



## **DÁIL ÉIREANN**

*Dé Céadaoin, 28 Eanáir, 2009*  
*Wednesday, 28th January, 2009*

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



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10.30 a.m.

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**ORD GNÓ**  
**ORDER OF BUSINESS**

- a15.** Ráitis maidir le hAthnuachan Inmharthana Eacnamaíoch a Sholáthar agus an tAirgeadas Poiblí againne a Dhaingniú.  
Statements on Delivering Sustainable Economic Renewal and Securing our Public Finances.
- 9.** Tairiscint *maidir le* Ceadú beartaithe ag Dáil Éireann i ndáil leis an Ordú fán Acht um Choimisiún chun Drochúsáid Leanáí a Fhiosrú 2000 (Alt 5) (Tréimhse Shonraithe) 2009.  
Motion *re* Proposed approval by Dáil Éireann of the Commission to Inquire into Child Abuse Act 2000 (Section 5) (Specified Period) Order 2009.

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

- 48.** (l) Tairiscint *maidir le* Cosaint Leanáí (*atógáil*).  
(a) Motion *re* Child Protection (*resumed*).

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

*Fógra Tairisceana : Notice of Motion*

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| <p><b>9.</b> “Go gceadaíonn Dáil Éireann an dréacht-Ordú fán Acht um Choimisiún chun Drochúsáid Leanaí a Fhiosrú 2000 (Alt 5) (Tréimhse Shonraithe), 2009, ar leagadh cóip de faoi bhráid Dháil Éireann an 22 Eanáir 2009.</p> | <p>That Dáil Éireann approves the draft Commission to Inquire into Child Abuse Act 2000 (Section 5) (Specified Period) Order, 2009, a copy of which was laid before Dáil Éireann on 22nd January, 2009.”</p> |
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—*An tAire Oideachais agus Eolaíochta.*

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

- a15.** Ráitis maidir le hAthnuachan Inmharthana Eacnamaíoch a Sholáthar agus an tAirgeadas Poiblí againne a Dhaingniú.  
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**GNÓ COMHALTAÍ PRÍOBHÁIDEACHA**  
**PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS**

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

- 48.** “That Dáil Éireann:

expressing its serious concern at:

- the shocking and disturbing revelations of neglect and physical and sexual abuse suffered by six children in Roscommon; and
- the failure of the Western Health Board to appropriately intervene at an early stage;

calls on the Government to:

- appoint an Independent Commission pursuant to the Commissions of Investigation Act 2004 to examine all of the family circumstances relating to the six Roscommon children whose mother was convicted of incest and other offences of child abuse and neglect in Roscommon Circuit Court on Wednesday, 21st January, 2009;
- ensure that such investigation has specific regard to the actions and child protection practices and procedures of:
  - the former Western Health Board and the Health Service Executive;
  - all school and religious authorities and personnel who had contact with the children;
  - doctors and nurses who had contact with the children; and in addition
  - has regard to the actions, if any, of other relevant persons and organisations which affected the approach taken by the Western Health Board or who were in a position to report child neglect or abuse;
- ensure that the terms of reference of the Commission also require it to investigate the

action taken by Government and more particularly by successive Ministers for Health and Children and Ministers for Children to ensure the effective implementation of the Children First Child Protection Guidelines of 1999, and to implement the outstanding relevant recommendations contained in the Report of the Committee of Enquiry into the death of Kelly Fitzgerald, published by the Joint Oireachtas Committee on the Family in April, 1996; and

- ensure that the Minister for Health and Children and the Minister for Children both take all necessary and immediate action to ensure that all children at risk receive the protection to which they are entitled under our current law and that our Child Protection Guidelines are effectively and uniformly implemented throughout the State.” — *Alan Shatter, 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, Brian Hayes, Tom 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, Tom Sheahan, P. J. Sheehan, David Stanton, Billy Timmins, Leo Varadkar.*

[27 January, 2009]

*Leasú (atógáil):*

*Amendment (resumed):*

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

“in expressing its deepest concern at the circumstances surrounding the case of incest, severe child abuse and neglect involving six children heard before Roscommon Circuit Court last week:

- welcomes the HSE’s setting up of an independent inquiry into these appalling events to:
  - examine the entire management of the case from a care perspective;
  - identify any shortcomings/deficits in the care management process; and
  - make a report on the findings and learning arising from the investigation;
- acknowledges the extremely difficult and complex work carried out by HSE staff in the area of child protection in particular;
- recognises the HSE’s work to reform child and family services which includes commitments to:
  - put in place national standards relating to social work and its practice; and
  - work with the Office of the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs to advance social work practice and organisational reform in the context of the Government’s overall policy for children’s services — the ‘Agenda for Children Services’;
- acknowledges the steps being taken by the Office of the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs in coordinating and leading policy development and actions to bring about improvements in the delivery of services for children within its specific policy

remit and across the public service;

- commends investments in the provision of services for children which have been made by recent Governments since 1997; and
- commends the work of the Joint Oireachtas Committee on the Constitutional Amendment on Children, chaired by Mrs. Mary O'Rourke, T.D., and in particular, the recommendation included in the Committee's interim report of September 11th, 2008, with regard to the preparation and publication of legislation to give legal authority for the collection and exchange of information concerning the risk or the occurrence of endangerment, sexual exploitation or sexual abuse of children." — *Barra Mac Aindriú, Aire Stáit ag an Roinn Sláinte agus Leanaí.*

## MEMORANDA

*Dé Céadaoin, 28 Eanáir, 2009*  
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Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Chumarsáid, Fuinneamh agus Acmhainní Náúrtha i Seomra Coiste 1, TL2000, ar 9.45 a.m.  
Meeting of the Joint Committee on Communications, Energy and Natural Resources in Committee Room 1, LH2000, at 9.45 a.m.

Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Shláinte agus Leanaí i Seomra Coiste 4, TL2000, ar 9.45 a.m.  
Meeting of the Joint Committee on Health and Children in Committee Room 4, LH2000, at 9.45 a.m.

Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Thalmhaíocht, Iascaigh agus Bia i Seomra Coiste 2, TL2000, ar 11 a.m.  
Meeting of the Joint Committee on Agriculture, Fisheries and Food in Committee Room 2, LH2000, at 11 a.m.

Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste Riaracháin i Seomra Coiste 1, TL2000, ar 12.15 p.m. (*príobháideach*).  
Meeting of the Joint Administration Committee in Committee Room 1, LH2000, at 12.15 p.m. (*private*).

Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Airgeadas agus an tSeirbhís Phoiblí i Seomra Coiste 2, TL2000, ar 2.15 p.m. (*príobháideach*).  
Meeting of the Joint Committee on Finance and the Public Service in Committee Room 2, LH2000, at 2.15 p.m. (*private*).

Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Ghnóthaí Ealaíon, Spóirt, Turasóireachta, Pobail, Tuaithe agus Gaeltachta i Seomra Coiste 4, TL2000, ar 2.30 p.m.  
Meeting of the Joint Committee on Arts, Sport, Tourism, Community, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs in Committee Room 4, LH2000, at 2.30 p.m.

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**An Bille um Athchóiriú an Dlí Talún agus Tíolactha 2006:  
Land and Conveyancing Law Reform Bill 2006:**

Cruinniú den Roghchoiste um Dhlí agus Ceart, Comhionannas, Cosaint agus Cearta na mBan i Seomra Coiste 1, TL2000, ar 3 p.m.

Meeting of the Select Committee on Justice, Equality, Defence and Women's Rights in Committee Room 1, LH2000, at 3 p.m.

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Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Ghnóthaí Eachtracha i Seomra Coiste 3, TL2000, ar 3.30 p.m.  
Meeting of the Joint Committee on Foreign Affairs in Committee Room 3, LH2000, at 3.30 p.m.

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Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um an Leasú Bunreachta maidir le Leanaí i Seomra Coiste 2, TL2000, ar 5 p.m.

Meeting of the Joint Committee on the Constitutional Amendment on Children in Committee Room 2, LH2000, at 5 p.m.

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Cruinniú den Choiste um Chuntais Phoiblí i Seomra Coiste 4, TL2000, ar 6 p.m.  
(*priobháideach*).

Meeting of the Committee of Public Accounts in Committee Room 4, LH2000, at 6 p.m.  
(*private*).

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

*Reachtúil:*

1) Ciste Pinsean Thithe an Oireachtais (Comhaltaí). Cuntas ar Fháiltais agus Caiteachas don bhliain dar chríoch 31 Nollaig, 2007.

2) An tOrdú um Acht na gCuideachtaí (Iniúchadh agus Cuntasaíocht) 2003 (Tosach Feidhme) 2009 (I.R. Uimh. 13 de 2009).

*Neamhreachtúil:*

1) An Roinn Fiontar, Trádála agus Fostaíochta. Tuarascáil Bhliantúil, 2007.

2) An Coimisiún um Athchóiriú an Dlí. Tuarascáil Bhliantúil, 2007.

*Statutory:*

1) Houses of the Oireachtas (Members) Pension Fund. Account of Receipts and Expenditure for the year ended 31 December, 2007.

2) Companies (Auditing and Accounting) Act 2003 (Commencement) Order 2009 (S.I. No. 13 of 2009).

*Non-Statutory:*

1) Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment. Annual Report, 2007.

2) Law Reform Commission. Annual Report, 2007.

- 3) Athbhreithniú Costais agus Éifeachtúlachta ar Bhus Átha Cliath agus ar Bhus Éireann. Eanáir, 2009.
- 3) Cost and Efficiency Review of Dublin Bus and Bus Éireann. January, 2009.
- 4) Tithe an Oireachtais. An Comhchoiste um Ghnóthaí Eorpacha. Tuarascáil ar Thairscint maidir leis an gCor i nGasá. Eanáir, 2009.
- 4) Houses of the Oireachtas. Joint Committee on European Affairs. Report on a Motion regarding the Situation in Gaza. January, 2009.
- 5) Tithe an Oireachtais. An Comhchoiste um Ghnóthaí Eorpacha. Tuarascáil ar Thairscint maidir le Comhaontú Comhlachais AE/Iosrael. Eanáir, 2009.
- 5) Houses of the Oireachtas. Joint Committee on European Affairs. Report on a Motion regarding the EU/Israel Association Agreement. January, 2009.
- 6) Ciontóirí Gnéis a Bhainistiú - Plé-Dhoiciméad. Eanáir, 2009. [An Roinn Dlí agus Cirt, Comhionannais agus Athchóirithe Dlí].
- 6) The Management of Sex Offenders - A Discussion Document. January, 2009. [Dept. of Justice, Equality and Law Reform].