

*Dé Céadaoin, 8 Feabhra, 2006*  
*Wednesday, 8th February, 2006*

10.30 a.m.

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**ORD GNÓ**  
**ORDER OF BUSINESS**

3. An Bille Airgeadais 2006 — An Dara Céim (*atógáil*).  
Finance Bill 2006 — Second Stage (*resumed*).

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

41. Tairiscint *maidir le* hEarnáil Feirmeoireachta na hÉireann (*atógáil*).  
Motion *re* Irish Farming Sector (*resumed*).

**ORDUITHE AN LAE  
ORDERS OF THE DAY**

**3. An Bille Airgeadais 2006 — An Dara Céim (atógáil).  
Finance Bill 2006 — Second Stage (resumed).**

**GNÓ COMHALTAÍ PRÍOBHÁIDEACHA  
PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS**

*Tairiscint (atógáil) (1 ur. 30 n fágtha):  
Motion (resumed) (1 hr. 30 m remaining):*

**41.** “That Dáil Éireann condemns the Minister for Agriculture and Food for her abject failure and gross negligence in failing to defend the interests of Irish farmers, by not:

- ensuring that the Nitrates Directive is implemented in a workable and practical manner;
- securing a future for Irish beet growers; and
- ending the abuse of Irish food labelling law to prevent inferior imported foods being passed off as Irish;

calls on the Government to:

- acknowledge the crisis within the farming sector;
- immediately suspend the implementation of the full Nitrates Directive, to allow for revised scientific information to be presented by Teagasc and a comprehensive public information campaign to inform farmers about their responsibilities under the Nitrates Action Plan prior to its implementation;
- provide clarity on the implementation of the restructuring levy and distribution of the compensation package for the Sugar Industry;
- establish a forum to bring together beet growers, Greencore, workers and all beet industry interests to reach an early agreement on the future of the sugar sector;
- immediately introduce country of origin food labelling within the catering and processing sectors; and
- develop a Survival Action Plan for the future of farming, which will deal with the key farming sectors of Irish farming and will be fully resourced and implemented on the ground.” — *Denis Naughten, Seymour Crawford, Enda Kenny, Richard Bruton, Bernard Allen, Pat Breen, Paul Connaughton, Simon Coveney, John Deasy, Jimmy Deenihan, Bernard J. Durkan, Damien English, Olwyn Enright, Tom Hayes, Phil Hogan, Paul Kehoe, Pádraic McCormack, Shane McEntee, Dinny McGinley, Paul McGrath, Gay Mitchell, Olivia Mitchell, Gerard Murphy, Dan Neville, Michael Noonan, Fergus O’Dowd, Jim O’Keefe, John Perry, Michael Ring, David Stanton, Billy Timmins, Liam Twomey.*

[7 February, 2006]

*Leasú (atógáil):  
Amendment (resumed):*

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

“recognising the need to implement EU policies designed to ensure the development of agriculture and the agri-food sector in a sustainable and more market oriented manner, supports the Minister for Agriculture and Food in:

- seeking the early agreement of the European Commission on her proposals for major improvements to the Farm Waste Management Scheme specifically intended to assist farmers in meeting the requirements of the Nitrates Directive;

- working with the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government to explore with the European Commission the possibility of some changes to the European Communities (Good Agricultural Practice for the Protection of Waters) Regulations 2005 on the basis of a review presently underway in Teagasc of the science underpinning the technical aspects of the Regulations as well as working with him in pursuing a derogation for certain farmers;
- having secured modifications of the sugar reform proposals to take account of Irish interests which, when adopted by the Council, will be implemented in consultation with the stakeholders; and
- implementing the recommendations of the Food Labelling Group and, in the absence of EU legislation, advancing national legislation to regulate the labelling of meat in restaurants and the catering trade and securing voluntary agreement for the implementation of origin labelling in advance of the mandatory requirement;

while at the same time ensuring the successful implementation of the most fundamental change in EU support arrangements for agriculture since the inception of the CAP, forcefully representing Irish agricultural interests in the ongoing WTO negotiations and preparing a national Action Plan to drive the future development of the agri-food sector in a more competitive and liberalised market.” — *An tAire Talmhaíochta agus Bia.*

### MEMORANDA

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Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Chumarsáid, Muir agus Acmhainní Nádirtha i Seomra Coiste 3, TL2000, ar 10 a.m. (*príobháideach*).  
 Meeting of the Joint Committee on Communications, Marine and Natural Resources in Committee Room 3, LH2000, at 10 a.m. (*private*).

Cruinniú den Fhochoiste um Thuarascáil Barron faoi Dhúnmharú Seamus Ludlow i Seomra Coiste 4, TL2000, ar 10.30 a.m.  
 Meeting of the Sub-Committee on the Barron Report on the Murder of Seamus Ludlow in Committee Room 4, LH2000, at 10.30 a.m.

Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Chomhshaol agus Rialtas Áitiúil i Seomra Coiste 2, TL2000, ar 11 a.m.  
 Meeting of the Joint Committee on the Environment and Local Government in Committee Room 2, LH2000, at 11 a.m.

Cruinniú den Fhochoiste um Thuarascáil Barron faoi Dhúnmharú Seamus Ludlow i Seomra Coiste 4, TL2000, ar 1.30 p.m.  
 Meeting of the Sub-Committee on the Barron Report on the Murder of Seamus Ludlow in Committee Room 4, LH2000, at 1.30 p.m.

Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Ghnóthaí Eorpacha i Seomra Coiste 2, TL2000, ar 2.30 p.m.  
 Meeting of the Joint Committee on European Affairs in Committee Room 2, LH2000, at 2.30 p.m.

Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Iompar i Seomra Coiste 1, TL2000, ar 2.30 p.m.  
 Meeting of the Joint Committee on Transport in Committee Room 1, LH2000, at 2.30 p.m.

Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Thalmhaíocht agus Bia i Seomra Coiste 4, TL2000, ar 3 p.m.

Meeting of the Joint Committee on Agriculture and Food in Committee Room 4, LH2000, at 3 p.m.

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

*Reachtúil:*

1) Coimisiún na hÉireann-na Stát Aontaithe um Malartú Oideachasúil. Ráitis Airgeadais don bhliain dar críoch 30 Meán Fómhair, 2003.

2) Coimisiún na hÉireann-na Stát Aontaithe um Malartú Oideachasúil. Ráitis Airgeadais don bhliain dar críoch 30 Meán Fómhair, 2004.

3) Caiteachas Stáit ar Eolaíocht agus Teicneolaíocht agus ar Thaighde agus Forbairt, 2004 agus 2005.

4) Na Rialacháin um Mí-úsáid Drugaí (Leasú) 2006 (I.R. Uimh. 53 de 2006).

5) An tOrdú um Mí-Úsáid Drugaí (Díolúine) (Leasú) 2006 (I.R. Uimh. 54 de 2006).

6) Ráiteas i leith Comhairleora Speisialta don Aire Cumarsáide, Mara agus Acmhainní Náidúrtha de réir na nAchtanna um Eitic in Oifigí Poiblí 1995 agus 2001 [2005] [1 Feabhra, 2006].

7) Ráitis i leith Comhairleoirí Speisialta don Aire Airgeadais de réir na nAchtanna um Eitic in Oifigí Poiblí 1995 agus 2001 [2005] [31 Eanáir, 2006].

8) Ard-Mhúsaem na hÉireann. Tuarascálacha ón mBord Cuairte do na blianta 2002 - 2003.

*Neamhreachtúil:*

1) An Comhchoiste um Shláinte agus Leanaí. Tuarascáil ar Chuairt ar Sheirbhísí agus ar Riarthóirí Cúraim Sláinte, Páras, An Fhrainc, 29 Samhain go 1 Nollaig, 2005. Eanáir 2006.

2) Dul Chun Cinn a Chothú. Comhaontú Comhpháirtíochta Sóisialaí, 2003-2005. An Deichiú Tuarascáil agus an Tuarascáil Deiridh faoi Dhul Chun Cinn, Feabhra, 2006.

3) Cur i láthair Sleamhnán dar teideal “Creat Eacnamaíoch 2006 - 2008” ag an Aire Airgeadais, an tUas. Brian Ó Comhain don

*Statutory:*

1) The Ireland-United States Commission for Educational Exchange. Financial Statements for the year ended 30 September, 2003.

2) The Ireland-United States Commission for Educational Exchange. Financial Statements for the year ended 30 September, 2004.

3) State Expenditure on Science and Technology and Research and Development, 2004 and 2005.

4) Misuse of Drugs (Amendment) Regulations 2006 (S.I. No. 53 of 2006).

5) Misuse of Drugs (Exemption) (Amendment) Order 2006 (S.I. No. 54 of 2006).

6) Statement in respect of Special Adviser to the Minister for Communications, Marine and Natural Resources in accordance with the Ethics in Public Office Acts 1995 and 2001 [2005] [1 February, 2006].

7) Statements in respect of Special Advisers to the Minister for Finance in accordance with the Ethics in Public Office Acts 1995 and 2001 [2005] [31 January, 2006].

8) National Museum of Ireland. Reports by the Board of Visitors for the years 2002 - 2003.

*Non-Statutory:*

1) Joint Committee on Health and Children. Report on Visit to Health Care Services and Administrators, Paris, France, 29 November to 1 December, 2005. January, 2006.

2) Sustaining Progress. Social Partnership Agreement, 2003-2005. Tenth and Final Progress Report, February, 2006.

3) Presentation slides entitled “Economic Framework 2006 - 2008” by Minister for Finance, Mr. Brian Cowen, T.D., to the

Chruinniú Iomlánach de na Comhpháirtithe Sóisialta i gCaisleán Bhaile Átha Cliath an 2 Feabhra, 2006.

4) Cur i láthair Sleamhnán dar teideal “Straitéis CNES 2006: Daoine, Táirgiúlacht agus Cuspóir” le Ruairí Ó Dónaill don Chruinniú Iomlánach de na Comhpháirtithe Sóisialta i gCaisleán Bhaile Átha Cliath an 2 Feabhra, 2006.

5) Ráiteas ón Uasal Brian Ó Comhain, T.D., an tAire Airgeadais, ag an gCruinniú Iomlánach de na Comhchainteanna Comhpháirtíochta i gCaisleán Bhaile Átha Cliath an 2 Feabhra, 2006.

6) Aitheasc ón Taoiseach, an tUasal Parthalán Ó hEachthairn, T.D., ag an gCruinniú Iomlánach leis na Comhpháirtithe Sóisialta i mBaile Átha Cliath an 2 Feabhra, 2006.

7) Buaicphointí Straitéise CNES 2006: “Dúshlán maidir le Beartas agus Comhpháirtíocht” (Straitéis CNES 2006: “Daoine, Táirgiúlacht agus Cuspóir”). [Arna scaipeadh ag an gCruinniú Iomlánach leis na Comhpháirtithe Sóisialta i gCaisleán Bhaile Átha Cliath an 2 Feabhra 2006.]

Plenary Meeting of the Social Partners in Dublin Castle on 2 February, 2006.

4) Presentation slides entitled “NESC Strategy 2006: People, Productivity and Purpose” by Rory O’Donnell to the Plenary Meeting of the Social Partners in Dublin Castle on 2 February, 2006.

5) Statement by Mr. Brian Cowen, T.D., Minister for Finance, at the Plenary Meeting of the Partnership Talks in Dublin Castle on 2 February, 2006.

6) Address by the Taoiseach, Mr. Bertie Ahern, T.D., at the Plenary Meeting with the Social Partners in Dublin on 2 February, 2006.

7) NESC Strategy Highlights 2006: “Challenges for Policy and Partnership” (NESC Strategy 2006: “People, Productivity and Purpose”). [Circulated at the Plenary Meeting with the Social Partners in Dublin Castle on 2 February, 2006.]