

(Supplementary Order Paper)

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DÁIL ÉIREANN

Dé Máirt, 12 Aibreán, 2011
Tuesday, 12th April, 2011

2.30 p.m.

GNÓ COMHALTAÍ PRÍOBHÁIDEACHA
PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

Fógra i dtaobh leasú ar Thairscint : Notice of Amendment to Motion

19. “That Dáil Éireann:

notes that over the last number of years there has been a significant increase in resources allocated to education and training including:

- the increase of primary teacher numbers from 21,000 to over 37,000 with a reduction in the pupil/teacher ratio from 22:1 to 16:1;
- the introduction of a wide range of new special education schemes underpinned by the expansion of the number of special needs assistants from 250 to over 10,000;
- the expansion in third-level participation from 100,000 students to almost 160,000; and
- the creation of research programmes which have brought Ireland to a world-leading position in key areas and are currently underpinning the majority of job-creating investments in Ireland;

further acknowledges that in spite of these and other improvements there remain significant issues within the education and training system which require to be addressed;

believes that education and training will be a central part in economic recovery and job creation in the months and years ahead; and

therefore states its belief that education and training should be protected as a priority area for funding in future budgets.” — *Micheál Martin, John Browne, Dara Calleary, Niall Collins, Barry Cowen, Timmy Dooley, Seán Fleming, Billy Kelleher, Seamus Kirk, Michael P. Kitt, Brian Lenihan, Charlie McConalogue, Michael McGrath, John McGuinness, Michael Moynihan, Éamon Ó Cuív, Seán Ó Fearghail, Willie O’Dea, Brendan Smith, Robert Troy.*

Leasú:

Amendment:

1. In the first subparagraph, to delete “37,000” and substitute “31,700”.

— *An tAire Oideachas agus Scileanna.*