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Convention Centre Dublin

10 a.m.

ORD GNÓ
ORDER OF BUSINESS

- 9.** Meastachán Athbhreithnithe Bhreise i gcomhair Seirbhísí Poiblí 2020 [Vóta 32] [*Arna breithniú ag an Roghchoiste um Fhiontair, Trádáil agus Fostaíocht an 18 Samhain, 2020*].
Further Revised Estimate for Public Services 2020 [Vote 32] [*Considered by the Select Committee on Enterprise, Trade and Employment on 18th November, 2020*].
- 10a.** Tairiscint *maidir le* Cead chun Meastacháin Fhorlíontacha a Thabhairt Isteach [Vótaí 30 agus 45].
Motion *re* Leave to Introduce Supplementary Estimates [Votes 30 and 45].
- 10b.** Tairiscint *maidir le* Meastacháin Fhorlíontacha [Vótaí 30 agus 45] a Tharchur chuig Roghchoiste.
Motion *re* Referral of Supplementary Estimates [Votes 30 and 45] to Select Committee.
- 10c.** An Bille um Tharraingt Siar na Ríochta Aontaithe as an Aontas Eorpach (Forálacha Iarmhartacha), 2020 — Rúin Airgeadais.
Withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the European Union (Consequential Provisions) Bill 2020 — Financial Resolutions.
- 10d.** An Bille um Tharraingt Siar na Ríochta Aontaithe as an Aontas Eorpach (Forálacha Iarmhartacha), 2020 — Tairiscint chun Treoir a Thabhairt don Choiste.
Withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the European Union (Consequential Provisions) Bill 2020 — Motion to Instruct the Committee.
- 15.** (l) An Bille um Tharraingt Siar na Ríochta Aontaithe as an Aontas Eorpach (Forálacha Iarmhartacha), 2020 — An Coiste.
(a) Withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the European Union (Consequential Provisions) Bill 2020 — Committee.
- 23.** (l) An Bille um Brústocaireacht a Rialáil (Leasú), 2020 — An Dara Céim (*vótáil a cuireadh siar*).
(a) Regulation of Lobbying (Amendment) Bill 2020 — Second Stage (*postponed division*).

**GNÓ COMHALTAÍ PRÍOBHÁIDEACHA
PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS**

- 104.** (l) Tairiscint *maidir le* Maoiniú le haghaidh Thionscal na gCon in Éirinn.
(a) Motion *re* Funding for the Irish Greyhound Industry.

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

- 6a.** An Bille um Choimisiún Leasa Shóisialaigh, 2020 — An Chéad Chéim.
Social Welfare Commission Bill 2020 — First Stage.

I dTOSACH GNÓ PHOIBLÍ
AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

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Introduction:

- 6a.** An Bille um Choimisiún Leasa Shóisialaigh, 2020 — An Chéad Chéim.
Social Welfare Commission Bill 2020 — First Stage.

Bille dá ngairtear Acht do dhéanamh socrú maidir le coimisiún a bhunú chun moltaí a dhéanamh agus chun tuarascáil a thabhairt gach bliain maidir le leordhóthanacht rátaí leasa shóisialaigh sa Stát; agus do dhéanamh socrú i dtaobh nithe gaolmhara.

Bill entitled an Act to provide for the establishment of a commission to make recommendations and report annually on the adequacy of social welfare rates in the State; and to provide for related matters.

—*Claire Kerrane.*

Fógraí Tairisceana: Notices of Motions

- 9.** “Meastacháin i gcomhair Seirbhísí Poiblí [2020]:

Estimates for Public Services [2020]:

Vóta 32 — Fiontair, Trádáil agus Fostaíocht (Meastachán Athbhreithnithe Breise).

Vote 32 — Enterprise, Trade and Employment (Further Revised Estimate).

Go ndeonófar suim nach mó ná €1,855,169,000 chun íoctha an mhuirir a thíocfaidh chun bheith iníoctha i rith na bliana dar críoch an 31ú lá de Nollaig, 2020, le haghaidh thuarastail agus chostais Oifig an Aire Fiontar, Trádála agus Fostaíochta, lena n-áirítear seirbhísí áirithe atá faoi riaradh na hOifige sin, chun fóirdheontais agus deontais áirithe a íoc agus chun deontais áirithe faoi scéimeanna airgead-teoranta a íoc, agus go ndeonófar suim nach mó ná €42,150,000 trí leithreasáí nár caitheadh agus a bhféadfar a dtabhairt suas a iarchur faoi Alt 91 den Acht Airgeadais, 2004, a chur chun feidhme le haghaidh seirbhísí soláthair chaipitiúil.

That a sum not exceeding €1,855,169,000 be granted to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of December, 2020, for the salaries and expenses of the Office of the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment, including certain services administered by that Office, for the payment of certain subsidies and grants and for the payment of certain grants under cash-limited schemes and that a sum not exceeding €42,150,000 be granted by way of the application for capital supply services of unspent appropriations, the surrender of which may be deferred under Section 91 of the Finance Act 2004.

—*An tAire Caiteachais Phoiblí agus Athchóirithe.*

- 10a.** “Go dtabharfaidh an Dáil cead chun na Meastacháin Fhorlíontacha seo a leanas a

That leave be given by the Dáil to introduce the following Supplementary Estimates for

thabhairt isteach le haghaidh sheirbhís na bliana dar críoch an 31ú lá de Nollaig, 2020:

Vóta 30 — Talmhaíocht, Bia agus Muir (*Meastachán Forlíontach*).

Vóta 45 — Breisoideachas agus Ardoideachas, Taighde, Nuálaíocht agus Eolaíocht (*Meastachán Forlíontach*).

the service of the year ending on the 31st day of December, 2020:—

Vote 30 — Agriculture, Food and the Marine (*Supplementary Estimate*).

Vote 45 — Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science (*Supplementary Estimate*).

—*An tAire Caiteachais Phoiblí agus Athchóirithe.*

10b. “Faoi réir cead a thabhairt chun na Meastacháin Fhorlíontacha seo a leanas a thabhairt isteach le haghaidh sheirbhís na bliana dar críoch an 31 Nollaig 2020, go ndéanfar na Meastacháin Fhorlíontacha a tharchur chuig na Roghchoistí seo a leanas, de réir mar is cuí, de bhun Bhuan-Orduithe 95(1)(a) agus 215(3):—

Vóta 30 — Talmhaíocht, Bia agus Muir (*Meastachán Forlíontach*) — An Roghchoiste um Thalmhaíocht agus Muir.

Vóta 45 — Breisoideachas agus Ardoideachas, Taighde, Nuálaíocht agus Eolaíocht (*Meastachán Forlíontach*) — An Roghchoiste um Oideachas, Breisoideachas agus Ardoideachas, Taighde, Nuálaíocht agus Eolaíocht.

That, subject to leave being given to introduce the following Supplementary Estimates for the service of the year ending on 31st December, 2020, the Supplementary Estimates be referred to the following Select Committees, as appropriate, pursuant to Standing Orders 95(1)(a) and 215(3):—

Vote 30 — Agriculture, Food and the Marine (*Supplementary Estimate*) — Select Committee on Agriculture and the Marine.

Vote 45 — Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science (*Supplementary Estimate*) — Select Committee on Education, Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science.”

—*Seán Mac Ambróis, Aire Stáit ag Roinn an Taoisigh.*

10c. An Bille um Tharraingt Siar na Ríochta Aontaithe as an Aontas Eorpach (Forálacha Iarmhartacha), 2020 — Rúin Airgeadais.

Withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the European Union (Consequential Provisions) Bill 2020 — Financial Resolutions.

1. “GO ndéanfar alt 58 den Acht Comhdhlúite Cánach Breisluacha, 2010 (Uimh. 31 de 2010), a bhaineann leis an scéim um onnmhairí miondíola, a leasú ar an modh agus a mhéid a shonrófar san Acht lena dtabharfar éifeacht don Rún seo.

THAT section 58 of the Value-Added Tax Consolidation Act 2010 (No. 31 of 2010), which relates to the retail export scheme, be amended in the manner and to the extent specified in the Act giving effect to this Resolution.”

—*An tAire Gnóthaí Eachtracha.*

2. “GO ndéanfar an tAcht Airgeadais, 1999

THAT the Finance Act 1999 (No. 2 of 1999),

(Uimh. 2 de 1999), an tAcht Airgeadais, 2001 (Uimh. 7 de 2001), an tAcht Airgeadais, 2003 (Uimh. 3 de 2003) agus an tAcht Airgeadais, 2005 (Uimh. 5 de 2005) a leasú ar an modh agus a mhéid a shonrófar san Acht lena dtabharfar éifeacht don Rún seo.

the Finance Act 2001 (No. 7 of 2001), the Finance Act 2003 (No. 3 of 2003) and the Finance Act 2005 (No. 5 of 2005), be amended in the manner and to the extent specified in the Act giving effect to this Resolution.”

—*An tAire Gnóthaí Eachtracha.*

10d. “Go mbeidh sé, de bhun Bhuan-Ordú 187, ina threoir don Choiste um an mBille um Tharraingt Siar na Ríochta Aontaithe as an Aontas Eorpach (Forálacha Iarmhartacha), 2020 go bhfuil cumhacht aige chun socrúithe a dhéanamh sa Bhille i ndáil le feidhm do leanúint, tar éis dheireadh na hidirthréimhse, de bheith ag cosaint arna bunú ar phribhléid shrianta, i gcaingean chlúmhíllte, ar fhoilsiú ráiteas áirithe a bhaineann le teagmhais áirithe sa Ríocht Aontaithe nó i dtaca léi, agus chun leasúithe iarmhartacha eile a dhéanamh is gá chun na hathruithe thuas a chur i gcuntas.

That, pursuant to Standing Order 187, it be an instruction to the Committee on the Withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the European Union (Consequential Provisions) Bill 2020 that it has power to make provisions in the Bill in relation to the continued application, after the end of the transition period, of the defence of qualified privilege, in a defamation action, to the publication of certain statements concerning certain events in, or connected with, the United Kingdom, and to make other consequential amendments required to take account of the changes above.”

—*An tAire Gnóthaí Eachtracha.*

ORDUITHE AN LAE ORDERS OF THE DAY

- 15.** (l) An Bille um Tharraingt Siar na Ríochta Aontaithe as an Aontas Eorpach (Forálacha Iarmhartacha), 2020 — An Coiste.
(a) Withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the European Union (Consequential Provisions) Bill 2020 — Committee.

GNÓ COMHALTAÍ PRÍOBHÁIDEACHA PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

Gnó a ordáíodh:
Business ordered:

- 23.** (l) An Bille um Brústocaireacht a Rialáil (Leasú), 2020 — An Dara Céim (*vótáil a cuireadh siar*).
(a) Regulation of Lobbying (Amendment) Bill 2020 — Second Stage (*postponed division*).

—*Pearse Doherty, Mairéad Farrell.*

Leasú ar an Tairiscint don Dara Léamh (atógáil):
Amendment to Motion for Second Reading (resumed):

1. To delete all words after “That” and substitute the following:

“Dáil Éireann:

- acknowledges that two statutory reviews have been undertaken to date in relation to the Regulation of Lobbying Act 2015;
- recognises that the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform has initiated a review of section 22 of the Regulation of Lobbying Act 2015; and
- resolves that the Regulation of Lobbying (Amendment) Bill 2020 be deemed to be read a second time this day nine months, to allow for, in the context of the operation of the Regulation of Lobbying Act 2015, consideration of the Standards in Public Office Commission recommendations for reform and the provisions of this and other private members’ legislation in this area.”

—*An tAire Caiteachais Phoiblí agus Athchóirithe.*

Fógraí Tairisceana:

Notices of Motions:

104. “That Dáil Éireann:

notes that:

- the Irish greyhound industry receives substantial public funding;
- in 2021, the Exchequer will subsidise greyhound racing in Ireland by €19.2 million, an increase of €2.4 million from 2020;
- the industry has received approximately €280 million in taxpayer funding since 2000;
- the last two decades have seen significant falls in attendance and sponsorship for the greyhound industry;
- as turnover from racing activities has steadily declined over the last decade from €32.9 million in 2010 to €22.7 million in 2017, the State subvention has increased from €11.9 million in 2010 to €16.8 million in 2020;
- turnover from greyhound racing activity at Greyhound Racing Ireland (GRI) fell by three per cent in 2019; and
- in 2019, an independent investigation found that 16,000 greyhounds are born every year, and approximately 6,000 of those are killed because they failed to reach the required standard;

acknowledges that:

- while improvements have been made in funding for animal care relating to the industry, this was only committed to under significant public pressure in the wake of the aforementioned investigation;
- it is unlikely that the greyhound industry in this country could survive in the absence of taxpayer funding;
- the norm across almost all racetracks in Ireland is for track losses to significantly exceed profits from Tote betting;
- in continuing to contribute millions of euros of public money to greyhound racing every year, the Government is propping up an inherently cruel industry which the Irish public has been increasingly rejecting;

- the Irish Greyhound Board/GRI commissioned a report which described the breeding of the greyhounds as ‘out of control’; and
- the Irish Greyhound Board/GRI has not delivered a dividend to the State in the past 25 years and is unlikely to do so in the future; and

calls on the Government to:

- waive the increased funding of €2.4 million due to be given to the greyhound industry;
- incrementally refocus greyhound racing funding to the welfare of dogs impacted by breeding and racing associated with the industry; and
- work towards the gradual phasing out of State support for the Irish greyhound industry by 2025.” — *Holly Cairns, Gary Gannon, Catherine Murphy, Cian O’Callaghan, Róisín Shortall, Jennifer Whitmore.*

[24 November, 2020]

Leasuithe:

Amendments:

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

“acknowledges that:

- there is a strong commitment to improved animal welfare in this sector in the Programme for Government ‘Our Shared Future’;
- future funding of the sector is contingent on welfare standards being upheld on an annual basis and compliance with welfare standards in the sector will be strictly monitored;
- the greyhound sector is particularly challenged by Covid-19;
- the increase in the betting tax on all sports has gone from one per cent to two per cent, providing increased funding to the Exchequer and revenue from the tax in 2019 was €95 million;
- the most recent economic assessment of the industry was undertaken by Jim Power Economics in November 2017, and it indicated that the greyhound industry delivers a significant impact to the national economy with 12,371 people deriving economic benefit; and
- staff employed by Rásaíocht Con Éireann (RCÉ) as per its Annual Report for 2019 was 125 full-time staff and 112 part-time staff (measured in full time equivalents) and approximately 700 casual staff are employed at peak periods of activity with a wide geographical spread across the country; and

notes that:

- the proposed allocation from the Horse and Greyhound Fund is set to increase from €16.8 million to €19.2 million in 2021 and this increase is necessary to take account of the severe impact of Covid-19 on the sport and industry, and also to maintain the ongoing level of activity;
- the RCÉ is fully committed to the provisions in the Programme for Government ‘Our Shared Future’ regarding the care and welfare of the greyhound and the RCÉ will be required to account to the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine for its

activities in this area annually;

- the Greyhound Racing Act 2019 represents the first major upgrade of the Greyhound Industry Act 1958 and the RCÉ is focused on implementing in full the provisions of the Act as the relevant sections are commenced;
- a key element of the new legislation is the provision for the first time for a full IT traceability system for racing greyhounds and the RCÉ has advanced this system following a procurement process and expect to have the system operational by year end with statutory regulation to follow in 2021, and this will provide a mechanism to ensure that racing greyhounds are properly registered and traceable throughout their lives and that there are strong enforcement mechanisms in place to ensure that this is the case ;
- the traceability system will ensure that important life events in the life of the racing greyhound including birth, microchipping, registration, racing career, changes of ownership/trainer, location, export, retirement and end-of-life are accurately recorded;
- the RCÉ has been implementing an ambitious care and welfare programme with the following elements being progressed:
 - the setting up of a Care Fund in 2019, the funding sources are as follows:
 - 50 per cent of all existing sponsorships;
 - 10 per cent of all admissions;
 - 10 per cent of all restaurant packages; and
 - 5 per cent of net Tote profits;
 - notwithstanding the collapse in commercial revenues arising from the impact of Covid-19 and resultant impact on Care Fund income, the RCÉ is committed to increasing the spend on care and welfare as part of its overall programme;
 - the opening of the first Care Centre in Thurles in July 2020, which will act as a half-way house between the end of a racing career and the placing of the greyhound in its ‘forever home’ and the centre will allow greyhounds to be socialised and for interested parties to consider the fostering or adoption of a greyhound in such a setting;
 - the implementation of an extensive rehoming programme with over 1,300 greyhounds rehomed in 2020 to date with assistance from the Irish Retired Greyhound Trust, an entity established by the RCÉ;
 - the introduction of a financial incentive for all domestic rehoming's to encourage more rehoming in Ireland;
 - the implementation of a Foster-to-Adopt Scheme;
 - the operation of an Injuries at Tracks Recovery Scheme whereby funding is available to address injuries sustained to racing greyhounds to ensure that they can be retired from greyhound racing;
 - the establishing of a confidential phone line/email through which any welfare issues can be reported on a 24/7 basis and all reports are fully investigated by RCÉ welfare staff;
 - the full utilisation of the Exclusion Order process whereby a party can be excluded from being on a greyhound racing track and six such orders were issued in 2020, with a number of other investigations pending;

- the updating of the Code of Practice for the Care and Welfare of the Greyhound which is at present on public consultation, as this is provided for under the Welfare of Greyhounds Act 2011;
- the continuing of an intense testing regime both at race events and through out-of-competition testing and the urine sampling regime has been expanded in 2020 to also cover, on a periodic basis, blood sampling, while work is also under way in terms of the necessary protocols to implement further enhancements of the testing regime through hair sampling; and
- the RCÉ implemented a Covid-19 Care Payment Scheme during the period of suspension of racing activity from March to June 2020, and some €998,000 was paid under the scheme to ensure that the welfare needs of the racing greyhound were met during a period when racing activity was suspended.” — *An tAire Talmhaíochta, Bia agus Mara*.

2. To delete all words after “Dáil Éireann” and substitute the following:

“notes that:

- Irish greyhound racing plays an important social and economic role in many communities;
- a 2017 assessment of the sector reported that 12,371 people derive economic benefit from the activity;
- as with many sectors, greyhound racing has faced significant financial difficulties arising from Covid-19 restrictions;
- the Government proposes to increase Exchequer funding to greyhound racing to €19.2 million in 2021, an increase of €2.4 million;
- a 2017 assessment suggested that greyhound racing, in turn, delivers an economic benefit of €302 million primarily in rural communities;
- there are many competing urgent demands on Exchequer funding, not least in public services, including our health services at this time; and
- there remains genuine concern regarding animal welfare practices in the greyhound racing sector;

acknowledges that:

- although improvements have been made in respect of animal care relating to the greyhound racing industry, further mechanisms are required to provide assurances that the highest degree of animal welfare standards are in place;
- as with most sporting and recreational based pursuits, the financial viability of the industry would face immense challenges in the absence of Exchequer funding support; and
- Exchequer support is therefore required to support an industry that provides crucial employment which assists the economy in many communities; and

calls on the Government to:

- in recognition of the pressures on public finances at this time, withdraw the proposal to increase funding of €2.4 million due to the greyhound industry in 2021;
- ensure a sufficient portion of the fund is ring-fenced towards the welfare of

- greyhounds and to ensure that the practice of overbreeding, which leads to culling, ceases;
- work with the sector to improve monitoring and enforcement of animal welfare standards;
- further ensure that the spending of all Exchequer funding to organisations, including Greyhound Racing Ireland, is open to public scrutiny and accountability and that all necessary due diligence measures are in place; and
- develop, in conjunction with the sector, a long-term strategy that will provide for the financial viability of the industry into the future.” — *Matt Carthy*.

**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>
Na Rialacháin um Shábháilteacht, Sláinte agus Leas ag an Obair (Oibreáin Bhitheolaíoch) (Leasú), 2020 (I.R. Uimh. 539 de 2020).	Safety, Health and Welfare at Work (Biological Agents) (Amendment) Regulations 2020 (S.I. No. 539 of 2020).
<i>Eile</i>	<i>Other</i>
Tuarascáil ón gCoimisiún um Chaighdeán in Oifigí Poiblí do Cheann Comhairle Dháil Éireann, de bhun Alt 4(1) den Acht Toghcháin, 1997 maidir le Síntiúis do Pháirtithe Polaitíochta i leith 2019.	Report by the Standards in Public Office Commission to the Chairman of Dáil Éireann, pursuant to Section 4(1) of the Electoral Act 1997 on Donations to Political Parties in respect of 2019.
An Ghníomhaireacht Bainistíochta Rialtais Áitiúil. An Tuarascáil Bhliantúil, 2019.	Local Government Management Agency. Annual Report, 2019.
An Ghníomhaireacht Bainistíochta Rialtais Áitiúil. Tuarascáil an Iniúcháir Rialtais Áitiúil do Bhord na Gníomhaireachta Bainistíochta Rialtais Áitiúil, 2019.	Local Government Management Agency. Report of the Local Government Auditor to the Board of the Local Government Management Agency, 2019.
An Ciste Réitigh Foras Creidmheasa. Na Ráitis Airgeadais don bhliain dar chríoch an 31 Nollaig 2019.	Credit Institutions Resolution Fund. Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December, 2019.

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.

Ráitis Síntiús Bhliantúla i leith 2019, arna gcur ar fáil don Choimisiún um Chaighdeáin in Oifigí Poiblí ag Páirtithe Polaitíochta de bhun Alt 24 den Acht Toghcháin, 1997.

Neamhreachtúil

An Bord um Shásamh i leith Foras Cónaithe. An Cuntas Speisialta don bhliain dar chríoch an 31 Nollaig 2019. An Cuntas ar Fháltais agus Íocaíochtaí.

Annual Donation Statements in respect of 2019, furnished to the Standards in Public Office Commission by Political Parties pursuant to Section 24 of the Electoral Act 1997.

Non-Statutory

Residential Institutions Redress Board. Special Account for the year ended 31 December, 2019. Account of Receipts and Payments.