

Dé Céadaoin, 26 Aibreán, 2006
Wednesday, 26th April, 2006

10.30 a.m.

ORD GNÓ
ORDER OF BUSINESS

- 10a.** Tairiscint *maidir le* Comhaltas Coiste.
Motion *re* Membership of Committee.
- 11.** (l) Tairiscint *maidir le* Seirbhísí Tionóisce agus Éigeandála.
(a) Motion *re* Accident and Emergency Services.

GNÓ COMHALTAÍ PRÍOBHÁIDEACHA
PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

- 28.** An Bille um Choimisinéir Clárúcháin Toghcháin 2005 — An Dara Céim (*atógáil*).
Electoral Registration Commissioner Bill 2005 — Second Stage (*resumed*).

I dTOSACH GNÓ PHOIBLÍ
AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Fógraí Tairisceana : Notices of Motions

10a. “Go ndéanfar an Teachta Tomás Ó Bracháin a urscaoileadh ón gCoiste um Nós Imeachta agus Pribhléidí agus an Teachta Seosamh MacCoisdealbha a cheapadh ina ionad.

That Deputy Thomas P. Broughan be discharged from the Committee on Procedure and Privileges and that Deputy Joe Costello be appointed in substitution for him.”

— *Tomás Ó Ceit, Aire Stáit ag Roinn an Taoisigh.*

11. “Go ndéanann Dáil Éireann,

That Dáil Éireann,

— an Rialtas agus an Tánaiste agus Aire Sláinte agus Leanaí a mholadh as a dtiomantas i leith feabhas a chur ar chúram d’othair inár n-ospidéal;

— commends the Government and the Tánaiste and Minister for Health and Children for their commitment to improving care for patients in our hospitals;

— aitheantas agus tacaíocht a thabhairt don ghá atá le hathleasú substaintiúil a ghabhann leis an leibhéal acmhainní gan fasach atá á infheistiú inár seirbhísí sláinte agus inár n-ospidéal ach go háirithe;

— recognises and supports the necessity for substantial reform to accompany the unprecedented level of resources being invested in our health services and in hospitals in particular;

— aitheantas agus tacaíocht a thabhairt do thiomantas an Rialtais i leith acmhainní méadaithe a sholáthar chun gabháil leis an athleasú; agus

— acknowledges and supports the commitment of the Government to providing increased resources to accompany reform; and

— tacaíocht a thabhairt do na bearta substaintiúla atá á ndéanamh chun aghaidh a thabhairt ar na fadhbanna i Ranna Tionóisce agus Éigeandála (T & É), lena n-áirítear:

— supports the substantial actions being taken to address the problems in Accident and Emergency (A & E) Departments, including:

— an réimse cuimsitheach tionscnamh faoin bPlean Gníomhaíochta 10 bPointe chun déileáil leis na dálaí iomadúla a dhéanann difear do Sheirbhísí Tionóisce agus Éigeandála;

— the comprehensive range of initiatives under the 10-Point Action Plan to deal with the many factors impacting on Accident and Emergency Services;

— bearta nua a thabhairt isteach chun cur leis an bPlean Gníomhaíochta, lena n-áirítear spriocanna feidhmíochta a shocrú d’ospidéal aonair;

— the introduction of new measures to build on the Action Plan, including the setting of performance targets for individual hospitals;

— Tascfhórsa tiomnaithe T & É a bhunú chun comhairle a thabhairt i dtaobh conas is féidir feabhsuithe breise a dhéanamh in éifeachtúlacht agus éifeachtacht Ranna T & É;

— the establishment of a dedicated A & E Task Force to advise on how further improvements can be made to the efficiency and effectiveness of A & E Departments;

— Ranna nua T & É a oscailt in Ospidéal na hOllscoile, Corcaigh, in Ospidéal Chuimhneachán Shéamais Uí Chonghaile agus in Ospidéal Ollscoile Naomh Uinseann;

— the opening of new A & E Departments in Cork University Hospital, Connolly Memorial Hospital and St. Vincent’s University Hospital;

- breis leapacha cúraim fhadtéarmaigh a sholáthar i dtithe banaltrais príobháideacha agus pacáistí cúraim baile a sholáthar d'fhonn a éascú go scaoilfear amach othair a bhfuil an chéim ghéarthinnis dá gcúram curtha díobh;
- leapacha iontrála agus saoráidí cuí a sholáthar d'fhonn a áirithiú go ndéanfar príobháideacht, dínit agus compord othar a chaomhnú le linn dóibh fanacht le leaba géarthinnis; agus
- an bhéim athnuaithe ar shláinteachas inár n-ospidéal tríd an dara hiniúchadh náisiúnta sláinteachais atá á sheoladh i láthair na huaire.
- the provision of additional long-term care beds in private nursing homes and home care packages to facilitate the discharge of patients who have completed the acute phase of their care;
- the provision of admissions beds and appropriate facilities to ensure that patient privacy, dignity and comfort are preserved while awaiting admission to an acute bed; and
- the renewed emphasis on hygiene in our hospitals through the second national hygiene audit which is currently taking place.”

— *An Tánaiste agus Aire Sláinte agus Leanaí.*

Leasuithe:

Amendments:

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

- “— notes the continuing crisis situation in Accident and Emergency units of our hospitals where there have been, on average, some 300 patients per day on trolleys and chairs during the first three months of 2006;
- deplores the failure of the Government, after nine years in office, to alleviate, let alone resolve, the A&E crisis which the Tánaiste and Minister for Health and Children, Mary Harney has recently described as a ‘national emergency’;
- commends hard-working hospital staff who must cope with this unacceptable situation on a daily basis;
- calls on the Government immediately to initiate far-reaching measures to address the A&E crisis which is but the most acute symptom of the fundamental problems which plague our health services; these measures to include:
 - a fully resourced and time-tabled programme to provide the additional 3,000 public hospital beds required;
 - rollout of promised Primary Care Centres throughout the State on an accelerated timetable;
 - restoration of A&E services to local hospitals where these services have been cut;
 - a halt to the accelerating privatisation of our health services and all Government health spending to be on the public system only; and
 - the establishment of a Health Funding Commission to help plan the transition from the grossly inequitable and inefficient two-tier public-private system to a health service with equal access for all based on need alone.” — *Caoimhghín Ó Caoláin, Seán Crowe, Martin Ferris, Arthur Morgan, Aengus Ó Snodaigh.*

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

- “— expresses its serious concern at the continuing crisis in many Accident and Emergency Units;

- notes that the number of patients on trolleys reached unprecedented proportions in recent months;
- deplores the distress and suffering caused to patients by the failure to provide adequate services and the stress and declining morale for hardworking health professionals;
- condemns the abject failure of the Government to deal with the crisis and to deliver on its promises and deplores in particular:
 - the failure to implement the ten point plan announced by the Tánaiste and Minister for Health and Children in November 2004;
 - the refusal to deliver on the 3,000 additional beds promised in the 2001 Health Strategy;
 - the reduction in the number of long stay community care beds;
 - the collapse of the procedures to provide an out of hours GP service for the north Dublin area; and
 - the continuing shocking level of MRSA in many hospitals;

Calls on the Government to acknowledge its responsibility for the serious crisis in A&E and to take action to:

- live up to its own commitment to provide 3,000 additional hospital beds;
- initiate a programme to provide 1,500 new long stay community beds by 2010;
- improve management of and access to diagnostic facilities in hospitals; and
- ensure a radical shift towards primary care to ensure patients are cared for close to home as far as practicable.” — *Liz McManus*.

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

- “— asks the Taoiseach, Tánaiste and Minister for Health and Children and former Minister for Health and Children, Micheál Martin, to apologise to the people of Ireland for their failure to ensure appropriate emergency medical services in hospital Accident and Emergency Departments, despite being in Government for nine years;
- condemns the Government for its failure to deliver the following services as promised in the National Health Strategy and Primary Care Strategy 2001:
 - 3,000 promised acute hospital beds;
 - 200,000 full medical cards to families on low incomes;
 - the 5,600 Community Nursing Unit, Community Care, Community Support, Extended Care beds (800 promised each year over a 7 year period from 2001);
 - 40-60 Primary Care Teams by the end of 2005;
- condemns the Government’s further failure to deal with the A & E crisis despite numerous PR attempts such as the Tánaiste and Minister for Health and Children’s A & E 10 point plan; and
- demands that:
 - the Government’s commitment to deliver a ‘world class health service’ as announced by the Taoiseach in 2001 is fulfilled;
 - the Tánaiste and Minister for Health and Children take appropriate measures to reduce the suffering of patients both young and the elderly who are regularly

forced to endure unnecessary hardship when seeking medical attention due to the failures of the FF/PD Government; and

- the Tánaiste and Minister for Health and Children clearly outline the measures she intends to take to improve all aspects of acute hospital care that will allow patients to be treated in a dignified and respected manner.” — *Liam Twomey, Enda Kenny, Richard Bruton, Bernard Allen, Pat Breen, 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, Shane McEntee, Dinny McGinley, Paul McGrath, Gay Mitchell, Olivia Mitchell, Gerard Murphy, Denis Naughten, Dan Neville, Michael Noonan, Fergus O’Dowd, Jim O’Keeffe, John Perry, Michael Ring, David Stanton, Billy Timmins.*

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

“condemns in the strongest possible manner the complete failure of this Government to tackle the Accident and Emergency crisis,

notes that:

- the Tánaiste and Minister for Health and Children has stated that solving the A & E crisis would be the ‘litmus test’ of her tenure as Minister for Health and Children;
- the 10 point plan has not been implemented and has not solved the problem;
- the Government has not yet delivered the promised 3,000 beds;
- the formation of the HSE has not delivered better health care but only resulted in less transparency and accountability;
- the Government’s primary health care strategy has not been implemented;

calls on the Government to:

- recognise that the lack of bed capacity is a central part of the problem and to deliver the promised beds;
- ensure the delivery of proper primary health care;
- extend medical card eligibility, particularly to children under six;
- cease immediately the privatisation of our health service;
- cease blaming GPs, nurses and health professionals for the problems in A & E; and
- acknowledge that access to health care is a right of all our citizens not a privilege.” — *John Gormley.*

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Bille (atógáil) (1 ur. 30 n. fágtha):

Bill (resumed) (1 hr. 30 m. remaining):

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— *Eamon Gilmore.*

MEMORANDA

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Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Fhiontraíocht agus Mionghnóthaí i Seomra Coiste 3, TL2000, 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.

An Bille um Cheartas Coiriúil 2004:**Criminal Justice Bill 2004:**

Cruinniú den Roghchoiste um Dhlí agus Ceart, Comhionannas, Cosaint agus Cearta na mBan i Seomra Coiste 1, TL2000, ar 9.30 a.m.

Meeting of the Select Committee on Justice, Equality, Defence and Women's Rights in Committee Room 1, LH2000, at 9.30 a.m.

Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Iompar i Seomra Coiste 2, TL2000, ar 11 a.m.

Meeting of the Joint Committee on Transport in Committee Room 2, LH2000, at 11 a.m.

Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Ghnóthaí Eorpacha i Seomra Coiste 2, TL2000, ar 2 p.m.

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

Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Chomhshaol agus Rialtas Áitiúil i Seomra Coiste 3, TL2000, ar 2.30 p.m.

Meeting of the Joint Committee on the Environment and Local Government in Committee Room 3, LH2000, at 2.30 p.m.

Meastacháin (An Grúpa Oideachais):**Estimates (Education Group):**

Cruinniú den Roghchoiste um Oideachas agus Eolaíocht i Seomra Coiste 1, TL2000, ar 3 p.m.

Meeting of the Select Committee on Education and Science in Committee Room 1, LH2000, at 3 p.m.

Meastacháin (Roinn an Taoisigh):**Estimates (Department of the Taoiseach):**

Cruinniú den Roghchoiste um Airgeadas agus an tSeirbhís Phoiblí i Seomra Coiste 4, TL2000, ar 4.30 p.m.

Meeting of the Select Committee on Finance and the Public Service in Committee Room 4, LH2000, at 4.30 p.m.

Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste ar Airteagal 35.4.1 den Bhunreacht agus ar alt 39 den Acht Cúirteanna Breithiúnais 1924 i Seomra Coiste 3, TL2000, ar 5 p.m. (*príobháideach*).

Meeting of the Joint Committee on Article 35.4.1 of the Constitution and section 39 of the Courts of Justice Act 1924 in Committee Room 3, LH2000, at 5 p.m. (*private*).

Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Airgeadas agus an tSeirbhís Phoiblí i Seomra Coiste 4, TL2000, ar 6 p.m.

Meeting of the Joint Committee on Finance and the Public Service in Committee Room 4, LH2000, at 6 p.m.

Cruinniú den Choiste um Nós Imeachta agus Pribhléidí i Seomra 2 (tríd an bPríomh-Halla), Teach Laighean, ar 7 p.m. (*príobháideach*).

Meeting of the Committee on Procedure and Privileges in Room 2 (off the Main Hall), Leinster House, at 7 p.m. (*private*).

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

Reachtúil:

1) Togra le haghaidh Rialacháin ón gComhairle maidir le caighdeáin mhargaíochta le haghaidh uibheacha mar aon le nóta faisnéise míniúcháin. COM (2006) 89.

2) Togra le haghaidh Rialacháin ón gComhairle lena leasaítear Rialachán (CEE) Uimh. 1906/90 maidir le caighdeáin mhargaíochta áirithe le haghaidh feola éanlaithe clóis mar aon le nóta faisnéise míniúcháin. COM (2006) 90.

3) Togra le haghaidh Rialacháin ón gComhairle maidir le críochnú an Chomhaontaithe Comhpháirtíochta in earnáil an iascaigh idir an Comhphobal Eorpach agus Aontas Oileáin Chomóra mar aon le nóta faisnéise míniúcháin. COM (2006) 96.

4) Togra le haghaidh Rialacháin ón gComhairle maidir le críochnú an Chomhaontaithe Comhpháirtíochta Iascaigh idir an Comhphobal Eorpach agus Poblacht na Séiséal mar aon le nóta faisnéise míniúcháin. COM (2006) 97.

5) Na Rialacháin Cánach Breisluacha (Leasú) 2006 (I.R. Uimh. 198 de 2006).

Neamhrechtúil:

1) Na Rialacháin Aoisliúntais (Eagraíochtaí Ceadaithe a Ainmniú) 2006 (I.R. Uimh. 195 de 2006).

2) Páipéar Comhairliúcháin ón gCoimisiún um Athchóiriú an Dlí maidir le hÉigeantas agus Riachtanas (LRC CP 39 — 2006).

Statutory:

1) Proposal for a Council Regulation on marketing standards for eggs together with explanatory information note. COM (2006) 89.

2) Proposal for a Council Regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No. 1906/90 on certain marketing standards for poultry-meat together with explanatory information note. COM (2006) 90.

3) Proposal for a Council Regulation concerning the conclusion of the Partnership Agreement in the fisheries sector between the European Community and the Union of the Comoros together with explanatory information note. COM (2006) 96.

4) Proposal for a Council Regulation concerning the conclusion of the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Community and the Republic of Seychelles together with explanatory information note. COM (2006) 97.

5) Value-Added Tax (Amendment) Regulations 2006 (S.I. No. 198 of 2006).

Non-Statutory:

1) Superannuation (Designation of Approved Organisations) Regulations 2006 (S.I. No. 195 of 2006).

2) Law Reform Commission Consultation Paper on Duress and Necessity (LRC CP 39 — 2006).