

*Dé Céadaoin, 10 Bealtaine, 2006*  
*Wednesday, 10th May, 2006*

10.30 a.m.

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**ORD GNÓ LÁ NA hEORPA**  
**ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR EUROPE DAY**

- 21.** Lá na hEorpa á chur in iúl ag Cathaoirleach an Chomhchoiste um Ghnóthaí Eorpacha.  
 Introduction to Europe Day by the Chairperson of the Joint Committee on European Affairs.
- 22.** Ráitis ar Thuarascáil an Chomhchoiste um Ghnóthaí Eorpacha maidir leis an Imirce.  
 Statements on the Report of the Joint Committee on European Affairs on Migration.
- Cuirfear an suí ar fionraí ó 12.10 p.m. go dtí 2.30 p.m. chun a éascú cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Thalmhaíocht agus Bia a chomóradh i Seomra na Dála.*  
*Sitting suspended from 12.10 p.m. to 2.30 p.m. to facilitate the convening of a meeting of the Joint Committee on Agriculture and Food in the Dáil Chamber.*
- 1.** Bille na gComhphobal Eorpach (Leasú) 2006 — Dara Céim.  
 European Communities (Amendment) Bill 2006 — Second Stage.
- 23.** Ráitis maidir leis an Tríú Tuarascáil Bhliantúil ar Acht an Aontais Eorpaigh (Grinnscrúdú) 2002.  
 Statements on the Third Annual Report of the European Union (Scrutiny) Act 2002.
- 24.** Ráitis maidir leis an Eoraip agus an Domhan Forásach.  
 Statements on Europe and the Developing World.
- 25.** Ráiteas Dúnta ag Cathaoirleach an Chomhchoiste um Ghnóthaí Eorpacha.  
 Closing Statement by the Chairperson of the Joint Committee on European Affairs.
- 26.** Ráiteas ag an Teachta Ruairí Ó Cuinn, Rapporteur an Choiste um Ghnóthaí Eorpacha.  
 Statement by Deputy Ruairi Quinn, Rapporteur of the European Affairs Committee.
- 27.** Ráiteas Dúnta ag an Teachta Nollaig Ó Treasaigh, Aire Stáit ag an Roinn Gnóthaí Eachtracha a bhfuil freagracht air as Gnóthaí Eorpacha.  
 Closing Statement by Deputy Noel Treacy, Minister of State at the Department of Foreign Affairs with responsibility for European Affairs.

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

- 57.** Tairiscint *maidir le* hEarnáil Fuinnimh na hÉireann (*atógáil*).  
 Motion *re* Ireland's Energy Sector (*resumed*).

**ORDUITHE AN LAE  
ORDERS OF THE DAY**

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

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

**57.** “That Dail Eireann, mindful of the continued increase in the costs of energy arising from global instability and the threat this presents to our economy coupled with the economic impact of our failure to meet our commitments under the Kyoto Protocol,

- condemns the Government for its failure to act in a meaningful way to act on the alternative energy agenda; and
- believes the current measures in place to improve Ireland’s renewable energy output are totally inadequate;

calls for:

- the removal of all excise duty on bio fuels to stimulate production;
- legislation compelling all filling stations to include a 2 per cent mix of biodiesel in all diesel sold and a 5 per cent mix of ethanol in all petrol sold;

- a system of labelling for all new motor vehicles based on energy efficiency and use of renewable energy sources, similar to that currently used on electrical appliances;
- reform of Vehicle Registration Tax to reward those vehicles granted a more efficient energy rating; and
- the setting up of the appropriate agency to co-ordinate the research and development required to develop the renewable energy sector.” — *Bernard J. Durkan, Fergus O’Dowd, Olivia Mitchell, Denis Naughten, Enda Kenny, Richard Bruton, Bernard Allen, Pat Breen, Paul Connaughton, Simon Coveney, Seymour Crawford, John Deasy, Jimmy Deenihan, Damien English, Olwyn Enright, Tom Hayes, Phil Hogan, Paul Kehoe, Pádraic McCormack, Shane McEntee, Dinny McGinley, Paul McGrath, Gay Mitchell, Gerard Murphy, Dan Neville, Michael Noonan, Jim O’Keeffe, John Perry, Michael Ring, David Stanton, Billy Timmins, Liam Twomey.*

[9 May, 2006]

*Leasú (atógáil):*

*Amendment (resumed):*

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

“recognises the:

- ongoing imperative to develop innovative renewable and sustainable energy policies to ensure security of energy supply, economic competitiveness and environmental sustainability, and the major progress being made by this Government in achieving these objectives;
- wide range of investments and supports initiated by this Government to deliver an ambitious programme of renewable and sustainable energy development; and
- comprehensive and holistic strategy of Government in addressing renewable energy priorities, through all-island co-operation and a fully cohesive policy approach involving all relevant Government Departments, agencies and stakeholders;

commends the Government for:

- the €205m biofuels excise relief package announced in Budget 2006, underpinned by capital grant aid, which will allow Ireland to exceed 2% market penetration by 2008;
- the introduction of the Renewable Energy Feed-in-Tariff, which will enable Ireland to exceed, its target of 13.2% renewable electricity consumption by 2010;
- the introduction of the €27m ‘Greener Homes’ domestic grants programme for renewable heat and the success of that programme to date;
- the commitment to further grants schemes shortly to support commercial scale biomass heating and combined heat and power;
- the implementation of a targeted ocean energy strategy to capitalise on Ireland’s unique maritime environment which will position Ireland at the forefront of international research and development in this area;
- the reduced rate of Vehicle Registration Tax (VRT) introduced for hybrid electric vehicles and flexible fuel vehicles capable of running on 85% biofuels;
- its commitment jointly with the UK Government to the development of sustainable energy on an all-island basis in the context of the all-island energy market;

notes:

- the fact that Fine Gael refused the opportunity to constructively participate in an all-party approach to developing renewable energy policies for the future;

- the Government is strongly committed to promoting and assisting the sustainable production, supply and use of energy through SEI, the statutory agency established for this purpose;
- the wide range of support and research and development programmes which SEI implements in the industrial, commercial, public and domestic sectors, in support of those objectives;
- the imminent establishment of the Irish Energy Research Council which will co-ordinate and advise on priorities for energy research technology development and innovation to 2013 and beyond;
- that VRT already takes into account the fuel usage of the car, with bigger cars incurring higher VRT rates, and that review of vehicle tax is the subject of a current European Commission proposal; and
- that EC Directive 1999/94 already requires Member States to implement requirements in relation to the provision of information on CO<sub>2</sub> emissions and fuel economy in the case of all new passenger cars.” — *An tAire Cumarsáide, Mara agus Acmhainní Nádurtha.*

### MEMORANDA

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**Meastacháin (Fiontair, Trádáil agus Fostaíocht):**

**Estimates (Enterprise, Trade and Employment):**

Cruinniú den Roghchoiste um Fhiontraíocht agus Mionghnóthaí i Seomra Coiste 3, TL2000, ar 9.30 a.m.

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

**Beartas Talmhaíochta na hEorpa-Caibidil leis an gCoimisinéir AE do Thalmhaíocht agus Forbairt Tuaithe, Mariann Fischer Boel, Uas:**

**European Agriculture Policy — Discussion with EU Commissioner for Agriculture and Rural Development, Ms. Mariann Fischer Boel:**

Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Thalmhaíocht agus Bia i Seomra na Dála ar 12.10 p.m.

Meeting of the Joint Committee on Agriculture and Food in the Dáil Chamber at 12.10 p.m.

Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Chumarsáid, Muir agus Acmhainní Nádurtha i Seomra Coiste 1, TL2000, ar 2 p.m.

Meeting of the Joint Committee on Communications, Marine and Natural Resources in Committee Room 1, 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.

Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Airgeadas agus an tSeirbhís Phoiblí i Seomra Coiste 4, TL2000, ar 3 p.m.

Meeting of the Joint Committee on Finance and the Public Service in Committee Room 4, LH2000, at 3 p.m.

**Meastacháin (Ealaíona, Spóirt agus Turasóireacht):****Estimates (Arts, Sport and Tourism):**

Cruinniú den Roghchoiste um Ghnóthaí Ealaíon, Spóirt, Turasóireachta, Pobail, Tuaithe agus Gaeltachta i Seomra Coiste 2, TL2000, ar 3.30 p.m.

Meeting of the Select Committee on Arts, Sport, Tourism, Community, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs in Committee Room 2, LH2000, at 3.30 p.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 5 p.m.

Meeting of the Select Committee on Justice, Equality, Defence and Women's Rights in Committee Room 1, LH2000, at 5 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 5.30 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 5.30 p.m. (*private*).

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

*Reachtúil:*

1) Togra le haghaidh Cinnidh ón gComhairle maidir le seasamh an Chomhphobail i ndáil leis an dréacht-Rialachán ó Choimisiún Eacnamaíochta na Náisiún Aontaithe don Eoraip maidir le mótarfheithiclí a cheadú i ndáil leis an réimse radhairc chun tosaigh ag tiománaí na mótarfheithicle mar aon le nóta faisnéise míniúcháin. COM (2006) 127.

2) Togra le haghaidh Cinnidh ón gComhairle maidir le seasamh an Chomhphobail i ndáil leis an dréacht-Rialachán ó Choimisiún Eacnamaíochta na Náisiún Aontaithe don Eoraip maidir le córais deighilte chun paisinéirí a chosaint ar bhagáiste díláithrithe, arna soláthar mar threalamh nach trealamh bunaidh é mar aon le nóta faisnéise míniúcháin. COM (2006) 112.

3) Togra le haghaidh Cinnidh ón gComhairle maidir le síniú an Chomhaontaithe Cobhsaíochta agus Comhlachais idir na Comhphobail Eorpacha agus a gcuid Ballstát agus Poblacht na hAlbáine thar ceann an Aontais Eorpaigh [agus] Togra le haghaidh Cinnidh ón gComhairle agus ón gCoimisiún maidir le críochnú an Chomhaontaithe Cobhsaíochta agus Comhlachais idir na Comhphobail Eorpacha agus a gcuid Ballstát, de pháirt, agus Poblacht na

*Statutory:*

1) Proposal for a Council Decision on the position of the Community in relation to the draft Regulation of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe concerning the approval of motor vehicles with regard to the forward field of vision of the motor vehicle driver together with explanatory information note. COM (2006) 127.

2) Proposal for a Council Decision on the position of the Community in relation to the draft Regulation of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe concerning the approval of partitioning systems to protect passengers against displaced luggage, supplied as non-original equipment together with explanatory information note. COM (2006) 112.

3) Proposal for a Council Decision on the signing of the Stabilisation and Association Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States and the Republic of Albania on behalf of the European Community [and] Proposal for a Council and Commission Decision on the conclusion of the Stabilisation and Association Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Albania,

hAlbáine, den pháirt eile, mar aon le nóta faisnéise míniúcháin. COM (2006) 138.

4) An tÚdarás Comhionannais. Tuarascáil Bhliantúil, 2005.

*Neamhreachtúil:*

1) Tithe an Oireachtais. An Comhchoiste um Shláinte agus Leanaí. Ordú ag bunú Fochoiste um Sheachthorthaí Dochracha Táirgí Cógaisíochta.

2) Rialacháin na gComhphobal Eorpach (Líonraí agus Seirbhísí Cumarsáide Leictreonaí) (Creat) (Leasú) 2006 (I.R. Uimh. 210 de 2006).

3) Rialacháin na gComhphobal Eorpach (Rialú ar Allmhairí Táirgí de Bhunadh Ainmhíoch ó Mhadagascar ) 2006 (I.R. Uimh. 190 de 2006).

4) Rialacháin na gComhphobal Eorpach (Fliú Éanúil) (Rialú ar Allmhairí ón gCróit) (Leasú) (Uimh. 2) 2006 (I.R. Uimh. 191 de 2006).

5) Na Rialacha Cúirte Dúiche (Ordú 16) 2006 (I.R. Uimh. 238 de 2006).

of the other part together with explanatory information note. COM (2006) 138.

4) Equality Authority. Annual Report, 2005.

*Non-Statutory:*

1) Houses of the Oireachtas. Joint Committee on Health and Children. Order establishing a Sub-Committee on the Adverse Side Effects of Pharmaceuticals.

2) European Communities (Electronic Communications Networks and Services) (Framework) (Amendment) Regulations 2006 (S.I. No. 210 of 2006).

3) European Communities (Control on Imports of Products of Animal Origin from Madagascar) Regulations 2006 (S.I. No. 190 of 2006).

4) European Communities (Avian Influenza) (Control on Imports from Croatia) (Amendment) Regulations (No. 2) 2006 (S.I. No. 191 of 2006).

5) District Court (Order 16) Rules 2006 (S.I. No. 238 of 2006).