



## **DÁIL ÉIREANN**

*Dé Céadaoin, 23 Márta, 2011*  
*Wednesday, 23rd March, 2011*

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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**

- a3.** Tairiscint *maidir le* Billí a athchur ar Riar na hOibre.  
Motion *re* Restoration of Bills to the Order Paper.
- 5.** Ráitis maidir leis an bhFreagra ar iarmhairtí an Chreatha Talún agus an Tsunami sa tSeapáin.  
Statements on the Response to the aftermath of the Earthquake and Tsunami in Japan.

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

- 6.** (l) Tairiscint *maidir le* Cáin Chorparáide (*atógáil*).  
(a) Motion *re* Corporation Tax (*resumed*).

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

*Fógraí Tairisceana : Notices of Motions*

**a3.** “D’ainneoin aon ní sna Buan-Orduithe, maidir leis na Billí a thit ar an 30ú Dáil do lánscore, agus atá leagtha amach sa Sceideal a ghabhann leis an tairiscint seo, go rachfar ar aghaidh leo ag tús na céime a bhí sroichte ag gach Bille roimh an lánscore mura sonraítear a mhalairt sa Sceideal.

That, notwithstanding anything in Standing Orders, the Bills which lapsed on the dissolution of the 30th Dáil, and are set out in the Schedule to this motion, shall be proceeded with at commencement of the stage each Bill had reached prior to dissolution unless specified otherwise in the Schedule.

*AN SCEIDEAL*

*SCHEDULE*

<i>Teideal an Bille:</i>	<i>An Chéim a sroicheadh ar lánscore an 30ú Dáil:</i>	<i>Bill Title:</i>	<i>Stage reached at dissolution of 30th Dáil:</i>
An Bille um Airm Bhitheolaíoch, 2010	<i>Ordú don Tuarascáil</i>	Biological Weapons Bill 2010	<i>Order for Report</i>
An Bille um Chúram Leanaí (Leasú), 2009 [ <i>Seanad</i> ]	<i>Céim na Tuarascála</i>	Child Care (Amendment) Bill 2009 [ <i>Seanad</i> ]	<i>Report Stage</i>
An Bille um Rialáil Cumarsáide (Seirbhísí Poist), 2010 [ <i>Seanad</i> ]	<i>An Dara Céim</i>	Communications Regulation (Postal Services) Bill 2010 [ <i>Seanad</i> ]	<i>Second Stage</i>
An Bille um an Dlí Coiriúil (Cosaint agus an Teaghais), 2010	<i>Céim an Choiste</i>	Criminal Law (Defence and the Dwelling) Bill 2010	<i>Committee Stage</i>
An Bille Comhshaoil (Forálacha Ilghnéitheacha), 2011	<i>Ordú don Dara Céim</i>	Environment (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2011	<i>Order for Second Stage</i>
An Bille um Inimirce, Cónaí agus Cosaint, 2010	<i>Céim an Choiste</i>	Immigration, Residence and Protection Bill 2010	<i>Committee Stage</i>
Bille na nAltraí agus na gCnáimhseach, 2010	<i>Ordú don Tuarascáil</i>	Nurses and Midwives Bill 2010	<i>Order for Report</i>
An Bille um Sheirbhísí Maoine (Rialáil), 2009 [ <i>Seanad</i> ]	<i>Céim an Choiste</i>	Property Services (Regulation) Bill 2009 [ <i>Seanad</i> ]	<i>Committee Stage</i>
An Bille um Thrácht ar Bhóithre, 2011 [ <i>Seanad</i> ]	<i>An Dara Céim</i>	Road Traffic Bill 2011 [ <i>Seanad</i> ]	<i>Second Stage</i>
An Bille um Binsí Fiosrúcháin, 2005	<i>Ordú don Tuarascáil.</i>	Tribunals of Inquiry Bill 2005	<i>Order for Report.”</i>

—*Pól MacEochaidh, Aire Stáit ag Roinn an Taoisigh.*

**ORDUITHE AN LAE  
ORDERS OF THE DAY**

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

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

6. “That Dáil Éireann:

- confirms its absolute commitment to the maintenance of the 12.5% rate of corporation tax;
- is opposed to any Irish participation in proposals to introduce a Consolidated Corporate Tax Base within either the Eurozone or the European Union as a whole;
- notes the clear evidence that investment attracted to Ireland by our policy on corporation tax is largely won against non-European Union countries and is therefore a net-benefit to the EU; and
- believes that any move away from these established policies would undermine Irish employment and prospects for a strong recovery with serious implications for the wider European economy.” — *Micheál Martin, John Browne, Dara Calleary, Niall Collins, Barry Cowen, Timmy Dooley, Sean Fleming, Billy Kelleher, Seamus Kirk, Michael P. Kitt, Brian Lenihan, Michael Moynihan, Michael McGrath, John McGuinness, Charlie McConalogue, Éamon Ó Cuív, Willie O’Dea, Seán Ó Fearghail, Brendan Smith, Robert Troy.*

[22 March, 2011]

*Leasuithe:*

*Amendments:*

1. To delete all words after “Dáil Éireann” and substitute the following:
- “— notes the following table laying out the total amounts of corporation profits earned and corporation tax paid by all companies in the Republic of Ireland from 2000 to 2008 inclusive (figures for 2009/2010 not finalised):

**Table: Profits and Corporation Tax for Accounting Periods ended in 2000-2008**

	Total Profits	Tax payable	Effective tax rate
2008	€51,154,400	€5,122,100	10.0%
2007	€63,160,300	€6,305,300	10.0%
2006	€59,963,700	€6,119,700	10.2%
2005	€49,960,100	€5,167,400	10.3%
2004	€44,125,700	€4,420,200	10.0%
2003	€42,491,300	€4,331,800	10.2%

	Total Profits	Tax payable	Effective tax rate
2002	€38,134,400	€4,172,500	10.9%
2001	€38,229,400	€4,132,400	10.8%
2000	€39,681,600	€4,296,400	10.8%

- notes that only Bulgaria and Cyprus have lower rates of corporation tax than Ireland in the 27 member states of the European Union;
  - notes the corporation tax rate in the following member states: Austria 25%; Denmark 25%; Finland 26%; Sweden 28%; and Germany 29.8%;
  - notes the substantial extra revenue that would be raised each year for every percentage point increase in the corporation tax rate;
  - believes that setting an appropriate rate of corporation tax is a matter for the Irish people and condemns the opportunism of EU leaders like French President Sarkozy and German Chancellor Merkel in linking this issue with renegotiation of the EU/IMF austerity pact;
  - notes the substantial cuts in the incomes of unemployed people, those on disability incomes and low and middle income workers as a result of government policy to pay billions of bad private debts of speculators in the Irish property market;
  - condemns the hypocrisy of the establishment political parties in this State which implement savage attacks on the income of ordinary people, speak about ‘all sectors making a contribution’ but in practice unite to prevent any pressure on big business to pay more;
  - believes that historically the Irish State developed an unsustainable reliance on foreign direct investment because of a failure to invest in a solid domestic programme of research and development leading to a sustainable manufacturing economy;
  - notes that private investment in the Irish economy has fallen sharply over the past three years and therefore that reliance on such private investment to tackle the crisis of 440,000 unemployed is destined to fail;
  - believes that public investment in major infrastructural programmes is necessary to create sufficient jobs to resolve the unemployment crisis; and
  - calls for a major debate on what the appropriate rate of corporation tax should be in this State.” — *Joe Higgins, Clare Daly.*
2. To delete all words after “Dáil Éireann” and substitute the following:
- “— recognises that the Programme for Government clearly states that the Government will ‘Keep the corporate tax rate at 12.5%’;
  - recognises that the 12.5% corporation tax rate will support Irish economic recovery and employment growth by attracting foreign investment;
  - recognises that the Government, alongside other European member states, remains highly sceptical about many aspects of the Common Consolidated Corporate Tax Base proposal (CCCTB) but that the Government believes that a constructive and forthright engagement with all of our European partners on this issue will result in the best outcome for Ireland and for the European Union as a whole; and
  - notes that, in particular, as confirmed in the Pact for the Euro, direct taxation is a

matter of national competence and, more generally, that unanimity is required in respect of decisions on tax issues.” *(resumed)* — *An tAire Airgeadais*.

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

*Neamhreachtúil:*

1) Na Rialacháin um na hAchtanna Aturnaetha, 1954 go 2008 (Printíseachtaí agus Oideachas) (Oifigeach Oilíúna), 2011 (I.R. Uimh. 46 de 2011).

2) Tuarascáil an Bhinse Fiosrúcháin maidir le hÍocaíochtaí le Polaiteoirí agus Nithe Gaolmhara. Cuid 2, Imleabhair 1 agus 2.

3) Rialacháin an Aontais Eorpaigh (An Libia) (Smachtbhannaí Airgeadais) (Uimh. 2), 2011 (I.R. Uimh. 118 de 2011).

4) An tOrdú um Aistrithe Airgeadais (An Libia) (Toirmeasc) (Uimh. 2), 2011 (I.R. Uimh. 119 de 2011).

*Non-Statutory:*

1) Solicitors Acts 1954 to 2008 (Apprenticeship and Education) (Training Officer) Regulations 2011 (S.I. No. 46 of 2011).

2) Report of the Tribunal of Inquiry into Payments to Politicians and Related Matters. Part 2, Volumes 1 and 2.

3) European Union (Libya) (Financial Sanctions) (No. 2) Regulations 2011 (S.I. No. 118 of 2011).

4) Financial Transfers (Libya) (Prohibition) (No. 2) Order 2011 (S.I. No. 119 of 2011).