

DÁIL ÉIREANN

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 $10.30 \ a.m.$

ORD GNÓ ORDER OF BUSINESS

- **28.** Ráitis maidir leis an gComhairle Eorpach, An Bhruiséil. Statements on European Council, Brussels.
- 29. (1) An Bille um Áiseanna Saothair (Leasú) 2009 Ordú don Tuarascáil.
 - (a) Labour Services (Amendment) Bill 2009 Order for Report.
- **27.** An Bille um Rialáil Iompair Phoiblí 2009 [Seanad] An Dara Céim (atógáil). Public Transport Regulation Bill 2009 [Seanad] Second Stage (resumed).

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- **75.** (*l*) Tairiscint *maidir le* Cuntasacht gníomhaireachtaí agus cuideachtaí de chuid an Rialtais (*atógáil*).
 - (a) Motion re Accountability of Government agencies and companies (resumed).

ORDUITHE AN LAE ORDERS OF THE DAY

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

75. "That Dáil Éireann:

notes that:

- CIÉ has received and spent €6.23 billion of taxpayers' money since 1997;
- the National Roads Authority (NRA) has received and spent over €13 billion of taxpayers' money since 2000;

is deeply alarmed that CIÉ are not subject to any real accountability or transparency mechanisms including:

- the Oireachtas Public Accounts Committee;
- Comptroller and Auditor General audits and investigations;
- Oireachtas oversight as Ministers refuse to be held accountable or answer questions;
 and
- the Freedom of Information Act;

is deeply concerned over the lack of policy and Exchequer funding accountability and oversight in the NRA as Ministers refuse to be held accountable to the Oireachtas;

acknowledges that these problems extend to other agencies and companies across Government; considers these facts lead to an unjustified democratic deficit at the heart of Government; and calls on the Government to:

- strengthen democracy and bring about greater transparency in Government by introducing a proper system of parliamentary spending oversight for CIÉ and the NRA and also for other agencies and semi-State companies in receipt of billions of taxpayers money;
- ensure the financial budgeting, procurement and accounting processes used by government agencies and companies become more accountable to the Oireachtas; and
- bring CIÉ within the scope of Freedom of Information and under the remit of the

Ombudsman's Office and the Comptroller and Auditor General." — Fergus O'Dowd, 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, Brian Hayes, Tom Hayes, Phil Hogan, Paul Kehoe, George Lee, Pádraic McCormack, Shane McEntee, Dinny McGinley, Joe McHugh, Olivia Mitchell, Denis Naughten, Dan Neville, Michael Noonan, Kieran O'Donnell, 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.

[10 *November*, 2009]

Leasú (atógáil): Amendment (resumed):

- 1. To delete all the words after "Dáil Éireann" and substitute the following:
- "— welcomes the sustained commitment of the Government under Transport 21 and earlier transport investment programmes to upgrading transport infrastructure and services and the good results obtained from this investment including reduced journey times for road passenger and freight traffic and more, higher quality public transport services;
- welcomes in particular the completion of major road and public transport projects including the completion of two light rail lines in Dublin; the transformation of the Irish Rail rolling stock fleet with the acquisition of modern train sets; and the transformation of the national road infrastructure, particularly the progress being made towards the completion of the motorway network on the major interurban routes;
- commends the comprehensive arrangements in place for appraising, approving and monitoring transport projects under Transport 21 which includes publication of detailed information in an annual report and a dedicated website;
- notes the positive assessments of the Value for Money reviews completed on the annual subvention paid to CIÉ (2006) and on the 2nd Railway Safety Investment Programme (2008);
- notes that a cost and efficiency review of Dublin Bus and Bus Éireann was completed in early 2009 and is being implemented;
- further notes the comprehensive arrangements in place as required by their establishing legislation and the Code of Practice for the Governance of State Bodies to ensure the accountability of the NRA and CIÉ to Government and the Oireachtas including requirements relating to annual reports and accounts, half-yearly accounts, and certification of compliance with requirements of Code of Practice; and
- acknowledges that both the NRA and CIÉ appear regularly before the relevant Oireachtas Committee to account for the discharge of their functions." *An tAire Iompair*.

TEACHTAIREACHTAÍ ÓN RIALTAS MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNMENT

An Bille Cumarsáide (Sonraí a Choimeád) 2009. Communications (Retention of Data) Bill 2009.

For the purpose of Article 17.2 of the Constitution the Government recommend that it is expedient to authorise such payments out of moneys provided by the Oireachtas as are necessary to give effect to any Act of the present session to give effect to Directive No. 2006/24/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 March 2006 on the retention of data generated or processed in connection with the provision of publicly available electronic communications services or of public communications networks and amending Directive 2002/58/EC, to provide for the retention of and access to certain data for the purposes of the prevention of serious offences, the safeguarding of the security of the State and the saving of human life, to repeal Part 7 of the Criminal Justice (Terrorist Offences) Act 2005, to amend the Interception of Postal Packets and Telecommunications Messages (Regulation) Act 1993 and to provide for related matters.

Given on this 10th day of November, 2009

(Signed) Brian Cowen, An Taoiseach.

MEMORANDA

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An Bille um Rialáil Cumarsáide (Seirbhísí Ardráta) 2009: Communications Regulation (Premium Rate Services) Bill 2009:

Cruinniú den Roghchoiste um Chumarsáid, Fuinneamh agus Acmhainní Nádúrtha i Seomra Coiste 1, TL2000, ar 9.45 a.m.

Meeting of the Select Committee on Communications, Energy and Natural Resources in Committee Room 1, LH2000, at 9.45 a.m.

Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Ghnóthaí Sóisialacha agus Teaghlaigh i Seomra Coiste 2, TL2000, ar 11 a.m.

Meeting of the Joint Committee on Social and Family Affairs in Committee Room 2, LH2000, at 11 a.m.

Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Thalmhaíocht, Iascach agus Bia i Seomra Coiste 4, TL2000, ar 11.30 a.m.

Meeting of the Joint Committee on Agriculture, Fisheries and Food in Committee Room 4, LH2000, at 11.30 a.m.

Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Ghnóthaí Eachtracha i Seomra Coiste 3, TL2000, ar 11.30 a m

Meeting of the Joint Committee on Foreign Affairs in Committee Room 3, LH2000, at 11.30 a.m.

Cruinniú den Bhuan-Fhochoiste ar Athleasú na Dála i Seomra 2 (tríd an bPríomh-Halla), Teach Laighean, ar 12.30 p.m. (*príobháideach*).

Meeting of the Standing sub-Committee on Dáil Reform in Room 2 (off the Main Hall), Leinster House, at 12.30 p.m. (*private*).

Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Athrú Aeráide agus Áirithiú Fuinnimh i Seomra Coiste 1, TL2000, ar 2.30 p.m.

Meeting of the Joint Committee on Climate Change and Energy Security in Committee Room 1, LH2000, at 2.30 p.m.

An Bille Cumarsáide (Sonraí a Choimeád) 2009: Communications (Retention of Data) Bill 2009:

Cruinniú den Roghchoiste um Dhlí agus Ceart, Comhionannas, Cosaint agus Cearta na mBan i Seomra Coiste 3, TL2000, ar 2.30 p.m.

Meeting of the Select Committee on Justice, Equality, Defence and Women's Rights in Committee Room 3, LH2000, at 2.30 p.m.

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

Reachtúil:

Statutory:

- 1) Na Rialacháin um Tháirgí Íocshláinte (Oideasú agus Rialú Soláthair) (Leasú) 2009 (I.R. Uimh. 442 de 2009).
 - rshláinte 1) Medicinal Products (Prescription and 1ú) 2009 Control of Supply) (Amendment) Regulations 2009 (S.I. No. 442 of 2009).
- 2) Togra le haghaidh Rialacháin ón gComhairle lena leasófar Rialachán (CE) Uimh. 1234/ 2007 lenar bunaíodh comheagraíocht margaí talmhaíochta agus maidir le forálacha sonracha i gcomhair talmhaíochta áirithe (Rialachán táirgí Eagraíochta Cómhargaidh Aonair) mar aon le nóta faisnéise míniúcháin. COM (2009) 539.
- amending Regulation (EC) No. 1234/2007 establishing a common organisation of agricultural markets and on specific provisions for certain agricultural products (single CMO Regulation) together with explanatory information note. COM (2009) 539.

2) Proposal for a Council Regulation

- 3) Cuntais an Chiste Cosanta Taistealaithe agus an Bhanna don bhliain dar chríoch 31 Nollaig, 2008.
- 3) Travellers' Protection Fund and Bond Accounts for year ended 31 December, 2008.
- 4) Na Rialacháin Iascaigh Mhara (Iascaireacht Breallach in Inbhear Phort Láirge a Rialú) 2009 (I.R. Uimh. 412 de 2009).
- 4) Sea-Fisheries (Control on Fishing for Clams in Waterford Estuary) Regulations 2009 (S.I. No. 412 of 2009).
- 5) Na Rialacháin Iascaigh Mhara
- Mhara 5) Sea-Fisheries (Control on Fishing for

(Iascaireacht Breallach in Inbhear Phort Clams in Waterford Estuary) (No. 2) Láirge a Rialú) (Uimh. 2) 2009 (I.R. Uimh. Regulations 2009 (S.I. No. 418 of 2009).