



# **DÁIL ÉIREANN**

*Dé Máirt, 27 Samhain, 2007*  
*Tuesday, 27th November, 2007*

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**RIAR NA hOIBRE**  
**ORDER PAPER**



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2.30 p.m.

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**ORD GNÓ**  
**ORDER OF BUSINESS**

7. Tairiscint *maidir leis* an Tríú Clár um Athchóiriú an Dlí a tharchur chuig Comhchoiste.  
Motion *re* Referral to Joint Committee of the Third Programme of Law Reform.
8. Tairiscint *maidir le* Cead chun Meastacháin Fhorlíontacha a Thabhairt Isteach [Vótaí 20, 21, 25, 26, 27, 31, 32, 35 agus 37].  
Motion *re* Leave to Introduce Supplementary Estimates [Votes 20, 21, 25, 26, 27, 31, 32, 35 and 37].
9. Tairiscint *maidir le* Meastacháin Fhorlíontacha [Vótaí 20, 21, 25, 26, 27, 31, 32, 35 agus 37] a Tharchur chuig Roghchoiste.  
Motion *re* Referral of Supplementary Estimates [Votes 20, 21, 25, 26, 27, 31, 32, 35 and 37] to Select Committee.
1. An Bille Árachais Sláinte Shaorálaigh (Leasú) 2007 [*Seanad*] — An Dara Céim.  
Voluntary Health Insurance (Amendment) Bill 2007 [*Seanad*] — Second Stage.

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

22. Tairiscint *maidir le* Muinín as an Aire Sláinte agus Leanaí.  
Motion *re* Confidence in the Minister for Health and Children.

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

*Billí ón Seanad : Bills from the Seanad*

1. An Bille Árachais Sláinte Shaorálaigh (Leasú) 2007 [*Seanad*] — An Dara Céim.  
Voluntary Health Insurance (Amendment) Bill 2007 [*Seanad*] — Second Stage.
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2. An Bille um Eitic in Oifigí Poiblí (Leasú) 2007 [*Seanad*] — An Dara Céim.  
Ethics in Public Office (Amendment) Bill 2007 [*Seanad*] — Second Stage.
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*Billí a thionscnamh : Initiation of Bills*

*Tíolactha:*  
*Presented:*

3. An Bille um an Ochtú Leasú is Fiche ar an mBunreacht 2007 — Ordú don Dara Céim.  
Twenty-eighth Amendment of the Constitution Bill 2007 — Order for Second Stage.

Bille dá ngairtear Acht chun an                      Bill entitled an Act to amend the  
Bunreacht a leasú.    constitution.

—*An tAire Sláinte agus Leanaí.*

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4. An Bille Fíneálacha 2007 — Ordú don Dara Céim.  
Fines Bill 2007 — Order for Second Stage.

Bille dá ngairtear Acht do dhéanamh socrú i ndáil leis na fíneálacha uasta a fhéadfaidh cúirt a fhorchur i leith cionta a thriailtear go hachomair agus cionta áirithe a thriailtear ar díotáil; do dhéanamh socrú go ndéanfaidh cúirt, a mbeidh fíneáil á forchur aici ar dhuine a chiontú i gcion, dálaí airgeadais duine a chur i gcuntas; do dhéanamh socrú maidir le fíneálacha den sórt sin a íoc ina dtráthchodanna in imthosca áirithe; agus do dhéanamh socrú i dtaobh nithe a bhaineann leis an méid sin.

Bill entitled an Act to make provision in relation to the maximum fines that a court may impose in respect of offences tried summarily and certain offences tried on indictment; to provide that a court in imposing a fine upon conviction of a person of an offence shall take account of a person's financial circumstances; to provide for the payment of such fines by instalment in certain circumstances; and to provide for matters connected therewith.

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

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*Tabhairt Isteach:*  
*Introduction:*

5. An Bille fá Chlár um Chosaint Finnéithe 2007 — An Chéad Chéim.  
Witness Protection Programme Bill 2007 — First Stage.

Bille dá ngairtear Acht do dhéanamh socrú maidir le bunú agus le hoibriú cláir le haghaidh cosaint ag an Stát d'fhinnéithe atá

Bill entitled an Act to provide for the establishment and operation of a programme for the state protection of witnesses involved

páirteach in imscrúduithe coiriúla agus in ionchúisimh choiriúla; agus do dhéanamh socrú i dtaobh nithe gaolmhara

in criminal investigations and prosecutions; and to provide for related matters

—*Pat Rabbitte.*

**6. Bille an Gharda Síochána (Cumhachtaí Faireachais) 2007 — An Chéad Chéim.  
Garda Síochána (Powers of Surveillance) Bill 2007 — First Stage.**

Bille dá ngairtear Acht do thabhairt cumhachtaí breise don Gharda Síochána maidir le faireachas; agus do dhéanamh socrú i dtaobh nithe gaolmhara

Bill entitled an Act to provide additional powers for the Garda Síochána with respect to surveillance; and to provide for related matters

—*Pat Rabbitte.*

*Fógraí Tairisceana : Notices of Motions*

7. “Go n-iarrann Dáil Éireann ar an gComhchoiste um Dhlí agus Ceart, Comhionannas, Cosaint agus Cearta na mBan, nó ar fhochoiste den Chomhchoiste sin, breithniú a dhéanamh, lena n-áirítear breithniú i seisiún poiblí, ar an Tríú Clár Athchóirithe Dlí arna ullmhú ag an gCoimisiún um Athchóiriú an Dlí, agus tuairisc a thabhairt do Dháil Éireann an 6 Nollaig 2007, nó roimhe sin.

That Dáil Éireann request the Joint Committee on Justice, Equality, Defence and Women's Rights, or a sub-committee thereof, to consider, including in public session, the Third Programme of Law Reform prepared by the Law Reform Commission, and to report back to Dáil Éireann on or before 6th December 2007.”

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

8. “Go dtabharfaidh an Dáil cead chun na Meastacháin Fhorlíontacha seo a leanas a thabhairt isteach le haghaidh sheirbhís na bliana dar críoch an 31ú lá de Nollaig, 2007:

That leave be given by the Dáil to introduce the following Supplementary Estimates for the service of the year ending on the 31st day of December, 2007: –

Vóta 20 — An Garda Síochána (*Meastachán Forlíontach*).

Vote 20 – Garda Síochána (*Supplementary Estimate*).

Vóta 21 — Príosúin (*Meastachán Forlíontach*).

Vote 21 – Prisons (*Supplementary Estimate*).

Vóta 25 – Comhshaol, Oidhreacht agus Rialtas Áitiúil (*Meastachán Forlíontach*).

Vote 25 – Environment, Heritage and Local Government (*Supplementary Estimate*).

Vóta 26 — Oideachas agus Eolaíocht (*Meastachán Forlíontach*).

Vote 26 – Education and Science (*Supplementary Estimate*).

Vóta 27 – Gnóthaí Pobail, Tuaithe agus

Vote 27 – Community, Rural and

Gaeltachta (*Meastachán Forlíontach*).

Vóta 31 – Talmhaíocht, Iascach agus Bia (*Meastachán Forlíontach*).

Vóta 32 — Iompar (*Meastachán Forlíontach*).

Vóta 35 — Ealaíona, Spórt agus Turasóireacht (*Meastachán Forlíontach*).

Vóta 37 – Arm-Phinsin (*Meastachán Forlíontach*).

Gaeltacht Affairs (*Supplementary Estimate*).

Vote 31 – Agriculture, Fisheries and Food (*Supplementary Estimate*).

Vote 32 – Transport (*Supplementary Estimate*).

Vote 35 – Arts, Sport and Tourism (*Supplementary Estimate*).

Vote 37 – Army Pensions (*Supplementary Estimate*).

—*An Tánaiste agus Aire Airgeadais.*

9. “Faoi réir cead a thabhairt chun na Meastacháin Fhorlíontacha seo a leanas a thabhairt isteach i gcomhair sheirbhís na bliana dar críoch an 31 Nollaig, 2007, go dtarchuirfear na Meastacháin Fhorlíontacha chuig na Roghchoistí seo a leanas de bhun Bhuan-Ordú 154(3) agus mhír 1(a)(ii) d’Orduithe Tagartha na gCoistí agus go dtabharfaidh na Coistí tuairisc don Dáil tráth nach déanaí ná na dátaí seo a leanas:—

(i) 6 Nollaig, 2007

Vóta 20 — An Garda Síochána (*Meastachán Forlíontach*)— An Roghchoiste um Dhlí agus Ceart, Comhionannas, Cosaint agus Cearta na mBan.

Vóta 21 — Príosúin (*Meastachán Forlíontach*) — An Roghchoiste um Dhlí agus Ceart, Comhionannas, Cosaint agus Cearta na mBan.

(ii) 13 Nollaig, 2007

Vóta 25 – Comhshaol, Oidhreacht agus Rialtas Áitiúil (*Meastachán Forlíontach*) — An Roghchoiste um Chomhshaol, Oidhreacht agus Rialtas Áitiúil.

Vóta 26 — Oideachas agus Eolaíocht (*Meastachán Forlíontach*) — An Roghchoiste um Oideachas agus Eolaíocht.

That, subject to leave being given to introduce the following Supplementary Estimates for the service of the year ending on 31st December, 2007, the Supplementary Estimates be referred to the following Select Committees pursuant to Standing Order 154(3) and paragraph (1)(a)(ii) of the Committees’ Orders of Reference, which shall report back to the Dáil by no later than the dates indicated as follows:—

(i) 6th December, 2007

Vote 20 — Garda Síochána (*Supplementary Estimate*) — Select Committee on Justice, Equality, Defence and Women’s Rights.

Vote 21 – Prisons (*Supplementary Estimate*) — Select Committee on Justice, Equality, Defence and Women’s Rights.

(ii) 13th December, 2007

Vote 25 – Environment, Heritage and Local Government (*Supplementary Estimate*) — Select Committee on the Environment, Heritage and Local Government.

Vote 26 – Education and Science (*Supplementary Estimate*) — Select Committee on Education and Science.

Vóta 27 – Gnóthaí Pobail, Tuaithe agus Gaeltachta (*Meastachán Forlíontach*) — An Roghchoiste um Ghnóthaí Ealaíon, Spóirt, Turasóireachta, Pobail, Tuaithe agus Gaeltachta.

Vóta 31 – Talmhaíocht, Iascach agus Bia (*Meastachán Forlíontach*) — An Roghchoiste um Thalmhaíocht, Iascaigh agus Bia.

Vóta 32 — Iompar (*Meastachán Forlíontach*) — An Roghchoiste um Iompar.

Vóta 35 — Ealaíona, Spórt agus Turasóireacht (*Meastachán Forlíontach*) — An Roghchoiste um Ghnóthaí Ealaíon, Spóirt, Turasóireachta, Pobail, Tuaithe agus Gaeltachta.

Vóta 37 – Arm-Phinsin (*Meastachán Forlíontach*) — An Roghchoiste um Dhlí agus Ceart, Comhionannas, Cosaint agus Cearta na mBan.

Vote 27 – Community, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs (*Supplementary Estimate*) — Select Committee on Arts, Sport, Tourism, Community, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs.

Vote 31 – Agriculture, Fisheries and Food (*Supplementary Estimate*) — Select Committee on Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

Vote 32 – Transport (*Supplementary Estimate*) — Select Committee on Transport.

Vote 35 – Arts, Sport and Tourism (*Supplementary Estimate*) — Select Committee on Arts, Sport, Tourism, Community, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs.

Vote 37 – Army Pensions (*Supplementary Estimate*) — Select Committee on Justice, Equality, Defence and Women's Rights.”

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

10. “Go gceadaíonn Dáil Éireann, de bhun alt 2 den Acht Cosanta (Leasú) (Uimh. 2) 1960, arna chur chun feidhme leis an Acht Cosanta (Leasú) 2006, díorma de na Buan-Óglaigh a chur chun bealaigh le bheith ar fianas le hoibríocht mhíleata an AE ar a dtugtar 'EUFOR TCHAD/RCA', arna bhunú faoi údarás Rún 1178 (2007) ó Chomhairle Slándála na Náisiún Aontaithe, lena n-áirítear feadhna Ceanncheathrún a dhéanfar a lonnú de réir mar a chinnfear ó am go ham.

That Dáil Éireann approves the despatch, pursuant to section 2 of the Defence (Amendment)(No. 2) Act, 1960, as applied by the Defence (Amendment) Act 2006, of a contingent of the Permanent Defence Force for service with the EU military operation named 'EUFOR TCHAD/RCA', established under the authority of United Nations Security Council Resolution 1778 (2007), including Headquarter elements to be located as may be determined from time to time.”

—An tAire Cosanta.

11. “Go gceadaíonn Dáil Éireann an Stát d’fheidhmiú an roghnaithe nó na rogha arna gcur ar fáil le hAirteagal 1.11 de Chonradh Amstardam a bheith páirteach i nglacadh an bhirt bheartaithe seo a leanas:

That Dáil Éireann approves the exercise by the State of the option or discretion provided by Article 1.11 of the Treaty of Amsterdam to take part in the adoption of the following proposed measure:

togra le haghaidh Cinnidh ón a proposal for a Council Decision

gComhairle maidir le comhar idir Oifigí Gnóthaithe Sócmhainní na mBallstát sa réimse fáltais ó choireacht, nó maoin eile a bhaineann léi, a rianú agus a aithint,

concerning co-operation between Asset Recovery Offices of the Member States in the field of tracing and identification of proceeds from, or other property related to, crime,

ar beart beartaithe é ar leagadh cóip de faoi bhráid Dháil Éireann an 20 Meán Fómhair, 2007.

a copy of which proposed measure was laid before Dáil Éireann on 20th September, 2007.”

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

**12.** “Go gceadaíonn Dáil Éireann an tOrdú seo a leanas ina dhréacht:

That Dáil Éireann approves the following Order in draft:

An tOrdú Iascaigh (Ceadúnais Tráchtála Ilghnéitheacha) (Dleachtanna a Athrú) 2007,

Fisheries (Miscellaneous Commercial Licences) (Alteration of Duties) Order 2007,

ar leagadh cóipeanna de faoi bhráid Dháil Éireann an 8 Samhain, 2007.

copies of which were laid before Dáil Éireann on 8th November, 2007.”

— *An tAire Cumarsáide, Fuinnimh agus Acmhainní Nádurtha.*

**13.** “Go gceadaíonn Dáil Éireann an tOrdú seo a leanas ina dhréacht:

That Dáil Éireann approves the following Order in draft:

An tOrdú um Boird Iascaigh Réigiúnacha (Toghcháin a Iarchur) 2007,

Regional Fisheries Boards (Postponement of Elections) Order 2007,

ar leagadh cóipeanna de faoi bhráid Dháil Éireann an 8 Samhain, 2007.

copies of which were laid before Dáil Éireann on 8th November, 2007.”

— *An tAire Cumarsáide, Fuinnimh agus Acmhainní Nádurtha.*

**14.** “Go gceadaíonn Dáil Éireann an tuarascáil ón Aire Cosanta maidir le seirbhís ag Óglaigh na hÉireann leis na Náisiúin Aontaithe in 2006, ar leagadh cóipeanna di faoi bhráid Dháil Éireann an 23 Lúnasa 2007, de réir alt 13 den Acht Cosanta (Leasú) 2006.

That Dáil Éireann approves the report by the Minister for Defence regarding service by the Defence Forces with the United Nations in 2006, copies of which were laid before Dáil Éireann on 23 August 2007, in accordance with section 13 of the Defence (Amendment) Act 2006.”

— *An tAire Cosanta.*

#### ORDUITHE AN LAE ORDERS OF THE DAY

**15.** An Bille Cóipchirt agus Ceart Gaolmhar (Leasú) 2007 [*Seanad*] — Ordú don Tuarascáil Copyright and Related Rights (Amendment) Bill 2007 [*Seanad*] — Order for Report.



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16. Ráitis maidir leis an Straitéis Náisiúnta Drugaí 2001 – 2008 agus leis an Athbhreithniú Meántearma ar an Straitéis Náisiúnta Drugaí Márta 2005.  
Statements on National Drug Strategy 2001 - 2008 and the Mid-Term Review of the National Drugs Strategy March 2005.
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17. An Bille um Binsí Fiosrúcháin 2005 — An Dara Céim (*atógáil*).  
Tribunals of Inquiry Bill 2005 — Second Stage (*resumed*).
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18. Ráitis maidir le hIompar 21 (*atógáil*).  
Statements on Transport 21 (*resumed*).
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### GNÓ COMHALTAÍ PRÍOBHÁIDEACHA PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

*Gnó a ordáíodh:*  
*Business ordered:*

19. An Bille um Chiontuithé Spíonta 2007 — An Dara Céim.  
Spent Convictions Bill 2007 — Second Stage.

—*Barry Andrews.*

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20. An Bille Iomaíochta (Leasú) 2007 — An Dara Céim.  
Competition (Amendment) Bill 2007 — Second Stage.

—*Michael D. Higgins, Emmet Stagg.*

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21. An Bille Lucht Cleachta Dlí (Cáilíocht) (Leasú) 2007 — An Dara Céim.  
Legal Practitioners (Qualification) (Amendment) Bill 2007 — Second Stage.

—*Brian O'Shea.*

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*Fógraí Tairisceana:*  
*Notices of Motions:*

22. “That Dáil Éireann,

- expressing its serious concerns about disclosures of major failures in cancer care services at the Midlands General Hospital, Portlaoise, including the failure to diagnose breast cancer in nine women who had presented for mammograms and the recall of a further 97 women who had undergone ultrasound scans at the hospital;
- deploring the way in which the women have been treated subsequent to these disclosures, including the failure to provide adequate counselling for those who have had to undergo

surgery and the fact that women who had undergone scans first heard on news bulletins that they might be recalled;

- noting that concern had previously been expressed about the adequacy of equipment and facilities at Portlaoise;
- condemning the failure of the Department of Health and Children and the HSE to ensure the provision of cancer screening and treatment services in which the public can have full confidence;
- urging the public, notwithstanding these alarming failures to continue to present for screening and assessment;
- noting that the HSE was the creation of Minister for Health and Children, Deputy Mary Harney and that it has failed to deliver the improvements promised in the health service; and
- believing in the principle of political accountability for such shocking failures in our health system;

has no confidence in the Minister for Health and Children, Deputy Mary Harney.” — *Jan O’Sullivan, Eamon Gilmore, Joan Burton, Emmet Stagg, Thomas P. Broughan, Joe Costello, Michael D. Higgins, Brendan Howlin, Kathleen Lynch, Ciarán Lynch, Liz McManus, Brian O’Shea, Willie Penrose, Ruairi Quinn, Pat Rabbitte, Seán Sherlock, Róisín Shortall, Joanna Tuffy, Mary Upton, Jack Wall.*

[23 November, 2007]

**23.** “That, notwithstanding anything in Standing Orders, the Standing Orders of Dáil Éireann relative to Public Business are hereby amended as follows:

#### **Standing Order 27 - Leaders Questions**

- (i) In Standing Order 27, by the substitution of the following paragraph for paragraph (c);
  - ‘(c) In this Standing Order, “Leader in Opposition” means the leader of a party which had not less than two members elected to the Dáil at the previous General Election or which, if it had less than two, attained that number as a result of a subsequent bye-election.’

#### **Standing Order 116 – Groups**

- (ii) by the adoption of the following Standing Order in substitution for Standing Order 116:
  - ‘116. (1) Subject to paragraph (2), for the purpose of this Standing Order a group shall mean—
    - (a) any Party which had not less than five members elected to the Dáil at the previous General Election or which, if it had less than five, attained the number of five members as a result of a subsequent bye-election, or

- (b) a majority of the members of the Dáil who are not members of a group as defined in paragraph (1)(a), being not less than five in number, who request formal recognition as a group in writing to the Ceann Comhairle: Provided that such request shall be signed by all such members. The Ceann Comhairle shall grant formal recognition as a group to such members as soon as possible thereafter.
- (2) A group shall cease to be a group within the meaning of paragraph (1) for any period in which its membership falls below five members, (or below a majority, in the case of a group within the meaning of paragraph (1)(b)), save where such membership falls by reason of a vacancy in the membership of the Dáil, the provisions of this paragraph shall not take effect until such time as the said vacancy has been filled.
- (3) Without prejudice to the generality of paragraph (2)—
- (a) if at any time, it appears to the Ceann Comhairle that, in the case of a group within the meaning of paragraph (1)(b), the membership of the group has fallen below five members or a majority specified therein, he or she shall write to each member of the group seeking confirmation of their continued membership of the group. Unless at least five members forming the said majority confirm their membership in writing within two weeks of the date of issue of the Ceann Comhairle's letter, the group shall cease to be a group within the meaning of paragraph (1)(b); or
- (b) where the Ceann Comhairle is notified in writing by a member of a group within the meaning of paragraph (1)(b) that such member no longer wishes to be considered a member of such group, and the membership of the group falls below five members or a majority specified therein as a consequence, the group shall cease to be a group within the meaning of paragraph (1)(b).

Provided that nothing in this paragraph shall prejudice the right of members to seek formal recognition as a group under paragraph (1)(b).

- (4) Each group shall have the right to nominate a private member of the group to present a Bill provided that there is not before the Dáil another Bill presented by a member nominated by the group.
- (5) Each group shall have the right in rotation to nominate a private member of the group either to move a motion standing in his or her name or to proceed with a Stage of a Bill in the Dáil. The order in which the right may be exercised by the various groups shall be determined on the basis of the numbers of members in the groups, a larger group having precedence over a smaller one. In the case of an equality of numbers precedence shall be determined by lot. Provided that a party which is a group under paragraph (1)(a) shall have precedence over a group recognised under paragraph (1)(b).’” — *Caomhghín Ó Caoláin, Martin Ferris, Arthur Morgan, Aengus Ó Snodaigh.*

[28 June, 2007]

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**24.** “That Dáil Éireann,

- conscious of the very serious implications for employment, business and tourism in the mid west and western regions of the decision of Aer Lingus to end its Shannon to Heathrow air service;
- noting the strong opposition to the move expressed by employers, trade unions and public representatives; and
- recalling the commitments the Government gave prior to privatisation of Aer Lingus that it would take adequate steps to protect the State’s key strategic interests and that in particular it would ensure ‘*sufficient services between the State airports and Heathrow to allow passengers connect throughout the course of the day with key long haul destination flights to and from Heathrow*’;

calls on Aer Lingus to reverse its decision; and

- further calls on the Government to honour the commitments it gave to the Dáil and the public prior to privatisation of Aer Lingus and to take all appropriate steps to ensure that the Shannon-Heathrow Aer Lingus service is maintained, including, if necessary, the convening of an Extraordinary General Meeting of the company.” — *Jan O’Sullivan, Michael D. Higgins, Thomas P. Broughan, Pat Rabbitte, Róisín Shortall, Emmet Stagg, Liz McManus, Eamon Gilmore, Joan Burton, Joe Costello, Brendan Howlin, Ciarán Lynch, Kathleen Lynch, Brian O’Shea, Willie Penrose, Ruairi Quinn, Seán Sherlock, Joanna Tuffy, Mary Upton, Jack Wall.*

[26 September, 2007]

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**25.** “That Dáil Éireann has no confidence in An Taoiseach Deputy Bertie Ahern.” — *Enda Kenny, Richard Bruton, Bernard Allen, James Bannon, Seán Barrett, Pat Breen, Ulick Burke, Catherine Byrne, Joe Carey, Deirdre Clune, Paul Connaughton, Noel J. Coonan, Simon Coveney, Seymour Crawford, Michael Creed, Lucinda Creighton, Michael D’Arcy, John Deasy, Jimmy Deenihan, Andrew Doyle, Bernard J. Durkan, Damien English, Olwyn Enright, Frank Feighan, Charles Flanagan, Terence Flanagan, Tom Hayes, Brian Hayes, Phil Hogan, Paul Kehoe, Pádraic McCormack, Shane McEntee, Dinny McGinley, Joe McHugh, Olivia Mitchell, Denis Naughten, Dan Neville, Michael Noonan, Kieran O’Donnell, Fergus O’Dowd, Jim O’Keeffe, John O’Mahony, John Perry, James Reilly, Michael Ring, Alan Shatter, Tom Sheahan, P. J. Sheehan, David Stanton, Billy Timmins, Leo Varadkar.*

[27 September, 2007]

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**26.** “That Dáil Éireann,

noting that:

- there is a grave public concern throughout the west at the reported threatened closure of cancer services at Mayo General Hospital and Sligo General Hospital;
- under the National Cancer Strategy not one centre of excellence will be located north of a

line from Dublin to Galway;

- the model of managed cancer services utilising a network of facilities is accepted as the preferred option of the most advanced cancer centre in the U.S.;
- many satellite hospitals command a standard of excellence in treatment and outcomes which meet the most exacting of demands; and
- proximity to treatment and speed of response to diagnosis are critical elements of cancer care and management;

calls on the Government:

- to examine the location of the proposed new eight centres of excellence for cancer treatment; and
- to endorse the concept of the networking of managed cancer services to include the retention and extension of the existing services at Castlebar, Sligo and Letterkenny.” — *Beverley Flynn*.

[6 November, 2007]

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**27.** “That Dáil Éireann has no confidence in the Minister for Health and Children, Deputy Mary Harney” — *James Reilly, Enda Kenny, Bernard Allen, James Bannon, Seán Barrett, Pat Breen, Richard Bruton, Ulick Burke, Catherine Byrne, Joe Carey, Deirdre Clune, Paul Connaughton, Noel J. Coonan, Simon Coveney, Seymour Crawford, Michael Creed, Lucinda Creighton, Michael D'Arcy, John Deasy, Jimmy Deenihan, Andrew Doyle, Bernard J. Durkan, Damien English, Olwyn Enright, Frank Feighan, Charles Flanagan, Terence Flanagan, Tom Hayes, Brian Hayes, Phil Hogan, Paul Kehoe, Pádraic McCormack, Shane McEntee, Dinny McGinley, Joe McHugh, Olivia Mitchell, Denis Naughten, Dan Neville, Michael Noonan, Kieran O'Donnell, Fergus O'Dowd, Jim O'Keeffe, John O'Mahony, John Perry, Michael Ring, Alan Shatter, Tom Sheahan, P. J. Sheehan, David Stanton, Billy Timmins, Leo Varadkar.*

[23 November, 2007]

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**28.** “That Dáil Éireann,

noting:

- the scandalous misdiagnosis of women who were screened for cancer in the midlands region;
- the crisis in cancer care including the inadequate provision of radiation oncology with cancer sufferers having to travel inordinate distances for treatment, the long delay in delivery of promised centres of excellence, the diminution of existing cancer services in local hospitals in advance of that delivery, the flawed plan for location of these centres, leaving whole regions inadequately served; and
- the apartheid in our health services which sees private patients able to gain speedy access to diagnostic services for cancer while public patients must join long waiting lists;

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has no confidence in the Minister for Health and Children, Deputy Mary Harney.” — *Caoimhghín Ó Caoláin, Martin Ferris, Arthur Morgan, Aengus Ó Snodaigh.*

[26 November, 2007]

29. An Dáil a chur ar athló.  
Adjournment of the Dáil.

**BILLÍ I ROGHCHOISTÍ, I gCOISTÍ SPEISIALTA NÓ I gCOMHCHOISTÍ**  
**BILLS IN SELECT, SPECIAL OR JOINT COMMITTEES**

An Bille um an Dlí Sibhialta (Forálacha Ilghnéitheacha) 2006 — An Roghchoiste um Dhlí agus Ceart, Comhionannas, Cosaint agus Cearta na mBan.  
Civil Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2006 — Select Committee on Justice, Equality, Defence and Women’s Rights.

An Bille um Cheartas Coiriúil (Cúnamh Frithpháirteach) 2005 [*Seanad*] — An Roghchoiste um Dhlí agus Ceart, Comhionannas, Cosaint agus Cearta na mBan.  
Criminal Justice (Mutual Assistance) Bill 2005 [*Seanad*] — Select Committee on Justice, Equality, Defence and Women’s Rights.

An Bille um Chosc ar Thrialacha Núicléacha 2006 — An Roghchoiste um Chomhshaol, Oidhreacht agus Rialtas Áitiúil.  
Nuclear Test Ban Bill 2006 — Select Committee on the Environment, Heritage and Local Government.

An Bille um Athchóiriú an Dlí Talún agus Tíolactha 2006 [*Seanad*] — An Roghchoiste um Dhlí agus Ceart, Comhionannas, Cosaint agus Cearta na mBan.  
Land and Conveyancing Law Reform Bill 2006 [*Seanad*] — Select Committee on Justice, Equality, Defence and Women’s Rights.

An Bille chun Onnmhairí a Rialú 2007 [*Seanad*] — An Roghchoiste um Fhiontair, Trádáil agus Fostaíocht.  
Control of Exports Bill 2007 [*Seanad*] — Select Committee on Enterprise, Trade and Employment.

Bille na bPasanna 2007 — An Roghchoiste um Ghnóthaí Eachtracha.  
Passports Bill 2007 — Select Committee on Foreign Affairs.

An Bille Carthanas 2007 — An Roghchoiste um Ghnóthaí Ealaíon, Spóirt, Turasóireachta, Pobail, Tuaithe agus Gaeltachta.  
Charities Bill 2007 — Select Committee on Arts, Sport, Tourism, Community, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs.

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An Bille um an Dlí Coiriúil (Gáinneáil ar Dhaoine) 2007 — An Roghchoiste um Dhlí agus Ceart, Comhionannas, Cosaint agus Cearta na mBan.  
Criminal Law (Human Trafficking) Bill 2007 — Select Committee on Justice, Equality, Defence and Women's Rights.

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**TEACHTAIREACHTAÍ ÓN RIALTAS**  
**MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNMENT**

Meastacháin i gcomhair Seirbhísí Poiblí, 2007:  
Estimates for Public Services, 2007:

For the purpose of Article 17.2 of the Constitution the Government recommend that it is expedient to authorise such payments out of money provided by the Oireachtas, of supplementary sums not exceeding the amount mentioned opposite each particular service indicated below, to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of December 2007.

€25,000,000 for the salaries and expenses of the Garda Síochána, including pensions, etc.; for payments of compensation and other expenses arising out of service in the Local Security Force, for the payment of certain witnesses' expenses, and for payment of a grant-in-aid.

€42,000,000 for the salaries and expenses of the Prison Service, probation and welfare staff and other expenses in connection with prisons, including places of detention; for probation and welfare services; and for payment of a grant-in-aid.

€50,000,000 for the salaries and expenses of the Office of the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government, including grants to Local Authorities, grants and other expenses in connection with housing, water, miscellaneous schemes, subsidies and grants.

€100,000,000 for the salaries and expenses of the Office of the Minister for Education and Science, for certain services administered by that Office and for the payment of certain grants and grants-in-aid.

€1,000 for the salaries and expenses of the Office of the Minister for Community, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs, for certain services administered by that Office, and for the payment of certain grants.

€1,000 for the salaries and expenses of the Office of the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, including certain services administered by that Office, and of the Irish Land Commission and for payment of certain grants, subsidies and sundry grants-in-aid and for the payment of certain grants under cash-limited schemes.

€60,000,000 for the salaries and expenses of the Office of the Minister for Transport, including certain services administered by that Office, for payment of certain grants and certain other services.

€1,000 for the salaries and expenses of the Office of the Minister for Arts, Sport and Tourism, including certain services administered by that Office, and for payment of certain subsidies, grants and grants-in-aid.

€4,000,000 for retired pay, pensions, compensation, allowances and gratuities payable under sundry statutes to or in respect of members of the Defence Forces and certain other Military Organisations, etc., and for sundry contributions and expenses in connection therewith; for certain extra-statutory children's allowances and other payments and for sundry grants.

Given on this 26th day of November, 2007

(Signed) Bertie Ahern,  
An Taoiseach.

## MEMORANDA

*Dé Céadaoin, 28 Samhain, 2007*  
*Wednesday, 28th November, 2007*

### **An Bille um an Dlí Coiriúil (Gáinneáil ar Dhaoine) 2007: Criminal Law (Human Trafficking) Bill 2007:**

Cruinniú den Roghchoiste um Dhlí agus Ceart, Comhionannas, Cosaint agus Cearta na mBan i Seomra Coiste 3, TL2000, ar 10 a.m.

Meeting of the Select Committee on Justice, Equality, Defence and Women's Rights in Committee Room 3, LH2000, at 10 a.m.

Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Chumarsáid, Fuinneamh agus Acmhainní Nádúrtha i Seomra Coiste 4, TL2000, ar 12 meán lae.

Meeting of the Joint Committee on Communications, Energy and Natural Resources in Committee Room 4, LH2000, at 12 noon.

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 Ghnóthaí Sóisialacha agus Teaghlaigh i Seomra Coiste 4, TL2000, ar 2.30 p.m. (*priobháideach*).

Meeting of the Joint Committee on Social and Family Affairs in Committee Room 4, LH2000, at 2.30 p.m. (*private*).

Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Iompar i Seomra Coiste 1, TL2000, ar 3.45 p.m.

Meeting of the Joint Committee on Transport in Committee Room 1, LH2000, at 3.45 p.m.

*Déardaoin, 29 Samhain, 2007*  
*Thursday, 29th November, 2007*

Cruinniú den Choiste um Chuntais Phoiblí i Seomra Coiste 1, TL2000, ar 10 a.m.

Meeting of the Committee of Public Accounts in Committee Room 1, LH2000, at 10 a.m.



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Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Athrú Aeráide agus Áirithiú Fuinnimh i Seomra Coiste 2, TL2000, ar 10 a.m.  
Meeting of the Joint Committee on Climate Change and Energy Security in Committee Room 2, LH2000, at 10 a.m.

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Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Dhlí agus Ceart, Comhionannas, Cosaint agus Cearta na mBan i Seomra Coiste 4, TL2000, ar 10 a.m.  
Meeting of the Joint Committee on Justice, Equality, Defence and Women's Rights in Committee Room 4, LH2000, at 10 a.m.

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

*Reachtúil:*

1) Moorepark Technology Limited. Tuarascáil na Stiúirthóirí agus Ráitis Airgeadais, 2006.

2) An tOrdú fán Acht um Ghalair Ainmhithe 1966 (Srian ar thaispeántais éan nó ar imeachtaí eile) (Uimh. 3) 2007 (I.R. Uimh. 764 de 2007).

3) An tÚdarás um Bóithre Náisiúnta. Tuarascáil Bhliantúil agus Cuntais, 2006.

4) Oifig an Ombudsman d'Óglaigh na hÉireann. Ráitis Airgeadais, 2006.

5) Togra le haghaidh Cinnidh ón gComhairle ar chríochnú an Chomhaontaithe ar mhodh Malartú Litreacha maidir le cur chun feidhme sealadach an Phrótacail lena leagtar amach, don tréimhse 16 Meán Fómhair, 2006 go 15 Meán Fómhair, 2012, na deiseanna iascaireachta agus an ranníocaíocht airgeadais dá bhforáiltear leis an gComhaontú Comhpháirtíochta Iascaigh idir an Comhphobal Eorpach, de pháirt, agus Poblacht Chireabaití, den pháirt eile mar aon le nóta faisnéise míniúcháin. COM (2007) 181.

6) Togra le haghaidh Rialacháin ón gComhairle maidir le bunú creata Comhphobail chun sonraí san earnáil iascaigh a bhailiú, a bhainistiú agus a úsáid agus le haghaidh tacaíochta do chomhairle

*Statutory:*

1) Moorepark Technology Limited. Directors Report and Financial Statements, 2006.

2) Diseases of Animals Act 1966 (Restriction on bird shows or other events) (No. 3) Order 2007 (S.I. No. 764 of 2007).

3) National Roads Authority. Annual Report and Accounts, 2006.

4) Office of the Ombudsman for the Defence Forces. Financial Statements, 2006.

5) Proposal for a Council Decision on the conclusion of the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters relating to the provisional application of the Protocol setting out, for the period from 16 September, 2006 to 15 September, 2012, the fishing opportunities and the financial contribution provided by the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Community, on the one hand, and the Republic of Kiribati, on the other together with explanatory information note. COM (2007) 181.

6) Proposal for a Council Regulation concerning the establishment of a Community framework for the collection, management and use of data in the fisheries sector and support for scientific advice

eolaíochta maidir leis an gComhbheartas Iascaigh mar aon le nóta faisnéise míniúcháin. COM (2007) 196.

7) Togra leasaithe le haghaidh Rialacháin ón gComhairle maidir le críochnú an Chomhaontaithe Comhpháirtíochta Iascaigh idir an Comhphobal Eorpach agus Poblacht Mhadagascar mar aon le nóta faisnéise míniúcháin. COM (2007) 428.

8) Togra leasaithe le haghaidh Cinnidh ón gComhairle maidir le críochnú an Chomhaontaithe ar mhodh Malartú Litreacha maidir le cur chun feidhme sealadach an Phrótacail lena leagtar amach na deiseanna iascaireachta agus an ranníocaíocht airgeadais dá bhforáiltear sa Chomhaontú Comhpháirtíochta Iascaigh idir an Comhphobal Eorpach agus Poblacht Mhadagascar maidir le hiascaireacht amach ó chósta Mhadagascar don tréimhse 1 Eanáir, 2007 go 31 Nollaig, 2012 mar aon le nóta faisnéise míniúcháin. COM (2007) 429.

9) Togra le haghaidh Rialacháin ón gComhairle maidir le críochnú an Chomhaontaithe Comhpháirtíochta Iascaigh idir an Comhphobal Eorpach agus Poblacht Mhósaimbíc mar aon le nóta faisnéise míniúcháin. COM (2007) 472.

10) Togra le haghaidh Cinnidh ón gComhairle maidir le críochnú an Chomhaontaithe ar mhodh Malartú Litreacha maidir le cur chun feidhme sealadach an Chomhaontaithe Comhpháirtíochta Iascaigh idir an Comhphobal Eorpach agus Poblacht Mhósaimbíc mar aon le nóta faisnéise míniúcháin. COM (2007) 473.

11) Togra le haghaidh Rialacháin ón gComhairle lena socraítear na deiseanna iascaireachta agus na comhchoinníollacha do stoic éisc áirithe agus do ghrúpaí stoc éisc áirithe i Muir Bhailt don bhliain 2008 mar aon le nóta faisnéise míniúcháin. COM (2007) 492.

12) Togra le haghaidh Rialacháin ó Pharlaimint na hEorpa agus ón gComhairle lena leasaítear Rialachán (CE) Uimh. 998/2003 maidir leis na ceanglais sláinte ainmhithe is infheidhme maidir le gluaiseachtaí neamhthráchtála peataí

regarding the Common Fisheries Policy together with explanatory information note. COM (2007) 196.

7) Amended Proposal for a Council Regulation on the conclusion of the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Community and the Republic of Madagascar together with explanatory information note. COM (2007) 428.

8) Amended Proposal for a Council Decision on the conclusion of the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters on the provisional application of the Protocol setting out the fishing opportunities and financial contribution provided for in the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Community and the Republic of Madagascar on fishing off the coast of Madagascar for the period from 1 January, 2007 to 31 December, 2012 together with explanatory information note. COM (2007) 429.

9) Proposal for a Council Regulation on the conclusion of the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Community and the Republic of Mozambique together with explanatory information note. COM (2007) 472.

10) Proposal for a Council Decision concerning the conclusion of the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters on the provisional application of the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Community and the Republic of Mozambique together with explanatory information note. COM (2007) 473.

11) Proposal for a Council Regulation fixing the fishing opportunities and associated conditions for certain fish stocks and groups of fish stocks applicable in the Baltic Sea for 2008 together with explanatory information note. COM (2007) 492.

12) Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EC) No. 998/2003 on the animal health requirements applicable to the non-commercial movements of pet animals as regards the extension of the

ainmhithe i ndáil leis an idirthréimhse a leathnú mar aon le nóta faisnéise míniúcháin. COM (2007) 572.

13) An tOrdú fán Acht um Ghalair Ainmhithe 1966 (Rialú ar Vacsaíní Ainmhithe agus Éanlaithe Clóis) (Leasú) 2007 (I.R. Uimh. 765 de 2007).

13) Diseases of Animals Act 1966 (Control on Animal and Poultry Vaccines) (Amendment) Order 2007 (S.I. No. 765 of 2007).

14) An Coimisiún um Rialáil Eitlíochta. Ráitis Airgeadais, 2006.

14) Commission for Aviation Regulation. Financial Statements, 2006.

15) An tOrdú um Acht na bPaitinní (Leasú) 2006 (Forálacha Áirithe) (Tosach Feidhme) 2007 (I.R. Uimh. 761 de 2007).

15) Patents (Amendment) Act 2006 (Certain Provisions) (Commencement) Order 2007 (S.I. No. 761 of 2007).

16) Ráitis i leith Comhairleoirí Speisialta don Aire Stáit ag an Roinn Gnóthaí Eachtracha a bhfuil freagracht speisialta air maidir le Forbairt Choigríche, Micheál Ó Ceit, T.D., de réir na nAchtanna um Eitic in Oifigí Poiblí 1995 agus 2001 [2007] [26 Samhain, 2007].

16) Statements in respect of Special Advisers to the Minister of State at the Department of Foreign Affairs with special responsibility for Overseas Development, Michael Kitt, T.D., in accordance with the Ethics in Public Office Acts 1995 and 2001 [2007] [26 November, 2007].

17) Ráiteas i leith Comhairleora Speisialta don Taoiseach de réir na nAchtanna um Eitic in Oifigí Poiblí 1995 agus 2001 [2007] [26 Samhain, 2007].

17) Statement in respect of Special Adviser to the Taoiseach in accordance with the Ethics in Public Office Acts 1995 and 2001 [2007] [26 November, 2007].

18) Ráitis i leith Comhairleoirí Speisialta don Aire Gnóthaí Eachtracha, Diarmuid Ó hEachthairn, T.D., de réir na nAchtanna um Eitic in Oifigí Poiblí 1995 agus 2001 [26 Samhain, 2007].

18) Statements in respect of Special Advisers to the Minister for Foreign Affairs, Dermot Ahern, T.D., in accordance with the Ethics in Public Office Acts 1995 and 2001 [26 November, 2007].

19) Ráitis i leith Comhairleoirí Speisialta don Aire Stáit um Ghnóthaí Eorpacha, Risteárd de Róiste, T.D., de réir na hAchtanna um Eitic in Oifigí Poiblí 1995 agus 2001 [2007] [26 Samhain, 2007].

19) Statements in respect of Special Advisers to the Minister of State for European Affairs, Dick Roche, T.D., in accordance with the Ethics in Public Office Acts 1995 and 2001 [2007] [26 November, 2007].

20) An tOrdú um Chomhairleoir Speisialta (An tAire Gnóthaí Sóisialacha agus Teaghlaigh) a Cheapadh 2007 (I.R. Uimh. 733 de 2007).

20) Appointment of Special Adviser (Minister for Social and Family Affairs) Order 2007 (S.I. No. 733 of 2007).

*Neamhreachtuil:*

*Non-Statutory:*

Rialacháin na gComhphobal Eorpach (Galar Crúb agus Béil) (Srian ar Allmhairí ón Ríocht Aontaithe) (Uimh. 2) (An Dara Leasú) 2007 (I.R. Uimh. 763 de 2007).

European Communities (Foot and Mouth Disease) (Restriction on Imports from the United Kingdom) (No. 2) (Second Amendment) Regulations 2007 (S.I. No. 763 of 2007).