

(Supplementary Order Paper)

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DÁIL ÉIREANN

Dé Máirt, 12 Feabhra, 2019
Tuesday, 12th February, 2019

2 p.m.

GNÓ COMHALTAÍ PRÍOBHÁIDEACHA
PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

Fógra Tairisceana: Notice of Motion

[Please note: this motion is in substitution for item No. 215 on today's Order Paper, changes are in bold]

215. “That Dáil Éireann:

notes that:

- nurses and midwives have taken industrial action to end wage restraint, lack of pay parity and against the working conditions they are faced with;
- there is a crisis in recruitment and retention of nurses and midwives as a result of pay and conditions they are faced with;
- like all workers, nurses and midwives have seen a massive rise in the cost of living, such as childcare, rent and housing generally;
- there is considerable support and solidarity for nurses and midwives as a result of ordinary people's direct experiences of the health service;
- **paramedics have taken strike action seeking recognition of their union, the National Ambulance Service Representative Association (NASRA);**
- there is enormous wealth in our society and yet our health service is being starved of resources, resulting in nurses and midwives being underpaid;
- €270 million was used to pay Anglo Irish Bank junior bondholders in December 2018;
- BAM Ireland, the construction company that is building the new children's hospital, saw its turnover rise by 28 per cent in 2017 to €465 million, while its pre-tax profits for that year were €15.9 million; and
- Ireland's richest 300 people have €79 billion in wealth;

believes that:

- there is a need to reverse austerity measures that have hit the health service;
- there is a need for a national health service that is free at the point of use and under the democratic control of working class people;

- a victory for nurses and midwives in this strike would be a victory for all workers and our health service;
- **strike action by nurses and midwives has demonstrated the effectiveness of strike action in seeking just and necessary pay increases and improvements to working conditions;**
- **the recommendations from the Labour Court on 11th February, 2019, which are supported by Government, fall short of the demands of nurses and midwives in their dispute; and**
- **if this offer is rejected, the Irish Congress of Trade Unions must give full support for the nurses so that the struggle can be brought to a quick but satisfactory outcome; and**

calls on the Government **to recognise NASRA as the representative union of their members and to accede to the full pay demands of nurses and midwives.**” — *Mick Barry, Ruth Coppinger, Paul Murphy.*