



# **DÁIL ÉIREANN**

*Déardaoin, 7 Bealtaine, 2009*  
*Thursday, 7th May, 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**

1. An Bille Cuanta (Leasú) 2008 [*Seanad*] — An Dara Céim.  
Harbours (Amendment) Bill 2008 [*Seanad*] — Second Stage.

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

69. (l) Tairiscint *maidir leis* an Oideachas: Riachtanais Speisialta (*atógáil*).  
(a) Motion *re* Education: Special Needs (*resumed*).

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

*Billí ón Seanad : Bills from the Seanad*

1. An Bille Cuanta (Leasú) 2008 [*Seanad*] — An Dara Céim.  
Harbours (Amendment) Bill 2008 [*Seanad*] — Second Stage.

*Billí a thionscnamh : Initiation of Bills*

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*Introduction:*

- 10a. An Bille chun Ciorrú Ball Giniúna Baineann a Thoirmeasc 2009 — An Chéad Chéim.  
Prohibition of Female Genital Mutilation Bill 2009 — First Stage.

Bille dá ngairtear Acht chun ciorrú ball  
giniúna baineann a thoirmeasc.

Bill entitled an Act to prohibit female  
genital mutilation.

—*Jan O'Sullivan.*

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## GNÓ COMHALTAÍ PRÍOBHÁIDEACHA PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

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

### 69. “That Dáil Éireann:

- noting with concern the unacceptable attack on the education of 534 children nationally by the withdrawal of 128 classes for children with mild general learning disabilities;
- acknowledging the pressure on existing infrastructure for special needs education in this country due to a delay in rolling out the Education for Persons with Special Educational Needs Act 2004;
- considering the minimal savings involved in withdrawing the classes and the potential cost implications the decision will ultimately have in terms of greater demands on special needs resources in mainstream schools;
- noting the lack of consultation by the Minister for Education and Science with the National Council for Special Education and all of the education partners prior to making this decision;

calls on the Government to immediately reverse the decision to suppress 128 special classes for children with mild general learning disabilities;

demands that the classes due to be cut continue in their existing form for the coming school year 2009/2010;

calls on the Minister for Education and Science to initiate a review of the number of classes in this area involving a thorough dialogue with education stakeholders and crucially the parents of those children affected before arriving at a decision to either merge or amalgamate these classes, based on falling numbers and educational best practice; and

ensures that the conclusions of this review are made effective from September 2010.” — *Brian Hayes, 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, 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.*

[6 May, 2009]

*Leasú (atógáil):*

*Amendment (resumed):*

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

“recognising that:

- since 1998 major improvements have been made to the range of supports available for children with special educational needs;
- investment in supports for special needs has more than doubled in the last five years to over €1 billion this year;
- there are over 8,000 resource and learning support teachers in our schools;
- children in the 128 mild general learning disabilities classes will receive learning supports through the general allocation model;
- in total there are now about 19,000 teachers and special needs assistants working with children with special needs in our schools;
- the inclusion of students with special educational needs in mainstream schools is a national and international development that is supported in national legislation and in statements, reports and conventions that have emanated from such international bodies as the United Nations and the Council of Europe; and
- improved collaboration between the education and health sectors has been prioritised, with the appointment of a Minister of State with that specific responsibility;

supports the Government’s determination, in a difficult budgetary environment, to prioritise investment for children with special educational needs by:

- ensuring that teaching and care supports are available to children with special needs so that they can continue to access an education that is appropriate to their needs;
  - increasing the number of Education Psychologists to provide support to every school in the country;
  - enhancing the capacity of the National Council for Special Education to co-ordinate the provision of services to children with special educational needs; and
  - funding the provision of expert support, professional development and training opportunities in special education for principals, class and subject teachers, special class teachers, learning support and resource teachers and special needs assistants.”
- *An tAire Oideachais agus Eolaíochta.*

**MEMORANDA**

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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 Oideachas agus Eolaíocht i Seomra Coiste 2, TL2000, ar 10 a.m.  
 Meeting of the Joint Committee on Education and Science 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 3, TL2000, ar 10 a.m.  
 Meeting of the Joint Committee on Justice, Equality, Defence and Women's Rights in Committee Room 3, LH2000, at 10 a.m.

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Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Shláinte agus Leanaí i Seomra Coiste 4, TL2000, ar 10.30 a.m. (*príobháideach*).  
 Meeting of the Joint Committee on Health and Children in Committee Room 4, LH2000, at 10.30 a.m. (*private*).

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Cruinniú den Fhochoiste um Fhorbairt Choigríche den Chomhchoiste um Ghnóthaí Eachtracha i Seomra Coiste 3, TL2000, ar 11.30 a.m.  
 Meeting of the Sub-Committee on Overseas Development of the Joint Committee on Foreign Affairs in Committee Room 3, LH2000, at 11.30 a.m.

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**Meastacháin (Oideachas agus Eolaíocht):**  
**Estimates (Education and Science):**

Cruinniú den Roghchoiste um Oideachas agus Eolaíocht i Seomra Coiste 2, TL2000, ar 12.15 p.m.  
 Meeting of the Select Committee on Education and Science in Committee Room 2, LH2000, at 12.15 p.m.

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

*Reachtúil:*

1) Togra le haghaidh Cinnidh ón gComhairle maidir le Seasamh Comhphobail a bhaineann le rannpháirtíocht ionadaithe i gCoiste Comhairliúcháin CARIFORUM-CE dá bhforáiltear leis an gComhaontú

*Statutory:*

1) Proposal for a Council Decision on a Community Position concerning the participation in the CARIFORUM-EC Consultative Committee provided for by the Economic Partnership Agreement between

Comhpháirtíochta Eacnamaíochta idir Stáit CARIFORUM, de pháirt, agus an Comhphobal Eorpach agus a Bhallstáit, den pháirt eile, ar ionadaithe eagraíochtaí sa Bhuíon CE iad, agus ar roghnú na n-ionadaithe sin, mar aon le nóta faisnéise míniúcháin.  
COM (2009) 97.

the CARIFORUM States, of the one part, and the European Community and its Member States, of the other part and on the selection of the representatives of organizations located in the EC Party together with explanatory information note.  
COM (2009) 97.

2) An tOrdú um an Acht Leasa Shóisialaigh (Forálacha Ilghnéitheacha) 2008 (Alt 22) (Tosach Feidhme) 2009 (I.R. Uimh. 164 de 2009).

2) Social Welfare (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2008 (Section 22) (Commencement) Order 2009 (S.I. No.164 of 2009).

3) Na Rialacháin fán Acht um Rialáil Tacsaithe 2003 (An Clár Forbartha Scileanna um Beagfheithiclí Seirbhíse Poiblí agus an Táille Ceadúnas Tiomána) 2009 (I.R. Uimh. 166 de 2009).

3) Taxi Regulation Act 2003 (Small Public Service Vehicle Skills Development Programme and Driver Licence Fee) Regulations 2009 (S.I. No. 166 of 2009).

4) An tOmbudsman um Sheirbhísí Airgeadais. Tuarascáil Bhliantúil, 2008.

4) Financial Services Ombudsman. Annual Report, 2008.

#### *Neamhreachtúil:*

#### *Non-Statutory:*

1) An tOrdú um Dhúichí agus Cheantair Chúirte Dúiche (Leasú) agus Laethanta agus Uaire a Athrú (Ceantar Uimh. 5) 2009 (I.R. Uimh. 152 de 2009).

1) District Court Districts and Areas (Amendment) and Variation of Days and Hours (District No. 5) Order 2009 (S.I. No. 152 of 2009).

2) Rialacháin na gComhphobal Eorpach (Feithiclí Bóthair: Dul i Seirbhís) 2009 (I.R. Uimh. 157 de 2009).

2) European Communities (Road Vehicles: Entry into Service) Regulations 2009 (S.I. No. 157 of 2009).

3) Rialacháin na gComhphobal Eorpach (Feithiclí Bóthair: Cineál-Cheadú) 2009 (I.R. Uimh. 158 de 2009).

3) European Communities (Road Vehicles: Type - Approval) Regulations 2009 (S.I. No. 158 of 2009).