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Joint Committee on Disability Matters

Joint Committee on Disability Matters Annual Report 2022

March 2023

Membership

- Holly Cairns T.D., Social Democrats
- Seán Canney T.D., Independent
- Dessie Ellis T.D., Sinn Féin
- 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)
- Senator Eileen Flynn, Independent
- Senator Tom Clonan, Independent
- Senator Erin McGreehan, Fianna Fáil
- Senator Fiona O'Loughlin, Fianna Fáil
- Senator Mary Seery Kearney, Fine Gael

Notes:

1. 10 May 2022, the Committee of Selection reports, in respect of the Joint Committee on Disability Matters, that it has nominated Senator Tom Clonan to serve on the Joint Committee.
2. 10 May 2022, Selection reports, in respect of the Joint Committee on Disability Matters, that it has discharged Senator Alice-Mary Higgins from membership of the Joint Committee at her own request and has appointed Senator Eileen Flynn in substitution for her.
3. 23 June 2022, the Committee of Selection reports that it has discharged Deputy Violet-Anne Wynne from the Committee on Disability Matters and nominated Deputy Dessie Ellis in her stead.

Joint Committee on Disability Matters



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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 February 2023, the Joint Committee agreed that all these items should be included in this report covering the period from 01 January 2022 to 31 December 2022.

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 (UNCRPD) and national strategies including the National Disability Inclusion Strategy and sector strategies

and 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.

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

3. Cathaoirleach, Leas Chathaoirleach 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- Chathaoirleach on 9 December 2020.

4. Meetings, Attendance and Recording

Meetings of the Joint Committee took place in the Committee Rooms in Leinster House 2000.

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 36 times in 2022.

The Joint Committee publicly met on 29 occasions during the period under report. The number of hours of discussion involved in these meetings was in excess of 54 hours. In relation to public meetings, members and witnesses were also facilitated to attend these online and/or in person.

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 2022	141

** 29% 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

- Joint Committee on Disability Matters Work Programme 2022, March 2022
- Joint Committee on Disability Matters Report on Ensuring Independent Living and the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, March 2022
- Joint Committee on Disability Matters Aligning Disability Funding with the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Budget 2023 Pre-Budget Submission, July 2022.
- Joint Committee on Disability Matters report on Participation of People with Disabilities in Political, Cultural, Community and Public Life, October 2022.
- Joint Committee on Disability Matters Annual Report 2020/2021, October 2022

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-

(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;

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(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 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
J53. 20/01/2022	Private Meeting	N/A
J54. 27/01/2022	Private Meeting	N/A
J55. 03/02/2022	Private Meeting	N/A
J55. 03/02/2022	Public Meeting - Equality and Non-Discrimination	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Irish Thalidomide Association, Finola Cassidy, Survivor and Spokesperson & Jacqui Browne, Survivor and Committee member Elaine Dennehy & Anna Levin, Light Aware
J56. 10/02/2022	Private Meeting	N/A <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Down Syndrome Ireland (DSI), Dr. Fidelma Brady, Head of Education, Rita Walsh, Chairperson, Kildare DSI Grainne Gorey, Secretary, Kildare DSI
J57. 14/02/2022	Private Meeting	N/A
J58. 17/02/2022	Private Meeting	N/A

J58. 17/02/2022	Public Meeting - Aligning Education with the UNCRPD (resumed)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WALK, Catherine Kelly, Deputy CEO & Gavin Gilvary • Rehab Group, Barry McGinn, CEO, Lucianne Bird, Director of Learning & Wendy Newman, ex-student of NLN • Kerry Lawless • National Council for Special Education (NCSE), Paula Prendeville, Head of Inclusion - Policy and Practice & Madeline Hickey, Specialist Lead – Sensory
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J59. 24/02/2022	Private Meeting	N/A
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J59. 24/02/2022	Public Meeting - Aligning Education with the UNCRPD (Resumed)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Somhairle Brennan, Vice President for Welfare, Union of Students in Ireland (USI) • Megan O'Connor, Vice President for Academic Affairs, (USI)
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J60. 03/03/2022	Private Meeting	N/A
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J60. 03/03/2022	Public Meeting - Aligning Education with the UNCRPD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minister Josepha Madigan, Minister of State for Special Education, and Inclusion
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J61. 10/03/2022	Private Meeting	N/A
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J62. 10/02/2021	Public Meeting - Enabling Financial Independence for Women with Disabilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Disabled Women Ireland (DWI) Amy Hassett, Co-Director, Nem Kearns, Board Secretary & Aoife Price, Partnerships & Outreach Lead Independent Living Movement Ireland (ILMI) Paula Soraghan & Nicola Meacle
J64. 24/03/2022	Private Meeting	N/A
J64. 24/03/2022	Public Meeting - Independent and adequate standard of living and social protection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Heather Humphreys, Minister for Rural and Community Development; and Social Protection
J65. 31/03/2022	Public Meeting - Independent and Adequate Standard of Living and Social Protection (Safeguarding)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sage Advocacy, Professor Amanda Phelan, Professor in Ageing & Community Nursing The Irish Association of Social Workers, Vivian Geiran, Chair, Celine O'Connor, Member and Principal Social Worker HSE, Adult Safeguarding and Protection Office & Sinead McGarry, Social Worker

- Brendan Kelly. Professor of Psychiatry, TCD
- Health Information and Quality Authority (HIQA), Carol Grogan, Chief Inspector of Social Services & Finbarr Colfer, Deputy Chief Inspector of Social Services with responsibility for disability services

J66. 07/04/2022	Private Meeting	N/A
J66. 07/04/2022	Public Meeting - Disabled Persons Organisation's and Implementation of the UNCRPD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DPO Network, Jacqui Browne, Chair & Lianne Quigley (Irish Deaf Society (IDS)) • Physical Impairment Ireland, Leo Kavanagh, National Secretary • Voice of Vision Impairment, Robbie Sinnott, Co-Ordinator
J67. 28/04/2022	Private Meeting	N/A
J67. 28/04/2022	Public Meeting - Situations of Risk and Humanitarian Emergencies - (Article 11)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • European Disability Forum (EDF), Catherine Naughton, Director • Dr Mary Keogh, Advocacy Director, CBM Global
J68. 05/05/2022	Private Meeting	N/A

J69. 12/05/2022	Public Meeting - Employment and the UNCRPD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Young Adults from Central Remedial Clinic, Willem le Roux, Co-Ordinator, Stephen Coates, Deante Troy & Anthony Redmond • Social Farming Ireland, Helen Doherty, National Coordinator, Brian Smyth, National Project Manager & James McManus
J70. 19/05/2022	Private Meeting	N/A
J70. 19/05/2022	Public Meeting - Employment and the UNCRPD (resumed)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SOLAS, Alan McGrath, Executive Director for Delivery & Roisin Doherty, Director of Learner Support • National Disability Authority (NDA), Dr Aideen Hartney, Director & Marion Wilkinson, Senior Policy Advisor on Employment Matters • ILMI, Patrick Flanagan, Create Employment Co-Ordinator • National Learning Network (Bantry), Pat Murphy, Manager, Claire Cronin, Employer Based Training Co-Ordinator & Alan Porter
J71. 23/05/2022	Private Meeting	N/A
J72. 26/05/2022	Private Meeting	N/A
J72. 26/05/2022	Public Meeting - Progressing Disability Services (resumed)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • D12 Campaign for Inclusion, Helen Holmes

J73. 02/06/2022Public Meeting -
Progressing Disability
Services

- DSI, Nicola Hart, Member Support Team Leader
- Cavan Monaghan Parents Committee, Linda Whitmarsh, Co-Chairperson

- Anne Rabbitte, Minister of State at the Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth and at the Department of Health

Officials from Dept. of Health, Siobhan McArdle, Assistant Secretary, Social Care Division, Deirdre Comiskey, Principal Officer, Disability Services Unit, Audrey Hagerty Principal Officer, Social Care Integration Unit, Jason Doran, Assistant Principal, Disability Services Unit, Thomas Morrin, Assistant Principal, Disability Services Unit

- Health Service Executive (HSE), Paul Reid, Chief Executive Officer, Yvonne O'Neill, National Director, Community Operations, Bernard O'Regan, Head of Operations – Disability Services, Breda Crehan-Roche, Chief Officer Community Healthcare West, Professor Malcolm MacLachlan, Clinical Lead for National Clinical Programme for

People with Disability, and
Angela O' Neill, National
Disability Specialist, Community
Operation

J74. 23/06/2022	Private Meeting	N/A
J74. 23/06/2022	Public Meeting - Accessing Justice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Irish Criminal/Civil Justice Disability Network, Fiona Murphy, Director & Jerry Carroll, Chairman • Irish Penal Reform Trust, Saoirse Brady, Executive Director & Sarahjane McCreery, Senior Policy & Research Officer • Mental Health Commission, John Farrelly, CEO & Dr Susan Finnerty, Inspector of Mental Health Services
J75. 30/06/2022	Private Meeting	N/A
J76. 07/07/2022	Private Meeting	N/A
J76. 07/07/2022	Public Meeting - Inclusive Transport Schemes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Disabled Drivers and Disabled Passengers Association, Pat Carty, Chairperson and Kenneth Fox, Chief Executive • Family Carers Ireland, Catherine Cox, Head of Communications

		and Policy and Damien Douglas, Family Carer
J77. 14/07/2022	Private Meeting	N/A
J77. 14/07/2022	Public Meeting - Education and the UNCRPD (resumed)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Simon Harris, Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science • Officials from Dept. of Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science, Enda Hughes, Principal Officer, Equality Diversity, and Inclusion Unit & Aongus McGrane, Assistant Principal, Equality Diversity, and Inclusion Unit
J78. 15/09/2022	Private Meeting	N/A
J79. 20/09/2022	Public Meeting - Aligning Education with the UNCRPD (resumed)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Norma Foley, Minister for Education • Officials from Dept. of Education Martina Mannion, Assistant Secretary for Special Education and Inclusion, Brendan Doody, Principal Officer, Special Education Section and Martin McLoughlin, Principal Officer, Special Education Section.
J80. 21/09/2022	Private Meeting	N/A
J81. 28/09/2022	Private Meeting	N/A
J82. 29/09/2022	Public Meeting - Accessibility in the built	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ILMI, Des Kenny, Chairperson, Catherine Gallagher, Board

	environment, information and communication	<p>member & James Cawley, Policy officer,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> NDA, Dr Aideen Hartney, Director, Dr Gerald Craddock, Chief Officer of the Centre for Excellence in Universal Design (CEUD) & Dr Donal Fitzpatrick, Senior Design Advisor for ICT, within the CEUD. AslAm, Adam Harris, Founder & Chief Executive Officer
J83. 05/10/2022	Private Meeting	N/A
J84. 06/10/2022	Public Meeting - Accessibility – Assistive Technology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Irish Association of Speech & Language Therapists (IASLT), Muireann McCleary, Speech and Language Therapy and Adult Clinical Services Manager CRC & Dr. Yvonne Lynch, Assistant Professor in Speech and Language Therapy, Malcolm MacLachlan, Professor of Psychology & Social Inclusion and Co-Director, ALL Institute, Research & Innovation Co-Ordinator WHO GATE Programme
J86. 12/10/2022	Private Meeting	N/A
J87. 13/10/2022	Public Meeting - Considering a rights-based approach to disability in mental health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> National Platform of Self Advocates, Joe McGrath, Vice Chair

- Mental Health Reform, Bernadette Grogan, Policy & Research Manager & Suzanna Weedle, Policy & Advocacy Co-Ordinator
- National Advocacy Service, Louise Loughlin, National Manager & Luke Meany, Policy, Communications & Research Officer

J88. 19/10/2022 Private Meeting N/A

J89. 20/10/2022 Public Meeting - Supporting people with disabilities to live in communities

- Crann Centre Ireland, Ms Kate Jarvey, Board Chair & Founder, Mr Pdraig Mallon, Chief Executive, Ms Colette Cahill, Head of Services & Ms Aileen Buckley, Service User
- Ms Sarah Haight Director, 2Gen Practice, Ascend at the Aspen Institute & Ms Sariah Toze, Program Associate, Ascend at the Aspen Institute
- Genio, Tara Doheny, Reform Manager & Dr. Niamh Lally, Principal Investigator, Service Reform Fund (SRF) Action Research

J90. 26/10/2022 Private Meeting N/A

J91. 27/10/2022	Public Meeting - 'HIQA's Overview Report Monitoring and Regulation of Designated Centre's for People with Disabilities in 2021'	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HIQA, Carol Grogan, Chief Inspector, Finbarr Colfer, Deputy Chief Inspector of Social Services, Disability & Ciara McShane, National Operations Manager, Disability
J92. 09/11/2022	Private Meeting	N/A
J93. 10/11/2022	Public Meeting - UNCRPD and the Optional Protocol	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Decision Support Service, Aine Flynn, Director, Kate Frowein, Head of Supervision & Patsy Fitzsimons, Head of Complaints and Investigations • International Disability Alliance, Jarrod Clyne, Head of Advocacy
J94. 16/11/2022	Private Meeting	N/A
J95. 17/11/2022	Public Meeting - Disability, Mental Health and Aging	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mary Butler, Minister of State at the Department of Health, • Officials from Dept. of Health, Siobhán McArdle, Assistant Secretary, Head of Social Care, Mental Health and Drugs Policy & Dr Philip Dodd, Mental Health Policy & Clinical Specialist, Mental Health Unit • Officials from Dept. of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth, Niall Brunell, Principal Officer, Disability Policy

J96. 23/11/2022	Private Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DPO Network, Nem Kearns, (DWI), Elaine Grehan & John Sherwin, (IDS), Peter Kearns, (ILMI) & Joe McGrath, National Platform of Self Advocates • County and City Management Association (CCMA), Mr John Mulholland, Chair, CCMA Rural Development, Community, Culture and Heritage Committee (RCCHC), Mr Michael Rainey, member of RCCHC, Mr Michael Nicholson, member of RCCHC • Officials from Dept. of Rural and Community Development, Bairbre Nic Aongusa, Assistant Secretary General, Elaine Jennings, Administrative Officer, Community and Voluntary Supports and Programmes & Aoife O'Brien, Assistant Principal Officer, Community and Voluntary Supports and Programmes
J98. 30/11/2022	Private Meeting	N/A
J99. 01/12/2022	Public Meeting - Disability inclusive participation in political and public life	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EDF, Pat Clarke, Vice President

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Disability Stakeholder Group, Annette Costello, Robbie Sinnott, John Dolan & Ciarán Delaney
J101. 08/12/2022	Public Meeting - Decongregation of mental health settings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mental Health Commission, Mr John Farrelly, Chief Executive, Dr Susan Finnerty, Inspector of Mental Health Services, Mr Gary Kiernan, Director of Regulation, Standards and Quality Assurance
J102. 14/12/2022	Private Meeting	N/A

Appendix 3 – Minutes of proceedings of the Joint Committee

MINUTES OF MEETING 20 January 2022

The Joint Committee met in private session at 9.30 a.m. with a quorum present.

1. Attendance

The following members were present:

Deputies: Holly Cairns, Sean Canney, Emer Higgins, Neasa Hourigan, Michael Moynihan (Cathaoirleach) and Pauline Tully (Leas-Chathaoirleach)

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

Apologies were received from Deputy Wynne.

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

This meeting is now adjourned, and the next meeting of the Joint Committee will be held on Thursday 27 January 2022 at 9.00am.



Michael Moynihan, T.D.
Cathaoirleach

MINUTES OF MEETING 27 January 2022

The Joint Committee met in private session at 9.09 am with a quorum present.

1. Attendance

The following members were present:

Deputies: Holly Cairns, Sean Canney, Michael Moynihan (Cathaoirleach), JP Phelan, Jennifer Murnane O'Connor and Pauline Tully (Leas-Chathaoirleach)

Senators: Alice Mary Higgins, Erin McGreehan, and 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 Cathaoirleach adjourned the meeting at 9.45am and the next meeting of the Joint Committee will be held on Thursday 3 February 2022 at 9.00am.



Michael Moynihan T.D.,
Cathaoirleach

MINUTES OF MEETING 03 February 2022

The Joint Committee met in private session at 9.00 am with a quorum present.

1. Attendance

The following members were present:

Deputies: Holly Cairns, Sean Canney, Emer Higgins, Michael Moynihan (Cathaoirleach), Jennifer Murnane O'Connor, JP Phelan and Pauline Tully (Leas-Chathaoirleach)

Senators: Alice Mary Higgins, Erin McGreehan, Fiona O'Loughlin and 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 Cathaoirleach adjourned the meeting at 9.35am.

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8. Public Session

The Committee went into public session at 9.49am on the topic 'Equality and Non-Discrimination'.

The following witnesses attended remotely on MS Teams:

- Elaine Dennehy
- Anna Levin – LightAware
- Finola Cassidy - Irish Thalidomide Association
- Jacqui Browne - Irish Thalidomide Association

9. Adjournment of public session

The public meeting adjourned at 11.48 a.m. The next meeting of the Joint Committee will be held on Thursday 10 February 2022, at 9.00 a.m.



Michael Moynihan T.D.,

MINUTES OF MEETING 10 February 2022

The Joint Committee met in private session at 9.01 am with a quorum present.

Attendance

The following members were present:

Deputies: Holly Cairns, Sean Canney, Michael Moynihan (Cathaoirleach) and Pauline Tully (Leas-Chathaoirleach)

Senators: Alice Mary Higgins, Erin McGreehan, Fiona O'Loughlin and 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. Item discussed in private

7. Adjournment of Private Session

The Cathaoirleach adjourned the meeting at 9.11am.

8. PUBLIC SESSION

The Committee went into public session at 9.46am on the topic 'Aligning Education with the UNCRPD'.

Apologies received from Senator AliceMary Higgins.

The following witnesses attended remotely on MS Teams:

- Ms. Mary Finn, Connect4Work
- Ms. Claire Hayes, Open Door Initiative
- Ms. Marian Hennessey, Cope Foundation and Mr Craig Kelly, President of the Ability Board Advocacy group and participant of the ability@work programme
- Dr Fidelma Brady, Head of Education Down Syndrome Ireland (DSI), Ms Rita Walsh, Chairperson Kildare DSI, Ms Grainne Gorey, Secretary, Kildare DSI

9. ADJOURNMENT

The public meeting adjourned at 12.29 a.m. The next meeting of the Joint Committee will be held on Monday 14 February 2022, at 3.15 p.m.



Michael Moynihan T.D.,
Cathaoirleach.

MINUTES OF MEETING 14 February 2022

The Joint Committee met in private session at 3.18pm with a quorum present.

1. ATTENDANCE

The following members were present:

Deputies: Emer Higgins, Michael Moynihan (Cathaoirleach) and Pauline Tully (Leas-Chathaoirleach)

Senators: Alice Mary Higgins, and Erin McGreehan

Apologies from Deputy JP 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

This meeting is now adjourned, 4.14pm and the next private meeting of the Joint Committee on Disability Matters will commence at 9.00am on Thursday 17 February 2022.



Michael Moynihan T.D.,
Cathaoirleach

MINUTES OF MEETING 17 February 2022

The Joint Committee met in private session at 9.01 a.m. with a quorum present.

1. Attendance

The following members were present:

Deputies: Holly Cairns, Emer Higgins, Neasa Hourigan, Michael Moynihan (Cathaoirleach) and Pauline Tully (Leas-Chathaoirleach)

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

Apologies were received from Deputy Canney, Deputy Phelan, Deputy Wynne and 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 Cathaoirleach adjourned the meeting at 9.38am.

9. Public Session

The Committee went into public session at 9.46am on the topic 'Aligning Education with the UNCRPD'.

Apologies received from Deputy Cairns, Deputy Canney, Deputy Phelan, Deputy Wynne, Senator Alice Mary Higgins, Senator McGreehan and Senator O'Loughlin.

The following witnesses attended remotely on MS Teams:

- Ms. Kerry Lawless
- Catherine Kelly, Deputy CEO WALK & Gavin Gilvary
- Barry McGinn, CEO & Lucianne Bird, Director of Learning. Wendy Newman who is an ex-student of NLN attended in the committee room.

- Paula Prendeville, Head of Inclusion - Policy and Practice & Madeline Hickey, Specialist Lead – Sensory, National Council for Special Education

10. Adjournment of public session

The public meeting adjourned at 12.18 a.m. The next meeting of the Joint Committee will be held on 24 Thursday February 2022, at 9.00 a.m.



Michael Moynihan T.D.,
Cathaoirleach

MINUTES OF MEETING 24 February 2022

The Joint Committee met in private session at 9.05 a.m. with a quorum present.

1. Attendance

The following members were present:

Deputies: Holly Cairns, Sean Canney, Michael Moynihan (Cathaoirleach), JP Phelan and Pauline Tully (Leas-Chathaoirleach)

Senators: 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 Cathaoirleach adjourned the meeting at 9.32am.

7. Public Session

The Committee went into public session at 9.51am on the topic 'Aligning Education with the UNCRPD'.

Apologies received from Deputy Cairns, Deputy Phelan, Deputy Wynne and Senator Seery Kearney

The following witnesses attended remotely on MS Teams:

- Somhairle Brennan, Vice President for Welfare, Union of Students in Ireland
- Megan O'Connor, Vice President for Academic, Union of Students in Ireland

8. Adjournment of public session

The public meeting adjourned at 10.38 a.m. The next meeting of the Joint Committee will be held on Thursday 3 March 2022, at 9.00 a.m.



Michael Moynihan T.D.,
Cathaoirleach

MINUTES OF MEETING 03 March 2022

The Joint Committee met in private session at 9.03 a.m. with a quorum present.

1. Attendance

The following members were present:

Deputies: Holly Cairns, Michael Moynihan (Cathaoirleach) and Pauline Tully (Leas-Chathaoirleach)

Senators: Erin McGreehan, Mary Seery Kearney

Apologies were received from Deputy Canney, Deputy Murnane O'Connor, Deputy Wynne and Senator Alice Mary Higgins, 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. Adjournment of private session

The Cathaoirleach adjourned the meeting at 9.13 am.

8. Public Session

The Committee went into public session at 9.31am on the topic 'Aligning Education with the UNCRPD'.

Senator Eugene Murphy substituted for Senator Fiona O'Loughlin.

Apologies were received from Deputy Canney, Deputy Murnane O'Connor, Deputy Wynne and Senator Alice Mary Higgins, Senator O'Loughlin

The following witnesses attended remotely on MS Teams:

- Minister of State in the Department of Education with Responsibility for Special needs and Inclusion – Josepha Madigan
- Ms. Martina Mannion and Mr. Eddie Ward, Department of Education

10. Adjournment of public session

The public meeting adjourned at 10.53 a.m. The next meeting of the Joint Committee will be held on Thursday 10 March 2022, at 9.00 a.m.



Michael Moynihan T.D.
Cathaoirleach

MINUTES OF MEETING 10 March 2022

The Joint Committee met in private session at 9.00 a.m. with a quorum present.

1. Attendance

The following members were present:

Deputies: Holly Cairns, Michael Moynihan (Cathaoirleach), Sean Canney and Pauline Tully (Leas-Chathaoirleach)

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

Apologies were received from Deputy Higgins, Deputy Wynne and Senator 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 Cathaoirleach adjourned the meeting at 9.19 am.



Michael Moynihan T.D.,
Cathaoirleach

MINUTES OF MEETING 10 March 2022

The Joint Committee's met in public session at 9.38 a.m. with a quorum present.

1. Attendance

The following members were present:

Deputies: Holly Cairns, Sean Canney, Bernard Durkan, Mairead Farrell, Michael Moynihan (Cathaoirleach), Jennifer Murnane O'Connor, Jim O'Callaghan and Pauline Tully (Leas-Chathaoirleach)

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

Apologies were received from Deputy Higgins and Deputy Wynne

The topic for the meeting was 'enabling financial independence for women with disabilities'.

The following witnesses attended remotely on MS Teams:

- Nicola Meade and Paula Soraghan, Independent Living Movement Ireland
- Amy Hassett, Nem Kearns and Aoife Price, Disabled Women Ireland

2. Adjournment of public session

The public meeting adjourned at 11.51 a.m. The next meeting of the Joint Committee will be held on Thursday 24 March 2022, at 9.00 a.m.



Michael Moynihan T.D.,
Cathaoirleach.

MINUTES OF MEETING 24 March 2022

The Joint Committee met in private session at 9.06 a.m. with a quorum present.

1. Attendance

The following members were present:

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

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

Apologies were received from Deputy Canney, Deputy Phelan, Deputy 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. Adjournment of private session

The Cathaoirleach adjourned the meeting at 9.14 am.

7. Public Session

The Committee went into public session at 9.46am on the topic 'Independent and adequate Standard of living and Social Protection'

Senator Eileen Flynn substituted for Senator Alice Mary Higgins.

Apologies were received from Deputy Canney, Deputy Phelan, Deputy Wynne and Senator Alice Mary Higgins.

The following witnesses attended remotely in the witness room (1.13) Kildare House:

- Minister for Social Protection – Heather Humphreys
- Rónán Hession, Veronica O’Brien, Brian Molloy and Sharon Keane, Department of Social Protection

9. Adjournment of public session

The public meeting adjourned at 11.56 a.m. The next meeting of the Joint Committee will be held on Thursday 10 March 2022, at 9.00 a.m.



Michael Moynihan T.D.,
Cathaoirleach

MINUTES OF MEETING 31 March 2022

The Joint Committee met in private session at 9.04 a.m. with a quorum present.

1. Attendance

The following members were present:

Deputies: Holly Cairns, Emer Higgins, Michael Moynihan (Cathaoirleach), John Paul Phelan and Pauline Tully (Leas-Chathaoirleach)

Senators: Erin McGreehan, Fiona O’Loughlin, Mary Seery Kearney

Apologies were received from Deputy Canney, Deputy Wynne, and Senator Alice Mary Higgins

2. Item discussed in private

3. Item discussed in private

4. Item discussed in private

5. Adjournment of private session

The Cathaoirleach adjourned the meeting at 9.38am.

6. Public Session

The Committee went into public session at 9.48 a.m. on the topic 'Standard of living and Social Protection - safeguarding' with a quorum present.

Apologies were received from Deputy Canney, Deputy Phelan, Deputy Wynne, and Senator Alice Mary Higgins.

The following witnesses attended in Committee Room 4:

- Carol Grogan, Chief Inspector of Social Services, HIQA
- Finbarr Colfer, Deputy Chief Inspector of Social Services with responsibility for disability services, HIQA
- Professor Amanda Phelan, Sage Advocacy
- Brendan Kelly, Professor of Psychiatry, Trinity College Dublin
- Vivian Geiran, Chair Irish Association of Social Workers, along with Celine O'Connor and Sinead McGarry

7. Adjournment of public session

The public meeting adjourned at 12.33p.m. The next meeting of the Joint Committee will be held on Thursday 7 April 2022 at 9.00 a.m.



Michael Moynihan T.D.,
Cathaoirleach

MINUTES OF MEETING 07 April 2022

The Joint Committee met in private session at 9.01 a.m. with a quorum present.

1. Attendance

The following members were present:

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

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

Apologies were received from Deputy Canney, Deputy Phelan, Deputy 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. Adjournment of private session

The Cathaoirleach adjourned the meeting at 9.32am.

8. Public Session

The Committee went into public session at 9.49 a.m. on the topic 'DPO's and the implementation of the UNCRPD' with a quorum present.

Apologies were received from Deputy Canney, Deputy Phelan, Deputy Wynne, and Senator Alice Mary Higgins.

The following witnesses attended in Committee Room 4:

Leo Kavanagh, National Secretary, Physical Impairment Ireland
Jacqui Browne, Chair & Lianne Quigley, DPO Network
Robbie Sinnott, Co-Ordinator Voice of Vision Impairment,

10. Adjournment of public session

The public meeting adjourned at 11.48 a.m. The next meeting of the Joint Committee will be held on Thursday 28 April 2022 at 9.00 a.m.



Michael Moynihan T.D.,
Cathaoirleach

MINUTES OF MEETING 28 April 2022

The Joint Committee met in private session at 9.04 a.m. with a quorum present.

1. Attendance

The following members were present:

Deputies: Holly Cairns, Michael Moynihan (Cathaoirleach), and Pauline Tully (Leas-Chathaoirleach)

Senators: Erin McGreehan, and Mary Seery Kearney

Apologies were received from Deputy Canney, Deputy Higgins, Deputy Hourigan, Deputy Phelan, Deputy Wynne, Senator Alice Mary Higgins and Senator 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 Cathaoirleach adjourned the meeting at 9.32am.

7. Public Session

The Committee went into public session at 9.33 a.m. on the topic 'Situations of risk and Humanitarian Emergencies' with a quorum present.

Apologies were received from Deputy Canney, Deputy Higgins, Deputy Hourigan, Deputy Phelan, Deputy Wynne, Senator Alice Mary Higgins and Senator O'Loughlin

The following witnesses attended:

- Dr Mary Keogh, Advocacy Director CBM Global
- Catherine Naughton, Director European Disability Forum

10. Adjournment of public session

The public meeting adjourned at 10.44 a.m. The next meeting of the Joint Committee will be held on Thursday 5 May 2022 at 9.00 a.m.



Michael Moynihan T.D.,
Cathaoirleach

MINUTES OF MEETING 05 May 2022

The Joint Committee met in private session at 9.02 a.m. with a quorum present.

1. Attendance

The following members were present:

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

Senators: Erin McGreehan, Mary Seery Kearney, Eileen Flynn

Apologies were received from Deputy Phelan, Deputy Wynne, Senator Alice Mary Higgins and Senator 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 Cathaoirleach adjourned the meeting at 9.23am.

7. Public Session

The Committee went into public session at 9.49 a.m. on the topic 'Situations of risk and Humanitarian Emergencies' with a quorum present.

Apologies were received from Deputy Canney, Deputy Higgins, Deputy Hourigan, Deputy Phelan, Deputy Wynne, Senator Alice Mary Higgins and Senator O'Loughlin

The following witnesses attended:

- Dr. Rosaleen McDonagh IHREC Member
- Joe Mason WALK
- Catherine Kelly WALK
- Olena Dmytriieva WALK
- Adam Harris AsIAM

8. Adjournment of public session

The public meeting adjourned at 11.48 a.m. The next meeting of the Joint Committee will be held on Thursday 12 May 2022 at 9.00 a.m.



Michael Moynihan T.D.,
Cathaoirleach

MINUTES OF MEETING 12 May 2022

The Joint Committee met in private session at 9.00 a.m. with a quorum present.

1. Attendance

The following members were present:

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

Senators: Erin McGreehan, Mary Seery Kearney, Tom Clonan

Apologies were received from Deputy Phelan, Deputy Wynne, Senator Alice Mary Higgins and Senator O'Loughlin

The Cathaoirleach welcomed Senator Tom Clonan and Senator Eileen Flynn. Senator Clonan has been nominated to serve on the Committee and Senator Alice Mary Higgins has been discharged from membership of the Committee at her own request and Senator Eileen Flynn has been appointed in substitution for her.

The Cathaoirleach thanked Senator Alice Mary Higgins for her extensive contribution to the Committee and proposed a letter issue to thanks the Senator for her work.

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 Cathaoirleach adjourned the meeting at 9.23am.

7. Public Session

The Committee went into public session at 9.32a.m. on the topic 'Employment and the UNCRPD – (resumed)' with a quorum present.

Apologies were received from Deputy Canney, Deputy Phelan, Deputy Wynne, and Deputy Tully

The following witnesses attended:

- Willem le Roux - Central Remedial Clinic
- Stephen Coates - Central Remedial Clinic
- Deante Troy - Central Remedial Clinic
- Anthony Redmond - Central Remedial Clinic
- Helen Doherty -Social Farming Ireland

- Brian Smyth - Social Farming Ireland
- James McManus - Social Farming Ireland

9. Adjournment of public session

The public meeting adjourned at 11.03 a.m. The next meeting of the Joint Committee will be held on Thursday 19 May 2022 at 9.00 a.m.



Michael Moynihan T.D.,
Cathaoirleach

MINUTES OF MEETING 19 May 2022

The Joint Committee met in private session at 9.00 a.m. with a quorum present.

1. Attendance

The following members were present:

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

Senators: Erin McGreehan, Mary Seery Kearney, Fiona O'Loughlin
Apologies were received from Deputy Phelan, Deputy Wynne and Senator Tom Clonan

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 Cathaoirleach adjourned the meeting at 9.28am.

7. Public Session

The Committee went into public session at 9.47a.m. on the topic 'Employment and the UNCRPD – (resumed)' with a quorum present.

Apologies were received from Deputy Canney, Deputy Phelan, Deputy Wynne, Senator Seery Kearney and Senator Clonan
Senator Martin Conway substituted for Senator Mary Seery Kearney

The following witnesses attended:

- Alan McGrath - SOLAS
- Roisin Doherty – SOLAS
- Dr Aideen Hartney - National Disability Authority
- Marion Wilkinson - National Disability Authority
- Patrick Flanagan - Independent Living Movement Ireland
- Pat Murphy - National Learning Network (Bantry)
- Alan Porter - National Learning Network (Bantry)

8. Adjournment of public session

The public meeting adjourned at 11.36 a.m. The next meeting of the Joint Committee will be held on Thursday 26 May 2022 at 9.00 a.m.



Michael Moynihan T.D.,
Cathaoirleach

MINUTES OF MEETING 26 May 2022

The Joint Committee met in private session at 9.04 a.m. with a quorum present.

1. Attendance

The following members were present:

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

Senators: Erin McGreehan, Mary Seery Kearney, Fiona O'Loughlin and Tom Clonan

Apologies have been received from Deputy Cairns, Deputy Phelan, Deputy Wynne, and Senator Flynn.

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

This meeting is now adjourned, and the public meeting will commence at 9.45am.

7. Public Session

The Committee went into public session at 9.46a.m. on the topic 'Progressing Disability Services– (resumed) with a quorum present.

Apologies were received from Deputy Cairns, Deputy Phelan, Deputy Wynne, Senator Seery Kearney and Senator Clonan

Senator Martin Conway substituted for Senator Mary Seery Kearney
Deputy Róisín Shortall substituted for Deputy Holly Cairns

The following witnesses attended:

- Helen Holmes - D12 Campaign for Inclusion
- Nicola Hart - Down Syndrome Ireland
- Linda Whitmarsh - Cavan Monaghan Parents Committee

7. Adjournment of public session

The public meeting adjourned at 11.48 a.m. The next meeting of the Joint Committee will be held on Thursday 02 June 2022 at 9.00 a.m.



Michael Moynihan T.D.,
Cathaoirleach

MINUTES OF MEETING 02 June 2022

The Joint Committee met in private session at 9.02 a.m. with a quorum present.

1. Attendance

The following members were present:

Deputies: Michael Moynihan (Cathaoirleach), Pauline Tully (Leas-Chathaoirleach), Seán Canney, Holly Cairns and John Paul Phelan

Senators: Erin McGreehan and Fiona O'Loughlin

Apologies have been received from Deputy Wynne, Senator Clonan and Senator Flynn.

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 Cathaoirleach adjourned the meeting at 9.12am



Michael Moynihan T.D.,
Cathaoirleach

MINUTES OF MEETING 02 June 2022

The Committee went into public session at 9.46a.m. on the topic 'Progressing Disability Services – with a quorum present.

1. Attendance

The following members were present:

Deputies: Holly Cairns, Seán Canney, Patrick Costello, David Cullinane, Alan Dillon, Kathleen Funchion (Cathaoirleach JCC), Neasa Hourigan, Michael Moynihan (Cathaoirleach JCDDM), Jennifer Murnane O'Connor, Fergus O'Dowd, John Paul Phelan, Sean Sherlock, Paulin Tully, Mark Ward

Senators: Tom Clonan, Mary Seery Kearney, Erin McGreehan, Fiona O'Loughlin and Lynn Ruane

Apologies were received from Deputy Wynne and Senator Flynn

The following witnesses attended:

- Anne Rabbitte - Minister of State at the Department of Health
- Siobhan McArdle - Department of Health
- Deirdre Comiskey - Department of Health
- Audrey Hagerty - Department of Health
- Jason Doran - Department of Health
- Thomas Morrin - Department of Health
- Paul Reid – CEO, Health Service Executive (HSE)
- Bernard O'Regan - Health Service Executive (HSE)
- Malcolm MacLachlan - Health Service Executive (HSE)
- Yvonne O'Neill - Health Service Executive (HSE)
- Breda Crehan-Roche - Health Service Executive (HSE)
- Angela O' Neill - Health Service Executive (HSE)

6. Adjournment of public session

The public meeting adjourned at 12.53 p.m. The next meeting of the Joint Committee will be held on 23 June 2022 at 9.00 a.m.



Michael Moynihan T.D.,
Cathaoirleach

MINUTES OF MEETING 23 June 2022

The Joint Committee met in private session at 9.02 a.m. with a quorum present.

1. Attendance

The following members were present:

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

Senators: Erin McGreehan

Apologies have been received from, Deputy Phelan, Deputy Wynne, Senator O'Loughlin, Senator Clonan, Senator Seery Kearney and Senator Flynn.

2. Item discussed in private

3. Item discussed in private

4. Item discussed in private

5. Item discussed in private

7. Adjournment of private session

This meeting was adjourned at 9:18

6. Public Session

The Committee went into public session at 9.47a.m. on the topic 'Accessing Justice' – with a quorum present.

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

Senators: Mary Seery Kearney.

Apologies were received from Deputy Phelan, Deputy Wynne, Senator Clonan, Senator McGreehan, Senator Flynn and Senator O'Loughlin.

The following witnesses attended:

- Fiona Murphy - Irish Criminal/Civil Justice Disability Network.
- Jerry Carroll - Irish Criminal/Civil Justice Disability Network.
- Saoirse Brady - Irish Penal Reform Trust.
- Sarahjane McCreery - Irish Penal Reform Trust.
- John Farrelly - Mental Health Commission.
- Dr Susan Finnerty - Mental Health Commission.

7. Adjournment of public session

The public meeting adjourned at 10.54 a.m. The next meeting of the Joint Committee will be held on Thursday 30 June 2022 at 10.30a.m.



Michael Moynihan T.D.,
Cathaoirleach

MINUTES OF MEETING 30 June 2022

The Joint Committee met in private session at 10.30 a.m. with a quorum present.

1. Attendance

The following members were present:

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

Senators: Eileen Flynn and Fiona O'Loughlin

Apologies have been received from Deputy Murnane O'Connor, Senator Clonan, Senator McGreehan 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

The Cathaoirleach adjourned the meeting at 11.20am.



Michael Moynihan T.D.,
Cathaoirleach

MINUTES OF MEETING 07 July 2022

The Joint Committee met in private session at 9.02 a.m. with a quorum present.

Formal welcome to new Committee member

The Cathaoirleach welcomed Deputy Dessie Ellis. Deputy Ellis has been nominated to serve on the Committee and Deputy Violet Ann Wynne has been discharged from membership of the Committee. On behalf of the Committee, the Cathaoirleach thanked Deputy Wynne for her participation and significant contribution to this committee and wished her well.

The Committee agreed that Deputy Ellis be slotted into Deputy Wynne's speaking slot.

1. Attendance

The following members were present:

Deputies: Holly Cairns, Seán Canney, Dessie Ellis, Michael Moynihan (Cathaoirleach), Pauline Tully (Leas-Chathaoirleach),

Senators: Erin McGreehan, Mary Seery Kearney

2. Item discussed in private

3. Item discussed in private

4. Item discussed in private

7. Adjournment of private session

This meeting was adjourned at 9:14

8. Public Session

The Committee went into public session at 9.45a.m. on the topic 'Inclusive Transport Schemes' – with a quorum present.

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

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

The following witnesses attended:

- Catherine Cox, Policy & Public Affairs Manager, Family Carers Ireland
- Damien Douglas, Family Carer
- Pat Carty, Chairman, Disabled Drivers Association of Ireland
- Kenneth Fox, CEO, Disabled Drivers Association of Ireland

9. Adjournment of public session

The public meeting adjourned at 11.38 a.m. The next meeting of the Joint Committee will be held on Thursday 14 July at 10.00a.m.



Michael Moynihan T.D.,
Cathaoirleach

MINUTES OF MEETING 14 July 2022

The Joint Committee met in private session at 10.00 a.m. with a quorum present.

1. Attendance

The following members were present:

Deputies: Holly Cairns, Dessie Ellis, Michael Moynihan (Cathaoirleach), Pauline Tully (Leas-Chathaoirleach)

Senators: Tom Clonan, 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 of private session

This meeting was adjourned at 10:36



Michael Moynihan T.D.,
Cathaoirleach

MINUTES OF MEETING 15 September 2022

The Joint Committee met in private session at 10.03 a.m. with a quorum present.

1. Attendance

The following members were present:

Deputies: Holly Cairns, Sean Canney, Michael Moynihan (Cathaoirleach), Pauline Tully (Leas-Chathaoirleach), Jennifer Murnane O'Connor, John Paul Phelan

Senators: Tom Clonan, Mary Seery Kearney

Apologies have been received from Deputy Ellis, Senator Flynn and Senator 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. Item discussed in private

8. Adjournment of private session

This meeting was adjourned at 10:51



Michael Moynihan T.D.,
Cathaoirleach

MINUTES OF MEETING 20 September 2022

The Joint Committee's met in public session at 7:03 p.m. with a quorum present.

1. Attendance

The following members were present:

Deputies: Holly Cairns, Sean Canney, Michael Moynihan (Cathaoirleach), Jennifer Murnane O'Connor, Dessie Ellis, Emer Higgins, Neasa Hourigan and Pauline Tully (Leas-Chathaoirleach)

Senators: Fiona O'Loughlin, Mary Seery Kearney, Tom Clonan and Eileen Flynn

Apologies were received from Senator Erin McGreehan

The topic for the meeting was 'Aligning Education with the UNCRPD'.

The following witnesses attended in Committee room 4:

- Norma Foley, Minister for Education - Dept. of Education
- Martina Mannion, Assistant Secretary for Special Education and Inclusion - Dept. of Education
- Brendan Doody, Principal Officer, Special Education Section - Dept. of Education
- Martin McLoughlin, Principal Officer, Special Education Section - Dept. of Education

2. Adjournment of public session

The public meeting adjourned at 8:44 p.m. The next meeting of the Joint Committee will be held on Wednesday 21 September 2022, at 3.15 p.m.

Michael Moynihan

Michael Moynihan T.D.,
Cathaoirleach

MINUTES OF MEETING 21 September 2022

The Joint Committee met in private session at 3.16 p.m. with a quorum present.

1. Attendance

The following members were present:

Deputies: Holly Cairns, Sean Canney, Michael Moynihan (Cathaoirleach), Pauline Tully (Leas-Chathaoirleach), Dessie Ellis,

Senators: Tom Clonan and Fiona O'Loughlin

Apologies have been received from Senator McGreehan.

2. Item discussed in private
3. Item discussed in private
4. Item discussed in private
5. Item discussed in private

Adjournment

This meeting adjourned at 3.38 p.m., and the next meeting will be held at 3.15 p.m on Wednesday 28 September 2022.



Michael Moynihan T.D.,
Cathaoirleach

MINUTES OF MEETING 28 September 2022

The Joint Committee met in private session at 3.20 p.m. with a quorum present.

1. Attendance

The following members were present:

Deputies: Dessie Ellis and Michael Moynihan (Cathaoirleach)

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

Apologies have been received from Deputy Tully, Deputy Cairns and Senator Clonan.

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

This meeting adjourned at 3.29 p.m., and the next meeting will be held at 3.15 p.m on Thursday 29 September 2022.



Michael Moynihan T.D.,
Cathaoirleach

MINUTES OF MEETING 29 September 2022

The Joint Committee's met in public session at 09:35 a.m. with a quorum present.

1. Attendance

The following members were present:

Deputies: Pat Buckley, Holly Cairns, Sean Canney, Joan Collins, Marian Harkin, Michael Moynihan (Cathaoirleach), Marc Ó Cathasaigh and Pauline Tully (Leas-Chathaoirleach)

Senators: Catherine Ardagh, Micheál Carrigy, Tom Clonan, Róisín Garvey, Erin McGreehan and Mary Seery Kearney

Apologies were received from Deputy Ellis, Deputy Wall, Senator Flynn and Senator O'Loughlin

The topic for the meeting was 'Accessibility in the built environment, information and communication'.

The following witnesses attended in Committee room 4:

- Dr Aideen Hartney, Director - National Disability Authority
- Dr Gerald Craddock, Chief Officer of the Centre for Excellence in Universal Design (CEUD) - National Disability Authority
- Dr Donal Fitzpatrick, Senior Design Advisor for ICT, within the CEUD
- Adam Harris, Founder & Chief Executive Officer – AsIAm

The following witnesses attended remotely through MS Teams:

- Des Kenny, Chairperson - Independent Living Movement Ireland
- Catherine Gallagher, Board member - Independent Living Movement Ireland
- James Cawley, Policy officer - Independent Living Movement Ireland

2. Adjournment of public session

The public meeting adjourned at 12:16 p.m.



Michael Moynihan T.D.,
Cathaoirleach.

MINUTES OF MEETING 05 October 2022

The Joint Committee met in private session at 3.15 p.m. with a quorum present.

1. Attendance

The following members were present:

Deputies: Holly Cairns, Sean Canney, Dessie Ellis, Michael Moynihan (Cathaoirleach), and Pauline Tully (Leas- Chathaoirleach), Dessie Ellis and

Senators: Tom Clonan, Fiona O'Loughlin, Erin McGreehan, and 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

Adjournment

This meeting adjourned at 3.34 p.m., and the next meeting will at 9.45am on Thursday 6 October 2022.



Michael Moynihan T.D.,
Cathaoirleach

MINUTES OF MEETING 06 October 2022

Joint Committee's met in public session at 09:45 a.m. with a quorum present.

1. Attendance

The following members were present:

Deputies: Holly Cairns, Sean Canney, Michael Moynihan (Cathaoirleach), Dessie Ellis, Emer Higgins, John Paul Phelan and Jennifer Murnane O'Connor

Senators: Tom Clonan, Erin McGreehan and Mary Seery Kearney

Apologies were received from Deputy Tully

The topic for the meeting was 'Accessibility – Assistive Technology'.

The following witnesses attended in Committee room 4:

- Muireann McCleary, Speech and Language Therapy and Adult Clinical Services Manager CRC - Irish Association of Speech & Language Therapists (IASLT) and Dr Yvonne Lynch, Assistant Professor in Speech and Language Therapy, TCD - Irish Association of Speech & Language Therapists (IASLT)
- Malcolm MacLachlan, Professor of Psychology & Social Inclusion and Co-Director, ALL Institute, Research & Innovation Co-Ordinator WHO GATE Programme - Maynooth University

2. Adjournment of public session

The public meeting adjourned at 11:32 a.m.



Michael Moynihan T.D.,
Cathaoirleach

MINUTES OF THE MEETING 12 October 2022

The Joint Committee met in private session at 3.30 p.m. with a quorum present.

1. Attendance

The following members were present:

Deputies: Sean Canney, Dessie Ellis, Michael Moynihan (Cathaoirleach), and Pauline Tully (Leas- Cathaoirleach) and John Paul Phelan

Senators: Erin McGreehan and Fintan Warfield

2. Item discussed in private

3. Item discussed in private

4. Item discussed in private

5. Item discussed in private

Adjournment

This meeting adjourned at 3.38 p.m., and the next meeting will at 3.15pm on Wednesday 19 October 2022.



Michael Moynihan T.D.,
Cathaoirleach.

MINUTES OF MEETING 13 October 2022

The Joint Committee's met in public session at 09:33 a.m. with a quorum present.

1. Attendance

The following members were present:

Deputies: Holly Cairns, Sean Canney, Dessie Ellis, Emer Higgins, John Paul Phelan and Pauline Tully.

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

Apologies were received from – Michael Moynihan (Cathaoirleach)

Note - In Deputy Michael Moynihan's absence, Deputy Pauline Tully (Leas-Chathaoirleach) substituted as Cathaoirleach.

The topic for the meeting was 'Considering a rights-based approach to disability in mental health'.

The following witnesses attended in Committee room 4:

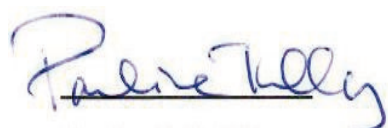
- Mental Health Reform, Bernadette Grogan, Policy & Research Manager
- Suzanna Weedle, Policy & Advocacy Co-Ordinator, Mental Health Reform
- National Advocacy Service, Louise Loughlin, National Manager
- Luke Meany, Policy, Communications & Research Officer, NAS

The following Witnesses attended remotely through MS Teams:

- National Platform of Self Advocates, Joe McGrath, Vice Chair

2. Adjournment of public session

The public meeting adjourned at 11:13 a.m.



Pauline Tully T.D.
Leas Chathaoirleach

MINUTES OF MEETING 19 October 2022

The Joint Committee met in private session at 3.23 p.m. with a quorum present.

1.Attendance

The following members were present:

Deputies: Dessie Ellis, Michael Moynihan (Cathaoirleach), Pauline Tully (Leas-Chathaoirleach) and Jennifer Murnane O'Connor

Senators: Erin McGreehan, Eileen Flynn, and Fiona O'Loughlin

Apologies were received from: Deputy Cairns.

2. Item discussed in private

3. Item discussed in private

4. Item discussed in private

5. Item discussed in private

Adjournment

This meeting adjourned at 3.33 p.m., and the next meeting will at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday 20 October 2022.



Michael Moynihan T.D.,
Cathaoirleach.

MINUTES OF MEETING 20 October 2022

The Joint Committee's met in public session at 09:39 a.m. with a quorum present.

Attendance

The following members were present:

Deputies: Holly Cairns, Sean Canney, Dessie Ellis, Emer Higgins, John Paul Phelan and Pauline Tully (Leas Chathaoirleach), Michael Moynihan (Cathaoirleach) and Jennifer Murnane O'Connor

Senators: Mary Seery Kearney, Fiona O'Loughlin and Senator Eugene Murphy also attended.

Apologies were received from – Senator McGreehan, Senator Clonan, Senator Flynn

The topic for the meeting was 'supporting people with disabilities to live in

communities.

The following witnesses attended in Committee room 4:

- Crann Centre Ireland, Ms Kate Jarvey, Board Chair & Founder, Mr Padraig Mallon, Chief Executive, Ms Colette Cahill, Head of Services & Ms Aileen Buckley, Service User
- Genio, Tara Doheny, Reform Manager & Dr. Niamh Lally, Principal Investigator, Service Reform Fund (SRF) Action Research

The following Witnesses attended remotely through MS Teams:

Crann Centre Ireland, Ms Sarah Haight Director, 2Gen Practice, Ascend at the Aspen Institute & Ms Sariah Toze, Program Associate, Ascend at the Aspen Institute

1. Adjournment of public session

The public meeting adjourned at 11:41 a.m.



Michael Moynihan T.D.,
Cathaoirleach.

MINUTES OF MEETING 26 October 2022

The Joint Committee met in private session at 3.15 p.m. with a quorum present.

1. Attendance

The following members were present:

Deputies: Dessie Ellis, Michael Moynihan (Cathaoirleach), Holly Cairns and Pauline Tully (Leas- Cathaoirleach).

Senators: Erin McGreehan and Mary Seery Kearney.

Apologies received from Deputy Murnane O'Connor and Senator Clonan.

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

Adjournment

This meeting adjourned at 3.29 p.m., and the next meeting will at 10.00am on Thursday 27 October 2022.



Michael Moynihan T.D.,
Cathaoirleach.

MINUTES OF MEETING 27 October 2022

The Joint Committee's met in public session at 10:04 a.m. with a quorum present. [The microphones were not on from 10.04 to 10.07am so the Cathaoirleach's opening and the beginning of the HIQA opening statement were impacted.]

Attendance

The following members were present:

Deputies: Holly Cairns, Dessie Ellis, Michael Moynihan (Cathaoirleach)

Senators: Tom Clonan and Erin McGreehan

Apologies were received from – Deputy Pauline Tully

The topic for the meeting was 'HIQA's Overview Report Monitoring and Regulation of Designated Centre's for People with Disabilities in 2021'

The following witnesses attended in Committee room 4:

Representatives from Health Information and Quality Authority (HIQA),

- Carol Grogan, Chief Inspector
- Finbarr Colfer, Deputy Chief Inspector of Social Services, Disability
- Ciara McShane, National Operations Manager, Disability

At 11:00, the committee went into private session to give Deputy Cairns time to return from the Dáil, the meeting was reconvened in public at 11:00.

1. Adjournment of public session

The public meeting adjourned at 11:17 a.m.



Michael Moynihan T.D.,
Cathaoirleach.

MINUTES OF MEETING 09 November 2022

The Joint Committee met in private session at 3.17 p.m. with a quorum present.

1. Attendance

The following members were present:

Deputies: Holly Cains, Dessie Ellis, Michael Moynihan (Cathaoirleach), Neasa Hourigan, Jennifer Murnane O'Connor, Pauline Tully (Leas-Chathaoirleach)

Senators: Erin McGreehan and Mary Seery Kearney

Apologies received from Deputy Canney and Senator Clonan

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

Adjournment

This meeting adjourned at 3.36 p.m., and the next meeting will at 9.30 a.m. on Thursday 10 November 2022.



Michael Moynihan T.D.,
Cathaoirleach.

MINUTES OF MEETING 10 November 2022

Joint Committee met in public session at 9.32 a.m. with a quorum present.

1. Attendance

The following members were present:

Deputies: Holly Cairns, Dessie Ellis, Michael Moynihan (Cathaoirleach), John Paul Phelan and Pauline Tully (Leas- Chathaoirleach)

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

The topic for the meeting was 'UNCRC and the Optional Protocol'

The following witnesses attended in Committee room 4:

- Representatives from Decision Support Service, Aine Flynn, Director, Kate Frowein, Head of Supervision & Patsy Fitzsimons, Head of Complaints and Investigations

The following witnesses attended remotely through MS Teams:

- Representatives from International Disability Alliance, Jarrod Clyne, Head of Advocacy

Adjournment

This meeting adjourned at 10.43 a.m., and the next meeting will at 3.15pm on Wednesday 16 November 2022.



Michael Moynihan T.D.,
Cathaoirleach.

MINUTES OF MEETING 16 November 2022

The Joint Committee met in private session at 3.15 p.m. with a quorum present.

1. Attendance

The following members were present:

Deputies: Holly Cairns, Dessie Ellis, Neasa Hourigan, Michael Moynihan (Cathaoirleach), Pauline Tully (Leas-Chathaoirleach)

Senators: Erin McGreehan and Fiona O'Loughlin

Apologies received from Senator Tom Clonan

2. Item discussed in private

3. Item discussed in private

4. Item discussed in private

5. Item discussed in private

Adjournment

This meeting adjourned at 3.30 p.m., and the next meeting will at 9.30 a.m. on Thursday 17 November 2022.



Michael Moynihan T.D.,
Cathaoirleach.

MINUTES OF MEETING 17 November 2022

The Joint Committee met in public session at 9.31 a.m. with a quorum present.

1. Attendance

The following members were present:

Deputies: Holly Cairns, Dessie Ellis, Michael Moynihan (Cathaoirleach), Emer Higgins, Neasa Hourigan, Jennifer Murnane O'Connor and Pauline Tully (Leas-Chathaoirleach)

Senators: Erin McGreehan, Mary Seery Kearney

Apologies were received from Senator Clonan and Senator O'Loughlin

The topic for the meeting was 'Disability, Mental Health and Aging'

The following witnesses attended in Committee room 4:

- Mary Butler, Minister of State at the Department of Health
- Officials from Dept. of Health, Siobhán McArdle, Assistant Secretary, Head of Social Care, Mental Health and Drugs Policy & Dr Philip Dodd, Mental Health Policy & Clinical Specialist, Mental Health Unit
- Officials from Dept. of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth, Niall Brunell, Principal Officer, Disability Policy

Adjournment

This meeting adjourned at 11.39 a.m., and the next meeting will at 3.15pm on Wednesday 23 November 2022.



Michael Moynihan T.D.
Cathaoirleach

MINUTES OF MEETING 23 November 2022

The Joint Committee met in private session at 3.15 p.m. with a quorum present.

1. Attendance

The following members were present:

Deputies: Holly Cairns, Dessie Ellis, Neasa Hourigan, Michael Moynihan (Cathaoirleach), John Paul Phelan & Pauline Tully (Leas-Chathaoirleach)

Senators: Tom Clonan, Erin McGreehan, and 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

Adjournment

This meeting adjourned at 3.40 p.m., and the next meeting will at 9.30 a.m. on Thursday 24 November 2022.



Michael Moynihan T.D.
Cathaoirleach

MINUTES OF MEETING 24 November 2022

The Joint Committee met in public session at 9.38 a.m. with a quorum present.

1. Attendance

The following members were present:

Deputies: Holly Cairns, Dessie Ellis, Michael Moynihan (Cathaoirleach), Jennifer Murnane O'Connor and Pauline Tully (Leas- Cathaoirleach)

Senators: Erin McGreehan & Tom Clonan

Apologies were received from Senator Seery Kearney and Senator O'Loughlin

The topic for the meeting was 'Enabling community inclusion for people with disabilities'

The following witnesses attended in Committee room 4:

- Officials from Dept. of Rural and Community Development - Bairbre Nic Aongusa, Assistant Secretary General, Elaine Jennings, Administrative Officer, Community and Voluntary Supports and Programmes & Aoife O'Brien, Assistant Principal Officer, Community and Voluntary Supports and Programmes

The following Witnesses via remotely through MS Teams:

- Representatives from DPO Network - Nem Kearns, Disabled Women Ireland, Elaine Grehan & John Sherwin, Irish Deaf Society, Peter Kearns, Independent Living Movement Ireland & Joe McGrath, National Platform of Self Advocates

- Representatives from The County and City Management Association - (CCMA), Mr John Mulholland, Chair, CCMA Rural Development, Community, Culture and Heritage (RCCH), Mr Michael Rainey, Member of RCCH Committee & Mr Michael Nicholson, Member of RCCH

Adjournment

This meeting adjourned at 11.30 a.m., and the next meeting will at 3.15pm on Wednesday 30 November 2022.



Michael Moynihan T.D.
Cathaoirleach

MINUTES OF MEETING 30 November 2022

The Joint Committee met in private session at 3.16 p.m. with a quorum present.

1. Attendance

The following members were present:

Deputies: Sean Canney, Dessie Ellis, Neasa Hourigan, & Michael Moynihan (Cathaoirleach).

Senators: Eileen Flynn, Erin McGreehan, Tom Clonan, Mary Seery Kearney & 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

Adjournment

This meeting adjourned at 3.41 p.m., and the next meeting will at 9.30 a.m. on Thursday 01 December 2022.



Michael Moynihan T.D.
Cathaoirleach

Minutes of Meeting 01 December 2022

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

1. Attendance

The following members were present:

Deputies: Dessie Ellis, Holly Cairns, Michael Moynihan (Cathaoirleach), Pauline Tully (Leas- Cathaoirleach), Sean Canney, Jennifer Murnane O'Connor and & John Paul Phelan.

Senators: Eileen Flynn, Erin McGreehan, Mary Seery Kearney & Tom Clonan.

Apologies were received from Senator O'Loughlin.

The topic for the meeting was 'Disability inclusive participation in political and public life.'

The following witnesses attended in Committee room 4:

- Representatives from European Disability Forum - Pat Clarke, Vice President.
- Representatives from Disability Stakeholder Group - John Dolan & Ciarán Delaney.

The following Witnesses via remotely through MS Teams:

- Representatives from Disability Stakeholder Group - Annette Costello & Robbie Sinnott.

Adjournment

This meeting adjourned at 11.08 a.m., and the next meeting will at 3.15pm on Wednesday 07 December 2022.



Michael Moynihan T.D.
Cathaoirleach

MINUTES OF MEETING 07 December 2022

The Joint Committee met in private session at 3.18 p.m. with a quorum present.

1. Attendance

The following members were present:

Deputies: Holly Cairns, Sean Canney, Dessie Ellis, Neasa Hourigan, Michael Moynihan (Cathaoirleach) and Pauline Tully (Leas-Chathaoirleach)

Senators: Tom Clonan, Erin McGreehan & 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

.This meeting adjourned at 4.15 p.m., and the next meeting will at 9.30 a.m. on Thursday 08 December 2022.



Michael Moynihan T.D.
Cathaoirleach

MINUTES OF MEETING 08 December 2022

The Joint Committee met in public session at 9.40 a.m. with a quorum present.

1. Attendance

The following members were present:

Deputies: Holly Cairns, Sean Canney, Dessie Ellis, Neasa Hourigan, Jennifer Murnane O'Connor, John Paul Phelan and Pauline Tully (Leas-Chathaoirleach)

Senators: Tom Clonan, Eileen Flynn, Erin McGreehan and Fiona O'Loughlin
Apologies were received from Deputy Moynihan (Cathaoirleach) & Senator Seery Kearney.

Other Member's attending: Deputy Pat Buckley

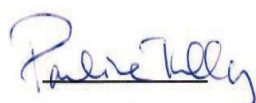
The topic for the meeting was 'Decongregation of mental health settings'

The following witnesses attended in Committee room 4:

- Representatives from The Mental Health Commission - Mr John Farrelly, Chief Executive, Dr Susan Finnerty, Inspector of Mental Health Services, Mr Gary Kiernan, Director of Regulation, Standards and Quality Assurance,

Adjournment

This meeting adjourned at 11.30 a.m., and the next meeting will be at 3.15pm on Wednesday 14 December 2022.



Pauline Tully T.D.
Leas-Chathaoirleach

MINUTES OF MEETING 14 December 2022

The Joint Committee met in private session at 3.16 p.m. with a quorum present.

Attendance

The following members were present:

Deputies: Sean Canney, Dessie Ellis, Michael Moynihan (Cathaoirleach), Neasa Hourigan and Pauline Tully (Leas Chathaoirleach)

Senators: Tom Clonan & Erin McGreehan.

2. Item discussed in private

3. Item discussed in private

4. Item discussed in private

5. Item discussed in private

Adjournment

This meeting adjourned at 3.25 p.m.



Michael Moynihan T.D.
Cathaoirleach

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