



DÁIL ÉIREANN

Déardaoin, 28 Feabhra, 2019
Thursday, 28th February, 2019

RIAR NA hOIBRE
ORDER PAPER

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9.30 a.m.

ORD GNÓ
ORDER OF BUSINESS

- a11.** Tairiscint *maidir leis* an gCoiste Speisialta um Ghníomhú ar son na hAeráide.
Motion *re* Special Committee on Climate Action.
- 29.** (l) An Bille um Thoghcháin do Pharlaimint na hEorpa (Leasú), 2019 — An Coiste.
(a) European Parliament Elections (Amendment) Bill 2019 — Committee.
- 30.** An Bille um an Dlí Coiriúil (Dlínse Sheach-Chríochach), 2018 [*Seanad*] — Ordú don Tuarascáil.
Criminal Law (Extraterritorial Jurisdiction) Bill 2018 [*Seanad*] — Order for Report.
- 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*).

GNÓ COMHALTAÍ PRÍOBHÁIDEACHA
PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

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

FÓGRA I dTAOBH GNÓ NUA
NOTICE OF NEW BUSINESS

- 219a.** Tairiscint *maidir le* Fórsaí Cosanta.
Motion *re* Defence Forces.

I dTOSACH GNÓ PHOIBLÍ
AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Fógraí Tairisceana: Notices of Motions

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| a11. “I ndáil leis an gCoiste Speisialta um Ghníomhú ar son na hAeráide— | That, in relation to the Special Committee on Climate Action— |
| (a) go ndéanfar Ordú an 3 Iúil 2018 lena gceaptar an Coiste (arna leasú le hOrdú an 29 Eanáir 2019 ón Dáil) a leasú trí ‘an 14 Márta 2019’ a chur in ionad ‘an 28 Feabhra 2019’; agus | (a) the Order of 3rd July, 2018 appointing the Committee (as amended by Order of the Dáil of 29th January, 2019) is amended by the substitution of ‘14th March, 2019’ for ‘28th February, 2019’; and |
| (b) tar éis tuarascáil a thabhairt do dhá Theach an Oireachtais an 14 Márta 2019, nó roimhe, go ndéanfaidh an Coiste, tráth nach déanaí ná dhá sheachtain ina dhiaidh sin, tuarascáil a thabhairt don dá Theach ina moltar dréacht-orduithe tagartha athmheasta don Choiste. | (b) having reported to both Houses of the Oireachtas on or before 14th March, 2019, the Committee shall, not more than two weeks thereafter, report to both Houses recommending revised draft orders of reference for the Committee.” |

—*Seán Ó Cadhain, Aire Stáit ag Roinn an Taoisigh.*

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.*

[26 February, 2019]

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.*

219a. “That Dáil Éireann:

recognises that:

- the State and the Government have a duty of care to members of the Defence Forces;
- a number of former Air Corps personnel have taken legal action against the State as a result of illnesses believed to be caused by exposure to toxic chemicals during their employment;
- hundreds and possibly thousands of current and former members of the Air Corps may be affected by exposure to chemicals during their employment; and
- information provided by whistleblowers to the State outlines 73 deaths of serving and former Air Corps personnel prior to the age of 66, with the average age of death at 50;

acknowledges that a number of reports commissioned by or on behalf of State bodies, as early as the 1990s, have outlined significant safety concerns in relation to working conditions at Casement Aerodrome, Baldonnel;

condemns the fact that the safety concerns raised in the series of reports commissioned by or on behalf of State agencies were not addressed by the Air Corps or the Minister for Defence in a timely fashion; and

commends the whistleblowers who have highlighted this matter and undertaken research in order to determine relevant facts in relation to the impact of lack of appropriate health and safety on Air Corps personnel;

calls on the Government to:

- commit to putting in place and maintaining full training, personal protective equipment and ventilation in order to minimise the risks to Air Corps personnel of toxic chemical exposure;
- outline the steps it intends to take to address the concerns raised by whistleblowers and ensure the highest possible standards of health and safety for Air Corps personnel; and
- put in place measures, including medical cards, to address the health needs of personnel that have been exposed to hazardous chemicals, and extend these measures to any civilians affected and to students who may be affected while on work experience; and

resolves to establish a Special Committee under Standing Order 84 to conduct relevant hearings into the matter of the health effects of toxic chemical exposure among Air Corps personnel, based on international evidence and a survey of former and serving Air Corps personnel, and provide a report and recommendations to the Dáil.” — *Aengus Ó Snodaigh, 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, Maurice Quinlivan, Brian Stanley.

[28 February, 2019]

**TEACHTAIREACHTAÍ ÓN RIALTAS
MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNMENT**

**An Bille um Thoghcháin do Pharlaimint na hEorpa (Leasú), 2019.
European Parliament Elections (Amendment) 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 give effect to European Council Decision (EU) 2018/937 of 28 June 2018 establishing the composition of the European Parliament and Council Decision (EU, Euratom) 2018/994 of 13 July 2018 amending the Act concerning the election of the members of the European Parliament by direct universal suffrage, annexed to Council Decision 76/787/ECSC, EEC, Euratom of 20 September 1976 and, for that purpose, to revise the European Parliament constituencies; to provide for the number of members to be elected for such constituencies; to amend the European Parliament Elections Act 1997; to amend the Electoral Act 1992; and to provide for related matters.

Given on this 27th day of February, 2019

(Signed) Leo Varadkar,
An Taoiseach.

**SCRÍBHINNÍ A LEAGADH FAOI BHRÁID NA dTITHE
DOCUMENTS LAID BEFORE THE HOUSES¹**

<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>
Níl aon scríbhinn á leagan faoin gCatagóir seo	None
<i>Eile</i>	<i>Other</i>
Tuarascáil ón Roinn Cultúir, Oidhreacht agus Gaeltachta do Thithe an Oireachtais	Report of the Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht to the Houses of

¹ 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.

faoi Alt 2(5) d'Acht an Aontais Eorpaigh (Grinnscrúdú), 2002 don tréimhse Iúil go Nollaig, 2018.

An tÚdarás Slándála Príobháidí. Na Ráitis Airgeadais, 2017 mar aon leis an Tuarascáil ón Ard-Reachtaire Cuntas agus Ciste orthu.

Togra le haghaidh Cinneadh ón gComhairle maidir leis an seasamh a bheidh le glacadh thar ceann an Aontais Eorpaigh ag an gComhdháil de na Páirtithe maidir le leasuithe ar Iarscríbhinn III a ghabhann le Coinbhinsiún Rotterdam ar an Nós Imeachta i dtaobh Toiliú Feasach a chur in iúl Roimh Ré le haghaidh ceimiceáin ghuaiseacha agus lotnaidicídí áirithe sa trádáil idirnáisiúnta mar aon le nóta faisnéise míniúcháin. COM (2019) 54.

An tOrdú um an gCoimisiún Reifrinn (Bunú), 2019 (I.R. Uimh. 68 de 2019).

Togra le haghaidh Rialachán ó Pharlaimint na hEorpa agus ón gComhairle maidir le bearta teagmhasacha a bhunú sa réimse maidir le comhordú na slándála sóisialta tar éis tharraingt siar Ríocht Aontaithe na Breataine Móire agus Thuaisceart Éireann as an Aontas Eorpach mar aon le nóta faisnéise míniúcháin.

COM (2019) 53.

Tuarascáil Speisialta ón Ard-Reachtaire Cuntas agus Ciste maidir le hIdirbhearta na hÉireann leis an Aontas Eorpach in 2017. Tuarsacáil Uimhir 105. Nollaig 2018.

Neamhrechtúil

Níl aon scríbhinn á leagan faoin gCatagóir seo

the Oireachtas under Section 2(5) of the European Union (Scrutiny) Act, 2002 for the period July to December, 2018.

The Private Security Authority. Financial Statements, 2017 together with Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Proposal for a Council Decision on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union at the Conference of the Parties as regards amendments of Annex III to the Rotterdam Convention on the Prior Informed Consent Procedure for certain hazardous chemicals and pesticides in international trade together with explanatory information note.

COM (2019) 54.

Referendum Commission (Establishment) Order 2019 (S.I. No. 68 of 2019).

Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on establishing contingency measures in the field of social security coordination following the withdrawal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland from the European Union together with explanatory information note.

COM (2019) 53.

Comptroller and Auditor General Special Report on Ireland's Transactions with the EU in 2017. Report Number 105. December, 2018.

Non-Statutory

None