeting Alignment of Special Education Policy with the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Josepha Madigan T.D Minister of State for Special Education and Inclusion • Martina Mannion, Assistant Secretary and Head of Inclusion, Special Education & Inclusion • Shirley Kearney, Acting principal officer, School Transport Special Education & Inclusion • Eamonn Murtagh, Director Planning and Building Unit, Special Education & Inclusion
J17. 03/03/2021	Private Meeting	N/A

J18. 09/03/2021	Public Meeting Nothing about us without us” - Achieving equal rights and equity for women with disabilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Catherine Lane, Women in Local, Community and Rural Development Officer, National Women's Council of Ireland • Maureen McGovern, Disability and community activist, National Women's Council of Ireland • Selina Bonnie, Vice chairperson, Independent Living Movement Ireland, National Women's Council of Ireland • Amy Hassett, Co-Director, Disabled Women Ireland • Maria Ní Fhlatharta, Co-Director, Disabled Women Ireland
J19. 16/03/2021	Private Meeting	N/A
J20. 24/03/2021	Private Meeting	N/A
J21. 30/03/2021	Public Meeting How housing policy aligns with the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Peter Burke T.D, Minister of State at the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage • Paul Benson, Principal Officer Dept. of Housing, Local Government and Heritage • John O'Connor, Chief Executive Officer, Housing Agency • Claire Feeney, Project Manager, Housing Agency
J22. 31/03/2021	Private Meeting	N/A

J23. 20/04/2021.	Public Meeting Progress on the National Disability Inclusion Strategy (2017-2021)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • John Dolan, Chief Executive Officer, Disability Federation of Ireland • Dr Joanne McCarthy, Head of Policy, Advocacy and Engagement, Disability Federation of Ireland • Lorraine Dempsey, Interim Chief Executive Officer, Inclusion Ireland • Jacqui Browne, Chairperson, Disabled Persons Organisation's Coalition
J24. 28/04/2021	Private Meeting	N/A
J25. 05/05/2021	Private Meeting	N/A
J26. 12/05/2021	Private Meeting	N/A
J27. 13/05/2021	Public Meeting Progressing Disability Services Model and the withdrawal of occupational therapies from Schools	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Cathal Morgan, Head of Operations, Disability Services, Health Service Executive (HSE) • Prof Malcolm MacLachlan, Clinical Lead for People with Disabilities, HSE • Breda Crehan-Roche, Chief Officer, CHO West, HSE • Angela O' Neill, National Disability Specialist, Community Operations, HSE
J28. 20/05/2021	(Public Meeting) Assisted Decision-Making (Capacity) Act 2015 and the establishment of the Decision Support Service (DSS)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Áine Flynn, Director, Decision Support Service • Joanna Macklin, Head of Panel Management, Decision Support Service • Kate Frowein, Head of Registration and Supervision, Decision Support Service • Ian Grehan, Head of Registration and Supervision, Decision Support Service

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Patsy Fitzsimons, Head of Complaints and Investigations, Decision Support Service
J29. 27/05/2021	Private Meeting	N/A
J30. 03/06/2021	Public Meeting Accessibility in planning and delivery of transport projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Peter Walsh, Chief Executive Officer, Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) • Sarah O'Donnell, Access Officer, TII • Anne Graham, Chief Executive Officer, National Transport Authority (NTA) • Hugh Creegan, Deputy Chief Executive Officer, NTA
J.30 03/06/2021	Private Meeting	N/A
J31. 17/06/2021	Public Meeting UNCRPD implementation and ratification of the Optional Protocol	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fergal Lynch, Secretary General, Dept. of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth (DCEDIY) • Carol Baxter, Assistant Secretary, DCEDIY • Úna Ní Dhubhghaill, Principal Officer, DCEDIY • Richard Quilliam, Assistant Principal, DCEDIY • Sinéad Gibney, Chief Commissioner, Irish Human Rights and Equality Commission (IHREC) • Adam Harris, Commission Member and Vice-Chair of IHREC's Disability Advisory Committee
J31. 17/06/2021	Private Meeting	N/A
J32. 22/06/2021	Private Meeting	N/A

J33. 24/06/2021	Public Meeting 'Wasted Lives: Time for a better future for younger people in Nursing Homes'	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Kathleen MacLellan, Assistant Secretary, Social Care, Dept. of Health • Susan Scally, Principal Officer, Dept. of Health • Bernard O' Regan, Health Service Executive (HSE) • Peter Tyndall, Ombudsman • Sarah Cooney, Principal Officer, Office of the Ombudsman
J33. 24/06/2021	Private Meeting	N/A
J34. 01/07/2021	(Public Meeting) Institutionalism and the inappropriate use of Congregated Settings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lynn Fitzpatrick, Activist • Professor Gautam Gulati, Consultant Forensic/General Psychiatrist and Adjunct Associate Clinical Professor, University of Limerick • Professor Roy McConkey, Institute of Nursing and Health Research, Ulster University • Ms Ann Marie Flanagan, Activist
J34. 01/07/2021	Private Meeting	N/A
J35. 07/07/2021	Report Launch	N/A
J36. 08/07/2021	Public Meeting Resourcing Personal Assistance Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fionn Crombie Angus • James Cawley, Policy Officer, Independent Living Movement Ireland • Paul McBride, Chief Executive Officer, Áiseanna Tacaíochta • Owen Collumb, Joint Founder and Board Member, Áiseanna Tacaíochta • Gordon Ryan, Joint Founder and Board Member, Áiseanna Tacaíochta • Fiona Weldon, Board Member, Áiseanna Tacaíochta

J36. 08/07/2021	Private Meeting	N/A
J37. 15/07/2021	Private Meeting	N/A
J38. 09/09/2021	Private Meeting	N/A
J39. 16/09/2021	Private Meeting	N/A
J39. 22/09/2021	Private Meeting	N/A
J40. 23/09/2021	Public Meeting Participation of people with disabilities in political, cultural, community and public life	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Renee Dempsey-Clifford, Independent Chairperson, Disability Stakeholders Group • Dr Vivian Rath, Disability Stakeholders Group • Annette Costello, Disability Stakeholders Group • Councillor Carly Bailey, South Dublin County Council • Councillor Gabe Cronnelly, Galway County Council
J41. 30/09/2021	Public Meeting Participation in political, cultural, community and public life (resumed)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elaine Grehan, Advocacy Manager, Irish Deaf Society • Lianne Quigley, Chairperson, Irish Deaf Society • John Sherwin, Chief Executive Officer, Irish Deaf Society • Rachel Cassen, Co-Founder and Executive Director, LEAP • Deirdre Fitzgerald Mother, Leap Board Member • Joe McGrath, Vice Chair, National Platform of Self Advocates
J41. 30/09/2021	Private Meeting	N/A
J42. 07/10/2021	Private Meeting	N/A

J43. 14/10/2021	Public Meeting From Accessibility to Universal Design	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tony Cunningham, Director of Volunteering and Housing, Irish Wheelchair Association (IWA) • Joan Carthy Advocacy Manager, IWA • Rosaleen Lally, National Access Programme Manager, IWA • Eoin O'Herlihy Managing Director and Senior Accessibility Consultant and Trainer at (OHAC) • Karen Smith, Advocate, Changing Places Ireland • Jean Richardson Manager, Changing Places Ireland • Michelle Merrigan Communications Manager, Changing Places Ireland • Bernadette Egan, Architect and member of the RIAI Universal Design Task Force
J43. 14/10/2021	Private Meeting	N/A
J44. 21/10/2021	Public Meeting - Aligning Disability Services with the UNCRPD in consideration of physical and sensory disability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Damien O'Reilly • Samantha Kenny
J44. 21/10/2021	Private Meeting	N/A
J45. 04/11/2021	(Public Meeting) Aligning Disability Services with the UNCRPD in consideration of Autism and Intellectual Disability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adam Harris, Founder and CEO, AsIAm • Gillian Kearns, Autistic Paddies • Marja-Kristina Akinsha, Autistic Paddies • Jean Mullan • David Doyle • Tom McLoughlin
J45. 04/11/2021	Private Meeting	N/A

J46. 11/11/2021	Public Meeting Aligning Disability Services with the UNCRPD in consideration of acquired disability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chris Macey, Head of Advocacy and Patient Support, Irish Heart Foundation • Fiona Bardon • Mary Farrell
J46. 11/11/2021	Private Meeting	N/A
J47. 18/11/2021	(Public Meeting) Aligning Disability Services with the UNCRPD in consideration of chronic disease	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Olga Wehrly • Lorna McGreehan • Anna-Karin Ulpe • Mary Casserly, Chairperson, Early Onset Parkinson's Disease (EOPD)
J47. 18/11/2021	Private Meeting	N/A
J48. 25/11/2021	Private Meeting	N/A
J49. 02/12/2021	Public Meeting Aligning Disability Services with the UNCRPD and considering the future system and innovation of Service provision	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Magdalen Rogers, Executive Director, Neurological Alliance of Ireland • Dr Niall Pender, Board member of the Neurological Alliance of Ireland and Principal Clinical Neuropsychologist and Head of Psychology, National Neuroscience Centre Beaumont Hospital, Neurological Alliance of Ireland • Dr Alison Harnett, CEO, National Federation of Voluntary Service Providers • Michael Hennessy, Chair of National Federation • Natalya Jackson, Board Member of the National Federation of Voluntary Service Providers
J49. 02/12/2021	Private Meeting	N/A

J50. 06/12/2021	Private Meeting	N/A
J51. 09/12/2021	Public Meeting Aligning Disability Services with the UNCRPD and considering the future system and innovation of Service provision (resumed)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Louise Loughlin, National Manager, National Advocacy Service • Joanne Condon, Southern Regional Manager, National Advocacy Service • Peter Broadhead, Australian National Disability Insurance Scheme, Group Manager, Department of Social Services • Dr Simon Walsh • Fiona Walsh • Aoife O'Toole
J52. 16/12/2021	Public Meeting - 'Grounded - Unequal access for people with disabilities to personal transport schemes'	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Peter Tyndall, Ombudsman • Sarah Cooney, Principal Officer, Office of the Ombudsman
J52. 16/12/2021	Private Meeting	N/A

Appendix 3 – Minutes of proceedings of the Joint Committee

MINUTES OF MEETING 14 OCTOBER 2020

The Joint Committee met in public session at 4.30 p.m. in Committee Room 4, Leinster House 2000, a quorum being present.

1. ATTENDANCE

The following Members were present:

Deputies: Holly Cairns, Seán Canney, Emer Higgins, Michael Moynihan (Chair), Pauline Tully, Violet-Anne Wynne

Senators: Ivana Bacik, Alice-Mary Higgins, Erin McGreehan, Fiona O'Loughlin, Mary Seery Kearney.

Apologies were received from Deputies John Paul Phelan, Jennifer Murnane O'Connor.

2. INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

The Chair welcomed all Members to the Committee.

The Committee went into Private session at 15:35

3. Item discussed in private -

4. Item discussed in private -

5. Item discussed in private –

6. Item discussed in private -

7. Adjournment

The Committee adjourned at 5.23 p.m. until 4.00 p.m. on 21 October 2020.



Michael Moynihan, T.D.
Chairman

MINUTES OF MEETING 21 OCTOBER 2020

The Joint Committee met in private session at 4.05 pm on Microsoft Teams, a quorum being present.

1. ATTENDANCE

The following members were present:

Deputies: Holly Cairns, Seán Canney, Emer Higgins, Neasa Hourigan, Michael Moynihan (Chair), Pauline Tully, Violet-Anne Wynne

Senators: Alice-Mary Higgins, Erin McGreehan, Fiona O'Loughlin,

Apologies from Deputy John Paul Phelan, Senator Ivana Bacik and Senator Mary Seery Kearney

The Chair welcomed all Members to the Committee.

The Committee went into Private session at 4.05 pm.

2. Item discussed in private -

3. Item discussed in private -

4. Item discussed in private -

5. Item discussed in private -

6. Item discussed in private -

7. Item discussed in private –

8. Item discussed in private –

9. Adjournment -

The meeting adjourned at 4.49 p.m. until Wednesday, 4 November at 4 pm.

Michael Moynihan

Michael Moynihan T.D.,
Chairman

MINUTES OF MEETING 4 NOVEMBER 2020

The Joint Committee met in private session at 4.01 pm on Microsoft Teams, a quorum being present.

1. ATTENDANCE

The following members were present:

Deputies: Holly Cairns, Seán Canney, Neasa Hourigan, Michael Moynihan (Chair), Jennifer Murnane O'Connor, Pauline Tully, Violet-Anne Wynne

Senators: Ivana Bacik, Alice-Mary Higgins, Erin McGreehan, Fiona O'Loughlin, Mary Seery Kearney

Apologies from Deputy Emer Higgins

2. Item discussed in private -

3. Item discussed in private -

4. Item discussed in private -

5. Item discussed in private -

6. Item discussed in private -

7. Adjournment -

Private session adjourned at 4.17 pm. The Committee was to reconvene in CR4 at 4.30 pm.

8. PUBLIC SESSION

The Committee went into public session at 4.33 p.m.

9. ENGAGEMENT WITH:

Roderic O'Gorman, Minister for Children, Disability, Equality, Integration and Youth
Anne Rabbitte, Minister of State with responsibility for Disability Issues.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6.30 p.m. until Wednesday, 11 November at 3:45 pm.

Michael Moynihan

Michael Moynihan T.D.,
Chairman.

MINUTES OF MEETING 11 NOVEMBER 2020

The Joint Committee met in private session at 3.46 pm on Microsoft Teams, a quorum being present.

1. ATTENDANCE

The following members were present:

Deputies: Holly Cairns, Seán Canney, Emer Higgins, Michael Moynihan (Chair), Jennifer Murnane O'Connor, Pauline Tully, Violet-Anne Wynne

Senators: Alice-Mary Higgins, Erin McGreehan, Fiona O'Loughlin, Mary Seery Kearney

Apologies have been received from Deputy John Paul Phelan, Deputy Neasa Hourigan and Senator Ivana Bacik.

2. PRIVATE SESSION

3. Item discussed in private -

4. Item discussed in private -

5. Item discussed in private -

6. Item discussed in private -

7. Item discussed in private –

8. Item discussed in private –

7. Adjournment of Private Session

Private session adjourned at 4.02 pm. The Committee was to reconvene in CR4 at 4.30 pm.

8. PUBLIC SESSION

The Committee went into public session at 4.30 p.m.

9. ENGAGEMENT WITH:

- Dr Aideen Hartney, Director and Dr Rosalyn Tamming, Interim Head of Policy, Public Affairs & Research from the National Disability Authority.
- Sinéad Gibney, Chief Commissioner and Dr. Rosaleen McDonagh, Commission Member and Chair of the Commission's Disability Advisory Committee from the Irish Human Rights and Equality Commission

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6.23 p.m. until Wednesday, 18 November at 3:45 pm.

Michael Moynihan

Michael Moynihan T.D.,
Chairman.

MINUTES OF MEETING 18 NOVEMBER 2020

The Joint Committee met in private session at 3.46 pm on Microsoft Teams, a quorum being present.

1. ATTENDANCE

The following members were present:

Deputies: Holly Cairns, Seán Canney, Emer Higgins, Michael Moynihan (Chair), Jennifer Murnane O'Connor, Pauline Tully, Violet-Anne Wynne

Senators: Alice-Mary Higgins, Erin McGreehan, Fiona O'Loughlin, Mary Seery Kearney

Apologies have been received from Deputy John Paul Phelan, Deputy Neasa Hourigan and Senator Ivana Bacik.

2. PRIVATE SESSION

3. Item discussed in private -

4. Item discussed in private -

5. Item discussed in private -

6. ADJOURNMENT OF PRIVATE SESSION

Private session adjourned at 4.10 pm. The Committee was to reconvene in CR4 at 4.30 pm.

7. PUBLIC SESSION

The Committee went into public session at 4.32 p.m.

8. ENGAGEMENT WITH:

- Professor Gerard Quinn, UN Rapporteur

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5.32 p.m. until Wednesday, 25 November at 3:45 pm.

Michael Moynihan

Michael Moynihan T.D.,
Chairman.

MINUTES OF MEETING 02 DECEMBER 2020

The Joint Committee met in private session at 4.00 pm on Microsoft Teams, a quorum being present.

1. ATTENDANCE

The following members were present:

Deputies: Holly Cairns, Seán Canney, Emer Higgins, Neasa Hourigan, Michael Moynihan (Chair), Jennifer Murnane O'Connor, Pauline Tully, Violet-Anne Wynne

Senators: Alice-Mary Higgins, Erin McGreehan, Fiona O'Loughlin, Mary Seery Kearney

Apologies have been received from Senator Ivana Bacik.

2. PRIVATE SESSION

3. Item discussed in private -

4. Item discussed in private -

5. Item discussed in private -

6. Item discussed in private -

7. Item discussed in private –

8. ADJOURNMENT OF PRIVATE SESSION

Private session adjourned at 4.50 pm.



Michael Moynihan T.D.,
Chairman.

MINUTES OF MEETING 03 DECEMBER 2020

The Joint Committee met in public session at 9:08 a.m.

1. ATTENDANCE

The following members were present:

Deputies: Holly Cairns, Seán Canney, Emer Higgins, Neasa Hourigan, Michael Moynihan (Chair), Jennifer Murnane O'Connor, Pauline Tully, Violet-Anne Wynne

Senators: Ivana Bacik, Alice-Mary Higgins, Erin McGreehan, Fiona O'Loughlin, Mary Seery Kearney

2. ENGAGEMENT WITH:

- Matt English, Chief Executive Officer, Special Olympics Ireland
- Margaret Turley, Special Olympics Athlete
- Marie Davitt, Pathways Coordinator, Trinity Centre for People with Intellectual Disabilities
- Catherine Kelly, Director of Services, WALK

3. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10.11 a.m. until Wednesday, 9 December at 4.30pm.



Michael Moynihan T.D.,
Chairman.

MINUTES OF MEETING 09 DECEMBER 2020

The Joint Committee met in public session at 16:30.

1. ATTENDANCE

The following members were present:

Deputies: Holly Cairns, Seán Canney, Emer Higgins, Neasa Hourigan, Michael Moynihan (Chair), Jennifer Murnane O'Connor, Pauline Tully, Violet-Anne Wynne

Senators: Ivana Bacik, Mary Seery Kearney

Apologies have been received from Senator Erin McGreehan and Senator Fiona O'Loughlin.

2. PUBLIC SESSION

The Committee went into public session at 4:30 pm.

3. ELECTION OF THE VICE CHAIR

The Chair noted that at the Committees meeting on 14 October 2020, there was two nominations for the position of Vice-Chair, Deputy Pauline Tully and Senator Erin McGreehan. The Chair updated the Committee that Senator McGreehan has since withdrawn her nomination and therefore, as there is only one nomination, "the motion is that Deputy Tully be elected Vice-Chair of the Committee"

Decision: Members agreed to the election of Deputy Tully as Vice-Chair to the Committee.

4. PRIVATE SESSION

The Committee went into private session at 4:32 pm.

5. Item discussed in private -

6. Item discussed in private -

7. Item discussed in private –

9. Item discussed in Private -

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 17:02 hrs until Wednesday, 16 December at 16.30 hrs.



Michael Moynihan T.D.
Chairman.

MINUTES OF MEETING 16 DECEMBER 2020

The Joint Committee met in private session at 4:32 pm in Committee Room 4, a quorum being present.

1. ATTENDANCE

The following members were present:

Deputies: Holly Cairns, Seán Canney, Emer Higgins, Michael Moynihan (Chair), Pauline Tully, Violet-Anne Wynne

Senators: Ivana Bacik, Alice Mary Higgins, Erin McCreehan, Fiona O' Loughlin, Mary Seery Kearney

2. Item discussed in private -

3. Item discussed in private -

4. Item discussed in private –

5. Item discussed in Private –

6. Item discussed in Private –

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 17:41 on Wednesday 16 December 2020.



Michael Moynihan T.D.,
Chairman.

MINUTES OF MEETING 13 JANUARY 2020

The Joint Committee met in private session at 4.03 pm on Microsoft Teams, a quorum being present.

1. ATTENDANCE

The following members were present:

Deputies: Seán Canney, Emer Higgins, Neasa Hourigan, Michael Moynihan (Chair), Jennifer Murnane O'Connor, Pauline Tully, Violet-Anne Wynne

Senators: Alice-Mary Higgins, Erin McGreehan, Fiona O'Loughlin, Mary Seery Kearney

Apologies: Deputy Holly Cairns.

2. Item discussed in private -

3. Item discussed in private -

4. Item discussed in private –

5. Item discussed in Private –

6. Item discussed in Private –

7. ADJOURNMENT

There being no other Business, the meeting adjourned at 16:57 p.m. until Wednesday, 20 January.



Michael Moynihan T.D.,
Chairman.

MINUTES OF MEETING 20 JANUARY 2021

The Joint Committee met in private session at 4:01 p.m. on Microsoft Teams, a quorum being present.

1. ATTENDANCE

The following members were present:

Deputies: Seán Canney, Emer Higgins, Neasa Hourigan, Michael Moynihan (Chair), John Paul Phelan, Pauline Tully, Violet-Anne Wynne

Senators: Alice-Mary Higgins, Erin McGreehan, Fiona O'Loughlin, Mary Seery Kearney

2. Item discussed in private -

3. Item discussed in private -

4. Item discussed in private –

5. Item discussed in Private –

6. ADJOURNMENT

The Committee adjourned at 5:16 p.m. until 16:00 on 27 January 2021.



Michael Moynihan T.D.,
Chairman.

MINUTES OF MEETING 27 JANUARY 2021

The Joint Committee met in private session at 4:00 p.m. on Microsoft Teams, a quorum being present.

1. ATTENDANCE

The following members were present:

Deputies: Seán Canney, Emer Higgins, Neasa Hourigan, Michael Moynihan (Chair), Jennifer Murnane O'Connor, Pauline Tully, Violet-Anne Wynne

Senators: Alice-Mary Higgins, Erin McGreehan, Fiona O'Loughlin, Mary Seery Kearney

Apologies have been received from Deputy John Paul Phelan

2. Item discussed in private -

3. Item discussed in private -

4. Item discussed in private –

5. Item discussed in Private –

6. Item discussed in Private -

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m. The next meeting of the Joint Committee will be held on 3 February on MS Teams at 4 p.m.



Michael Moynihan T.D.,
Chairman.

MINUTES OF MEETING 3 FEBRUARY 2021

The Joint Committee met in private session at 4:01 p.m. on Microsoft Teams, a quorum being present.

1. ATTENDANCE

The following members were present:

Deputies: Holly Cairns, Seán Canney, Emer Higgins, Neasa Hourigan, Michael Moynihan (Chair), Jennifer Murnane O'Connor, Pauline Tully, Violet-Anne Wynne, John Paul Phelan

Senators: Ivana Bacik, Alice-Mary Higgins, Fiona O'Loughlin, Mary Seery Kearney

2. Item discussed in private -

3. Item discussed in private -

4. Item discussed in private –

5. Item discussed in Private –

6. Item discussed in Private -

7. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 17.02. The next meeting of the Joint Committee will be held on 10 February on MS Teams at 4:00 p.m.



Michael Moynihan T.D.,
Chairman.

MINUTES OF MEETING 10 FEBRUARY 2021

The Joint Committee met in private session at 16:03 p.m. on Microsoft Teams, a quorum being present.

1. ATTENDANCE

The following members were present:

Deputies: Holly Cairns, Seán Canney, Michael Moynihan (Chair), Jennifer Murnane O'Connor, John Paul Phelan, Pauline Tully, Violet-Anne Wynne, John Paul Phelan

Senators: Alice-Mary Higgins, Erin McGreehan, Fiona O'Loughlin, Mary Seery Kearney

2. Item discussed in private -

3. Item discussed in private -

4. Item discussed in private –

5. Item discussed in Private –

6. Adjournment

Our private session is now adjourned, and the next meeting of the Joint Committee will be held on 17 February on MS Teams at 4pm.



Michael Moynihan T.D.,
Chairman.

MINUTES OF MEETING 17 FEBRUARY 2021

The Joint Committee met in private session at 4.00 pm on Microsoft Teams, a quorum being present.

1. ATTENDANCE

The following members were present:

Deputies: Holly Cairns, Seán Canney, Emer Higgins, Nessa Hourigan, Michael Moynihan (Chair), Pauline Tully, Violet-Anne Wynne

Senators: Ivana Bacik, Erin McGreehan, Fiona O'Loughlin, Mary Seery Kearney

Apologies from Senator Alice-Mary Higgins

2. Item discussed in private -

3. Item discussed in private -

4. Item discussed in private –

5. Item discussed in Private –

6. Item discussed in Private –

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4.30 p.m. until Tuesday, 23 February at 1 pm.



Michael Moynihan T.D.,
Chairman.

MINUTES OF MEETING 23 FEBRUARY 2021

The Joint Committee met in public session at 1:10 p.m.

1. ATTENDANCE

The following members were present:

Deputies: Holly Cairns, Seán Canney, Emer Higgins, Neasa Hourigan, Michael Moynihan (Chair), Jennifer Murnane O'Connor, Pádraig O'Sullivan, John Paul Phelan, Pauline Tully, Violet-Anne Wynne

Senators: Ivana Bacik, Alice-Mary Higgins, Erin McGreehan, Mary Seery Kearney

2. ENGAGEMENT WITH:

- Josepha Madigan T.D., Minister of State with responsibility for Special Education and Inclusion

3. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2.56 p.m. until Wednesday, 3 March at 4 p.m.



Michael Moynihan T.D.,
Chairman.

MINUTES OF MEETING 03 MARCH 2021

The Joint Committee met in Private session at 4:00 p.m.

1. ATTENDANCE

The following members were present:

Deputies: Holly Cairns, Seán Canney, Emer Higgins, Neasa Hourigan, Michael Moynihan (Chair), Pauline Tully, Violet-Anne Wynne

Senators: Ivana Bacik, Alice-Mary Higgins, Erin McGreehan, Fiona O'Loughlin, Mary Seery Kearney

Apologies have been received from Deputy John Paul Phelan

2. Item discussed in Private –

3. Item discussed in private -

4. Item discussed in private -

5. Item discussed in private –

6. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:14 p.m. until Tuesday, 09 March at 9:30 a.m.



Michael Moynihan T.D.,
Chairman.

MINUTES OF MEETING 09 MARCH 2021

The Joint Committee met in public session at 9:33 p.m.

1. ATTENDANCE

The following members were present:

Deputies: Holly Cairns, Seán Canney, Emer Higgins, Neasa Hourigan, Michael Moynihan (Chair), Jennifer Murnane O'Connor, Pauline Tully, Violet-Anne Wynne

Senators: Ivana Bacik, Alice-Mary Higgins, Erin McGreehan, Fiona McLoughlin, Mary Seery Kearney

2. ENGAGEMENT WITH:

- Catherine Lane, Women in Local, Community and Rural Development Officer, National Women's Council of Ireland
- Maureen McGovern, Disability and community activist, on behalf of the National Women's Council of Ireland
- Selina Bonnie, Vice chairperson, Independent Living Movement Ireland, on behalf of the National Women's Council of Ireland
- Amy Hassett and Maria Ní Fhlatharta, Co-Directors, Disabled Women Ireland

3. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.



Michael Moynihan T.D.,
Chairman.

MINUTES OF MEETING 16 MARCH 2021

The Joint Committee met in private session at 16:00 p.m. on Microsoft Teams, a quorum being present.

1. ATTENDANCE

The following members were present:

Deputies: Holly Cairns, Seán Canney, Emer Higgins, Neasa Hourigan, Michael Moynihan (Chair), John Paul Phelan, Pauline Tully, Violet-Anne Wynne, John Paul Phelan

Senators: Ivana Bacik, Alice-Mary Higgins, Erin McGreehan, Fiona O'Loughlin, Mary Seery Kearney

2. Item discussed in private -

3. Item discussed in private -

4. Item discussed in private –

5. Item discussed in Private –

6. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 16:32, and the next meeting of the Joint Committee will be held on Wednesday, 24 March on MS Teams at 4pm.



Michael Moynihan T.D.,
Chairman.

MINUTES OF MEETING 24 MARCH 2021

The Joint Committee met in private session at 16:02 p.m. on Microsoft Teams, a quorum being present.

1. ATTENDANCE

The following members were present:

Deputies: Holly Cairns, Seán Canney, Emer Higgins, Neasa Hourigan, Michael Moynihan (Chair), Jennifer Murnane O'Connor, John Paul Phelan, Pauline Tully, Violet-Anne Wynne,

Senators: Ivana Bacik, Alice-Mary Higgins, Erin McGreehan, Fiona O'Loughlin, Mary Seery Kearney

2. Item discussed in private -

3. Item discussed in private -

4. Item discussed in private –

5. Adjournment

The private session is now adjourned, and the next meeting of the Joint Committee will be held on Tuesday, 30 March in Seanad Chamber at 12.30pm.



Michael Moynihan T.D.,
Chairman.

MINUTES OF MEETING 30 MARCH 2021

The Joint Committee met in public session at 12:32 p.m.

1. ATTENDANCE

The following members were present:

Deputies: Seán Canney, Emer Higgins, Neasa Hourigan, Michael Moynihan (Chair), Jennifer Murnane O'Connor, Pauline Tully, Violet-Anne Wynne

Senators: Ivana Bacik, Alice-Mary Higgins, Erin McGreehan, Fiona O'Loughlin, Mary Seery Kearney

Apologies were received from Holly Cairns

2. ENGAGEMENT WITH:

- Peter Burke T.D., Minister of State for Local Government and Planning on 'How housing policy aligns with the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNCRPD)'.

3. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 1:58 p.m. until Wednesday, 31 March at 4 p.m.



Michael Moynihan T.D.,
Chairman.

MINUTES OF MEETING 31 MARCH 2021

The Joint Committee met in private session at 3:58 pm on Microsoft Teams, a quorum being present.

1. Attendance

The following members were present:

Deputies: Holly Cairns, Emer Higgins, Michael Moynihan (Chair), Jennifer Murnane O'Connor, John Paul Phelan, Pauline Tully, Violet-Anne Wynne

Senators: Alice-Mary Higgins, Erin McGreehan, Fiona O'Loughlin, Mary Seery Kearney

Apologies have been received from Deputy John Paul Phelan

2. Item discussed in private -

3. Item discussed in private -

4. Item discussed in private

5. Item discussed in private -

6. Item discussed in private -

7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:27 p.m. The next meeting of the Joint Committee will be held on Tuesday, 13 April at 12.30pm.



Michael Moynihan T.D.,
Chairman.

MINUTES OF MEETING 20 APRIL 2021

The Joint Committee met in public session at 9:29 a.m.

1. ATTENDANCE

The following members were present:

Deputies: Holly Cairns, Seán Canney, Emer Higgins, Neasa Hourigan, Michael Moynihan (Chair), Jennifer Murnane O'Connor, Pauline Tully, Violet-Anne Wynne

Senators: Ivana Bacik, Alice-Mary Higgins, Erin McGreehan, Mary Seery Kearney
Apologies has been received from Fiona O'Loughlin

2. ENGAGEMENT WITH:

- John Dolan, Chief Executive Officer, Disability Federation of Ireland
- Dr Joanne McCarthy, Head of Policy, Advocacy and Engagement, Disability Federation of Ireland
- Lorraine Dempsey, Interim Chief Executive Officer, Inclusion Ireland
- Jacqui Browne, Chairperson, Disabled Persons Organisation's Coalition on behalf of Inclusion Ireland

3. PRIVATE SESSION

The Committee went into private session at 11.29 am.

4. MEETING SCHEDULED FOR 27 APRIL 2021

The Committee agreed to reschedule the meeting with the HSE for a later date.

5. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:31 a.m.



Michael Moynihan T.D.,
Chairman.

MINUTES OF MEETING 28 APRIL 2021

The Joint Committee met in private session at 4:00 p.m. on Microsoft Teams, a quorum being present.

1. Attendance

The following members were present:

Deputies: Holly Cairns, Sean Canney, Emer Higgins, Neasa Hourigan, Michael Moynihan (Chair), Jennifer Murnane O'Connor, Pauline Tully, Violet-Anne Wynne

Senators: Ivana Bacik, Alice-Mary Higgins, Erin McGreehan, Fiona O'Loughlin, Mary Seery Kearney

2. Item discussed in private -

3. Item discussed in private -

4. Item discussed in private

5. Item discussed in private -

6. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m. The next meeting of the Joint Committee will be held on Wednesday, 05 May at 4:00 p.m.



Michael Moynihan T.D.,
Chairman.

MINUTES OF MEETING 5 MAY 2021

The Joint Committee met in private session at 4.09 pm on Microsoft Teams, a quorum being present.

1. ATTENDANCE

The following members were present:

Deputies: Holly Cairns, Sean Canney, Neasa Hourigan, Michael Moynihan (Chair), John Paul Phelan, Pauline Tully, Violet-Anne Wynne

Senators: Erin McGreehan

Apologies from Senators Mary Seery-Kearney, Alice-Mary Higgins and Ivana Bacik.

2. Item discussed in private -

3. Item discussed in private -

4. Item discussed in private

5. Item discussed in private -

6. Item discussed in private -

7. Item discussed in private

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4.57 p.m. until Wednesday, 12 May at 4 pm.



Michael Moynihan T.D.,
Chairman.

MINUTES OF MEETING 12 MAY 2021

The Joint Committee met in private session at 4:00p.m. on Microsoft Teams, a quorum being present.

1. Attendance

The following members were present:

Deputies: Holly Cairns, Emer Higgins, Neasa Hourigan, Michael Moynihan (Chair), Pauline Tully, Violet-Anne Wynne

Senators: Ivana Bacik, Alice-Mary Higgins, Erin McGreehan, Fiona O'Loughlin, Mary Seery Kearney

2. Item discussed in private -

3. Item discussed in private -

4. Item discussed in private

5. Item discussed in private -

6. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:37 p.m. The next meeting of the Joint Committee will be held on Wednesday, 19th May 2021 at 2.00 p.m.



Michael Moynihan T.D.,
Chairman.

MINUTES OF MEETING 13 MAY 2021

The Joint Committee met in private session at 12:33p.m and went into public session at 12.34p.m.

1. ATTENDANCE

The following members were present:

Deputies: Holly Cairns, Seán Canney, Michael Moynihan (Chair), Jennifer Murnane O'Connor, Pauline Tully, Violet-Anne Wynne

Senators: Ivana Bacik, Alice-Mary Higgins, Fiona O'Loughlin

2. ENGAGEMENT WITH;

- Health Service Executive, HSE, Dr Cathal Morgan, Head of Operations – Disability Services,
- Professor Malcolm MacLachlan, Clinical Lead for People with Disabilities, Ms Breda Crehan-
- Roche, Chief Officer, Community Healthcare Organisation West and Ms Angela O' Neill,
- National Disability Specialist, Community Operations.

3. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2.04pm until Thursday 20 May at 11.30am.



Michael Moynihan T.D.,
Chairman.

MINUTES OF MEETING 20 MAY 2021

The Joint Committee met in private session at 11.30a.m. on Microsoft Teams, a quorum being present.

1. Attendance

The following members were present:

Deputies: Holly Cairns, Seán Canney, Neasa Hourigan, Michael Moynihan (Chair), Jennifer Murnane-O'Connor, Pauline Tully, Violet-Anne Wynne.

Senators: Alice-Mary Higgins, Erin McGreehan, Fiona O'Loughlin, Mary Seery Kearney

Substitutes: Senator Eileen Flynn for Senator Alice-Mary Higgins

2. Item discussed in private -

3. Item discussed in private -

4. Item discussed in private

5. Item discussed in private -

6. Adjournment of private session

Private session adjourned at 12.15 pm. The Committee was to reconvene in CR2 at 12.30pm.

7. Public session

The Committee went into public session at 12.30 p.m.

8. Engagement with

- Decision Support Services: Áine Flynn, Director, Joanna Macklin, Head of Panel
- Management, Kate Frowein, Head of Registration and Supervision, Ian Grehan, Head of
- Registration and Supervision and Patsy Fitzsimons, Head of Complaints and Investigations

9. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1.54 p.m. until Thursday, 27 May at 11:30 am.

Michael Moynihan

Michael Moynihan T.D.,
Chairman.

MINUTES OF MEETING 27 MAY 2021

The Joint Committee met in private session at 11:31 a.m. on Microsoft Teams, a quorum being present.

1. Attendance

The following members were present:

Deputies: Holly Cairns, Neasa Hourigan, Michael Moynihan (Chair), Jennifer Murnane O'Connor, Violet-Anne Wynne

Senators: Alice-Mary Higgins, Erin McGreehan, Fiona O'Loughlin

Apologies: Sean Canney, Pauline Tully, Ivana Bacik, Mary Seery Kearney

2. Item discussed in private -

3. Item discussed in private -

4. Item discussed in private

5. Item discussed in private -

6. Item discussed in private -

7. Adjournment of private session

The private meeting was adjourned 12.13 p.m.

8. Public session

The Committee went into public session at 12.31 p.m.

9. Engagement with;

- United Nations Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, Markus Schefer, Committee Member;
- European Disability Forum, Catherine Naughton, Director and Pat Clarke, Vice President;
- Members Spanish Senate, Comisión para las Políticas Integrales de la Discapacidad, Ms. María Teresa Fernández Molina – Chairperson, Mr. Jesús Caro Adanero – First Vice chairperson, Mr. Alfonso Escudero Ortega – First Secretary, Mr. Miguel Lorenzo Torres – Second Secretary, Ms. Patricia Abascal Jiménez, Member, Mr. Josep Rufà Gràcia, Member and Mr. Eduardo Fernández Rubiño, Member

10. Adjournment

The public meeting adjourned at 2.08 p.m. until Thursday, 3 June at 11:30 am.

Michael Moynihan

Michael Moynihan T.D.,
Chairman.

MINUTES OF MEETING 03 JUNE 2021

The Joint Committee met in private session at 11:30 a.m. on Microsoft Teams, a quorum being present.

1. Attendance

The following members were present:

Deputies: Michael Moynihan (Chair), Jennifer Murnane O'Connor, Pauline Tully, Violet-Anne Wynne

Senators: Mary Seery Kearney

Apologies: Ivana Bacik

2. Item discussed in private -

3. Item discussed in private -

4. Item discussed in private

5. Item discussed in private -

6. Item discussed in private -

7. Item discussed in private -

8. Adjournment of private session

The private meeting was adjourned at 11.41 a.m.

9. Public session

The Committee went into public session at 12.30 p.m.

10. Engagement with;

- National Transport Authority, Ms Anne Graham, CEO and Mr. Hugh Creegan, Deputy CEO
- Transport Infrastructure Ireland, Peter Walsh, CEO and Sarah O'Donnell, Designated Access Officer.

11. Adjournment

The public meeting adjourned at 2.24 p.m. until Thursday 17 June at 11.30 am.

Michael Moynihan

Michael Moynihan T.D.,
Chairman.

MINUTES OF MEETING 17 JUNE 2021

The Joint Committee met in private session at 11:30 a.m. on Microsoft Teams, a quorum being present.

1. Attendance

The following members were present:

Deputies: Holly Cairns, Sean Canney, Neasa Hourigan, Michael Moynihan (Chair), Jennifer Murnane O'Connor, Pauline Tully, Violet-Anne Wynne

Senators: Ivana Bacik, Alice-Mary Higgins, Erin McGreehan

2. Item discussed in private -

3. Item discussed in private -

4. Item discussed in private

5. Item discussed in private -

6. Adjournment of private session

The meeting was adjourned at 12.12 p.m.

7. Public session

The Committee went into public session at 12.32 p.m.

8. Engagement with:

- Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth,
- Fergal Lynch, Secretary General,
- Carol Baxter, Assistant Secretary,
- Úna Ní Dhubhghaill, Principal Officer and Richard Quilliam, Assistant Principal
- Irish Human Rights and Equality Commission,
- Sinead Gibney, Chief Commissioner
- Adam Harris, Commission Member and Vice-Chair of IHREC's Disability Advisory Committee

9. Adjournment

The public meeting adjourned at 2.30 p.m. The next meeting of the Joint Committee will be held on Tuesday 22 June, at 3.00p.m.



Michael Moynihan T.D.,
Chairman.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING 22 JUNE 2021

The Joint Committee met in private session at 3.09pm on Microsoft Teams, a quorum being present.

As the Chair was unavoidably absent and the Vice-Chair was not available, nominations were invited for a temporary Chair, and Senator Higgins was nominated and took the Chair. Vice- Chair Deputy Tully took over on arrival.

1. Attendance

The following members were present:

Deputies: Holly Cairns, Sean Canney, Neasa Hourigan, Michael Moynihan (Chair), Pauline Tully, Violet-Anne Wynne

Senators: Alice-Mary Higgins, Mary Seery Kearney

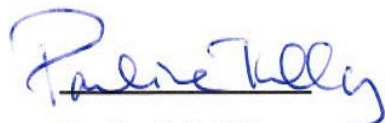
Apologies from Ivana Bacik

2. Item discussed in private -

3. Item discussed in private -

4. Adjournment

The private meeting was adjourned at 3.46p.m. The next meeting of the Joint Committee will be held on Thursday 24 June, at 11.30am.



Pauline Tully T.D.,
Vice Chair.

MINUTES OF MEETING 24 JUNE 2021

The Joint Committee met in private session at 11.30am on Microsoft Teams, a quorum being Present.

1. Attendance

The following members were present:

Deputies: Holly Cairns, Sean Canney, Neasa Hourigan, Michael Moynihan (Chair), Pauline Tully, Violet-Anne Wynne

Senators: Alice-Mary Higgins, Mary Seery Kearney

Apologies from Ivana Bacik, Erin McGreehan

2. Item discussed in private -

3. Item discussed in private -

4. Item discussed in private -

5. Item discussed in private -

6. Item discussed in private -

7. Adjournment

The private meeting was adjourned at 12.22pm.

8. Public session

The Committee went into public session at 12.37 p.m.

9. Engagement with.

- Representatives from Office of the Ombudsman and Information Commissioner, Peter Tyndall, Ombudsman, Sarah Cooney, Principal Officer
- Officials from Department of Health, Kathleen McLellan, Assistant Secretary, Social Care, Susan Scally, Principal Officer
- Representatives from Health Service Executive (HSE), Bernard O' Regan

10. Adjournment

The public meeting adjourned at 2.30 p.m. until Thursday 1 July at 11.30am.



Michael Moynihan T.D.,
Chairman.

MINUTES OF MEETING 01 JULY 2021

The Joint Committee met in private session at 11:32 a.m. on Microsoft Teams, a quorum being present.

1. Attendance

The following members were present:

Deputies: Holly Cairns, Michael Moynihan (Chair), Pauline Tully, Violet-Anne Wynne

Senators: Alice-Mary Higgins, Erin McGreehan, Fiona O'Loughlin,
Apologies Sean Canney, Neasa Hourigan, Ivana Bacik, Mary Seery Kearney

2. Item discussed in private -

3. Item discussed in private -

4. Item discussed in private -

5. Item discussed in private -

6. Adjournment of private session

The private meeting was adjourned at 11.59 a.m.

7. Public session

The Committee went into public session at 12.30 p.m.

8. Engagement with;

- Professor Gautam Gulati, University of Limerick
- Professor Roy McConkey, Institute of Nursing and Health Research, University of Ulster
- Lynn Fitzpatrick, Activist
- Annmarie Flanagan, Activist

9. Adjournment

The public meeting adjourned at 2.21 p.m. until Thursday 8 July 2021 at 11.30 a.m.



Michael Moynihan T.D.,
Chairman.

MINUTES OF MEETING 8 JULY 2021

The Joint Committee met in public session at 9.32a.m.

1. Attendance

The following members were present:

Deputies: Sean Canney, Michael Moynihan (Chair), Pauline Tully, Violet-Anne Wynne

Senators: Alice-Mary Higgins, Erin McGreehan

2. Engagement with;

- Fionn Crombie Angus, James Cawley, Policy Officer, Independent Living Movement Ireland
- Paul McBride, CEO, Owen Collumb, Gordon Ryan and Fiona Weldon from Áiseanna Tacaíochta.

3. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11.28am.



Michael Moynihan T.D.,
Chairman.

MINUTES OF MEETING 15 JULY 2021

The Joint Committee met in private session at 11:48 a.m. on Microsoft Teams, a quorum being present. The meeting could proceed as Senator Seery Kearney notified the Secretariat at 11.41 a.m. that she was joining the meeting.

1. Attendance

The following members were present:

Deputies: Neasa Hourigan, Michael Moynihan (Chair), Jennifer Murnane O'Connor, Pauline Tully, Violet-Anne Wynne

Senators: Mary Seery Kearney

Apologies were received from Ivana Bacik, Alice-Mary Higgins, and Erin McGreehan.

2. Item discussed in private -

3. Item discussed in private -

4. Item discussed in private -

5. Item discussed in private -

6. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12.11 p.m. and the Joint Committee on Disability Matters adjourned for the Summer and will resume in early September.



Michael Moynihan T.D.,
Chairman.

MINUTES OF MEETING 09 SEPTEMBER 2021

This private MS Teams meeting was originally scheduled for Wednesday the 8th September at 11.30am. Due to technical difficulties this meeting was reconvened at 11.40am until 11.45am, the same day. Technical issues could not be resolved and the 11.45am meeting was cancelled at 12pm and reconvened until Thursday 9th September at 9.30am.

8 September - Members present:

Deputies: Holly Cairns, Seán Canney, Neasa Hourigan, Pauline Tully, Violet-Anne Wynne

Senators: Alice-Mary Higgins, Fiona O'Loughlin

The Joint Committee met in private session at 09.38 a.m. on Microsoft Teams, a quorum being present.

9 September - the following members were present:

Deputies: Holly Cairns, Michael Moynihan (Chair), Pauline Tully

Senators: Alice-Mary Higgins, Fiona O'Loughlin

Apologies were received from Deputy Canney, Deputy Murnane O'Connor and Senator Seery Kearney.

The Chair welcomed everyone back and highlighted the packed agenda ahead.

2. Item discussed in private -

3. Item discussed in private -

4. Item discussed in private -

5. Item discussed in private -

6. Item discussed in private -

7. Item discussed in private -

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10.26am and the next meeting of the Joint Committee will be held on Thursday, 16 September at 10am.



Michael Moynihan T.D.,
Cathaoirleach.

MINUTES OF MEETING 16 SEPTEMBER 2021

Members in attendance joined this private MS Teams from 10am.

1. Attendance

The following members were present:

Deputies: Holly Cairns, Michael Moynihan (Chair), Seán Canney, Pauline Tully, Violet-Anne Wynne

Apologies have been received from Deputy Hourigan and Senator Seery Kearney.

Adjournment

As a quorum was not available the meeting was cancelled and reconvened until 9.30 am Wednesday 22nd September 2021.



Michael Moynihan T.D.,
Cathaoirleach.

MINUTES OF MEETING 22 SEPTEMBER 2021

The Joint Committee met in private session at 9:33 a.m. on Microsoft Teams, a quorum being present.

1. Attendance

The following members were present:

Deputies: Holly Cairns, Sean Canney, Emer Higgins, Neasa Hourigan, Michael Moynihan (Cathaoirleach), Jennifer Murnane O'Connor, Pauline Tully (Leas-Cathaoirleach), Violet Anne Wynne

Senators: Alice Mary Higgins, Erin McGreehan, Fiona O'Loughlin, Mary Seery Kearney

2. Item discussed in private -

3. Item discussed in private -

4. Item discussed in private -

5. Item discussed in private -

6. Item discussed in private -

7. Item discussed in private -

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:58 am. The next meeting of the Joint Committee will be held on 23 September 2021 at 9:30am.



Michael Moynihan T.D.,
Cathaoirleach.

Minutes of Meeting 23 September 2021

The Joint Committee met in public session at 9.32a.m.

1. Attendance

The following members were present:

Deputies: Holly Cairns, Sean Canney, Neasa Hourigan, Jennifer Murnane O'Connor, Pauline Tully, Violet – Anne Wynne.

Senators: Erin McGreehan, Fiona O'Loughlin, Lynn Ruane (substitution for Senator Alice Mary Higgins)

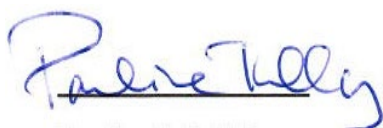
Apologies were received from Michael Moynihan, Alice Mary Higgins, and Mary Seery Kearney.

1. Engagement with;

- Representatives from Disability Stakeholders Group, Renee Dempsey-Clifford, Independent Chairperson, Dr Vivian Rath and Annette Costello
- Representatives from South Dublin County Council, Councillor Carly Bailey
- Representatives from Galway County Council, Councillor Gabe Cronnelly

2. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11.28pm.



**Pauline Tully T.D.,
Leas Cathaoirleach.**

MINUTES OF MEETING 30 SEPTEMBER 2021

The Joint Committee met in private session at 9 a.m.

1. Attendance

The following members were present:

Deputies: Holly Cairns, Sean Canney, Emer Higgins, Michael Moynihan (Cathaoirleach), Jennifer Murnane O'Connor, Violet – Anne Wynne and Senators: Alice Mary Higgins, Erin McGreehan, and Mary Seery Kearney

Apologies were received from Deputy Neasa Hourigan, Deputy Pauline Tully, Senator Fiona O'Loughlin and Deputy John Paul Phelan

2. Item discussed in private -

3. Item discussed in private -

4. Item discussed in private -

5. Item discussed in private -

6. Adjournment of private session

The meeting was adjourned at 9.33 a.m.

7. Public session

The Committee went into public session at 9.42 a.m.

8. Engagement with

- Representatives from Irish Deaf Society, Elaine Grehan, Advocacy Manager, Lianne Quigley, Chairperson and John Sherwin, Chief Executive Officer
- Representatives from LEAP, Rachel Cassen, Co-Founder and Executive Director and Deirdre Fitzgerald, Mother, Leap Board Member
- Representatives from National Platform of Self Advocates, Joe McGrath, Vice Cathaoirleach

9. Adjournment

The public meeting adjourned at 11.32 a.m. The next meeting of the Joint Committee will be held on Thursday 7 October 2021, at 9.00 a.m.



Michael Moynihan T.D.,
Cathaoirleach.

MINUTES OF MEETING 07 OCTOBER 2021

The Joint Committee met in private session at 9.13 a.m.

1. Attendance

The following members were present:

Deputies: Holly Cairns, Sean Canney, Neasa Hourigan, Michael Moynihan (Cathaoirleach), Jennifer Murnane O'Connor, Pauline Tully (Leas-Cathaoirleach) and Violet – Anne Wynne

Senators: Alice Mary Higgins, Erin McGreehan, Mary Seery Kearney, and Martin Conway (in substitution for John Paul Phelan)

Apologies were received from Senator Fiona O'Loughlin

2. Item discussed in private -

3. Item discussed in private -

4. Item discussed in private -

5. Item discussed in private -

6. Item discussed in private -

7. Item discussed in private -

8. Adjournment of private session

The meeting was adjourned at 9.35 a.m.

9. Public session

The Committee went into public session at 9.36 a.m.

- National Advocacy Service, Louise Loughlin, National Manager and Suzy Byrne, Greater Dublin Regional Manager
- Voice of Vision Impairment, Robbie Sinnott, Co-Ordinator
- Cara Sports Inclusion Ireland, Niamh Daffy, CEO and Odhrán Doherty, Sports inclusion Co-Ordinator
- Gerry Kerr, Member Dublin City PPN
- Disabled Artists and Disabled Academics (DADA) , Emilie Conway, Disabled Artist, and Isolde O'Brolcháin Carmody, Disabled Artist

10. Adjournment

The public meeting adjourned at 12.34 a.m. The next meeting of the Joint Committee will be held on Thursday 14 October 2021, at 9.00a.m.



Michael Moynihan T.D.
Cathaoirleach

MINUTES OF MEETING 14 OCTOBER 2021

The Joint Committee met in private session at 9:01 a.m.

1. Attendance

The following members were present:

Deputies: Holly Cairns, Sean Canney, Emer Higgins, Michael Moynihan (Cathaoirleach), John Paul Phelan, Pauline Tully (Leas-Cathaoirleach) and Violet - Anne Wynne

Senators: Alice Mary Higgins, Erin McGreehan, Fiona O'Loughlin, Mary Seery Kearney

2. Item discussed in private -

3. Item discussed in private -

4. Item discussed in private -

5. Item discussed in private -

6. Item discussed in private -

7. Item discussed in private -

8. Adjournment of private session

The meeting was adjourned at 9.46 a.m.

9. Public session

The Committee went into public session at 9.48 a.m.

The following witnesses attended remotely on MS Teams:

- Karen Smith, Advocate, Jean Richardson Manager and Michelle Merrigan Communications Manager, Changing Places Ireland
- Tony Cunningham, Director of Volunteering and Housing, Joan Carthy Advocacy Manager, Rosaleen Lally, National Access Programme Manager, Irish Wheelchair Association and Eoin O'Herlihy, OHAC
- Bernadette Egan, Architect, and member of the RIAI Universal Design Task Force

10. Adjournment

The public meeting adjourned at 12.05 a.m. The next meeting of the Joint Committee will be held on Thursday 21 October 2021, at 9.00 a.m.



Michael Moynihan T.D.
Cathaoirleach

MINUTES OF MEETING 21 OCTOBER 2021

The Joint Committee met in private session at 9:00 a.m.

1. Attendance

The following members were present:

Deputies: Seán Canney, Emer Higgins, Michael Moynihan, Jennifer Murnane O'Connor, Pauline Tully

Senators Erin McGreehan, Fiona O'Loughlin, Mary Seery Kearney

Apologies – Deputies Cairns and Hourigan and Senator Seery Kearney for the public meeting

2. Item discussed in private -

3. Item discussed in private -

4. Item discussed in private -

5. Item discussed in private -

6. Item discussed in private -

7. Adjournment of private session

The meeting was adjourned at 9.11.a.m.

8. Public session

The Committee went into public session at 9.49am, the Topic of the Public meeting is: '**Aligning Disability Services to the UNCRPD – physical and sensory disability**'

The following witnesses attended remotely on MS Teams:

- Samantha Kenny (Lived Experience)
- Damien O'Reilly (Lived Experience)

9. Adjournment

The public meeting adjourned at 11.43 a.m. The next meeting of the Joint Committee will be held on Thursday 04 November 2021, at 9.00 a.m.



Michael Moynihan T.D.
Cathaoirleach

Minutes of Meeting 04 November 2021

The Joint Committee met in private session at 9:00 a.m.

1. Attendance

The following members were present:

Deputies: Holly Cairns, Seán Canney, Michael Moynihan, Pauline Tully, Violet-Anne Wynne

Senators Erin McGreehan, Fiona O'Loughlin, Mary Seery Kearney, Alice Mary Higgins

Apologies were received from Deputy John Paul Phelan and Deputy Michael Moynihan for the public meeting.

2. Item discussed in private -

3. Item discussed in private -

4. Item discussed in private -

5. Item discussed in private -

6. Item discussed in private -

7. Item discussed in private -

8. Item discussed in private -

9. Adjournment of private session

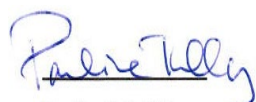
The meeting was adjourned at 9.25.a.m.

10. Public session - The Committee went into public session at 9.47am, the topic of the Public Meeting meeting is “**Aligning Disability Services with the UNCRPD in consideration of Autism and Intellectual Disability**”

The following witnesses attended remotely on MS Teams:

- Adam Harris – CEO & Founder AslAm
- Gillian Kearns – Autistic Paddies
- Marja-Kristina Akinsha – *Autistic Paddies*
- Jean Mullen – Lived Experience
- David Doyle – Lived Experience
- Tom McLoughlin – Lived Experience

11. Adjournment- The public meeting adjourned at 12.26 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Thursday 11 November 2021, at 9.00 a.m.



Pauline Tully T.D.
Cathaoirleach

MINUTES OF MEETING 11 NOVEMBER 2021

The Joint Committee met in private session at 9:04 a.m.

1. Attendance

The following members were present:

Deputies: Holly Cairns, Seán Canney, Michael Moynihan

Senators Erin McGreehan, Fiona O'Loughlin, Mary Seery Kearney

Apologies were received from Deputies Emer Higgins, Jennifer Murnane O'Connor, Pauline Tully, Violet-Anne Wynne, and Senator Alice-Mary Higgins.

2. Item discussed in private -

3. Item discussed in private -

4. Item discussed in private -

5. Item discussed in private -

6. Item discussed in private -

7. Item discussed in private -

8. Adjournment of private session

The meeting was adjourned at 9.42.a.m.

9. Public session

The Committee went into public session at 9.48am on the topic '**Aligning Disability Services to the UNCRPD in consideration of acquired disability**'.

The following witnesses attended remotely on MS Teams:

- Mary Farrell (Lived Experience)
- Fiona Bardon (Irish Heart Foundation, Lived Experience)
- Chris Macey (Irish Heart Foundation, Head of Advocacy and Patient Support)

10. Adjournment - The public meeting adjourned at 11.57 a.m. The next meeting of the Joint Committee will be held on Thursday 18 November 2021, at 9.00 a.m.



Michael Moynihan T.D.
Cathaoirleach

Minutes of Meeting 18 November 2021

The Joint Committee met in private session at 9:01 a.m.

1. Attendance

The following members were present:

Deputies: Holly Cairns, Seán Canney, Emer Higgins, Pauline Tully, Violet-Anne Wynne

Senators Alice-Mary Higgins, Erin McGreehan, Fiona O'Loughlin, Mary Seery Kearney

Apologies – Deputy Michael Moynihan

2. Item discussed in private -

3. Item discussed in private -

4. Item discussed in private -

5. Item discussed in private -

6. Item discussed in private -

7. Item discussed in private -

8. Item discussed in private -

9. Adjournment

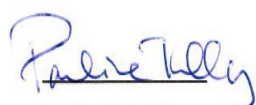
the private session adjourned at 9:43am and we will meet at 9.45am for our public meeting.

10. Public session - The Committee went into public session at 9.46am, the of the Public Meeting meeting is '**Aligning Disability Services to the UNCRPD in consideration of chronic disease**'

The following witnesses attended remotely on MS Teams:

- Olga Wehrly
- Anna-Karin Ulpe
- Lorna McGreehan
- Mary Casserly, EOPD

11. Adjournment -The public meeting adjourned at 11.51 a.m. The next meeting of the Joint Committee will be held on Thursday 25 November 2021, at 9.00 a.m.



Pauline Tully T.D.
Cathaoirleach

MINUTES OF MEETING 25 NOVEMBER 2021

The Joint Committee met in private session at 9:00 a.m.

1. Attendance

The following members were present:

Deputies: Holly Cairns, Seán Canney, Emer Higgins, Michael Moynihan, (Cathaoirleach) Pauline Tully (Leas-Cathaoirleach),

Senators: Alice-Mary Higgins, Erin McGreehan, Mary Seery Kearney

Apologies were noted from Senator Fiona O'Loughlin.

2. Item discussed in private -

3. Item discussed in private -

4. Item discussed in private -

5. Item discussed in private -

6. Adjournment of private session

The private meeting adjourned at 9.23 a.m. will meet at 9.45 a.m. for our public meeting.

7. Public session -The Committee went into public session at 9.45am, on the topic of 'Aligning Disability Services to the UNCRPD – update on progressing disability services. The following witnesses attended in Committee Room 4:

- Anne Rabbitte, Minister of State at the Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth and at the Department of Health
- Department of Health, Patsy Carr, Principal Officer and Audrey Hagerty, Principal Officer
- Health Service Executive (HSE), Bernard O'Regan, Head of Disability Strategy and Reform, Ms Breda Crehan Roche, Chief Officer, CHO West, Professor Malcolm MacLachlan, Clinical Lead for People with Disabilities

The following witness attended remotely on MS Teams:

- Niall Brunell, Principal Officer, DCEDIY

8. Adjournment

The public meeting adjourned at 12.27 p.m. The next meeting of the Joint Committee will be held on Thursday 02 December 2021, at 9.00a.m.

Michael Moynihan

Michael Moynihan T.D.
Cathaoirleach

MINUTES OF MEETING 2 DECEMBER 2021

The Joint Committee met in private session at 9:04 a.m.

1. Attendance

The following members were present:

Deputies: Holly Cairns, Seán Canney, Michael Moynihan, Jennifer Murnane O'Connor, Pauline Tully

Senators Alice Mary Higgins, Erin McGreehan, Mary Seery Kearney

Apologies – Deputy Hourigan, Deputy Wynne, and Senator O'Loughlin for both meetings. Senator McGreehan and Senator Seery Kearney for the public meeting

2. Item discussed in private -

3. Item discussed in private -

4. Item discussed in private -

5. Item discussed in private -

6. Adjournment of private session

The meeting was adjourned at 9.42 a.m.

7. Public session

The Committee went into public session at 9.51am, the of the Public Meeting meeting is '**Aligning Disability Services to the UNCRPD – Future Service and Innovation Service Providers**'.

The following witnesses attended remotely on MS Teams:

- Ms. Magdalen Rodgers, Executive Director, Neurological Alliance Ireland and Dr Niall Pender, Principal Clinical Neuropsychologist and Head of Psychology at THE National Neuroscience Centre, Beaumont Hospital
- Dr Alison Harnett, Chief Executive National Federation of Voluntary Service Providers, Mr Michael Hennessy, Chair and Ms. Natalya Jackson, Board Member National Federation of Voluntary Service Providers

8. Adjournment

The public meeting adjourned at 11.40 a.m. The next meeting of the Joint Committee will be held on Tuesday 6 December at 3pm.



Michael Moynihan T.D.
Cathaoirleach

MINUTES OF MEETING 6 DECEMBER 2021

The Joint Committee met in private session at 3:07p.m.

1. Attendance

The following members were present:

Deputies: Sean Canney, Emer Higgins, Neasa Hourigan, Michael Moynihan (Cathaoirleach) Jennifer Murnane O'Connor, John Paul Phelan, Pauline Tully (Leas-Cathaoirleach) and Violet-Anne Wynne

Senators Alice Mary Higgins, Erin McGreehan, Fiona O'Loughlin

Apologies were received from Deputy Cairns and Senator Seery Kearney.

2. Item discussed in private -
3. Item discussed in private -
4. Item discussed in private -
5. Item discussed in private -
6. Item discussed in private -
7. Adjournment of private session

The public meeting adjourned at 4.12pm. The next meeting of the Joint Committee will be held on Thursday 9 December 2021, at 9.00 a.m.



Michael Moynihan T.D.
Cathaoirleach

MINUTES OF MEETING 9 DECEMBER 2021

The Joint Committee met in private session at 9:04 a.m.

1. Attendance

The following members were present:

Deputies: Holly Cairns, Michael Moynihan, Jennifer Murnane O'Connor, Pauline Tully, Violet-Anne Wynne

Senators Alice Mary Higgins, Erin McGreehan, Mary Seery Kearney

Apologies received from Senator O'Loughlin

2. Item discussed in private -

3. Item discussed in private -

4. Item discussed in private -

5. Item discussed in private -

6. Item discussed in private -

7. Item discussed in private -

8. Adjournment of private session

The meeting was adjourned at 9.37 a.m.

9. Public session - The Committee went into public session at 9.51 am to discuss **'Aligning Disability Services to the UNCRPD – Future Service and Innovation Service Providers'**.

The following witnesses attended remotely on MS Teams:

- Mr Peter Broadhead, Australian National Disability Insurance Scheme
- Dr Simon Walsh and Ms. Fiona Walsh
- Ms. Louise Loughlin and Ms. Joanne Condon, National Advocacy Service
- Ms. Aoife O'Toole

10. Adjournment

The public meeting adjourned at 11.59 am. The next meeting of the Joint Committee will be held on Thursday 16 December at 9.00am.



Michael Moynihan T.D.
Cathaoirleach

MINUTES OF MEETING 16 December 2021

The Joint Committee met in private session at 9:04 a.m.

1. Attendance

The following members were present:

Deputies: Sean Canney, Michael Moynihan (Cathaoirleach), Jennifer Murnane O'Connor and Violet-Anne Wynne

Senators: Alice Mary Higgins, Erin McGreehan and Fiona O'Loughlin

Apologies received from Deputy Tully for the private meeting, Deputy Murnane O'Connor for the public meeting and Senator Seery Kearney for both meetings.

2. Item discussed in private -

3. Item discussed in private -

4. Item discussed in private -

5. Item discussed in private -

6. Item discussed in private -

7. Adjournment of private session

The private meeting adjourned at 9.12am.

8. Public session

The Committee went into public session at 9.48am, the purpose of the Public meeting is to discuss '**Grounded – unequal access for people with disabilities to personal transport schemes**'

The following witnesses attended remotely on MS Teams:

- Mr Peter Tyndall, Ombudsman
- Ms Sarah Cooney, Principal Officer in the Office of the Ombudsman

9. Adjournment

The public meeting adjourned at 10.54a.m. The next meeting of the Joint Committee will be held on 20 January 2022, at 9.30 a.m.



Michael Moynihan T.D.
Cathaoirleach

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