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**GNÓ COMHALTAÍ PRÍOBHÁIDEACHA
PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS**

Fógraí Tairisceana:
Notices of Motions:

250. “That Dáil Éireann:

notes that:

- this House declared a Climate and Biodiversity Emergency in May 2019;
- recent extreme weather events, including record heatwaves in Europe and Asia, are a warning that climate change is crossing thresholds that pose a threat to all humanity and life on Earth;
- unprecedented wildfires in the Arctic and Amazon, and an historic rise in methane levels in the atmosphere show the urgency of radical actions;
- the focus of climate change mitigation actions is to reduce the greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions which are driving climate change;
- methane is the second most important GHG behind carbon dioxide causing global climate change, whose impact on climate over a 20-year period is 87 times more potent than that of carbon dioxide;
- unlike the case for carbon dioxide, the climate system responds quickly to changes in methane emissions, and reducing methane emissions could provide an opportunity to immediately slow the rate of global warming and perhaps meet the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) Conference of the Parties (COP) 21 target of keeping the planet well below 2°C above the pre-industrial baseline;
- the latest peer-reviewed scientific studies have found that shale gas production in North America may have contributed to approximately one-third of the total increased methane emissions from all sources globally over the past decade;

further notes that:

- this State passed the Petroleum and Other Minerals Development (Prohibition of Onshore Hydraulic Fracturing) Act 2017, banning fracking in Ireland in recognition of the health and climate impacts of shale gas;
- New Fortress Energy plans to import fracked gas from America to the proposed Shannon liquefied natural gas (LNG) terminal;
- projects listed as European Union (EU) Projects of Common Interests (PCI) can benefit from accelerated permitting procedures and funding;
- the Shannon LNG project and its enabler project – the reverse flow of the interconnector – are on the fourth proposed candidate list of EU PCI;
- the EU PCI Regulation states that:
 - ‘each individual proposal for a project of common interest shall require the

approval of the Member States, to whose territory the project relates’;

- ‘projects of common interest shall be allocated the status of the highest national significance possible and be treated as such in permit granting processes’;
- ‘With regard to the environmental impacts addressed in Article 6(4) of Directive 92/43/EEC and Article 4(7) of Directive 2000/60/EC, projects of common interest shall be considered as being of public interest from an energy policy perspective and may be considered as being of overriding public interest, provided that all the conditions set out in these Directives are fulfilled’; and
- ‘Projects of common interest included on the Union list pursuant to paragraph 4 of this Article shall become an integral part of the relevant regional investment plans under Article 12 of Regulations (EC) No 714/2009 and (EC) No 715/2009 and of the relevant national 10-year network development plans under Article 22 of Directives 2009/72/EC and 2009/73/EC and other national infrastructure plans concerned, as appropriate. Those projects shall be conferred the highest possible priority within each of those plans’;
- currently it is proposed that six projects for LNGs be included on the EU PCI list (out of a total of fourteen that have received support from the EU since 2013) and that these projects, if built, will result in a massive increase in the use of fracked North American shale gas and subsequent massive increase in methane emissions;
- Ireland has not yet formally approved the final fourth EU PCI list;
- previous statements of support for Shannon LNG by the Government were issued before it became known that this project would be a hub for fracked North American gas and before the extent of methane leakage from this fuel was fully understood; and
- Article 194 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union states that each EU member state maintains its right to ‘determine the conditions for exploiting its energy resources, its choice between different energy sources and the general structure of its energy supply’;

also notes that:

- PCI accreditation sets the framework for development consent;
- no strategic environmental assessment of the proposed activity to import fracked gas into the Irish energy mix has ever been undertaken to assess reasonable alternatives;
- no account has been taken of the full life-cycle emissions of GHGs from fracked gas;
- a policy vacuum exists where LNG terminals and Ireland’s access to the global fracked gas market have not been considered in the ‘National Mitigation Plan’ or in the ‘Draft Statutory Climate Change Adaptation Plan for the Electricity and Gas Networks Sector’;
- previous policy statements that categorised natural gas as a transitional or bridging fuel are mistaken, and that gas is a fossil fuel that can play no long-term role in tackling climate change;
- LNGs and other related infrastructure will lock Ireland and Europe into continued use of fossil fuels and hinder attempts to transition society to renewable sources of energy; and

— facilitating LNGs or the importation of fracked gas from North America will render impossible the immediate goals of radical cuts in GHG emissions; and

recognises that an energy plan facilitating the import of fracked North American shale gas is contrary to the principle and logic of passing a ban on fracking in this State and of urging households and communities to act to reduce their carbon dioxide emissions; and

calls on the Government to:

— remove any project from the priority list of EU PCI that would facilitate the building of an LNG in Ireland that will act as a gateway for fracked shale gas from North America; and

— build support in Europe to prioritise sustainability criteria in the assessment of candidate PCI projects that will address fossil fuel lock in and the long-term impacts of fracked gas in the European energy mix, given the expected change in climatic conditions.” — *Brid Smith, Gino Kenny, Richard Boyd Barrett, Paul Murphy, Ruth Coppinger, Mick Barry, Seamus Healy, Eamon Ryan, Catherine Martin, Joan Collins, Catherine Connolly, Thomas Pringle, Thomas P. Broughan, Maureen O'Sullivan, Brian Stanley, 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, Aengus Ó Snodaigh, Maurice Quinlivan, Sean Sherlock, Brendan Ryan, Joan Burton, Brendan Howlin, Willie Penrose, Jan O'Sullivan, Alan Kelly, Catherine Murphy, Róisín Shortall.*

[2 October, 2019]

TEACHTAIREACHTAÍ ÓN RIALTAS MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNMENT

An Bille Airgeadais (Achomhairc Chánach agus an Rialachán Réamheolaire), 2019. Finance (Tax Appeals and Prospectus Regulation) 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 Finance (Tax Appeals) Act 2015; to amend the Taxes Consolidation Act 1997; to amend the Civil Service Regulation Act 1956; to amend the Companies Act 2014; and to provide for related matters.

Given on this 8th day of October, 2019

(Signed) Leo Varadkar,
An Taoiseach.

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

Reachtúil

Statutory

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.

Tairiscint Ceadaithe ag Teastáil

Níl aon scríbhinn á leagan faoin gCatagóir seo

In-neamhnithe le Tairiscint

Rialacháin an Aontais Eorpaigh (Bearta Sriantacha i leith Dhaon-Phoblacht Dhaonlathach na Cóiré) (Uimh. 4), 2019 (I.R. Uimh. 498 de 2019).

Rialacháin an Aontais Eorpaigh (Bearta Sriantacha i leith Veiniséala) (Uimh. 2), 2019 (I.R. Uimh. 499 de 2019).

Rialacháin an Aontais Eorpaigh (Bearta Sriantacha i leith na Súdáine Theas) (Uimh. 3), 2019 (I.R. Uimh. 500 de 2019).

Eile

Institiúid Ard-Léinn Bhaile Átha Cliath. Na Ráitis Airgeadais don bhliain dar chríoch an 31 Nollaig 2018.

Sábháilteacht Uisce Éireann. An Tuarascáil Bhliantúil, 2018.

Neamhrechtúil

An Roinn Tithíochta, Pleanála agus Rialtais Áitiúil. Tuarascáil maidir le Suíomh Oifig an Rialálaí Pleanála arna Ceadú ag an Aire Tithíochta, Pleanála agus Rialtais Áitiúil an 2 Meán Fómhair 2019.

Tuarascáil ar Chuimsiú Sóisialta, Uimh. 8 - Rochtain ar Sheirbhísí Cúraim Leanaí agus Cúraim Baile ar fud na hEorpa - Anailís ar Staidreamh an Aontais Eorpaigh maidir le hIoncam agus Dálaí Maireachtála (EU-SILC), 2016.

Requiring Motion of Approval

None

Open to Motion to Annul

European Union (Restrictive Measures Concerning the Democratic People's Republic of Korea) (No.4) Regulations 2019 (S.I. No. 498 of 2019).

European Union (Restrictive Measures Concerning Venezuela) (No. 2) Regulations 2019 (S.I. No. 499 of 2019).

European Union (Restrictive Measures Concerning South Sudan) (No. 3) Regulations 2019 (S.I. No. 500 of 2019).

Other

Dublin Institute for Advanced Studies. Financial Statements for year ending 31 December, 2018.

Water Safety Ireland. Annual Report, 2018.

Non-Statutory

Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government. Report Regarding the Location of the Office of the Planning Regulator as Approved by the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government on 2 September 2019.

Social Inclusion Report No.8 - Access to Childcare and Home Care Services across Europe - An Analysis of the European Union Statistics on Income and Living Conditions (EU-SILC), 2016.