



## **DÁIL ÉIREANN**

*Dé Céadaoin, 27 Feabhra, 2019*  
*Wednesday, 27th February, 2019*

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



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9.30 a.m.

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**ORD GNÓ**  
**ORDER OF BUSINESS**

7. An Bille um Tharraingt Siar na Ríochta Aontaithe as an Aontas Eorpach (Forálacha Iarmhartacha), 2019 — An Dara Céim (*atógáil*).  
Withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the European Union (Consequential Provisions) Bill 2019 — Second Stage (*resumed*).

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

210. (l) Tairiscint *maidir le* Stáisiúin Raidió Neamhspleácha.  
(a) Motion *re* Independent Radio Stations.

**ORDUITHE AN LAE  
ORDERS OF THE DAY**

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**GNÓ COMHALTAÍ PRÍOBHÁIDEACHA  
PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS**

*Fógraí Tairisceana:*  
*Notices of Motions:*

**210.** “That Dáil Éireann:

notes that:

- more than 3.17 million listeners tune in to radio every weekday;
- more than two thirds of listeners tune in to independent radio stations;
- Ireland ranks joint first with Germany, at 45 per cent, for using radio as a source of news; and
- radio is the most trusted medium for news in Ireland, with 68 per cent of Irish people trusting what they hear on radio;

agrees that:

- independent radio enjoys an excellent reputation for the provision of public service news and current affairs;
- this programming has been provided to date without State support;
- the statutory 20 per cent public service obligation on the independent radio sector to provide news and current affairs programming is increasingly difficult to deliver in the context of the advertising revenue shift to digital social media platforms;
- the ability of broadcasters to invest in Irish content on a sustainable basis depends in turn on their ability to generate revenues in an environment of significant disruption and challenge;
- the threat to the viability of the independent radio sector has the potential to erode democratic dialogue both nationally and across communities throughout the country; and
- independent journalism, free to pursue the public interest, is an essential component of the democratic process;

recognises that:

- commercial radio revenues, including those accruing to *Raidió Teilifís Éireann* (RTÉ), have declined significantly in the last ten years, to €127 million in 2016, compared to €140 million in 2007, leading to significant uncertainty regarding the future of the sector;
- the then Taoiseach, Enda Kenny T.D., committed to the reduction of the current levy on independent broadcasters in 2016;
- as with most European nations, the Irish broadcast market is already subject to public intervention in the form of funding and oversight;

- in order to address disinformation, Irish consumers believe that it is the responsibility of news media outlets and Government to take action;
- television licence fee evasion in Ireland is among the highest in Europe and millions of euro are being lost to the sector each year;
- the Oireachtas Joint Committee on Communications, Climate Action and Environment published its report on the Future Funding of Public Service Broadcasting in November 2017;
- the Committee recommended methods to reduce evasion aimed at generating between €35 million and €50 million extra to fund public service broadcasting;
- the Committee also recommended that the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment establish a scheme to assist independent radio stations in the provision of local news and current affairs programmes;
- the Broadcasting Authority of Ireland (BAI) has called for RTÉ to receive an increase in public funding of at least €30 million per year to meet its remit;
- at 71 per cent, Irish consumers are more trusting of ‘most news’ than the European Union average, but that some 57 per cent of Irish consumers are concerned about ‘fake news’; and
- some 63 per cent believe the Government should do more to address disinformation; and

calls on the Government to:

- implement the recommendations of the Oireachtas Joint Committee on Communications, Climate Action and Environment report on the Future Funding of Public Service Broadcasting by the end of July 2019;
- establish a public service broadcast fund for the independent radio sector by the end of September 2019, to:
  - invest 25 per cent of funds raised through increased collection of the television licence fee to provide independent radio stations with additional funding to develop and maintain high quality news and current affairs programmes which empower democracy by facilitating democratic engagement and reflect local identity and address local concerns; and
  - limit the funding provided to each organisation by ensuring that stations do not receive:
    - more than 50 per cent of the cost of producing and broadcasting qualifying content;
    - in excess of 20 per cent of their operational budget in a given year; and
    - in excess of € 250,000 in a given year;
- implement the recommendation of the BAI to provide an extra €30 million a year to RTÉ recognising that this funding would be available from enhanced television licence fee collection; and
- implement its commitment to reduce the broadcasting levy to the independent radio sector by the end of June 2019.” — *Timmy Dooley, Bobby Aylward, John Brassil, Declan Breathnach, James Browne, Mary Butler, Thomas Byrne, Jackie Cahill, Dara*

*Calleary, Pat Casey, Shane Cassells, Jack Chambers, Lisa M. Chambers, Niall Collins, Barry Cowen, John Curran, Stephen S. Donnelly, Sean Fleming, Pat the Cope Gallagher, Seán Haughey, Billy Kelleher, John Lahart, James Lawless, Marc MacSharry, Micheál Martin, Charlie McConalogue, Michael McGrath, John McGuinness, Aindrias Moynihan, Michael Moynihan, Eugene Murphy, Margaret Murphy O'Mahony, Darragh O'Brien, Jim O'Callaghan, Éamon Ó Cuív, Willie O'Dea, Kevin O'Keeffe, Fiona O'Loughlin, Frank O'Rourke, Anne Rabbitte, Eamon Scanlon, Brendan Smith, Niamh Smyth, Robert Troy.*

*Leasú:*

*Amendment:*

1. To insert the following after “independent radio sector by the end of June 2019”:

“— commit to not increasing the TV licence fee as a means to fund local radio; and

— commit to improving the collection rates.” — *Brian Stanley, Gerry Adams, John Brady, Pat Buckley, Seán Crowe, David Cullinane, Pearse Doherty, Dessie Ellis, Martin J. Ferris, Kathleen Funchion, Martin Kenny, Mary Lou McDonald, Denise Mitchell, Imelda Munster, Jonathan O'Brien, Eoin Ó Broin, Caoimhghín Ó Caoláin, Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire, Louise O'Reilly, Aengus Ó Snodaigh, Maurice Quinlivan.*

## TEACHTAIREACHTAÍ ÓN RIALTAS MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNMENT

### **An Bille um Chlárú Sibhialta, 2019. Civil Registration Bill 2019.**

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 amend the Civil Registration Act 2004; to amend the Civil Registration (Amendment) Act 2014; and to provide for related matters.

Given on this 26th day of February, 2019

*(Signed)* Leo Varadkar,

### **An Bille um Tharraingt Siar na Ríochta Aontaithe as an Aontas Eorpach (Forálacha Iarmhartacha), 2019. Withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the European Union (Consequential Provisions) Bill 2019.**

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 make provision for certain matters consequent on the withdrawal of the United Kingdom from membership of the European Union, and—

A. in the event of that withdrawal occurring without an agreement between the United Kingdom and the European Union under Article 50 of the Treaty on European Union setting out the arrangements for such withdrawal, to make exceptional provision, in the public interest and having regard to the Common Travel Area between the State and the United Kingdom, to reduce the possibility of a serious disturbance in the economy of the State and in the sound functioning of a number of markets, sectors and fields in the State as a result of

such withdrawal and to mitigate, where practicable, the effects of such a disturbance should it occur in those circumstances, and

B. in the event of that withdrawal occurring in circumstances where there is an agreement (setting out the arrangements for such withdrawal) between the United Kingdom and the European Union under Article 50 of the Treaty on European Union, to adapt references in enactments to a Member State of the European Union so that those references include or continue to include, in so far as is necessary to give effect to the terms of such agreement, references to the United Kingdom,

and, for those purposes, to amend certain enactments;

And to amend the Immigration Act 1999, the Immigration Act 2003 and the Immigration Act 2004 to make further provision in relation to the entry into, and removal from, the State of persons;

And to provide for related matters.

Given on this 26th day of February, 2019

(Signed) Leo Varadkar,

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

<i>Reachtúil</i>	<i>Statutory</i>
<i>Tairiscint Ceadaithe ag Teastáil</i>	<i>Requiring Motion of Approval</i>
Níl aon scríbhinn á leagan faoin gCatagóir seo	None
<i>In-neamhnithe le Tairiscint</i>	<i>Open to Motion to Annul</i>
Na Rialacháin fán Acht um Chúram Leanaí, 1991 (Seirbhísí Luathbhlianta) (Seirbhísí Aoise Scoile a Chlárú) (Leasú), 2019 (I.R. Uimh. 58 de 2019).	Child Care Act 1991 (Early Years Services) (Registration of School Age Services) (Amendment) Regulations 2019 (S.I. No. 58 of 2019).
<i>Eile</i>	<i>Other</i>
Togra le haghaidh Cinneadh Forfheidhmiúcháin ón gComhairle lena n-údaraitear don Fhrainc ráta laghdaithe cánach a chur chun feidhme ar pheitreal díluaidhe a úsáidtear mar bhreosla mótar agus a thomhlaítear i ranna Corsacacha de réir Airteagal 19 de Threoir 2003/96/CE mar	Proposal for a Council Implementing Decision authorising France to apply a reduced rate of taxation to unleaded petrol used as motor fuel and consumed in Corsican departments in accordance with Article 19 of Directive 2003/96/EC together with explanatory information note.

<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.

aon le nóta faisnéise míniúcháin.

COM (2019) 6.

Togra le haghaidh Rialachán ó Pharlaimint na hEorpa agus ón gComhairle ar an dlí is infheidhme i ndail le héifeachtaí tríú páirtí ó thaobh sannadh éileamh de mar aon le nóta faisnéise míniúcháin.

COM (2018) 96.

Bord Oideachais agus Oiliúna Chiarraí. An Tuarascáil Bhliantúil, 2017.

Na hAchtanna Forbartha Mianraí, 1940-1999. Tuarascáil ón Aire Cumarsáide, Gníomhaithe ar son na hAeráide agus Comhshaoil do na sé mhí dar chríoch an 31 Nollaig 2018.

### *Neamhrechtúil*

An Roinn Airgeadais. Tuarascáil Iar-Achtacháin maidir leis an Acht Airgeadais (Cáin Mhaoine Áitiúil) (Leasú), 2015. Nollaig 2018.

An tOrdú fán Acht um Thacaíocht Cúraim Leanaí, 2018 (Tosach Feidhme), 2019 (I.R. Uimh. 67 de 2019).

An Roinn Gnó, Fiontar agus Nuálaíochta. Ionstraimí agus Rúin arna nglacadh ag an gComhdháil Oibreachais Idirnáisiúnta, ag an gCéad is Seachtú Seisiún dá cuid, an Ghinéiv, Meitheamh 2018.

COM (2019) 6.

Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the law applicable to the third-party effects of assignments of claims together with explanatory information note.

COM (2018) 96.

Kerry Education and Training Board. Annual Report, 2017.

Minerals Development Acts, 1940-1999. Report by the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment for the six months ended 31 December, 2018.

### *Non-Statutory*

Department of Finance. Post Enactment Report on Finance (Local Property Tax) (Amendment) Act 2015. December, 2018.

Childcare Support Act 2018 (Commencement) Order 2019 (S.I. No. 67 of 2019).

Department of Business, Enterprise and Innovation. Instruments and Resolutions adopted by the International Labour Conference at its One Hundred and Seventh Session, Geneva, June, 2018.