

*Dé Céadaoin, 16 Meitheamh, 2004*  
*Wednesday, 16th June, 2004*

10.30 a.m.

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**ORD GNÓ**  
**ORDER OF BUSINESS**

10. Tairiscint *maidir leis* an Acht um Chiontaí in aghaidh an Stáit (Leasú) 1998.  
Motion *re* Offences against the State (Amendment) Act 1998.
15. (l) An Bille um Cheartas Coiriúil (Foirne Comhphárteacha um Imscrúdú) 2003  
[*Seanad*] — Ordú don Tuarascáil.  
(a) Criminal Justice (Joint Investigation Teams) Bill 2003 [*Seanad*] — Order for Report.
1. An Bille Leictreachais (Soláthar) (Leasú) 2004 [*Seanad*] — An Dara Céim (*atógáil*).  
Electricity (Supply) (Amendment) Bill 2004 [*Seanad*] — Second Stage (*resumed*).
16. (l) An Bille um Bainistíocht na Seirbhíse Poiblí (Earcaíocht agus Ceapacháin) 2003  
Ordú don Tuarascáil.  
(a) Public Service Management (Recruitment and Appointments) Bill 2003 — Order for Report.
17. (l) An Bille um Thionóntachtaí Cónaithe 2003 — Ordú don Tuarascáil.  
(a) Residential Tenancies Bill 2003 — Order for Report.

**GNÓ COMHALTAÍ PRÍOBHÁIDEACHA**  
**PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS**

37. Tairiscint *maidir le* An Garda Síochána (*atógáil*).  
Motion *re* An Garda Síochána (*resumed*).

**I dTOSACH GNÓ PHOIBLÍ**  
**AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS**

*Fógraí Tairisceana : Notices of Motions*

**10.** “Go mbeartaíonn Dáil Éireann go leanfaidh ailt 2 go 12, 14 agus 17 den Acht um Chiontaí in aghaidh an Stáit (Leasú) 1998 (Uimh. 39 de 1998), i ngníomh ar feadh na tréimhse 12 mhí dar tosach an 30 Meitheamh, 2004. That Dáil Éireann resolves that sections 2 to 12, 14 and 17 of the Offences against the State (Amendment) Act 1998 (No. 39 of 1998), shall continue in operation for the period of 12 months beginning on 30th June, 2004”.

— *An tAire Dlí agus Cirt, Comhionannais agus Athchóirithe Dlí.*

**ORDUITHE AN LAE**  
**ORDERS OF THE DAY.**

**1.** Bille Leictreachais (Soláthar) (Leasú) 2004 [*Seanad*] — An Dara Céim (*atógáil*).  
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**PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS**

*Tairiscint (atógáil) (1 ur. 30 n fágtha):*

*Motion (resumed) (1 hr. 30 m remaining):*

**37.** “That Dáil Éireann:

— noting the commitment in the Programme for Government to increase the numbers of Gardaí by 2,000;

— noting conflicting statements by Ministers in recent weeks concerning the closure of Garda stations;

— noting increasing public concern about the unacceptable level of public order offences;

— deploring the Government’s delay in publishing the SMI Report on Garda Síochána Structures and Organisation;

demands that the Government immediately publish this Report and indicate how its commitment in the Programme for Government to increase Garda numbers will be met.”

— *Jim O’Keeffe, Enda Kenny, Richard Bruton, Bernard Allen, Pat Breen, John Bruton, Paul Connaughton, Simon Coveney, Seymour Crawford, John Deasy, Jimmy Deenihan, Bernard J. Durkan, Damien English, Olwyn Enright, Tom Hayes, Phil Hogan, Paul Kehoe, Padraic McCormack, Dinny McGinley, Paul McGrath, Gay Mitchell, Olivia Mitchell, Gerard Murphy, Denis Naughten, Dan Neville, Michael Noonan, Fergus O’Dowd, John Perry, Michael Ring, David Stanton, Billy Timmins.*

*Leasú (atógáil):*

*Amendment (resumed):*

1. To delete all words after “Dáil Éireann” and substitute the following:

- “— notes the Government’s firm commitment to achieving a force strength of 14,000 members;
- acknowledges the achievement in 2003 of a Garda force strength in excess of 12,000 members for the first time since the founding of the force;
- notes the imminent achievement during 2004 of the current maximum authorised strength of the force at 12,200 members;
- notes the significant increase achieved in the Budget Provision for the Garda Vote, bringing the total allocation to the Garda Síochána to over €1 billion for the first time which represents an increase of over 75% on the €600 million allocated in 1997;
- welcomes the recent decrease in the level of recorded crime and the success of the Garda Síochána in combating public order offences;
- congratulates the Garda Síochána on its ongoing successes in countering subversion and terrorism and in seizing illegal drugs and the proceeds of organised crime;
- congratulates the Garda Síochána on its successes in investigating and detecting murders committed by criminal gangs;
- welcomes the publication by the Minister of the Garda Síochána Bill 2004 and its objective of radically modernising the Garda Síochána and of establishing the independent Garda Síochána Ombudsman Commission;
- acknowledges that the deployment of Garda resources is a matter for the Garda Commissioner based on his professional assessment of the operational requirements;
- commends the Government’s record in continuing to strengthen the criminal law over the past seven years through unprecedented legislative reform;
- welcomes the Transforming State Assets Initiative whereby existing Garda accommodation is being replaced by new, more appropriate, accommodation;
- notes the programme of modernisation and reform for the Garda Síochána currently in train under the Strategic Management Initiative and supported by the Garda Síochána Bill 2004;
- welcomes the publication of the final Report of the Garda SMI Implementation Steering Group, the contents of which have been the subject of widespread consultation among interested parties;
- welcomes the open and transparent consultative and drafting process which produced the final Report; and
- considers that the Report will be of significant assistance to the Commissioner of the Garda Síochána in preparing the first three-year Strategy Statement under the terms of the Garda Síochána Bill once enacted.” — *An tAire Dlí agus Cirt, Comhionannais agus Athchóirithe Dlí.*

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### MEMORANDA

*Dé Céadaoin, 16 Meitheamh, 2004*

*Wednesday, 16th June, 2004*

Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Fhiontraíocht agus Mionghnóthaí i Seomra Coiste 3, LH2000, ar 9.30 a.m.

Meeting of the Joint Committee on Enterprise and Small Business in Committee Room 3, LH2000, at 9.30 a.m.

**Meastacháin (An Grúpa Dlí agus Cirt):****Estimates (Justice Group):**

Cruinniú den Roghchoiste um Dhlí agus Ceart, Comhionannas, Cosaint agus Cearta na mBan i Seomra Coiste 2, LH2000, ar 10 a.m.

Meeting of the Select Committee on Justice, Equality, Defence and Women's Rights in Committee Room 2, LH2000, at 10 a.m.

Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Ghnóthaí Eorpacha i Seomra Coiste 2, LH2000, ar 11.15 a.m.

Meeting of the Joint Committee on European Affairs in Committee Room 2, LH2000, at 11.15 a.m.

**Meastacháin (Gnóthaí Sóisialacha agus Teaghlaigh):****Estimates (Social and Family Affairs):**

Cruinniú den Roghchoiste um Ghnóthaí Sóisialacha agus Teaghlaigh i Seomra Coiste 1, LH2000, ar 11.30 a.m.

Meeting of the Select Committee on Social and Family Affairs in Committee Room 1, LH2000, at 11.30 a.m.

Cruinniú den Fhochoiste um Chearta an Duine i Seomra Coiste 4, LH2000, ar 12 meán lae.

Meeting of the Sub-Committee on Human Rights in Committee Room 4, LH2000, at 12 noon.

Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Chumarsáid, Muir agus Acmhainní Nádúrtha i Seomra Coiste 3, LH2000, ar 2.30 p.m.

Meeting of the Joint Committee on Communications, Marine and Natural Resources in Committee Room 3, LH2000, at 2.30 p.m.

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**SCRÍBHINNÍ A LEAGADH FAOI BHRÁID NA DÁLA**  
**DOCUMENTS LAID BEFORE THE DÁIL**

*Reachtúil:*

1) Gníomhaíocht Chomhpháirteach 2004/494/CFSP an 17 Bealtaine 2004 ón gComhairle maidir le tacú an Aontais Eorpaigh le bunú an Aonaid Póilíneachta Chomhtháite i bPoblacht Dhaonlathach an Chongó (PDC) mar aon le nóta faisnéise míniúcháin.

2) Togra le haghaidh Cinnidh ón gComhairle lena n-údaraitear do Ríocht na Spáinne an Comhaontú um chaidreamh iascaigh frithpháirteach le Poblacht na hAfraice Theas a fhadú go dtí an 7 Márta 2005 mar aon le nóta faisnéise míniúcháin. COM (2004) 229.

3) Togra le haghaidh Cinnidh ón gComhairle lena n-údaraitear do Phoblacht na Portaingéile an Comhaontú maidir le caidreamh iascaigh frithpháirteach iascaigh le Poblacht na hAfraice Theas a fhadú go dtí an 9 Aibreán 2005 mar aon le nóta faisnéise míniúcháin. COM (2004) 234.

4) Togra le haghaidh Rialacháin ó Pharlaimint na hEorpa agus ón gComhairle

*Statutory:*

1) Council Joint Action 2004/494/CFSP of 17 May 2004 on European Union support to the establishment of the Integrated Police Unit in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) together with explanatory information note.

2) Proposal for a Council Decision authorising the Kingdom of Spain to extend until 7 March 2005 the Agreement on mutual fishery relations with the Republic of South Africa together with explanatory information note. COM (2004) 229.

3) Proposal for a Council Decision authorising the Portuguese Republic to extend until 9 April 2005 the Agreement on mutual fishery relations with the Republic of South Africa together with explanatory information note. COM (2004) 234.

4) Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on

maidir leis an rochtain ar Chúnamh Seachtrach Comhphobail mar aon le nóta faisnéise míniúcháin. COM (2004) 313.

5) An Chomhairle Náisiúnta um Dhul in Aois agus Daoine Scothaosta. Ráitis Airgeadais, 2003.

6) Oibreacha Pobail an Oirthir Teoranta. Tuarascáil Bhliantúil agus Ráitis Airgeadais, 2002.

7) An tÚdarás Sláinte agus Sábháilteachta. Tuarascáil Bhliantúil, 2003.

8) Tuarascáil ar Ghníomhaíochtaí an Bhiúró um Shócmhainní Coiriúla don bhliain dar chríoch 31 Nollaig, 2003.

9) Tuarascáil ón Aire Dlí agus Cirt, Comhionannais agus Athchóirithe Dlí ar oibriú ailt 2 go 12 agus 14 agus 17 den Acht um Chiontaí in aghaidh an Stáit (Leasú) 1998 le linn na tréimhse 1 Meitheamh 2003 go 31 Bealtaine 2004 de bhun alt 18(3) den Acht sin.

*Neamhreachtúil:*

1) An tOrdú fán Scéim um Scéim Pinsean Chóras Iompair Éireann d'Fhoireann ar Phá Rialta (Leasú) (Daingniú) (Uimh. 2) 2004 (I.R. Uimh. 263 de 2004).

2) An tOrdú fán Scéim um Scéim Aoisliúntais Chóras Iompair Éireann do Chéilí agus do Leanaí (Leasú) (Daingniú) (Uimh. 2) 2004 (I.R. Uimh. 262 de 2004).

3) An tOrdú fán Scéim um Scéim Aoisliúntais Chóras Iompair Éireann 1951 (Leasú) (Daingniú) (Uimh. 2) 2004 (I.R. Uimh. 261 de 2004).

4) An tOrdú fán Scéim um Scéim Pinsean Chóras Iompair Éireann do Chéilí agus do Leanaí d'Fhoireann ar Phá Rialta (Leasú) (Daingniú) 2004 (I.R. Uimh. 264 de 2004).

5) Tithe an Oireachtais. An Comhchoiste um Dhlí agus Ceart, Comhionannas, Cosaint agus Cearta na mBan. Tuarascáil Iniúchta AE Uimh. 4: Doiciméad 14848/02 ón gComhairle: Cúnamh frithpháirteach i ndáil le hidirthuras le linn díbirt trí aeriompar. Meitheamh 2004.

6) Na Coimisinéirí Ioncaim. Tuarascáil Bhliantúil, 2003.

7) An Ceathrú Tuarascáil Eatramhach ón mBinse Fiosrúcháin maidir le Cúrsaí Áirithe Pleanála agus Íocaíochtaí. [15 Meitheamh 2004].

the access to Community External Assistance together with explanatory information note. COM (2004) 313.

5) National Council on Ageing and Older People. Financial Statements, 2003.

6) Eastern Community Works Limited. Annual Report and Financial Statements, 2002.

7) Health and Safety Authority. Annual Report, 2003.

8) Report on the Activities of the Criminal Assets Bureau for the year ending 31 December, 2003.

9) Report by the Minister for Justice, Equality and Law Reform on the operation of sections 2 to 12 and 14 and 17 of the Offences against the State (Amendment) Act 1998 during the period 1 June 2003 to 31 May 2004 pursuant to section 18(3) of that Act.

*Non-Statutory:*

1) Córas Iompair Éireann Pension Scheme for Regular Wages Staff (Amendment) Scheme (Confirmation) (No. 2) Order 2004 (S.I. No. 263 of 2004).

2) Córas Iompair Éireann Spouses' and Children's Superannuation Scheme (Amendment) Scheme (Confirmation) (No. 2) Order 2004 (S.I. No. 262 of 2004).

3) Córas Iompair Éireann Superannuation Scheme 1951 (Amendment) Scheme (Confirmation) (No. 2) Order 2004 (S.I. No. 261 of 2004).

4) Córas Iompair Éireann Spouses' and Children's Pension Scheme for Regular Wages Staff (Amendment) Scheme (Confirmation) Order 2004 (S.I. No. 264 of 2004).

5) Houses of the Oireachtas. Joint Committee on Justice, Equality, Defence and Women's Rights. EU Scrutiny Report No. 4: Council Document 14848/02: Mutual assistance in transit during expulsion by air transport. June 2004.

6) Revenue Commissioners. Annual Report, 2003.

7) The Fourth Interim Report of the Tribunal of Inquiry into Certain Planning Matters and Payments. [15 June 2004].