



## **DÁIL ÉIREANN**

*Dé Céadaoin, 5 Aibreán, 2017*  
*Wednesday, 5th April, 2017*

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**RIAR NA hOIBRE**  
**ORDER PAPER**



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12 meán lae  
12 noon

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**ORD GNÓ**  
**ORDER OF BUSINESS**

11. Ráitis maidir le Brexit (*atógáil*).  
Statements on Brexit (*resumed*).
6. Tairiscint *maidir leis* an Tuarascáil dar teideal “Cuairt ag an gCoiste ar an mBruiséil 7-8 Feabhra 2017”.  
Motion *re* Report entitled “Committee Travel to Brussels 7-8 February 2017”.

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

92. Tairiscint *maidir le* Saoire mháithreachais agus Sochar Máithreachais do mháithreacha leanaí réamhaibí a fhadú.  
Motion *re* Extension of maternity leave and Maternity Benefit for mothers of premature babies.

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

- 1a. An Bille um Chaidreamh Taidhleoireachta (Forálacha Ilghnéitheacha), 2017 — Ordú don Dara Céim.  
Diplomatic Relations (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2017 — Order for Second Stage.
- 4a. An Bille Rialtais Áitiúil (Coimisiún Comhairlí Baile a Bhunú), 2017 — An Chéad Chéim.  
Local Government (Establishment of Town Councils Commission) Bill 2017 — First Stage.

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

*Billí a thionscnamh: Initiation of Bills*

*Tíolactha:*

*Presented:*

- 1a.** An Bille um Chaidreamh Taidhleoireachta (Forálacha Ilghnéitheacha), 2017 — Ordú don Dara Céim.

Diplomatic Relations (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2017 — Order for Second Stage.

Bille dá ngairtear Acht do leasú an Achta um Chaidreamh agus Díolúine Taidhleoireachta, 1967, Acht Náisiúntachta agus Saoránachta Éireann, 1956, an Achta Inimirce, 2004 agus an Achta um Cheadanna Fostaíochta, 2003; agus do dhéanamh socrú i dtaobh nithe a bhaineann leis an gcéanna.

Bill entitled an Act to amend the Diplomatic Relations and Immunities Act 1967, the Irish Nationality and Citizenship Act 1956, the Immigration Act 2004 and the Employment Permits Act 2003; and to provide for related matters.

—*An tAire Gnóthaí Eachtracha agus Trádála.*

*Tabhairt Isteach:*

*Introduction:*

- 4.** An Bille um Chosaint Tomhaltóirí (Gnólachtaí Seirbhísithe Creidmheasa a Rialáil) (Leasú), 2017 — An Chéad Chéim.

Consumer Protection (Regulation of Credit Servicing Firms) (Amendment) Bill 2017 — First Stage.

Bille dá ngairtear Acht do dhéanamh socrú maidir le cosaint a thabhairt d'iasachtaithe áirithe is páirtithe i gcomhaontuithe creidmheasa, ar ina leith atá úinéirí an chreidmheasa gan rialáil, trí úinéirí an chreidmheasa a rialáil; agus do dhéanamh socrú i dtaobh nithe gaolmhara.

Bill entitled an Act to provide for the protection of certain borrowers who are parties to credit agreements in respect of which the owners of the credit are unregulated through the regulation of the owners of the credit; and to provide for related matters.

—*Pearse Doherty.*

- 4a.** An Bille Rialtais Áitiúil (Coimisiún Comhairlí Baile a Bhunú), 2017 — An Chéad Chéim.

Local Government (Establishment of Town Councils Commission) Bill 2017 — First Stage.

Bille dá ngairtear Acht do cheadú Coimisiún Rialtais Áitiúil a chruthú chun athbhreithniú agus moltaí a dhéanamh a bhaineann le bunú agus le teorainneacha córais comhairlí baile agus do dhéanamh socrú i dtaobh nithe gaolmhara.

Bill entitled an Act to allow for the creation of a Local Government Commission to carry out a review and make recommendations relating to the establishment and boundaries of a town council system and to provide for related matters.

—Shane Cassells.

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*Fógraí Tairisceana: Notices of Motions*

6. “Go mbreithneoidh Dáil Éireann an Tuarascáil ón gComhchoiste um Ghnóthaí an Aontais Eorpaigh dar teideal ‘Cuairt ag an gCoiste ar an mBruiséil 7-8 Feabhra 2017’ (i ndáil leis na caibidlí a gcuirfear tús leo tar éis don Ríocht Aontaithe fógra a thabhairt don Chomhairle Eorpach go bhfuil ar intinn aici tarraingt siar as an Aontas Eorpach faoi Airteagal 50 de Chonradh an Aontais Eorpaigh), ar leagadh cóipeanna di faoi bhráid Dháil Éireann an 22 Feabhra 2017.

That Dáil Éireann shall consider the Report of the Joint Committee on European Union Affairs entitled ‘Committee Travel to Brussels 7-8 February 2017’ (in relation to the negotiation to be commenced after the United Kingdom notifies the European Council of its intention to withdraw from the European Union under Article 50 of the Treaty on European Union), copies of which were laid before Dáil Éireann on 22nd February, 2017.”

—Michael J. Healy-Rae,  
Chairman of the Joint Committee on European Union Affairs.  
[9 March, 2017]

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**ORDUITHE AN LAE  
ORDERS OF THE DAY**

11. Ráitis maidir le Brexit (*atógáil*).  
Statements on Brexit (*resumed*).

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**GNÓ COMHALTAÍ PRÍOBHÁIDEACHA  
PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS**

*Fógraí Tairisceana:  
Notices of Motions:*

92. “That Dáil Éireann:

notes that:

- a premature baby is a baby who is delivered at less than 37 weeks gestation;
- 1 in 16 women in Ireland will deliver a premature baby;
- according to figures from the Economic and Social Research Institute and the Central Statistics Office, over 4,500 babies are born prematurely in Ireland every year, which in 2014 was 6.6 per cent of all births;
- under the Maternity Acts 1994 and 2004 a mother is entitled to 26 weeks maternity leave and Maternity Benefit and an additional 16 weeks unpaid maternity leave;
- maternity leave generally comes into effect on the birth of the child and does not take into account whether the child is full-term or premature;
- babies surviving from the earliest gestations, such as 23 weeks, can spend months in a neonatal unit in hospital, including in intensive care units, and that most babies who are discharged from a unit on supportive medical equipment require full-time care in

the home and will need to attend regular clinics and therapy appointments;

- allowances are available in the Acts for a mother to defer her maternity leave while a baby is hospitalised, however, these allowances do not adequately provide for the needs of premature babies, and this inadequacy is particularly apparent in instances where mothers are ill, or have undergone a caesarean section, or when premature babies have been transferred from rural hospitals to Dublin neonatal units; and
- premature babies are more at risk of disease and infection than full-term babies, including a higher risk of respiratory problems such as respiratory distress syndrome, neonatal infections, heart problems, intraventricular haemorrhage in the brain, retinopathy of prematurity, hyperbilirubinemia, hypothermia and necrotising enterocolitis;

acknowledges:

- that the present length of maternity and paternity leave does not recognise the difficulty for parents of premature babies, whose leave begins long before they can take their baby home from hospital;
- that parents must spend significant time and resources on caring for their premature babies;
- that in some cases, parents of premature babies from rural areas are compelled to travel for up to four hours on a daily commute to Neonatal Intensive Care Units, thus incurring significant expenses in medical care, accommodation, transport, parking and basic meals; and
- the emotional and financial burden placed on parents caring for premature babies and the need for specialised support, particularly for parents who have other children;

calls on the Government to extend the period of statutory maternity leave and Maternity Benefit for mothers of premature babies, by the length of time between the delivery date of the baby and either the date the baby would have been delivered if full-term or the date of the baby leaving hospital, whichever is later, and that this extension be in addition to the current entitlement to 26 weeks maternity leave and Maternity Benefit and the additional 16 weeks unpaid maternity leave under the Maternity Acts 1994 and 2004; and

further calls on the Government to:

- extend paternity leave to incorporate the circumstances of premature babies;
- provide additional financial support, where necessary, for the families of premature babies, in relation to travel and accommodation costs, so the family unit can stay together;
- ensure that forms and information on maternity leave and related benefits are available in all neonatal units;
- publish advice for all employers about how to best support parents of premature babies; and
- require employers to have a policy in place for supporting parents of premature babies.” — *Catherine Martin, Eamon Ryan*.

[30 March, 2017]

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## MEMORANDA

*Dé Céadaoin, 5 Aibreán, 2017*  
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Cruinniú den Choiste um Chúram Sláinte sa Todhchaí i Seomra Coiste 3, TL2000, ar 9 a.m. *(príobháideach)*.

Meeting of the Committee on the Future of Healthcare in Committee Room 3, LH2000, at 9 a.m. *(private)*.

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Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Leanaí agus Gnóthaí Óige i Seomra Coiste 1, TL2000, ar 9 a.m.

Meeting of the Joint Committee on Children and Youth Affairs in Committee Room 1, LH2000, at 9 a.m.

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Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Iompar, Turasóireacht agus Spórt i Seomra Coiste 4, TL2000, ar 9 a.m.

Meeting of the Joint Committee on Transport, Tourism and Sport in Committee Room 4, LH2000, at 9 a.m.

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### **Bille na gCúirteanna (Uimh. 2), 2016 agus An Bille um Bannaí (Leasú), 2016:**

#### **Courts (No. 2) Bill 2016 and Bail (Amendment) Bill 2016:**

Cruinniú den Roghchoiste um Dhlí agus Ceart agus Comhionannas i Seomra Coiste 2, TL2000, ar 9 a.m.

Meeting of the Select Committee on Justice and Equality in Committee Room 2, LH2000, at 9 a.m.

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Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Dhlí agus Ceart agus Comhionannas i Seomra Coiste 2, TL2000, ar 11 a.m. *(príobháideach)*.

Meeting of the Joint Committee on Justice and Equality in Committee Room 2, LH2000, at 11 a.m. *(private)*.

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Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Shláinte i Seomra Coiste 3, TL2000, ar 1.30 p.m.

Meeting of the Joint Committee on Health in Committee Room 3, LH2000, at 1.30 p.m.

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Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Achainíocha ón bPobal i Seomra Coiste 1, TL2000, ar 1.30 p.m.

Meeting of the Joint Committee on Public Petitions in Committee Room 1, LH2000, at 1.30 p.m.

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Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Maoiniú ar Sheirbhísí Uisce Tí sa Todhchaí i Seomra Coiste 4, TL2000, ar 1.30 p.m. *(príobháideach)*.

Meeting of the Joint Committee on the Future Funding of Domestic Water Services in Committee Room 4, LH2000, at 1.30 p.m. *(private)*.

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Cruinniú den Roghchoiste um Fhormhaoirsiú Buiséid i Seomra Coiste 2, TL2000, ar 2 p.m.

Meeting of the Select Committee on Budgetary Oversight in Committee Room 2, LH2000, at 2 p.m.

Cruinniú den Choiste um an nGasra Oibre de Chathaoirligh Coistí i Seomra Coiste 1, TL2000, ar 4 p.m. (*príobháideach*).

Meeting of the Committee of Working Group of Committee Chairmen in Committee Room 1, LH2000, at 4 p.m. (*private*).

Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Thithíocht, Pleanáil, Pobal agus Rialtas Áitiúil i Seomra Coiste 3, TL2000, ar 5 p.m.

Meeting of the Joint Committee on Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government in Committee Room 3, LH2000, at 5 p.m.

### SCRÍBHINNÍ A LEAGADH FAOI BHRÁID NA dTITHE DOCUMENTS LAID BEFORE THE HOUSES<sup>1</sup>

#### *Reachtúil*

#### *Statutory*

##### *In-neamhnithe le Tairiscint*

##### *Open to Motion to Annul*

Na Rialacháin fán Acht um Rialáil Leictreachais, 1999 (Margadh Leictreachais Aonair) (Uimh. 2), 2017 (I.R. Uimh. 117 de 2017).

Electricity Regulation Act 1999 (Single Electricity Market) (No.2) Regulations 2017 (S.I. No. 117 of 2017).

Na Rialacháin fán Acht um Chosaint Idirnáisiúnta, 2015 (Na Nósanna Imeachta agus na Tréimhsí le haghaidh Achomhairc), 2017 (I.R. Uimh. 116 de 2017).

International Protection Act 2015 (Procedures and Periods for Appeals) Regulations 2017 (S.I. No. 116 of 2017).

#### *Eile*

#### *Other*

Beartha atá ceadaithe maidir le hEisiocaíocht as Ciste na gCuntas Díomhaoín faoin bPlean Gníomhaíochta le haghaidh Cuntais Dhíomhaoine, 2014. (An Roinn Dlí agus Cirt agus Comhionannais).

Measures approved for Disbursement from the Dormant Accounts Fund under the Dormant Accounts Action Plan, 2014. (Department of Justice and Equality).

An Roinn Ealaíon, Oidhreachta, Gnóthaí Réigiúnacha, Tuaithe agus Gaeltachta. An Ráiteas Straitéise, 2016 - 2019.

Department of Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs. Statement of Strategy 2016 – 2019.

An Roinn Dlí agus Cirt agus Athchóirithe Dlí. An Cuntas Leithreasa, 2015. Vóta 25: An Coimisiún um Chearta an Duine agus Comhionannas in Éirinn.

Department of Justice and Equality. Appropriation Account, 2015. Vote 25: Irish Human Rights and Equality Commission.

Na Rialacháin um Beartha Airgeadais

Financial Emergency Measures in the Public

<sup>1</sup> I gcás nach leagtar scríbhinn ach faoi bhráid aon Teach amháin, cuirfear (D) – Dáil nó (S) – Seanad ina diaidh dá réir sin.

Where a document is laid before one House only it will be appended with (D) – Dáil or (S) – Seanad accordingly.

Éigeandála ar mhaithe le Leas an Phobail  
(Íocaíochtaí chuig Aturnaetha Stáit)  
(Coigeartú), 2017 (I.R. Uimh. 128 de 2017).

Interest (Payments to State Solicitors)  
(Adjustment) Regulations 2017 (S.I. No. 128  
of 2017).