

# DÁIL ÉIREANN

Dé Céadaoin, 20 Deireadh Fómhair, 2010 Wednesday, 20th October, 2010

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10.30 a.m.

### ORD GNÓ ORDER OF BUSINESS

- **8a.(i)** An Bille Comhdhlúite Cánach Breisluacha 2010 An Chéad Chéim. Value-Added Tax Consolidation Bill 2010 First Stage.
- **8a.(ii)** Tairiscint *maidir leis* an Dara Céim den Bhille Comhdhlúite Cánach Breisluacha 2010. Motion *re* Second Stage of the Value-Added Tax Consolidation Bill 2010.
- a17. Ráitis maidir le fógra an Aire Airgeadais i ndáil le baincéireacht an 30 Meán Fómhair, 2010 - Ceisteanna.
  - Statements *re* Minister for Finance's announcement on banking of 30th September, 2010 Questions.
- 4. An Bille um an Dlí Coiriúil (Cosaint agus an Teaghais) 2010 Ordú don Dara Céim. Criminal Law (Defence and the Dwelling) Bill 2010 Order for Second Stage.

## GNÓ COMHALTAÍ PRÍOBHÁIDEACHA PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

- 75. (1) Tairiscint maidir leis an Scéim um Ráthaíocht Iasachtaí (atógáil).
  - (a) Motion re Loan Guarantee Scheme (resumed).

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

Billí a thionscnamh: Initiation of Bills

Tíolactha: Presented:

4 An Bille um an Dlí Coiriúil (Cosaint agus an Teaghais) 2010 — Ordú don Dara Céim. Criminal Law (Defence and the Dwelling) Bill 2010 — Order for Second Stage.

Bille dá ngairtear Acht a bhaineann le dliteanas duine maidir le húsáid fornirt aige nó aici ina theaghais nó ina teaghais nó i dteaghais inar áititheoir dleathach é nó í i gcoinne duine a thagann isteach sa teaghais; do leasú an Achta um Chionta Neamh-Mharfacha in aghaidh an Duine 1997; agus do dhéanamh socrú i dtaobh nithe gaolmhara.

Bill entitled an Act relating to the liability of a person regarding the use of force by him or her in his or her dwelling or in a dwelling in which he or she is a lawful occupant against a person who enters the dwelling; to amend the Non-Fatal Offences Against the Person Act 1997; and to provide for related matters.

—An tAire Dlí agus Cirt agus Athchóirithe Dlí.

Tabhairt Isteach: Introduction:

**8a.**(i) An Bille Comhdhlúite Cánach Breisluacha 2010 — An Chéad Chéim Value-Added Tax Consolidation Bill 2010 — First Stage.

Bille dá ngairtear Acht do chomhdhlúthú achtachán a bhaineann le cáin bhreisluacha.

Deimhniú ón Ard-Aighne

De bhun Bhuan-Ordú 139 de Bhuan-Orduithe Dháil Éireann i dtaobh Gnó Phoiblí, deimhnímse, Pól Ó Gallachóir, Ard-Aighne, leis seo gur Bille do chomhdhlúthú achtachán a bhaineann le cáin bhreisluacha an Bille Comhdhlúite Cánach Breisluacha 2010.

Arna dhátú an 9ú lá de Dheireadh Fómhair, 2010

> PÓL Ó GALLACHÓIR, Ard-Aighne.

Bill entitled an Act to consolidate enactments relating to value-added tax.

Certificate of the Attorney General

In pursuance of Standing Order 139 of the Standing Orders of Dáil Éireann relative to public business, I, Paul Gallagher, Attorney General, hereby certify that the Value-Added Tax Consolidation Bill 2010 is a Bill to consolidate enactments relating to value-added tax.

Dated 9th day of October, 2010.

PAUL GALLAGHER, *Attorney General*.

(ii) "D'ainneoin aon ní sna Buan-Orduithe, go bhféadfar, i gcás an Bhille Comhdhlúite Cánach Breisluacha 2010—

That, notwithstanding anything in Standing Orders, in the case of the Value-Added Tax Consolidation Bill 2010—

an Dara Céim a thógáil ar dháta is luaithe ná an t-ochtú lá is fiche tar éis é a thabhairt isteach.

the Second Stage may be taken on a date earlier than the twenty-eighth day after its introduction."

− An tAire Airgeadais.

## ORDUITHE AN LAE ORDERS OF THE DAY

**18.** Ráitis *maidir le* fógra an Aire Airgeadais i ndáil le baincéireacht an 30 Meán Fómhair, 2010 (*atógáil*).

Statements *re* Minister for Finance's announcement on banking of 30th September, 2010 (*resumed*).

## GNÓ COMHALTAÍ PRÍOBHÁIDEACHA PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

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

#### 75. "That Dáil Éireann:

- recognises that up to 80,000 small firms employ approximately 800,000 people in every city, town, village and region in the country;
- recognises that small and medium enterprises (SMEs) are heavily involved in emerging sectors in areas such as green energy, bio-technology, tourism, healthcare, agri-food and creative industries;
- notes with concern that 1,132 businesses have been declared insolvent since the start of the year;
- notes that the rate of business insolvency is higher so far in 2010 than in the same period in 2009 and 2008 despite assurances of the economy turning a corner;
- notes with concern that small businesses are still having difficultly accessing credit through financial institutions for a variety of reasons;
- recognises that the Government strategy of NAMA and bank recapitalisation has not produced a 'wall of cash' in credit for small business promised by the Minister for Finance;
- acknowledges broken Government promises to introduce a loan guarantee scheme for small and medium sized businesses;
- recognises that similar schemes in countries like Chile and Taiwan have resulted in increased lending to SMEs and delivered business growth and increased trade at little or no cost to the taxpayer; and
- recognises that in the aftermath of a banking crisis, a temporary loan guarantee scheme can support the goal of re-establishing strong and long lasting links between SMEs and banks and to encourage entrepreneurship;

calls on Government to introduce a loan guarantee scheme for small and medium sized businesses based on the following operational principles:

- risk-sharing between financial institutions and the State;
- auctioning of loan guarantee contracts to financial institutions;
- credit assessment carried out by the banks and the Credit Review Office;
- an emphasis on start-ups and export-oriented companies; and
- exclusion of financial institutions that approve high rates of non-performing loans."
   John Perry, 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, James Reilly, Michael Ring, Alan Shatter, Tom Sheahan, P. J. Sheehan, David Stanton, Billy Timmins, Leo Varadkar.

[19 October, 2010]

Leasú (atógáil): Amendment (resumed):

- 1. To delete all words after "Dáil Éireann" and substitute the following:
- "— welcomes, in particular, the Government's five year integrated trade, tourism and investment plan, 'Trading and Investing in a Smart Economy', designed to help all Irish businesses compete on global markets and create 300,000 jobs across the Irish economy in both exporting and locally trading firms;
- notes the intensive work underway within the Government in relation to further small
  and medium enterprises (SMEs) credit initiatives while at the same time ensuring that
  banks fulfil their commitments given to Government to lend to this sector; and
- recognising the important contribution which small and medium enterprises make to economic growth and employment creation, commends the Government for the priority it has given to introducing new and specific initiatives aimed at improving the business environment and supporting directly the further development of the SME sector; In particular:
- the measures taken to ensure the continued operation of a sustainable banking sector as a provider of credit to viable enterprises in the State, including:
  - the introduction in 2009 by the Financial Regulator of a statutory Code of Conduct for Business Lending to SMEs;
  - securing a commitment by both AIB and Bank Of Ireland to make available not less than €3 billion each for new or increased credit facilities to SMEs in both 2010 and 2011, including funds for working capital; and
  - the establishment of the Credit Review Office to measure compliance with the banks' lending commitments, to examine the lending practices of the recapitalised banks and to review refusals of bank credit;
- providing continued capital funding of €15 million in 2010 to the County and City Enterprise Boards to assist micro enterprises and promote entrepreneurship and recently providing an additional capital funding of €3.3 million to the County Enterprise Boards (CEBs), creating more than 450 jobs;

- providing financial support to almost 2,000 companies through the Employment Subsidy Scheme and the Enterprise Stabilisation Fund;
- improving the cash flow of SMEs by requiring Government Departments to pay their business suppliers within 15 days of receipt of a valid invoice;
- the provision of €278 million to Enterprise Ireland in 2010, representing a 26% increase on the outturn for 2009, to stimulate the development of new businesses and facilitate the expansion of existing companies through a broad range of initiatives including direct financial and non-financial supports;
- the commitment through Enterprise Ireland to invest €175 million through the Seed and Venture Capital Programme 2007-2012 for companies at the early and growth stages of development;
- establishing the €500 million Innovation Fund Ireland to support entrepreneurs so that they can create jobs;
- establishing the Employer Job (PRSI) Incentive Scheme to reduce business costs associated with hiring new employees;
- the provision of €425 million for the implementation of the LEADER Rural Development Programme 2007-2013 to promote sustainable employment creation in the rural economy; and
- preserving a low tax regime for business." An tAire Fiontar, Trádála agus Nuálaíochta.

#### **MEMORANDA**

Dé Céadaoin, 20 Deireadh Fómhair, 2010 Wednesday, 20th October, 2010

Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste ar an mBunreacht i Seomra Coiste 3, TL2000, ar 9.30 a.m. (príobháideach).

Meeting of the Joint Committee on the Constitution in Committee Room 3, 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. *(príobháideach)*.

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

Cruinniú den Roghchoiste um Dhlí agus Ceart, Cosaint agus Cearta na mBan i Seomra Coiste 2, TL2000, ar 10.30 a.m.

Meeting of the Select Committee on Justice, Defence and Women's Rights in Committee Room 2, LH2000, at 10.30 a.m.

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

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

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Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Ghnóthaí Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Spóirt, Pobail, Comhionannais agus Gaeltachta i Seomra Coiste 4, TL2000, ar 2 p.m.

Meeting of the Joint Committee on Tourism, Culture, Sport, Community, Equality and Gaeltacht Affairs in Committee Room 4, LH2000, at 2 p.m.

Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Airgeadas agus an tSeirbhís Phoiblí i Seomra Coiste 2, TL2000, ar 2 p.m. *(príobháideach)*.

Meeting of the Joint Committee on Finance and the Public Service in Committee Room 2, LH2000, at 2 p.m. (private).

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.

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

Reachtúil:

Statutory:

- 1) Togra leasaithe le haghaidh Rialacháin ó Pharlaimint na hEorpa agus ón gComhairle lena leasaítear Rialacháin (CE) Uimh. 1290/2005 agus (CE) Uimh. 1234/2007, maidir le bia a dháileadh ar na daoine is díothaí san Aontas mar aon le nóta faisnéise míniúcháin.
- COM (2010) 486.
- 2) Togra le haghaidh Rialacháin ó Pharlaimint na hEorpa agus ón gComhairle lena leasaítear Rialachán (CE) Uimh. 1288/2009 ón gComhairle lenar bunaíodh bearta teicniúla idirthréimhseacha ón 1 Eanáir, 2010 go 30 Meitheamh, 2011, mar aon le nóta faisnéise míniúcháin. COM (2010) 488.
- 1) Amended proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Council Regulations (EC) No. 1290/2005 and (EC) No. 1234/2007, as regards food distribution to the most deprived persons in the Union together with explanatory information note. COM (2010) 486.
- 2) Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Council Regulation (EC) No. 1288/2009 establishing transitional technical measures from 1 January, 2010 to 30 June, 2011 together with explanatory information note. COM (2010) 488.

3) Togra le haghaidh Cinnidh ó Pharlaimint na hEorpa agus ón gComhairle maidir leis an mBliain Eorpach um Dhul in Aois go Bríomhar (2012) mar aon le nóta faisnéise míniúcháin.

COM (2010) 462.

4) Rialacháin na gComhphobal Eorpach (Éin agus Gnáthóga Nádúrtha) (Srianta le Baoite Nimhniúil a úsáid) 2010 (I.R. Uimh. 481 de 2010).

#### Neamhreachtúil:

An Conradh ar an Aontas Eorpach: Doiciméid a fuarthas de bhun an Phrótacail maidir le ról Parlaimintí Náisiúnta san Aontas Eorpach. 11 go 15 Deireadh Fómhair, 2010.

- 3) Proposal for a Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council on the European Year for Active Ageing (2012) together with explanatory information note. COM (2010) 462.
- 4) European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) (Restrictions on use of Poison Bait) Regulations 2010 (S.I. No. 481 of 2010).

#### *Non-Statutory*:

Treaty on European Union: Documents received pursuant to Protocol on the role of National Parliaments in the European Union. 11 to 15 October, 2010.