



DÁIL ÉIREANN

Dé Céadaoin, 2 Nollaig, 2009
Wednesday, 2nd December, 2009

RIAR NA hOIBRE
ORDER PAPER

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10.30 a.m.

ORD GNÓ
ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Bille na gCuideachtaí (Forálacha Ilghnéitheacha) 2009 [*Seanad*] — An Dara Céim.
Companies (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2009 [*Seanad*] — Second Stage.
- 1a. An Bille um Pleanáil agus Forbairt (Leasú) 2009 [*Seanad*] — An Dara Céim.
Planning and Development (Amendment) Bill 2009 [*Seanad*] — Second Stage.
46. Ráitis maidir le hAthrú Aeráide (*atógáil*).
Statements on Climate Change (*resumed*).

GNÓ COMHALTAÍ PRÍOBHÁIDEACHA
PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

97. (l) Tairiscint *maidir le* Sochar Linbh (*atógáil*).
(a) Motion *re* Child Benefit (*resumed*).

FÓGRA I dTAOBH GNÓ NUA
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- 10a. An Bille um Údarás Forbartha Dugthailte Bhaile Átha Cliath (Leasú) 2009 — An Chéad Céim.
Dublin Docklands Development Authority (Amendment) Bill 2009 — First Stage.
- 44a. Meastachán Forlíontach i gcomhair Seirbhísí Poiblí [Vóta 41].
Supplementary Estimate for Public Services [Vote 41].

I dTOSACH GNÓ PHOIBLÍ
AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Billí ón Seanad : Bills from the Seanad

- 1.** Bille na gCuideachtaí (Forálacha Ilghnéitheacha) 2009 [*Seanad*] — An Dara Céim.
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- 1a.** An Bille um Pleanáil agus Forbairt (Leasú) 2009 [*Seanad*] — An Dara Céim.
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- 10a.** An Bille um Údarás Forbartha Dugthailte Bhaile Átha Cliath (Leasú) 2009 — An Chéad Céim.
Dublin Docklands Development Authority (Amendment) Bill 2009 — First Stage.

Bille dá ngairtear Acht do dhéanamh socrú gur comhlacht a bheidh á iniúchadh ag an Ard-Reachtaire Cuntas agus Ciste é Údarás Forbartha Dugthailte Bhaile Átha Cliath agus do dhéanamh socrú i dtaobh nithe comhghaolmhara.

Bill entitled an Act to provide that the Dublin Docklands Development Authority be a body that is audited by the Comptroller and Auditor General and to provide for connected matters.

—*Phil Hogan.*

Fógraí Tairisceana : Notices of Motions

44a. “Meastacháin i gcomhair Seirbhísí Poiblí [2009]:

Estimates for Public Services [2009]:

Vóta 41 — Oifig an Aire Leanaí agus Gnóthaí na hÓige (Meastachán Forlíontach).

Vote 41 — Office of the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs (Supplementary Estimate).

Go ndeonófar suim fhorlíontach nach mó ná €1,000 chun íoctha an mhuirir a thioctfaidh chun bheith iniúchta i rith na bliana dar críoch an 31ú lá de Nollaig, 2009, chun seirbhísí áirithe, i leith leanaí agus ghnóthaí na hóige, lena n-áirítear deontais ilghnéitheacha, agus deontais-i-gcabhair a sholáthar.

That a supplementary sum not exceeding €1,000 be granted to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of December, 2009, for the provision of certain services in respect of children and youth affairs, including miscellaneous grants and grants-in-aid.”

—*An tAire Airgeadais.*

**ORDUITHE AN LAE
ORDERS OF THE DAY**

46. Ráitis maidir le hAthrú Aeráide (*atógáil*).
Statements on Climate Change (*resumed*).
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**GNÓ COMHALTAÍ PRÍOBHÁIDEACHA
PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS**

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

97. “That Dáil Éireann:

noting:

- the ongoing high cost of raising children in Ireland today and the significant cuts that have already been made to family income;
- that the Early Childcare Supplement will be abolished from January;
- the continuing very high cost of childcare;
- that every child deserves to be cherished and recognised by the State, regardless of the circumstances of its parents;
- that there is now no recognition of children in the tax system;
- that the universal nature of the current system of child benefit does not disincentivise work or add to poverty traps; and
- that a banded approach to child benefit would create several serious anomalies, discriminate against certain children and parents, create new poverty traps, and, in some circumstances, discourage participation in the workforce;

believes that cutting child benefit would be far more deflationary than alternative revenue raising or cost-saving measures open to the Government; and

calls on the Government to maintain child benefit at the current level in the forthcoming Budget.” — *Róisín Shortall, Eamon Gilmore, Joan Burton, Emmet Stagg, Thomas P. Broughan, Joe Costello, Michael D. Higgins, Brendan Howlin, Ciarán Lynch, Kathleen Lynch, Liz McManus, Brian O'Shea, Jan O'Sullivan, Willie Penrose, Ruairí Quinn, Pat Rabbitte, Seán Sherlock, Joanna Tuffy, Mary Upton, Jack Wall.*

[1 December, 2009]

Leasú (atógáil):

Amendment (resumed):

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

“recognising:

- the importance of the child benefit payment to all families with children, and particularly those on low incomes;
- that, since 2000, the monthly rates of payment for Child Benefit has increased from just €53.96 for the first child and €71.11 for the third and subsequent children to €166 and €203 respectively;

- that overall expenditure on Child Benefit grew from just €638 million in 2000 to €2.5 billion in 2009;
- that the rate of consistent poverty among children, as measured by the EU Survey on Income and Living Conditions, has almost halved since 2003 – from 12.2% to 6.3%;
- that funding under the 2 childcare programmes, namely the Equal Opportunities Childcare Programme and the National Childcare Investment Programme, is expected to create some 65,000 childcare places, the majority of which are already in place;
- that 98,000 places will be available next year under the new free pre-school scheme;
- that given the scale of the current economic crisis, failure to stabilise the public finances would lead to increased borrowing and jeopardise Ireland's ability to fund vital social services in future years; and
- that in that context, it is appropriate to examine the €2.5 billion being spent on Child Benefit and consider how savings might be made in this area;

calls on the Government to consider the various options around Child Benefit and their implications for the needs of families with children, particularly those families on lower incomes, in the context of the forthcoming Budget.” — *An tAire Gnóthaí Sóisialacha agus Teaghlaigh*.

MEMORANDA

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Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste ar an mBunreacht i Seomra Coiste 4, TL2000, ar 9.30 a.m. (*príobháideach*).

Meeting of the Joint Committee on the Constitution in Committee Room 4, LH2000, at 9.30 a.m. (*private*).

Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Chumarsáid, Fuinneamh agus Acmhainní Nádúrtha 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.

Meastacháin (Cumarsáid, Fuinneamh agus Acmhainní Nádúrtha): Estimates (Communications, Energy and Natural Resources):

Cruinniú den Roghchoiste um Chumarsáid, Fuinneamh agus Acmhainní Nádúrtha i Seomra Coiste 1, TL2000, ar 10.45 a.m.

Meeting of the Select Committee on Communications, Energy and Natural Resources in Committee Room 1, LH2000, at 10.45 a.m.

Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Thalmhaíocht, Iascach agus Bia i Seomra Coiste 2, TL2000, ar 11.30 a.m.

Meeting of the Joint Committee on Agriculture, Fisheries and Food in Committee Room 2, LH2000, at 11.30 a.m.

Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Oideachas agus Eolaíocht i Seomra Coiste 4, TL2000, ar 12 meán lae.

Meeting of the Joint Committee on Education and Science in Committee Room 4, LH2000, at 12 noon.

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*).

**Meastacháin (Feidhmeannacht na Seirbhíse Sláinte) agus Meastacháin (Oifig Aire na Leanaí agus Ghnóthaí na hÓige)
Estimates (Health Service Executive) and Estimates (Office of the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs):**

Cruinniú den Roghchoiste um Shláinte agus Leanaí i Seomra Coiste 3, TL2000, ar 1 p.m.

Meeting of the Select Committee on Health and Children in Committee Room 3, LH2000, at 1 p.m.

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

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

Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Ghnóthaí Ealaíon, Spóirt, Turasóireachta, Pobail, Tuaithe agus Gaeltachta i Seomra Coiste 2, TL2000, ar 2.30 p.m.

Meeting of the Joint Committee on Arts, Sport, Tourism, Community, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs in Committee Room 2, LH2000, at 2.30 p.m.

**Meastacháin (Arm-Phinsin):
Estimates (Army Pensions):**

**Meastacháin (Dlí agus Ceart, Comhionannas agus Athchóiriú Dlí), Meastacháin (An Garda Síochána) agus Meastacháin (An tSeirbhís Chúirteanna):
Estimates (Justice, Equality and Law Reform), Estimates (Garda Síochána) and Estimates (Courts Service):**

Cruinniú den Roghchoiste um Dhlí agus Ceart, Comhionannas, Cosaint agus Cearta na mBan i Seomra Coiste 4, TL2000, ar 2.30 p.m.

Meeting of the Select Committee on Justice, Equality, Defence and Women's Rights in Committee Room 4, LH2000, at 2.30 p.m.

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.

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.

Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um an Leasú Bunreachtá maidir le Leanaí i Seomra Coiste 2, TL2000, ar 5 p.m. (*priobháideach*).
Meeting of the Joint Committee on the Constitutional Amendment on Children in Committee Room 2, LH2000, at 5 p.m. (*private*).

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

Reachtúil:

1) Na Rialacháin Raidió-Theileagrafaíochta (Atarchur Clár Teilifíse UHF) 2009 (I.R. Uimh. 445 de 2009).

2) An tOrdú fán Acht um Athchóiriú an Dlí Talún agus Tíolactha 2009 (Tosach Feidhme) (Alt 132) 2009 (I.R.Uimh.471 de 2009).

3) Uiscebhealaí Éireann. Tuarascáil Bhliantúil agus Cuntais, 2008.

4) Rialacháin na dTithe (Caighdeán le haghaidh Tithe ar Cíos) (Leasú) 2009 (I.R. Uimh. 462 de 2009).

Neamhrechtúil:

1) Comhaontú idir Rialtas na hÉireann agus Rialtas Angaíle d'fhonn faisnéis a mhalartú a bhaineann le cánacha.

2) Comhaontú idir Rialtas na hÉireann agus Rialtas Bheirmiúda d'fhonn faisnéis a mhalartú a bhaineann le cánacha.

3) Comhaontú idir Rialtas na hÉireann agus Rialtas Oileáin Cayman a bhaineann le faisnéis maidir le cúrsaí cánach.

Statutory:

1) Wireless Telegraphy (UHF Television Programme Retransmission) Regulations 2009 (S.I. No. 445 of 2009).

2) Land and Conveyancing Law Reform Act 2009 (Commencement) (Section 132) Order 2009 (S.I. No. 471 of 2009).

3) Waterways Ireland. Annual Report and Accounts, 2008.

4) Housing (Standards for Rented Houses) (Amendment) Regulations 2009 (S.I. No. 462 of 2009).

Non-Statutory:

1) Agreement between the Government of Ireland and the Government of Anguilla for the exchange of information relating to taxes.

2) Agreement between the Government of Ireland and the Government of Bermuda for the exchange of information relating to taxes.

3) Agreement between the Government of Ireland and the Government of the Cayman Islands concerning information on tax matters.

- 4) Comhaontú idir Éire agus Giobráltar d'fhonn faisnéis a mhalartú a bhaineann le cúrsaí cánach.
- 4) Agreement between Ireland and Gibraltar for the exchange of information relating to tax matters.
- 5) Comhaontú idir Éire agus Stáit Gheansaí d'fhonn faisnéis a mhalartú a bhaineann le cúrsaí cánach agus Comhaontú idir Éire agus Stáit Gheansaí d'fhonn faoiseamh ó chánachas dúbailte a thabhairt i leith ioncaim áirithe de chuid pearsana aonair agus lena mbunaítear nós imeachta um chomhaontuithe frithpháirteacha i dtaca le coigeartú brabús fiontar comhlachaithe.
- 5) Agreement between Ireland and the States of Guernsey for the exchange of information relating to tax matters and Agreement between Ireland and the States of Guernsey for affording relief from double taxation with respect to certain income of individuals and establishing a mutual agreement procedure in connection with the adjustment of profits of associated enterprises.
- 6) Comhaontú idir Éire agus Geirsí d'fhonn faisnéis a mhalartú a bhaineann le cúrsaí cánach agus Comhaontú idir Éire agus Geirsí d'fhonn faoiseamh ó chánachas dúbailte a thabhairt i leith ioncaim áirithe de chuid pearsana aonair agus lena mbunaítear nós imeachta um chomhaontuithe frithpháirteacha i dtaca le coigeartú brabús fiontar comhlachaithe.
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- 7) Comhaontú idir Rialtas na hÉireann agus Rialtas Phrionsacht Lichtinstéin d'fhonn faisnéis a mhalartú a bhaineann le cúrsaí cánach.
- 7) Agreement between the Government of Ireland and the Government of the Principality of Liechtenstein for the exchange of information relating to tax matters.
- 8) Comhaontú idir Rialtas na hÉireann agus Rialtas Oileáin na dTurcach agus Caicos d'fhonn faisnéis a mhalartú a bhaineann le cánacha.
- 8) Agreement between the Government of Ireland and the Government of the Turks and Caicos Islands for the exchange of information relating to taxes.
- 9) Coinbhinsiún idir Éire agus Ríocht Bhairéin d'fhonn cánachas dúbailte a sheachaint agus cosc a chur le himghabháil fhioscach maidir le cánacha ar ioncam agus ar ghnóchain chaipitiúla.
- 9) Convention between Ireland and the Kingdom of Bahrain for the avoidance of double taxation and the prevention of fiscal evasion with respect to taxes on income and capital gains.
- 10) Coinbhinsiún idir Éire agus Poblacht na Bealarúise d'fhonn cánachas dúbailte a sheachaint agus cosc a chur le himghabháil fhioscach maidir le cánacha ar ioncam agus ar chaipiteal.
- 10) Convention between Ireland and the Republic of Belarus for the avoidance of double taxation and the prevention of fiscal evasion with respect to taxes on income and on capital.
- 11) Coinbhinsiún idir Éire agus an Bhoisnia agus an Heirseagaivéin d'fhonn cánachas dúbailte a sheachaint agus cosc a chur le
- 11) Convention between Ireland and Bosnia and Herzegovina for the avoidance of double taxation and the prevention of fiscal evasion

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| 12) Comhaontú idir Rialtas na hÉireann agus Rialtas na Seoirsia d'fhonn cánachas dúbailte a sheachaint agus cosc a chur le himghabháil fhioscach maidir le cánacha ar ioncam. | 12) Agreement between the Government of Ireland and the Government of Georgia for the avoidance of double taxation and the prevention of fiscal evasion with respect to taxes on income. |
| 13) Coinbhinsiún idir Éire agus Poblacht na Moldóive d'fhonn cánachas dúbailte a sheachaint agus cosc a chur le himghabháil fhioscach maidir le cánacha ar ioncam. | 13) Convention between Ireland and the Republic of Moldova for the avoidance of double taxation and the prevention of fiscal evasion with respect to taxes on income. |
| 14) Coinbhinsiún idir Éire agus Poblacht na Seirbia d'fhonn cánachas dúbailte a sheachaint maidir le cánacha ar ioncam. | 14) Convention between Ireland and the Republic of Serbia for the avoidance of double taxation with respect to taxes on income. |
| 15) An tOrdú fán Acht um Rialáil Iompair Phoiblí 2009 (Ailt 5, 23 agus 29) (Tosach Feidhme) 2009 (I.R.Uimh.466 de 2009). | 15) Public Transport Regulation Act 2009 (Sections 5, 23 and 29) (Commencement) Order 2009 (S.I. No. 466 of 2009). |
| 16) An tOrdú fán Acht um Rialáil Iompair Phoiblí 2009 (Údarás Iompair Náisiúnta) (An Lá Ceaptha) 2009 (I.R.Uimh.467 de 2009). | 16) Public Transport Regulation Act 2009 (National Transport Authority) (Appointed Day) Order 2009 (S.I. No. 467 of 2009). |
| 17) An Bord Náisiúnta Staidrimh - Straitéis Staidrimh, 2009 - 2014. | 17) National Statistics Board - Strategy for Statistics, 2009 - 2014. |
| 18) Pobal. Tuarascáil Bhliantúil agus Cuntais, 2008. | 18) Pobal. Annual Report and Accounts, 2008. |
| 19) Tithe an Oireachtais. An Comhchoiste um Thalmhaíocht, Iascach agus Bia. An Comhchoiste um Ghnóthaí Eorpacha. Tuarascáil ar Thairiscint maidir le heagrú Chiste Dlíthpháirtíochta an Aontais Eorpaigh chun cuidiú leo siúd a bhfearann na tuilte in Éirinn orthu. Samhain, 2009. | 19) Houses of the Oireachtas. Joint Committee on Agriculture, Fisheries and Food. Joint Committee on European Affairs. Report on a Motion regarding the mobilisation of the European Union Solidarity Fund to assist those affected by flooding in Ireland. November, 2009. |
| 20) Tithe an Oireachtais. An Comhchoiste um Athrú Aeráide agus Áirithiú Fuinnimh. An Tríú Tuarascáil: Freastal ar Riachtanais Leictreachais na hÉireann ó 2020 ar aghaidh. Tuarascáil ar an gComhchomhairle Phoiblí ag an gComhchoiste Oireachtais um Athrú Aeráide agus Áirithiú Fuinnimh. Samhain, 2009. | 20) Houses of the Oireachtas. Joint Committee on Climate Change and Energy Security. Third Report: Meeting Ireland's Electricity Needs post - 2020. Report of Public Consultation of Joint Oireachtas Committee on Climate Change and Energy Security. November, 2009. |