

*Dé Céadaoin, 24 Bealtaine, 2006*  
*Wednesday, 24th May, 2006*

10.30 a.m.

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**ORD GNÓ**  
**ORDER OF BUSINESS**

- 12.** Tairiscint *maidir le* Ceadú beartaithe ag Dáil Éireann i ndáil le téarmaí an Chonartha maidir le hAontachas Phoblacht na Bulgáire agus na Rómáine leis an Aontas Eorpach [*Arna mbreithniú ag an Roghchoiste um Ghnóthaí Eorpacha an 17 Bealtaine, 2006*].  
 Motion *re* Proposed approval by Dáil Éireann of the terms of the Treaty concerning the Accession of the Republic of Bulgaria and Romania to the European Union [*Considered by the Select Committee on European Affairs on 17th May, 2006*].
- 13.** Tairiscint *maidir le* Ceadú beartaithe ag Dáil Éireann i ndáil leis na Rialacháin fán Acht um Shaoráil Faisnéise 1997 (Comhlachtaí Forordaithe) 2006 [*Arna mbreithniú ag an gComhchoiste um Airgeadas agus an tSeirbhís Phoiblí an 23 Bealtaine, 2006*].  
 Motion *re* Proposed approval by Dáil Éireann of the Freedom of Information Act 1997 (Prescribed Bodies) Regulations 2006 [*Considered by the Joint Committee on Finance and Public Service on 23rd May, 2006*].
- 13a.** Tairiscint *maidir le* Comhaltas Coiste.  
 Motion *re* Membership of Committee.
- 20.** An Bille Fuinnimh (Forálacha Ilghnéitheacha) 2006 — An Dara Céim (*atógáil*).  
 Energy (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2006 — Second Stage (*resumed*).
- 3.** An Bille um Pleanáil agus Forbairt (Bonneagar Straitéiseach) 2006 [*Seanad*] — An Dara Céim.  
 Planning and Development (Strategic Infrastructure) Bill 2006 [*Seanad*] — Second Stage.

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

- 54.** Tairiscint *maidir le* Drochúsáid Drugaí (*atógáil*).  
 Motion *re* Drug Abuse (*resumed*).

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

*Billí ón Seanad : Bills from the Seanad*

3. An Bille um Pleanáil agus Forbairt (Bonneagar Straitéiseach) 2006 [*Seanad*] — An Dara Céim.  
Planning and Development (Strategic Infrastructure) Bill 2006 [*Seanad*] — Second Stage.

*Fógraí Tairisceana : Notices of Motions*

12. “Go gceadaíonn Dáil Éireann téarmaí an Chonartha maidir le hAontachas Phoblacht na Bulgáire agus na Rómáine leis an Aontas Eorpach, arna dhéanamh i Lucsamburg an 25 Aibreán, 2005, ar leagadh cóipeanna de faoi bhráid Dháil Éireann an 17 Eanáir, 2006.”

That Dáil Éireann approves the terms of the Treaty concerning the Accession of the Republic of Bulgaria and Romania to the European Union, done at Luxembourg on 25 April, 2005, copies of which were laid before Dáil Éireann on 17th January, 2006.”

— *An tAire Gnóthaí Eachtracha.*

13. “Go gceadaíonn Dáil Éireann na Rialacháin seo a leanas ina ndrúacht:

That Dáil Éireann approves the following Regulations in draft:

Na Rialacháin fán Acht um Shaoráil Faisnéise 1997 (Comhlachtaí Forordaithe) 2006,

Freedom of Information Act 1997 (Prescribed Bodies) Regulations 2006,

ar leagadh cóipeanna díobh ina ndrúacht faoi bhráid Dháil Éireann an 28 Aibreán, 2006.

copies of which were laid in draft form before Dáil Éireann on 28th April, 2006.”

— *An tAire Airgeadais.*

13a. “Go ndéanfar an Teachta Micheál Ó Rinn a urscaoileadh ón bhFochoiste um Sheirbhísí do Chomhaltaí den Choiste um Nós Imeachta agus Pribhléidí agus an Teachta Seán Mac an tSaoi a cheapadh ina ionad.

That Deputy Michael Ring be discharged from the Committee on Procedure and Privileges sub-Committee on Members’ Services and that Deputy Shane McEntee be appointed in substitution for him.”

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

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

20. An Bille Fuinnimh (Forálacha Ilghnéitheacha) 2006 — An Dara Céim (*atógáil*).  
Energy (Miscellaneous Provisions) 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):*

54. “That Dáil Éireann,

recognising the many diverse and profound problems for individuals and for society caused by the misuse of drugs, both legal and illegal;

affirms:

- the right of children, young persons, adults, families and communities to be protected from the harmful effects of drugs and associated crime;
- the right of all to be educated about the damaging effects of the misuse of drugs;
- the right of people to grow up in communities free from poverty, social exclusion and inequality, which are undoubtedly factors which have influenced drug misuse;

views with grave concern the escalating impact of problem drug use in Irish society including:

- the rapidly increasing use of cocaine throughout the country;
- the devastating effect of heroin use, in particular, in many working-class communities and now spreading to every town and village in Ireland;
- the hurt and pain suffered by the families of addicts due to drug use, drug dealers and the inadequate and late response of statutory bodies;
- the emergence of a trade in crack cocaine in Dublin;
- the high level of crime which is fuelled by the drugs trade;
- the damage to public health caused by growing levels of drug misuse and addiction; and
- the failure of the Health Service Executive to provide harm reduction facilities throughout the State;

calls on the Government to acknowledge the many shortfalls in policy and implementation of policy and to recommit itself to the overall strategic objective of the National Drugs Strategy 2001-2008 which is to significantly reduce the harm caused to individuals and society by the misuse of drugs through a concerted focus on supply reduction, prevention, treatment and research;

to that end, mandates the Government to:

- ensure the relentless pursuit of major drug traffickers and ring-fence funds seized from them for community development in those neighbourhoods worst affected by the drugs scourge;
- provide for all appropriate sanctions for those involved in the drug trade, including prison sentences for drug barons which reflect the devastating impact of their activities on individuals, families and communities, as well as increased use of alternatives to prison for certain drug-related crimes where this would be more appropriate;
- increase the resources available to the Garda Síochána National Drugs Unit, Local Drugs Units and Juvenile Liaison Officers;
- ensure a genuine partnership between the Garda Síochána and local communities, given that the Garda Síochána Act 2005 failed to introduce adequate structures for accountability and genuine community policing;
- introduce local accountability structures at district level such as Community Policing Partnerships or, at least, to roll out the Joint Policing Committees and Community Policing Fora provided for by the Garda Síochána Act 2005 across the 26 Counties as a matter of urgency;
- reverse the current approach to drug abuse in prisons to ensure that prisoners have access to health care and prevention policies and services including harm reduction strategies equivalent to those available in the wider community;

- immediately formulate, resource and implement an Action Plan to combat spiralling cocaine use;
- dedicate adequate funding to significantly expand the availability of drug treatment and to eliminate waiting lists for treatment;
- encourage the Health Service Executive to return to real partnership with community and voluntary groups in addressing problematic drug use;
- expand the spectrum of services available so that all drug users who want to avail of treatment and other services can do so;
- ensure that drug users also have access to the other counselling and medical services they need, without discrimination;
- recognise the right of all grandparents looking after the children of their addict sons and daughters to be fully supported in line with provision for foster parents and accordingly increase the Orphan/Guardian Allowance;
- ensure the take-up of widespread and well-resourced education programmes and campaigns for children and parents against the misuse of drugs, in school, at home and in the community;
- seriously address poverty and inequality in this State, including educational disadvantage, and accordingly provide Early Start Programmes in all RAPID areas;
- work on an all-Ireland basis to ensure the application of the strategic objectives of the National Drugs Strategy to the island as a whole; and
- appoint a Minister of State with sole responsibility for drugs issues.” — *Seán Crowe, Caoimhghín Ó Caoláin, Martin Ferris, Arthur Morgan, Aengus Ó Snodaigh.*  
[23 May, 2006]

*Leasuithe:*

*Amendments:*

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

- “— supports the Government on their on-going implementation of the National Drugs Strategy 2001-8;
- notes that the key finding of the mid-term review of the National Drugs Strategy in 2005 was that the current aims and objectives of the strategy are fundamentally sound and that progress was being made across the four pillars of the strategy;
- recognises the significant work being done under the four pillars of the National Drugs Strategy, supply reduction, prevention, treatment and research and the decision to include a fifth pillar of rehabilitation to further focus initiatives in that area;
- welcomes the significant increase in funding provided this year for drugs initiatives;
- commends the partnership approach to tackling the drugs issue across Departments, agencies and the community and voluntary sectors;
- commends the Health Services Executive for its role in developing appropriate responses to problematic drug use through significantly increased treatment services;
- commends the level of success of the Gardaí and Custom Services in relation to drug seizures and the work of the Gardaí in countering drugs misuse on a country-wide basis and in a spirit of partnership with local communities;
- endorses the initiatives outlined in the recently published Irish Prisons Service drugs strategy ‘Keeping Drugs Out of Prisons’;

- endorses the National Action Plan against Poverty and Social Inclusion and the five year Educational Plan ‘Delivering Equality of Opportunity in Schools’ which commenced in 2005;
- welcomes the all-island initiatives in relation to the problem of drug misuse in Ireland; and
- supports Deputy Noel Ahern, Minister of State on his wholehearted commitment to, and successful handling of, the Government’s drive against the problems of drug misuse in our society.” (*resumed*) — *An tAire Gnóthaí Pobail, Tuaithe agus Gaeltachta*

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

- “— recognises the serious threat facing Irish society as a result of the significant growth in drug dealing and drug misuse throughout Ireland in recent years;
- notes the devastating impact of drug misuse on individuals, their families and communities;
- expresses its concern over the alarming growth of drug misuse, particularly cocaine, and the related increase in organised crime and gangland violence from such growth;
- condemns the Government for its failure to comprehensively deal with the drugs problem and for its failure to fully implement the National Drugs Strategy;

calls on the Government to tackle the problem of drug misuse by:

- ensuring that all recommendations of the National Drugs Strategy are fully implemented;
- increasing the type and range of drug prevention and rehabilitation programmes available to drug misusers;
- expanding the resources and means available to the Garda Síochána to comprehensively deal with the criminal elements involved in the drugs trade;
- properly resourcing the Drug Task Forces to allow them to prevent and treat drug misuse in our communities; and

calls on the Government to reinstate the partnership approach to addressing drug misuse through greater co-operation between local communities and all State bodies tackling drug misuse.” — *Damien English, Dinny McGinley, Jim O’Keeffe, Enda Kenny, Richard Bruton, Bernard Allen, Pat Breen, Paul Connaughton, Simon Coveney, Seymour Crawford, John Deasy, Jimmy Deenihan, Bernard J. Durkan, Olwyn Enright, Tom Hayes, Phil Hogan, Paul Kehoe, Padraic McCormack, Shane McEntee, 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, Liam Twomey.*

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## MEMORANDA

*Dé Céadaoin, 24 Bealtaine, 2006*  
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Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Dhlí agus Ceart, Comhionannas, Cosaint agus Cearta na mBan i Seomra Coiste 1, TL2000, ar 9.30 a.m.

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

**An Bille Sláinte (Scéim Aisíoca) 2006:  
Health (Repayment Scheme) Bill 2006:**

Cruinniú den Roghchoiste um Shláinte agus Leanaí i Seomra Coiste 2, TL2000, ar 11.30 a.m.

Meeting of the Select Committee on Health and Children in Committee Room 2, LH2000, at 11.30 a.m.

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Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Ghnóthaí Eorpacha i Seomra Coiste 1, TL2000, ar 2 p.m.

Meeting of the Joint Committee on European Affairs in Committee Room 1, LH2000, at 2 p.m.

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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.

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Cruinniú den Comhchoiste um Ghnóthaí Ealaíon, Spóirt, Turasóireachta, Pobail, Tuaithe agus Gaeltachta i Seomra Coiste 2, TL2000, ar 4.15 p.m.

Meeting of the Joint Committee on Arts, Sport, Tourism, Community, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs in Committee Room 2, LH2000, at 4.15 p.m.

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

*Reachtúil:*

1) Tuarascáil ón Ard-Reachtaire Cuntas agus Ciste faoi Scrúdú Luach ar Airgead — An Roinn Gnóthaí Sóisialacha agus Teaghlaigh — ‘Forlionsa Cíosa’. Tuarascáil Uimh. 53, Aibreán, 2006.

2) Togra le haghaidh Rialacháin ón gComhairle lena leasaítear Rialachán (CE) Uimh. 2667/2000 maidir leis an nGníomhaireacht Eorpach um Athchóiriú mar aon le nóta faisnéise míniúcháin. COM (2006) 162.

3) Togra le haghaidh Rialacháin ón gComhairle maidir le bearta sriantacha in aghaidh an Uachtaráin Lukashenko agus oifigeach áirithe de chuid na Bealarúise mar aon le nóta faisnéise míniúcháin. COM (2006) 190.

4) Togra le haghaidh Cinnidh ón gComhairle maidir le seasamh an Chomhphobail Eorpaigh i ndáil le Rialachán 51 ó Choimisiún Eacnamaíochta na Náisiún Aontaithe don Eoraip a oiriúnú do dhul chun cinn teicniúil mar aon le nóta faisnéise míniúcháin. COM (2006) 150.

5) Dréacht de Chreat-Chinneadh maidir le malartú eolais agus faisnéise idir údaráis fhorfheidhmithe dlí Bhallstáit an Aontais Eorpaigh a shimplíú.

*Statutory:*

1) Comptroller and Auditor General Report on Value for Money Examination — Department of Social and Family Affairs — ‘Rent Supplements’. Report No. 53, April, 2006.

2) Proposal for a Council Regulation amending Regulation (EC) No. 2667/2000 on the European Agency for Reconstruction together with explanatory information note. COM (2006) 162.

3) Proposal for a Council Regulation concerning restrictive measures against President Lukashenko and certain officials of Belarus together with explanatory information note. COM (2006) 190.

4) Proposal for a Council Decision on the position of the European Community regarding the adaptation to technical progress of Regulation 51 of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe together with explanatory information note. COM (2006) 150.

5) Draft Framework Decision on simplifying the exchange of information and intelligence between law enforcement authorities of the Member States of the European Union.

6) Togra le haghaidh Rialacháin ón gComhairle lena leasaítear Iarscríbhinn 1 a ghabhann le Rialachán (CEE) Uimh. 2658/87 maidir le hainmníocht taraife agus staidrimh agus maidir leis an Taraif Chomhchustaim mar aon le nóta faisnéise míniúcháin. COM (2005) 640.

7) Togra le haghaidh Rialacháin ó Pharlaimint na hEorpa agus ón gComhairle lena mbunaítear Ciste Coigeartaithe Forchríochoithe na hEorpa mar aon le nóta faisnéise míniúcháin. COM (2006) 91.

8) Togra Leasaithe le haghaidh Treorach ó Pharlaimint na hEorpa agus ón gComhairle maidir le seirbhísí sa mhargadh inmheánach mar aon le nóta faisnéise míniúcháin. COM (2006) 160.

9) Togra le haghaidh Rialacháin ón gComhairle maidir le glúcós agus le luchtós (Leagan códaithe) mar aon le nóta faisnéise míniúcháin. COM (2006) 116.

6) Proposal for a Council Regulation amending Annex 1 to Regulation (EEC) No. 2658/87 on the tariff and statistical nomenclature and on the Common Customs Tariff together with explanatory information note. COM (2005) 640.

7) Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund together with explanatory information note. COM (2006) 91.

8) Amended Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on services in the internal market together with explanatory information note. COM (2006) 160.

9) Proposal for a Council Regulation on glucose and lactose (Codified version) together with explanatory information note. COM (2006) 116.

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