



## **DÁIL ÉIREANN**

*Dé Céadaoin, 15 Nollaig, 2010*  
*Wednesday, 15th December, 2010*

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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**

- 9c.** Tairiscint *maidir le* Ceadú beartaithe ag Dail Éireann i ndáil le Clár Tacaíochta Airgeadais AE/CAI d'Éirinn.  
Motion *re* Proposed approval by Dáil Eireann of the EU/IMF Programme of Financial Support to Ireland.
- a5.** An Bille um Fhorais Chreidmheasa (Cobhsúchán) 2010 — Ordú don Dara Céim.  
Credit Institutions (Stabilisation) Bill 2010 — Order for Second Stage.
- 40.** (l) An Bille um Fhorbairtí Ilaonad 2009 [*Seanad*] — Ordú don Tuarascáil.  
(a) Multi-Unit Developments Bill 2009 [*Seanad*] — Order for Report.

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

- 104.** (l) Tairiscint *maidir le* Togra chun an Pá Íosta Náisiúnta a laghdú (*atógáil*).  
(a) Motion *re* Proposal to reduce National Minimum Wage (*resumed*).

**FÓGRA I dTAOBH GNÓ NUA**  
**NOTICE OF NEW BUSINESS**

- b5.** An Bille Leithreasa 2010 — Ordú don Dara Céim.  
Appropriation Bill 2010 — Order for Second Stage.

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

*Billí a thionscnamh : Initiation of Bills*

*Tiolaicthe:*  
*Presented:*

- a5.** An Bille um Fhorais Chreidmheasa (Cobhsúchán) 2010 — Ordú don Dara Céim.  
Credit Institutions (Stabilisation) Bill 2010 — Order for Second Stage.

Bille dá ngairtear Acht do dhéanamh socrú, i gcomhthéacs an Phlean um Théarnamh Náisiúnta 2011 - 2014 agus Chlár Tacaíochta Airgeadais an Aontais Eorpaigh/an Chiste Airgeadaíochta Idirnáisiúnta d'Éirinn, i ndáil le forais chreidmheasa áirithe a chobhsú agus i ndáil le staid airgeadais na bhforas sin a chaomhnú nó a athbhunú; do leasú an Achta Cumann Foirgníochta 1989, Acht an Bhainc Ceannais 1971 agus an Achta um Fhorais Chreidmheasa (Tacaíocht Airgeadais) 2008 chun na gcríoch sin; do leasú an Achta um Chúlchiste Náisiúnta Pinsean 2000 chun a cheadú don Aire Airgeadais ordacháin áirithe a thabhairt i ndáil leis an gCúlchiste Náisiúnta Pinsean; do dhéanamh leasuithe iarmhartacha ar Rialacháin na gComhphobal Eorpach (Forais Chreidmheasa a Atheagrú agus a Fhoirceannadh) 2004 (I.R. Uimh. 198 de 2004); agus chun críoch gaolmhar.

Bill entitled an Act to make provision, in the context of the National Recovery Plan 2011 - 2014 and the European Union/International Monetary Fund Programme of Financial Support for Ireland, in relation to the stabilisation, and the preservation or restoration of the financial position of certain credit institutions; to amend the Building Societies Act 1989, the Central Bank Act 1971 and the Credit Institutions (Financial Support) Act 2008 for those purposes; to amend the National Pensions Reserve Fund Act 2000 to allow the Minister for Finance to give certain directions in relation to the National Pensions Reserve Fund; to make consequential amendments to the European Communities (Reorganisation and Winding-Up of Credit Institutions) Regulations 2004 (S.I. No. 198 of 2004); and for related purposes.

*—An tAire Airgeadais.*

- b5.** An Bille Leithreasa 2010 — Ordú don Dara Céim.  
Appropriation Bill 2010 — Order for Second Stage.

Bille dá ngairtear Acht do leithreasú suimeanna a deonaíodh leis an Acht Príomh-Chiste (Forálacha Buana) 1965 chun na seirbhísí soláthair agus na gcríoch cuí agus do dhéanamh forála maidir le géilleadh iarchurtha leithreasuithe áirithe neamhurscaoilte don Phríomh-Chiste faoi threoir na seirbhísí soláthair chaipitiúil agus na gcríoch dá bhforáiltear le halt 91 den Acht Airgeadais 2004 agus do dhéanamh forála i ndáil leis na Rúin Airgeadais a rith Dáil Éireann an 7 Nollaig 2010.

Bill entitled an Act to appropriate to the proper supply services and purposes sums granted by the Central Fund (Permanent Provisions) Act 1965 and to make provision in relation to deferred surrender to the central fund of certain undischarged appropriations by reference to the capital supply services and purposes as provided for by section 91 of the Finance Act 2004 and to make provision in relation to the Financial Resolutions passed by Dáil Éireann on 7 December 2010.

*—An tAire Airgeadais.*

*Fógraí Tairisceana : Notices of Motions*

9c. “Go gceadaíonn Dáil Éireann téarmaí na gcomhaontuithe a shonraítear thíos, ar leagadh cóipeanna díobh faoi bhráid Dháil Éireann an 14 Nollaig, 2010 agus, go háirithe, an Meabhrán de Bheartais Gheilleagracha agus Airgeadais agus an Meabhrán Tuisceana um Choinníollacht i dtaca le Beartas Geilleagrach Sonrach arna gcomhaontú ag an Rialtas agus lena leagtar amach na critéir a ndéanfar eisíoc cúnaimh airgid ón Sásra Cobhsaíochta Airgeadais Eorpach, an tSaoráid Chobhsaíochta Airgeadais Eorpach agus Saoráid Chistíochta Leathnaithe an Chiste Airgeadaíochta Idirnáisiúnta mar thoradh ar mheasúnú dearfach ina leith:

Clár Tacaíochta Airgeadais AE/CAI d’Éirinn:

- (i) An Litir Intinne arna síniú ag an Aire Airgeadais agus Gobharnóir an Bhainc Ceannais agus arna díriú chuig Uachtarán an Ghrúpa Euro, Uachtaránacht an Aontais Eorpaigh, an Coimisiún Eorpach agus Uachtarán an Bhainc Ceannais Eorpaigh arna dátú an 3 Nollaig, 2010;
- (ii) An Litir Intinne arna síniú ag an Aire Airgeadais agus Gobharnóir an Bhainc Ceannais agus arna díriú chuig an gCiste Airgeadaíochta Idirnáisiúnta arna dátú an 3 Nollaig, 2010;
- (iii) An Meabhrán Tuisceana idir an Coimisiún Eorpach agus Éire ina bhfuil:
  - (a) An Meabhrán de Bheartais Gheilleagracha agus Airgeadais;
  - (b) An Meabhrán Tuisceana um Choinníollacht i dtaca le Beartas Geilleagrach Sonrach;
  - (c) An Meabhrán Teicniúil Tuisceana.

That Dáil Éireann approves the terms of the agreements detailed below, copies of which were laid before Dáil Éireann on 14 December, 2010, and in particular, the Memorandum of Economic and Financial Policies and the Memorandum of Understanding on Specific Economic Policy Conditionality agreed by the Government and which set out the criteria in respect of which a positive evaluation will lead to the disbursement of financial assistance from the European Financial Stabilisation Mechanism, the European Financial Stability Facility and the International Monetary Fund Extended Fund Facility:

EU/IMF Programme of Financial Support:

- (i) The Letter of Intent signed by the Minister for Finance and the Governor of the Central Bank and addressed to the President of the Eurogroup, the European Union Presidency, the European Commission and the President of the European Central Bank dated 3 December, 2010;
- (ii) The Letter of Intent signed by the Minister for Finance and the Governor of the Central Bank and addressed to the International Monetary Fund dated 3 December, 2010;
- (iii) The Memorandum of Understanding between the European Commission and Ireland comprising:
  - (a) The Memorandum of Economic and Financial Policies;
  - (b) The Memorandum of Understanding on Specific Economic Policy Conditionality;
  - (c) The Technical Memorandum of Understanding.”

—An tAire Airgeadais.

**ORDUITHE AN LAE  
ORDERS OF THE DAY**

40. (l) An Bille um Fhorbairtí Ilaonad 2009 [*Seanad*] — Ordú don Tuarascáil.  
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**GNÓ COMHALTAÍ PRÍOBHÁIDEACHA  
PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS**

*Tairiscint (atógáil) (1 ur. 30 n. fágtha):*

*Motion (resumed) (1 hr. 30 m. remaining):*

**104.** “That Dáil Éireann:

- recognising that the national minimum wage is low, providing a full-time employee with less than €18,000 annually (with reductions for those under 18 or in their first job), and that amongst EU states it ranks as 12th highest when measured as a percentage of average monthly wages and 9th highest if measured in terms of purchasing power parity;
- accepting that:
  - the current minimum wage has not kept pace with average growth in wages or been increased since July 2007;
  - the 2009 income levy has already reduced the real value of the minimum wage; and
  - the new universal social charge will be payable on wages at this level;
- concerned that 116,000 workers, or 6.6% of the workforce, are living below the poverty line, that the working poor make up 24% of all those in poverty and 40% of all households in poverty, and that the minimum wage is especially relied upon for protection by women, migrants and other vulnerable workers;
- noting that only 4% of workers, and only 1.2% of industrial workers in export sectors, are on the minimum wage, with no major impact on competitiveness;
- acknowledging the role of a statutory minimum wage in protecting against unfair competitive advantage by unscrupulous employers who exploit their workers;
- further acknowledging the opportunity available through the Labour Court, which has yet to be invoked by any employer, to plead inability to pay the national minimum wage;
- reaffirming that a statutory minimum wage is a statement of core values, providing a threshold of decency under which society agrees that workers’ wages should not fall, and that a reduction would signal a race to the bottom in which everyone – low wage workers, public and private sector workers, social welfare claimants and pensioners – will suffer;
- believing that a reduction in the minimum wage will only create a disincentive to work, will have no impact on the public debt or on economic recovery and makes absolutely no sense at any level;
- condemning the Government's logic that poverty wages will create more jobs and that welfare rates must be below even those poverty wages, which logic will in turn require major cuts in welfare payments; and
- appalled that the Government’s four year plan has targeted the most vulnerable members of society and convinced that the proposed reduction in the minimum wage

of one euro an hour will have the most profound impact on those who are poorest, deepen their poverty and draw more workers into poverty;

condemns the Government's unnecessary, unwise and unfair decision to reduce the national minimum wage and calls for a reversal of this cut." — *Willie Penrose, 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, Ruairí Quinn, Pat Rabbitte, Seán Sherlock, Róisín Shortall, Joanna Tuffy, Mary Upton, Jack Wall.*

[14 December, 2010]

*Leasú (atógáil):*

*Amendment (resumed):*

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

" endorses the National Recovery Plan as a strategy for economic recovery with the aim of restoring stability to the public finances, improving Ireland's cost competitiveness, stimulating enterprise growth and job creation; And in particular recognises that:

- the National Recovery Plan identifies how Ireland's National Minimum Wage (NMW) has increased six times since its introduction and is now 55% higher than its original level. By the end of 2010 the consumer price index is forecast to have increased by approximately 28% since 2001;
- research states clearly that a reduction in the national minimum wage will result in an increase in employment in the medium term;
- the reduction in the minimum wage is one element of the labour market reforms outlined in the National Recovery Plan which also includes the review of sectoral agreements, new labour market activation policies and welfare policy;
- NMW workers are concentrated in sectors badly hit by the downturn including retail, hotels, restaurants and horticulture;
- the State must act to remove any legislative and policy obstacles to job creation;
- even after the reduction to €7.65 per hour, Ireland's NMW remains in the top tier of EU minimum wage rates and the new rate will remain about 12% higher than the UK;
- individual employment rights in Ireland have a sound legislative foundation, active compliance systems and robust institutions for adjudication on rights and resolving disputes together with broad social support; and
- the Government is providing support for lower income families particularly through the Family Income Supplement." — *An tAire Fiontar, Trádála agus Nuálaíochta.*

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**TEACHTAIREACHTAÍ ÓN RIALTAS  
MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNMENT**

**An Bille um Airm Bhitheolaíoch 2010.  
Biological Weapons Bill 2010.**

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 further effect to the Protocol for the Prohibition of the Use in War of Asphyxiating, Poisonous or Other Gases, and of Bacteriological Methods of Warfare, Done at Geneva on 17 June 1925; to give further

effect to the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on their Destruction, Done at Washington, London and Moscow on 10 April 1972; and to provide for related matters.

Given on this 14th day of December, 2010

*(Signed)* Brian Cowen,  
An Taoiseach.

**An Bille Sláinte Poiblí (Tobac) (Leasú) 2010.  
Public Health (Tobacco) (Amendment) Bill 2010.**

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 provide for the dissolution of the Office of Tobacco Control; to repeal Part 2 of the Public Health (Tobacco) Act 2002; and to provide for related matters.

Given on this 14th day of December, 2010

*(Signed)* Brian Cowen,  
An Taoiseach.

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**MEMORANDA**

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Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste ar an mBunreacht i Seomra Coiste 3, TL2000, ar 9.30 a.m.  
Meeting of the Joint Committee on the Constitution in Committee Room 3, LH2000, at 9.30 a.m.

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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.

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Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Thalmhaíocht, Iascach 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.

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**An Bille Rialtais Áitiúil (Méara agus Údarás Réigiúnach Bhaile Átha Cliath) 2010:  
Local Government (Mayor and Regional Authority of Dublin) Bill 2010:**

Cruinniú den Roghchoiste um Chomhshaol, Oidhreacht agus Rialtas Áitiúil i Seomra Coiste 4, TL2000, ar 11.30 a.m.  
Meeting of the Select Committee on the Environment, Heritage and Local Government in Committee Room 4, LH2000, at 11.30 a.m.

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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.

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Cruinniú den Roghchoiste um Airgeadas agus an tSeirbhís Phoiblí i Seomra Coiste 2, TL2000, ar 2.15 p.m.  
Meeting of the Select Committee on Finance and the Public Service in Committee Room 2, LH2000, at 2.15 p.m.

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Cruinniú den Roghchoiste um Leasanna Chomhaltáí Dháil Éireann i Seomra Coiste 3, TL2000, ar 2.30 p.m. (*príobháideach*).  
Meeting of the Select Committee on Members' Interests of Dáil Éireann in Committee Room 3, LH2000, at 2.30 p.m. (*private*).

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**An Bille um Airm Bhitheolaíochta 2010:**  
**Biological Weapons Bill 2010:**

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

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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.

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

*Reachtúil:*

*Statutory:*

1) Rialacháin na gComhphobal Eorpach (Córas Faireacháin agus Faisnéise um Thrácht Ártach) 2010 (I.R. Uimh. 573 de 2010).

1) European Communities (Vessel Traffic Monitoring and Information System) Regulations 2010 (S.I. No. 573 of 2010).

2) Scéim Aoisliúntais Foirne na Gníomhaireachta Náisiúnta Bainne 2010 (I.R. Uimh. 588 de 2010).

2) National Milk Agency Staff Superannuation Scheme 2010 (S.I. No. 588 of 2010).

3) An Gníomhaireacht Náisiúnta Bainne. Tuarascáil Bhliantúil agus Cuntais, 2009.

3) National Milk Agency. Annual Report and Accounts, 2009.

4) An tÚdarás Iompair Náisiúnta. Treoirlínte maidir le Seirbhísí Bus Poiblí do Phaisinéirí

4) National Transport Authority. Guidelines For the Licensing of Public Bus Passenger

a Cheadúnú. Samhain, 2010.

5) An tOrdú Loingis Cheannaíochta (Táilli) 2010 (I.R. Uimh. 594 de 2010).

6) Na Rialacháin Loingis Cheannaíochta (Táilli) 2010 (I.R. Uimh. 595 de 2010).

*Neamhreachtúil:*

1) Tithe an Oireachtais. An Conradh ar an Aontas Eorpach: Doiciméid a fuarthas de bhun an Phrótacail maidir le ról Parlaimintí Náisiúnta san Aontas Eorpach. 6 go 10 Nollaig, 2010.

2) Rialacháin na gComhphobal Eorpach (Duilleog-Mhíolta Lus na Gile) 2010 (I.R. Uimh. 563 de 2010).

3) Oifig an Stiúrthóra Ionchúiseamh Poiblí. Tuarascáil Bhliantúil, 2009.

4) Tithe an Oireachtais. An Comhchoiste um Dhlí agus Ceart, Cosaint agus Cearta na mBan. An Tríú Tuarascáil: Óglaigh na hÉireann - Ról maidir le hInfheidhmeacht Choirp a chur chun cinn. Nollaig, 2010.

5) An Roinn Airgeadais. Clár Tacaíochta Airgeadais AE/CAI d'Éirinn.

Services. November, 2010.

5) Merchant Shipping (Fees) Order 2010 (S.I. No. 594 of 2010).

6) Merchant Shipping (Fees) Regulations 2010 (S.I. No. 595 of 2010).

*Non-Statutory:*

1) Houses of the Oireachtas. Treaty on European Union: Documents received pursuant to Protocol on the role of National Parliaments in the European Union. 6 to 10 December, 2010.

2) European Communities (Carnation Leaf-Rollers) Regulations 2010 (S.I. No. 563 of 2010).

3) Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions. Annual Report, 2009.

4) Houses of the Oireachtas. Joint Committee on Justice, Defence and Women's Rights. Third Report: The Defence Forces - A role in promoting Physical Fitness. December, 2010.

5) Department of Finance. EU/IMF Programme of Financial Support for Ireland.