DÁIL ÉIREANN

Dé Céadaoin, 12 Meitheamh, 2019
Wednesday, 12th June, 2019

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12. (l) Tairiscint *maidir leis* an Acht um Chontáí in aghaidh an Stáit (Leasú), 1998.
   (a) Motion re Offences against the State (Amendment) Act 1998.

13. Tairiscint *maidir leis* an Acht um Cheartas Coiriúil (Leasú), 2009.
    Motion re Criminal Justice (Amendment) Act 2009.

35. An Bille um an Dlí Sibhialta (Toimhde Báis), 2016 *athraithe ó* An Bille um an Dlí Sibhialta (Daoine atá ar lárraidh), 2016 [Seanad] — Ordú don Tuarascáil.

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36a. Ráitis maidir le huaireanta Cúnaimh Baile a leithroinnt.
    Statements on the allocation of Home Help hours.


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222. (l) Tairiscint *maidir leis* na Fórsai Cosanta.
   (a) Motion re Defence Forces.

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12. “Go mbeartaíonn Dáil Éireann go leanfaidh ailt 2 go 4, 6 go 12, 14 agus 17 den Acht um Chiontaí in aghaidh an Stáit (Leasú), 1998 (Uimh. 39 de 1998) i ngniomh ar feadh na tréimhse dar tosach an 30 Meitheamh 2019 agus dar crioch an 29 Meitheamh 2020. That Dáil Éireann resolves that sections 2 to 4, 6 to 12, 14 and 17 of the Offences against the State (Amendment) Act 1998 (No. 39 of 1998) shall continue in operation for the period beginning on 30th June, 2019 and ending on 29th June, 2020.”

—An tAire Dlí agus Cirt agus Comhionannais.

Leasú:
Amendment:
1. To delete all words after “Dáil Éireann” and substitute the following:

“—resolves that sections 2 to 4, 6 to 12 and 17 of the Offences against the State (Amendment) Act 1998 (No. 39 of 1998) shall continue in operation for the period beginning on 30th June, 2019 and ending on 29th June, 2020; and

— for want of any or any adequate information being presented to it, by way of a report under section 18 of that Act or otherwise, in order to enable the Dáil to make an informed finding as to the inadequacy of the ordinary courts to secure the effective administration of justice and the preservation of public peace and order in relation to the offences under sections 6 to 9 and 12 of that Act, declines to resolve that section 14 of that Act should continue in operation from or after 30th June, 2019.” — Sean Sherlock, Brendan Howlin, Brendan Ryan, Joan Burton, Alan Kelly, Jan O’Sullivan, Willie Penrose.

13. “Go mbeartaíonn Dáil Éireann go leanfaidh alt 8 den Acht um Cheartas Coiriúil (Leasú), 2009 (Uimh. 32 de 2009) i ngniomh ar feadh na tréimhse dar tosach an 30 Meitheamh 2019 agus dar crioch an 29 Meitheamh 2020. That Dáil Éireann resolves that section 8 of the Criminal Justice (Amendment) Act 2009 (No. 32 of 2009) shall continue in operation for the period beginning on 30th June, 2019 and ending on 29th June, 2020.”

—An tAire Dlí agus Cirt agus Comhionannais.

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35. An Bille um an Dlí Sibhialta (Toimhde Báis), 2016 athraithe ó An Bille um an Dlí
36. An Bille um Cheartas Coiriúil (Aitheantas Frithpháirteach do Bhreithiúnais agus Cintí Promhaidh), 2018 — Ordú don Tuarascáil.

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Fógraí Tairisceana:
Notices of Motions:

222. “That Dáil Éireann:
notes that:
— the approved strength of the Permanent Defence Forces (PDF) currently stands at 9,500;
— at the end of March 2019 there were 8,847 personnel, compared to 9,057 at the end of February 2018;
— 3,200 personnel left the PDF between 2014 and 2018, a figure which equates to 34.7 per cent of the average strength for those years, with 82 per cent of these being premature voluntary retirements;
— the turnover rate in the PDF now stands at 9 per cent overall, with a rate of 14 per cent in the Naval Service;
— there were 256 discharges in the first four months of 2019, by far the largest figure since the reorganisation of 2012; and
— in April 2019 alone, there were 86 discharges, a figure not previously matched in a single month;

further notes:
— the ongoing priority given, by Government, to costly recruitment policies;
— the absence of any retention policy for the Defence Forces;
— the underspend of €92.3 million from 2014 to 2018 in the Defence Estimate (Vote 36);
— the high turnover rate that is leading to the creation of a difficult and challenging training environment for remaining service personnel;
— that some personnel are double- and treble-jobbing in an effort to maintain operational output;

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that insufficient supervision and mentoring combined with poor trained manning levels is leading to unavoidable burnout;

— that there are serious concerns for governance, and the ability to manage risk and ensure the wellbeing of personnel; and

— that recent surveys have illustrated the mental health difficulties, increased stress and low morale being experienced by PDF personnel;

accepts that:

— the impact of operating with reduced numbers is already being felt across the Defence Forces;

— the Army is struggling to fulfil its assigned tasks, domestically and internationally;

— ships are unable to go to sea and aircraft are not flying as a result of personnel shortages;

— defence capability is being seriously undermined; and

— reduced governance increases operational and personnel risk; and

calls for:

— the restoration of military allowances to pre-Financial Emergency Measures in the Public Interest levels, especially in view of the underspend from 2014 to 2018, to include the service commitment scheme for Air Corps pilots and fixed-period promotion for Special Service Officers;

— the restoration of the supplementary pension for post 2013 entrants;

— a review of the PDF organisation to provide for a training and overseas establishment, bringing the PDF personnel numbers up to 10,500 across all ranks and formations/services;

— a permanent and independent Defence Forces pay body to be established;

— Defence Forces representative organisations to be able to take up associate membership of the Irish Congress of Trade Unions;

— greater military expertise in the Department of Defence, who have made some concerning and damaging decisions affecting the Defence Forces;

— the enhancement of the input and discretion of military management in decisions over current and capital spending;

— the implementation of the Working Time Directive, which the Government is currently not implementing properly;

— a clear and defined role for the Reserve Defence Forces, that would enable them to play a meaningful and worthwhile part in support to the PDF; and

— the undertaking of a comprehensive independent review (involving external and international expertise) of defence policy, the Defence Forces and the role of the Department of Defence.” — Jack Chambers, Bobby Aylward, John Brassil, Declan Breathnach, James Browne, Mary Butler, Thomas Byrne, Jackie Cahill, Dara Calleary, Pat Casey, Shane Cassells, Lisa Chambers, Niall Collins, Barry Cowen, John Curran, Stephen Donnelly, Timmy Dooley, Sean Fleming, Pat the Cope Gallagher, Seán Haughey, Billy Kelleher, John Lahart, James Lawless, Marc MacSharry, Micheál Martin, Charlie McConalogue, Michael McGrath, John McGuinness, Andrias 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.

[11 June, 2019]

Leasuithe:
Amendments:

1. (a) To insert the following after “experienced by PDF personnel;”:

“— that the Defence Forces have been without an in-house psychiatrist since May 2018, due to the failure to replace an in-house clinician who retired at that time;
— that a greater gender balance is needed within our Defence Forces, with currently just 596 women serving out of a total of 8,847 and with just 33 women having joined and remained in the Defence Forces in the past four years; and
— that the Organisation of National Ex-Service Personnel has seen over 700 former members of the PDF pass through its homes since 2005;”; and

(b) To insert the following after “currently not implementing properly;”:

“— the establishment of a dedicated body within the PDF to monitor and mediate the long-term care needs (physical, mental and material deprivation) of current and former members, in particular those who have returned from service abroad;
— a commitment by the Government to fast-track the recruitment of psychiatrists to safeguard the mental health of present and former members of the Defence Forces;
— a review of conditions for female personnel within the Defence Forces to explain past recruitment failures and a recommitment to increasing gender balance in the PDF;” — Brendan Ryan, Brendan Howlin, Joan Burton, Alan Kelly, Jan O'Sullivan, Willie Penrose, Sean Sherlock.

2. To delete all words after “not previously matched in a single month;” and insert the following:

“— it is estimated that up to 1,700 Defence Forces personnel could be eligible for the Working Family Payment;
— Defence Forces personnel were obliged to take a case to the European Committee of Social Rights in relation to the recognition of collective bargaining rights;
— the Defence Forces representative organisations have had a number of successful cases in the High Court, in relation to the application of the Working Time Directive for Defence Forces personnel with 35 additional cases awaiting hearing;
— representative organisations have reported significant difficulties in accessing the Lansdowne Road Agreement Oversight Body; and
— the reported strength of the Defence Forces is misleading as those who are on leave of absence or in training and unavailable for deployment are included;

further notes:
— the ongoing priority given, by Government, to costly recruitment policies;
— the absence of any retention policy for the Defence Forces;
— the underspend of €92.3 million from 2014 to 2018 in the Defence Estimate (Vote 36);

P.T.O.
— the high turnover rate that is leading to the creation of a difficult and challenging training environment for remaining service personnel;
— that some personnel are double- and treble-jobbing in an effort to maintain operational output;
— that insufficient supervision and mentoring combined with poor trained manning levels is leading to unavoidable burnout;
— that there are serious concerns for governance, and the ability to manage risk and ensure the wellbeing of personnel;
— that recent surveys have illustrated the mental health difficulties, increased stress and low morale being experienced by PDF personnel; and
— that the Department of Defence chose not to participate in the review of the public service pension age undertaken in 2017, and no review of Defence Forces pension age has been commenced since that period;

accepts that:
— the impact of operating with reduced numbers is already being felt across the Defence Forces;
— the Army is struggling to fulfil its assigned tasks, domestically and internationally;
— ships are unable to go to sea and aircraft are not flying as a result of personnel shortages;
— defence capability is being seriously undermined and the ability to be an aid to the civil powers are curtailed or not available in times of humanitarian or extreme weather events, such as the recent snow storms or forest/gorse fires; and
— reduced governance increases operational and personnel risk; and

calls for:
— an immediate briefing for Defence Forces representative organisations and opposition TDs on the findings of the Report on the Public Service Pay Commission, given the leaks to the media on same;
— a review of the pension age of the Defence Forces to be commenced;
— the Minister for Defence to report to the Dáil on a bi-annual basis on the current strength of the Defence Forces, detailing those on leave of absence, training or on overseas deployment as well as the ‘strength in station’ figure;
— the restoration of military allowances to pre-Financial Emergency Measures in the Public Interest levels, especially in view of the underspend from 2014 to 2018, to include the service commitment scheme for Air Corps pilots and fixed-period promotion for Special Service Officers;
— the restoration of the supplementary pension for post 2013 entrants;
— a review of the PDF organisation to provide for a training and overseas establishment, bringing the PDF personnel numbers up to 10,500 across all ranks and formations/services;
— a permanent and independent Defence Forces pay body to be established;
— the full implementation of the decision of the European Committee on Social Rights in respect of the collective bargaining rights of Defence Forces personnel, including making provision for Defence Forces representative organisations to be able to take up associate membership of the Irish Congress of Trade Unions;
— greater military expertise in the Department of Defence, who have made some concerning and damaging decisions affecting the Defence Forces;

— the enhancement of the input and discretion of military management in decisions over current and capital spending;

— the Government to engage fully with Defence Forces representative organisations and bring forward, within a six month period, legislation to provide for the implementation of the Working Time Directive, which the Government is currently not implementing properly;

— the implementation of the Resolution on Lariam passed by this House on 28th June, 2017;

— an immediate health review of all current and former members of the Air Corps to ascertain their level of exposure to dangerous chemicals while in the service;

— a clear and defined role for the Reserve Defence Forces, that would enable them to play a meaningful and worthwhile part in support to the PDF; and

— the undertaking of a comprehensive independent review (involving external and international expertise) of defence policy, the Defence Forces and the role of the Department of Defence.” —Aengus Ó Snodaigh, Gerry Adams, John Brady, Pat Buckley, Seán Crowe, David Cullinane, Pearse Doherty, Dessie Ellis, Martin 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.

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An Coimisiún um Rialáil Cumarsáide. Ceadúnas Craolacháin Seirbhise Poiblí arna eisiúint ag an gCoimisiún um Rialáil Cumarsáide chuig Raidió Teilifís Éireann (RTÉ.) (7 Meitheamh 2019).


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Togra le haghaidh Cinneadh ón gComhairle maidir leis an seasamh a bheidh le glacadh thar cceann an Aontais Eorpaigh sa Chomhpháirtíocht Idirnáisiúnta le haghaidh Comhar Éifeachtúlacha Fuinnimh maidir leis na Téarmaí Tagartha don Chomhpháirtíocht Idirnáisiúnta le haghaidh Comhar Éifeachtúlacha Fuinnimh a leathnú don tréimhse ó 24 Bealtaine go 31 Nollaig 2019 mar aon le nóta fáisnéise míniúcháin.


Report by Minister for Justice and Equality on the Operation of Sections 2 to 4, 6 to 12, 14 and 17 of the Offences Against the State (Amendment) Act 1998 pursuant to Section 18(3) of that Act for the period 1 June, 2018 to 31 May, 2019. (June, 2019).


Report by Minister for Justice and Equality on the Operation of Section 8 of the Criminal Justice (Amendment) Act 2009 pursuant to Section 8(6) of that Act for the period 1 June, 2018 to 31 May, 2019. (June, 2019).


**Neamhréachtúil**

Rialacháin an Aontais Eorpaigh (Breiscán Bia) (Leasú), 2019 (I.R. Uimh. 240 de 2019).


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