



Coimisiún Thithe an Oireachtais
Houses of the Oireachtas Commission

Minutes of the Commission
Thursday, 25th October, 2007

1. The ninth meeting of the Commission of 2007 took place at 2.30 p.m. in Room 2, Leinster House.

2. Members present.

Deputy John O'Donoghue, T.D., Ceann Comhairle (Chairperson), Senator Paul Bradford, Mr. Kieran Coughlan, Secretary General, Deputy Tom Hayes, Senator Cecilia Keaveney, Deputy Séamus Kirk, Senator Pat Moylan, Cathaoirleach of the Seanad, Deputy Michael Mulcahy, Deputy Dan Neville and Senator Jim Walsh.

Apologies for inability to attend were received from Deputy Pat Rabbitte.

3. Estimates 2008.

Statement of Estimates 2008.

The Commission approved the statement of estimates for the period 1 January 2008 to 31 December 2008, as set out in the *Appendix* to these minutes, for publication and presentation to Dáil Éireann by way of take note motion in accordance with section 13 of the Houses of the Oireachtas Commission Acts 2003 and 2006.

Sanction for Virement.

The Commission granted sanction to vire monies between subheads 1(b), 1(c), 1(e), 1(g), 2(a), 2(b), 2(c), 2(f), 2(j), 3(a), 3(b), 3(c), 4(a), 4(b), 5(b) and 5(c) to meet excesses projected on subheads 1(a), 1(d), 1(f), 2(i), 5(a), 6(a) and 6(b): provided that no virement should occur in the case of subheads 2(d), 2(e) and 2(h).

The Commission delegated authority to the Secretary General to vire additional funds between subheads in respect of expenditure incurred before 31st December, 2007, and agreed to formally note the final position in relation to virement as soon as may be following the closure of the 2007 Account.

The Commission was advised that an excess is anticipated on subhead 2(h), the grant-in-aid funding An Ciste Pinsean, and that the limit of provision should be reached by end of November.

4. Adjournment.

The meeting adjourned at 3.05 p.m.

JOHN O'DONOGHUE, T.D.,
Ceann Comhairle and Chairperson of the Commission.

Dated:

APPENDIX TO MINUTES OF MEETING OF 25TH OCTOBER, 2007.



HOUSES OF THE OIREACHTAS COMMISSION

STATEMENT OF ESTIMATES OF THE AMOUNT OF MONEYS REQUIRED IN RESPECT
OF ONGOING EXPENDITURE FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING ON
1 JANUARY 2008 AND ENDING ON 31 DECEMBER 2008

*(prepared and published in accordance with section 13 of the Houses of the Oireachtas
Commission Act 2003 as amended by section 8 of the Houses of the Oireachtas Commission
(Amendment) Act 2006)*

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HOUSES OF THE OIREACHTAS COMMISSION

Statement of Estimates of Expenditure

	2007	2008
	Outturn *	Estimate
	€000	€000
1 ADMINISTRATION		
(a) Salaries, wages and allowances in respect of members of staff of the Houses of the Oireachtas	20,985	26,383
(b) Travel and subsistence	454	846
(c) Incidental expenses	2,917	5,577
(d) Postal and telecommunications services	1,432	1,327
(e) Office machinery and other office supplies	10,975	16,791
(f) Office premises expenses	1,576	1,600
(g) Value for money and policy review	3	19
<i>Subtotal</i>	38,342	52,543
2 OTHER SERVICES		
(a) Payment in respect of catering and bar staff employed by the Joint House Services Committee	1,562	1,740
(b) Expenses of delegates to other parliamentary assemblies	149	246
(c) Televising of proceedings of Dáil Éireann and Seanad Éireann and other services	1,670	2,573
(d) Grant in aid in respect of inter-parliamentary activities	161	345
(e) Grant in aid to British-Irish Inter-Parliamentary Body	150	270
(f) Allowances to or in respect of former members of the Houses of the Oireachtas	2,282	528
(g) Grant to Irish Parliamentary (former Members) Society	55	55
(h) Grant in aid in Respect of " <i>Ciste Pinsean Thithe an Oireachtais</i> "	9,751	13,044
(i) Pension scheme for secretarial assistants	323	228
(j) Expenses relating to Oireachtas Committees	620	2,269
3 SALARIES OF MEMBERS OF THE HOUSES OF THE OIREACHTAS (INCLUDING OFFICE HOLDERS AND OIREACHTAS COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS) AND OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT		
(a) Dáil Éireann	16,737	18,054
(b) Seanad Éireann	4,196	4,463
(c) European Parliament (including superannuation payments)	1,834	1,920

**Projected outturn - October 2007*

**4 PAYMENTS IN RESPECT OF SECRETARIAL
ASSISTANCE FOR NON-OFFICE HOLDING MEMBERS
OF THE HOUSES OF THE OIREACHTAS**

(a) Dáil Éireann	18,871	19,557
(b) Seanad Éireann	2,413	2,439

**5 TRAVEL EXPENSES OF MEMBERS OF THE
HOUSES OF THE OIREACHTAS**

(a) Dáil Éireann	3,591	3,655
(b) Seanad Éireann	1,758	1,810
(c) Committee travel	140	695

**6 OTHER ALLOWANCES AND EXPENSES OF MEMBERS
OF THE HOUSES OF THE OIREACHTAS**

(a) Dáil Éireann	7,405	8,031
(b) Seanad Éireann	1,589	1,661

Total	113,599	136,126
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