

*Dé Máirt, 11 Bealtaine, 2004*  
*Tuesday, 11th May, 2004*

3.00 p.m.

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RIAR NA hOIBRE  
*Order Paper*

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GNÓ POIBLÍ  
*Public Business*

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1. (l) An Bille Toghcháin (Leasú) 2004 — An Coiste.  
 (a) Electoral (Amendment) Bill 2004 — Committee.

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2. Ráitis maidir le Cuspóirí Comhair Forbartha Uachtaránacht na hÉireann ar an Aontas Eorpach.  
 Statements on the Development Co-operation Objectives of the Irish Presidency of the European Union.

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3. (l) An Bille um an Dlí Coiriúil (Gealtacht) 2002 — An Tuarascáil.  
 (a) Criminal Law (Insanity) Bill 2002 — Report Stage.

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4. An Bille um Sheirbhísí Uisce 2003 — An Coiste.  
 Water Services Bill 2003 — Committee.

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5. An Bille Léiriúcháin 2000 [*Dáil*] — An Dara Céim.  
 Interpretation Bill 2000 [*Dáil*] — Second Stage.

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6. Bille Náisiúntachta agus Saoránachta Éireann agus Airí agus Rúnaithe (Leasú) 2003 — An Coiste.  
 Irish Nationality and Citizenship and Ministers and Secretaries (Amendment) Bill 2003 — Committee.

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7. An Bille um Shaoráil Faisnéise (Leasú) (Uimh. 2) 2003 — Ordú don Dara Céim.  
 Freedom of Information (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill 2003 — Order for Second Stage.

Bille dá ngairtear Acht do leasú an Achta um Shaoráil Faisnéise 1997 agus do dhéanamh socrú i dtaobh nithe gaolmhara. Bill entitled an Act to amend the Freedom of Information Act 1997 and to provide for related matters.

—*Senator Brendan Ryan.*

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8. “Go dtugann Seanad Éireann dá aire an Tuarascáil ar Staid Cúramóirí Lánaimseartha ón gComhchoiste um Ghnóthaí Sóisialacha agus Teaghlaigh.

That Seanad Éireann take note of the Report on the Position of Full-time Carers from the Joint Committee on Social and Family Affairs.”

—*Senator Mary O’Rourke.*

9. Ráitis maidir le hUathachas (*atógáil*).  
Statements on Autism (*resumed*).

10. “Go gceadaíonn Seanad Éireann an Stát d’fheidhmiú an roghnaithe nó na rogha arna gcur ar fáil le hAirteagal 1.11 de Chonradh Amstardam a bheith páirteach i nglacadh an bhirt bheartaithe seo a leanas:

That Seanad Éireann approves the exercise by the State of the option or discretion, provided by Article 1.11 of the Treaty of Amsterdam, to take part in the adoption of the following proposed measure:

togra le haghaidh Creat-Chinnidh ón gComhairle ag leagan síos forálacha íosta maidir le comhábhair gníomhartha coiriúla agus maidir le pionóis i réimse na gáinneála aindleathaí drugaí,

a proposal for a Council Framework Decision laying down minimum provisions on the constituent elements of criminal acts and penalties in the field of illicit drug trafficking,

ar beart beartaithe é ar leagadh cóip de faoi bhráid Sheanad Éireann an 18 Feabhra, 2004.

a copy of which proposed measure was laid before Seanad Éireann on 18 February, 2004.”

—*Senator Mary O’Rourke.*

11. (l) Bille an Gharda Síochána 2004 — Ordú don Choiste.  
(a) Garda Síochána Bill 2004 — Order for Committee.

12. (l) An Bille um Dhliteanas Sibhialta agus Cúirteanna 2004 — An Coiste.  
(a) Civil Liability and Courts Bill 2004 — Committee.

13. Bille na dTithe (Íocaíochtaí Céime) 2004 — Ordú don Dara Céim.  
Housing (Stage Payments) Bill 2004 — Order for Second Stage.

Bille dá ngairtear Acht do thoirmeasc íocaíochtaí céime i gconarthaí le haghaidh tithe nua áirithe.

Bill entitled an Act to prohibit stage payments in contracts for certain new houses.

—*Senator Paul Coghlan.*

14. “Go dtugann Seanad Éireann dá aire an Tuarascáil ón gComhchoiste um Dhlí agus Ceart, Comhionannas, Cosaint agus Cearta na mBan dar teideal “An Tuarascáil Deiridh ar an Tuarascáil ón gCoimisiún Fiosrúcháin Neamhspleách faoi bhuamáil Bhaile Átha Cliath agus Mhuineacháin”, a leagadh faoi bhráid Sheanad Éireann an 31 Márta 2004.

That Seanad Éireann notes the Report of the Joint Committee on Justice, Equality, Defence and Women’s Rights entitled “Final Report on the Report of the Independent Commission of Inquiry into the Dublin and Monaghan Bombings”, which was laid before Seanad Éireann on 31 March 2004.”

—*Senator Mary O’Rourke.*

15. An Bille um Shaoire Uchtaíoch 2004 — Ordú don Dara Céim.  
Adoptive Leave Bill 2004 — Order for Second Stage.

Bille dá ngairtear Acht do leasú an Achta um Shaoire Uchtaíoch 1995 agus do dhéanamh socrú i dtaobh nithe comhghaolmhara. Bill entitled an Act to amend the Adoptive Leave Act 1995 and to provide for connected matters.

—*Senator Mary O'Rourke.*

16. Ráitis maidir leis an gCéad Tuarascáil faoi Dhul Chun Cinn ón gCoiste Comhairleach Náisiúnta um Dhrugaí (*atógáil*).  
Statements on the First Progress Report of the National Advisory Committee on Drugs (*resumed*).

17. An Bille um Fhorghníomhú Pianbhreitheanna a Aistriú 2003 — An Tuarascáil.  
Transfer of Execution of Sentences Bill 2003 — Report Stage.

18. *Tairiscintí nach ón Rialtas:*  
*Non-Government Motions:*

1. “That Seanad Éireann asks the Minister for Social and Family Affairs to make the necessary arrangements to ensure that:
  - (1) performing artists be given a period of three years to pursue their profession during which period they would be entitled to full Social Welfare benefits;
  - (2) recognising the sporadic nature of performing artists work, the medical card once granted should not unreasonably be withdrawn;
  - (3) performing artists should be granted the same tax concessions as creative artists;
  - (4) while this is being adjudicated, performing artists income tax should be assessed over a three year period to allow for the fluctuation in performing artists incomes; and
  - (5) that special provision for social housing be provided to performing artists and that Local Authorities make special allocations for performing artists in all social housing provisions.”

—*Senators David Norris, Joe O'Toole, Feargal Quinn, Shane Ross, Mary Henry.*

**[21 May, 2003]**

2. “That Seanad Éireann believes that the existing expenditure limits for general elections should not be altered and that the issue of election expenditure before the date when an election is called be considered”.

—*Senators James Bannon, Brian Hayes, Paul Bradford, Fergal Browne, Paddy Burke, Ulick Burke, Paul Coghlan, Noel Coonan, Maurice Cummins, Frank Feighan, Michael Finucane, Jim Higgins, Joe McHugh, John Phelan, Sheila Terry.*

**[12 June, 2003]**

## 3. "That Seanad Éireann

- noting the recent critical reports on the treatment of people with mental illness by Amnesty International, the Irish Psychiatric Association and the Inspector of Mental Hospitals;
- concerned that Irish mental health policy and service provision remain out of step with international best practice and that the institutionalisation of the mental health services in Ireland has failed to live up to World Health Organisation standards;
- believing that the high admission and readmission rates to psychiatric hospitals are due in large measure to the lack of community based facilities;
- concerned at the lack of dedicated psychiatric facilities for adolescents, the lengthy waiting lists for treatment and the lack of consistency in the provision of mental health services throughout the country;
- deploring the fact that people with intellectual disability continue to be inappropriately accommodated in psychiatric facilities in violation of human rights law;

condemns the Government for its neglect of the mental health sector and failure to vindicate the human rights of people with mental illness and for the reduction in the percentage of the health budget spent on mental health and calls on the Government to bring forward immediately a comprehensive package of measures, including appropriate finances, to provide

- a comprehensive, needs-based, service-user-led review of the mental health care services, promptly and fully implemented, ensuring that they meet international human rights standards and best practice in line with the World Health Organisation 2001 Annual Report, with an emphasis on community-based care;
- regular quality research in all areas of mental health care needs and service provision, an essential prerequisite for the development of a quality service;
- full financial provision for all areas of mental health care;
- all necessary resources and assistance for the Mental Health Commission in its securing adequate care and conditions for people with mental illness;
- effective action on all relevant recommendations made in the reports of international treaty-based committees, annual reports of the Inspector of Mental Hospitals, and government reviews and reports;
- a comprehensive system of personal advocacy and an effective complaints procedure, to ensure that people with mental illness are assisted in exercising the full range of their rights;
- specialised mental health care for all who need it, including children, the homeless, prisoners, people with other forms of disability, travellers, asylum seekers and refugees, and other minority or vulnerable groups;
- a public education and awareness campaign to counter the stigma of mental illness, emphasizing the rights of people with mental illness;

- rights-based disability and mental health legislation to give full effect to its international human rights obligations, with due regard to its obligation to enable persons with disabilities to exercise their rights on an equal basis with other citizens.”.

—*Senators Frank Feighan, Brian Hayes, James Bannon, Paul Bradford, Fergal Browne, Paddy Burke, Ulick Burke, Paul Coghlan, Noel Coonan, Maurice Cummins, Michael Finucane, Jim Higgins, Joe McHugh, John Phelan, Sheila Terry.*

**[18 June, 2003]**

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4. “That Seanad Éireann calls upon the Government to immediately request of the British Government that the Radiological Protection Institute of Ireland be granted observer status at the Sellafield reprocessing site in Britain to make independent reports to the Irish people on the safety or otherwise of this facility”.

—*Senators Brian Hayes, James Bannon, Paul Bradford, Fergal Browne, Paddy Burke, Ulick Burke, Paul Coghlan, Noel Coonan, Maurice Cummins, Frank Feighan, Michael Finucane, Jim Higgins, Joe McHugh, John Phelan, Sheila Terry.*

**[26 June, 2003]**

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5. “That Seanad Éireann resolves to annul Statutory Instrument number 264 of 2003 (Freedom of Information Act 1997) (Fees) Regulations 2003) with immediate effect”.

—*Senators Brian Hayes, James Bannon, Paul Bradford, Fergal Browne, Paddy Burke, Ulick Burke, Paul Coghlan, Noel Coonan, Maurice Cummins, Frank Feighan, Michael Finucane, Jim Higgins, Joe McHugh, John Phelan, Sheila Terry.*

**[3 July, 2003]**

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6. “In view of the critical state of the nation’s finances, Seanad Éireann calls on the Government to suspend the benchmarking deal with the Public Service immediately”.

—*Senators Shane Ross, David Norris, Feargal Quinn.*

**[7 October, 2003]**

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7. “That Seanad Éireann expresses concern at the withdrawal of funding by the Government for third level research”.

—*Senators David Norris, Shane Ross, Mary Henry, Feargal Quinn, Joe O’Toole.*

**[7 October, 2003]**

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8. “That Seanad Éireann calls on the Government to introduce legislation governing the control of the importation, licensing and keeping as pets of exotic animals”.

—*Senators David Norris, Shane Ross, Mary Henry, Joe O’Toole.*

**[7 October, 2003]**

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9. “That Seanad Éireann calls on the Government to review the situation regarding declarations of interest by Chairpersons of public bodies, members of the judiciary and other public officials”.

—*Senators David Norris, Shane Ross, Mary Henry, Joe O’Toole.*

**[7 October, 2003]**

10. “That Seanad Éireann calls on the Government to give maximum possible incentives to encourage computer games development companies to locate in Ireland.”

—*Senators Shane Ross, David Norris, Joe O’Toole, Feargal Quinn, Mary Henry.*

**[7 October, 2003]**

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11. “That Seanad Éireann urges the Government to amend the Approved Share Options Scheme rules to allow the maximum number of employees to enter the scheme.”

—*Senators Shane Ross, David Norris, Joe O’Toole, Feargal Quinn, Mary Henry.*

**[7 October, 2003]**

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12. “That Seanad Éireann—

notes:

— the 57 recommendations of the Motor Insurance Advisory Report relating to Government Departments and Agencies, and the 2002 consultants report on speed cameras commissioned by the National Roads Authority;

recognises:

- the success to date of the penalty points system in reducing road fatalities;
- the lack of resources available to the Gardaí to enforce our road traffic laws and implement the penalty points system in the long-term;
- the extraordinarily high costs for insurance premiums quoted to drivers under the age of 30;
- that the recently-established Personal Injuries Assessment Board is not yet dealing with motor accident compensation claims;
- that driver instruction is not supported or regulated by the State; and
- that the Irish driving test has not been updated for 20 years and is perceived as being unfair and has an unacceptable failure rate;

condemns the Government for its delay in implementing the necessary reforms to alleviate the insurance crisis facing young drivers and further condemns the Government for failing to invest adequately in long-term road safety education and enforcement;

— and calls on the Government to:

- ring-fence the proceeds of the 2% levy on motor insurance for investment in road safety initiatives;
- enact the outstanding recommendations of the MIAB report;
- introduce free compulsory driving lessons for all drivers before they sit the driving test;
- implement a complete overhaul of the driving test based on making it a fair test and relevant to 21st century Irish driving conditions;
- purchase 17 new ‘GATSO’ speed camera vans as proposed in the consultants report commissioned by the National Roads Authority;

- establish immediately the Garda Traffic corps;
  - authorise the Personal Injuries Assessment Board immediately to begin dealing with motor accident compensation claims; and
  - use its remaining period of time as President of the EU to prioritise further reform of the EU common internal motor insurance market.”
- Senators Fergal Browne, Brian Hayes, James Bannon, Paul Bradford, Paddy Burke, Ulick Burke, Paul Coghlan, Noel Coonan, Maurice Cummins, Frank Feighan, Michael Finucane, Jim Higgins, Joe McHugh, John Phelan, Sheila Terry.*

**[18 February, 2004]**

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13. “That Seanad Éireann urges the Minister for Arts, Sports and Tourism and the Minister for Finance to retain Section 481 Film Tax Incentive.”

—*Senators David Norris, Feargal Quinn, Mary Henry.*

**[4 November, 2003]**

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14. “That Seanad Éireann condemns the Government for its inaction in relation to:

- (1) fishermen and co-ops who are frustrated at licensing delays with the lack of response from the Department of Communications, Marine and Natural Resources;
- (2) the lack of progress in relation to promised investment in harbour development, highlighted in a reduction in funding of 27% in this year’s estimates;
- (3) the new licensing and control regime for aqua-culture and shell fish farming;
- (4) fish farming delays in relation to licensing, and
- (5) the promotion of sea-angling as a viable option for future tourism development.”

—*Senators Joe McHugh, Brian Hayes, James Bannon, Paul Bradford, Fergal Browne, Paddy Burke, Ulick Burke, Paul Coghlan, Noel Coonan, Maurice Cummins, Frank Feighan, Michael Finucane, Jim Higgins, John Phelan, Sheila Terry.*

**[3 December, 2003]**

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15. “That Seanad Éireann in the light of the many positive resolutions on Tibet already passed in various fora including

- the European Parliament resolutions regarding Tibet dated October 14, 1987, March 15, 1989, September 15, 1993, May 17, 1995, July 13, 1995, April 18, 1996, May 23, 1996, May 13, 1997, January 16, 1998, May 13, 1998, July 6, 2000, April 11, 2002;
- the resolutions regarding fundamental rights violations in Tibet adopted by the German Bundestag (October 15, 1987, June 20, 1996 and April 18, 2002), adopted by the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Italian House of Representatives (April 12, 1989), by the Belgian House of Representatives (June 20, 1990), adopted by the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Irish Parliament (July 21, 1998);
- the resolution adopted on August 23, 1991 by the United Nations sub-Committee for the prevention of discrimination and protection of the rights of minorities;
- the resolutions adopted by the United States Government, by the Australian Senate and House of Representatives and by the Czech Parliament;

- the Constituent Act of the ‘Association of Italian Communities, provinces and Regions’ an organisation which many local organizations have joined; and

Bearing in mind

- the tragic historical events experienced since 1949 by the Tibetan people;
- the United Nations resolution n. 1353 of the year 1959, and n. 1723 of the year 1961 and n. 2079 of the year 1965; co-sponsored by Ireland;
- the ‘agreement consisting of 17 points’ signed in Beijing by the Tibetan authorities, which guaranteed full autonomy for Tibet and, particularly, the acknowledgement of its political system and the full respect of religious freedom;
- the repeated attempts to give new force to the dialogue with Beijing authorities made by the Dalai Lama with the ‘five point program’, presented before the American Parliament in 1987, and with the ‘Strasbourg proposal’, presented before the European Parliament in 1988;
- the recent execution without a fair trial or legal representative of Lobsang Dhondrup in Sichuan despite protest from the E.U.;

Commends the position of the Dalai Lama and the Tibetan Government in exile as far as it concerns the realization of an autonomous government for Tibet as a moderate position encouraging dialogue and negotiations;

Shares its profound concern for the serious damage already done to the Tibetan environment, traditions, culture and the Tibetan religion, and for the deterioration of the situation regarding human rights in Tibet;

Commends the recent contacts commenced between the Chinese government and the Tibetan Government in exile;

Expresses the hope that these will become, as soon as possible, true direct negotiations between the Chinese government and the Tibetan Government in exile with the aim of defining a new statute which guarantees genuine autonomy for Tibet;

Adopts as its own the European Parliament resolutions dated July 6, 2000 and April 11, 2002, and requests the Government

- to adopt among the aforesaid European Parliament resolutions, all possible initiatives regarding the People’s Republic of China, so that, by way of dialogue, conditions be created for the realization of a new statute for Tibet, which will guarantee full autonomy for the Tibetan people in all sectors of political, economic and cultural life, with the exception of foreign affairs and defence;
- to call upon the Chinese government to acknowledge and fully respect the fundamental political, social and cultural rights of religious, ethnic and other minorities, and also their cultural specificity including religious freedom;
- to aid, in accordance with the other European Union members, the dialogue between the Beijing authorities and the Dalai Lama the Tibetan Government in exile; and

— to work within the European Commission so as to appoint an E.U. Special Representative for Tibetan Affairs.”

—*Senators David Norris, Joe O’Toole.*

**[21 January, 2004]**

16. “That Seanad Éireann, in light of the introduction of inequitable development levies on new housing that will make building a house prohibitive for many young people and the refusal of the Government to fulfil its promise to make it easier for local residents to build one-off houses in rural areas, condemns the Government for failing to act on its promise to ease planning legislation on one-off housing and calls on the Government to restore immediately public confidence by reversing its decision to introduce development levies and to honour its pre-election promise to improve the planning process and by doing so reinvigorate rural Ireland.”

—*Senators Joe McHugh, Brian Hayes, Ulick Burke, Fergal Browne, Noel Coonan, Paul Coghlan, Maurice Cummins, Michael Finucane, Paddy Burke, Jim Higgins, Paul Bradford, John Paul Phelan, Frank Feighan, Sheila Terry, James Bannon.*

**[5 February, 2004]**

17. “That Seanad Éireann

- condemns the blatant and cynical move by the Minister for the Environment and Local Government in bringing forward guidelines for rural housing, particularly as the said guidelines offer no hope to people in need of housing in rural Ireland and
- considers that there is an urgent need for the Government to make a statement on the position of local authorities in readjusting their County Development Plans to facilitate the Government’s u-turn on this matter.”

—*Senators James Bannon, Fergal Browne, Brian Hayes, Paul Bradford, Paddy Burke, Ulick Burke, Paul Coghlan, Noel Coonan, Maurice Cummins, Frank Feighan, Michael Finucane, Jim Higgins, Joe McHugh, John Phelan, Sheila Terry.*

**[10 March, 2004]**

18. “That Seanad Éireann:

- recognises that the services provided by the National Educational Psychological Service (NEPS) are very important to many children throughout the country;
- considers that access to an educational psychologist can be critical in finding out what special educational requirements a child may have, and how best they can be met within the school system;
- notes, however, that access to the services provided by NEPS is extremely slow, with many children waiting an unacceptable amount of time before seeing a psychologist after referral;
- refers to the findings of a recent survey which showed clearly that the average waiting time for a child to see an educational psychologist was 6.5 months with more than a quarter of schools waiting more than 9 months for access to a psychologist for their students;
- maintains that the Government has a clear responsibility to fund NEPS properly so that such unacceptable delays no longer occur;
- laments the paltry increase in funding to NEPS of only 1% in Budget 2004;

- believes that children who require psychological assessment should be seen within one month of this assessment being requested, with 6 weeks being the maximum permitted waiting time.”

—*Senators Brian Hayes, Michael Finucane, Paddy Burke, Paul Coghlan, Jim Higgins, Noel Coonan, Paul Bradford, Ulick Burke, John Paul Phelan, Frank Feighan, Sheila Terry, James Bannon, JoeMcHugh, Maurice Cummins, Fergal Browne.*

**[7 April, 2004]**

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19. “That Seanad Éireann requests the Government to use its present leading position as holder of the European Union Presidency to ensure that the European Union and its member States take the necessary steps, including by engagement with the United States, to ensure that the 60th session of the UNCHR will:

- (a) support adequate monitoring of human rights in Iraq, permitting the monitors to cover human rights abuses in Iraqi territory by any party, and ensuring that their reports are regularly and publicly available;
- (b) extend the mandate of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Iraq for a further year, clarifying that the mandate covers all past and present human rights violations in Iraq;
- (c) support the establishment of a UN commission of experts tasked with developing proposals for building the rule of law in Iraq, in consultation with Iraqi civil society;
- (d) support the establishment of an international commission of inquiry mandated to conduct independent, impartial and thorough investigations into past human rights violations, regardless of when they occurred; and
- (e) call on the Coalition Provisional Authority to bring to trial, in accordance with international standards for fair trial, Saddam Hussein and other officials and associates of the former Iraqi government accused of committing human rights violations.”

—*Senators David Norris, Shane Ross.*

**[7 May, 2004]**

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20. “That Seanad Éireann

commends the Government for their prudent handling of the public finances and reaffirms that it is a key objective of the Agreed Programme for Government to sustain a strong economy and “keep the finances of general government close to balance or in surplus.”.

Acknowledges, in particular, in this regard the achievement of the Minister for Finance in maintaining a stable and disciplined budgetary policy at a time of global uncertainty, when many of our neighbours in Europe are experiencing deficits, serious economic setbacks, and in some cases negative economic growth.

Accepts that while inevitably there has been public concerns given the international downturn and the consequential slowdown in the Irish economy, it has only been by acting sensibly and refusing to take the short-term option of massive borrowing, that the Government has contributed significantly to Ireland’s fiscal and economic future.

Recognises that our economy is now in a strong position to accelerate rapidly and that, in terms of pursuing higher growth, Ireland is starting from a good base relative to our European or OECD counterparts.

Notes also, too in terms of growth, employment, income per head and adherence to the Stability and Growth Pact, that Ireland compares very favourably with the rest of the EU.

Welcomes especially our continued strong employment performance which is particularly impressive in a situation where, last year, labour force participation averaged over 60% of the adult population — the highest level ever recorded.

Congratulates the Minister for Finance for pursuing policies that have helped ensure

- the annual rate of inflation fell to 1.3% in March, the lowest for almost 5 years;
- our GNP was 3.3% higher in 2003 compared to the previous year and accelerated to 5.5% in the last Quarter;
- employment grew by 1.8% last year, despite the difficult global economic environment, while unemployment was kept to a comparatively low rate of 4.7%;

and,

- the end-April Exchequer returns indicate that we are on course to meet our public finance targets for 2004.

Urges the Minister for Finance to maintain our low levels of direct taxation which in accordance with the policies of the parties in government have boosted significantly both employment and revenue.

Supports the Government's continued opposition to irresponsible fiscal policies predicated on unsustainable borrowing.

And,

Encourages the Government to follow through on their policy of careful and sustained investment, in particular, in our public services and infrastructure which has already done so much to transform our country.”.

—*Senators Mary O'Rourke, Eddie Bohan, Cyprian Brady, Peter Callanan, Margaret Cox, Brendan Daly, Timmy Dooley, Geraldine Feeney, Liam Fitzgerald, Camillus Glynn, John Hanafin, Brendan Kenneally, Michael Kitt, Tony Kett, Terry Leyden, Don Lydon, Martin Mansergh, Marc MacSharry, Paschal Mooney, Pat Moylan, Francie O'Brien, Labhrás Ó'Murchú, Ann Ormonde, Kieran Phelan, Eamon Scanlon, Jim Walsh, Mary White and Diarmuid Wilson.*

**[11 May, 2004]**

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- 19.** An Seanad a chur ar athló.  
Adjournment of the Seanad.

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BILLÍ SEANAID SA DÁIL  
*Seanad Bills with the Dáil*

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- An Bille um Dhumpáil ar Farrage (Leasú) 2000.  
Dumping at Sea (Amendment) Bill 2000.
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An Bille um Dhlí na Farraige (Píoráideacht a Chur faoi Chois) 2001.  
Law of the Sea (Repression of Piracy) Bill 2001.

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An Bille um Cheartas Coiriúil (Foirne Comhpháirteacha um Imscrúdú) 2003.  
Criminal Justice (Joint Investigation Teams) Bill 2003.

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An Bille um Thruailliú na Farraige (Forálacha Ilghnéitheacha) 2003.  
Sea Pollution (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2003.

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An Bille um Chosaint Mháithreachais (Leasú) 2003.  
Maternity Protection (Amendment) Bill 2003.

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An Bille um Chomhionannas 2004.  
Equality Bill 2004.

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An Bille um Shlándáil Mhuirí 2004.  
Maritime Security Bill 2004.

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An Bille Leictreachais (Soláthar) (Leasú) 2004.  
Electricity (Supply) (Amendment) Bill 2004.

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## MEMORANDA

*Dé Máirt, 11 Bealtaine, 2004*  
*Tuesday, 11th May, 2004*

Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Dhlí agus Ceart, Comhionannas, Cosaint agus Cearta na mBan i Seomra Coiste 2, LH 2000, ar 1.30 p.m. (*príobháideach*).  
Meeting of the Joint Committee on Justice, Equality, Defence and Women's Rights, in Committee Room 2, LH 2000, at 1.30 p.m. (*private*).

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Cruinniú den Fhochoiste um Chearta an Duine i Seomra Coiste 3, LH 2000, ar 2 p.m.  
Meeting of the Sub-Committee on Human Rights in Committee Room 3, LH 2000, at 2. p.m.

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Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Ghnóthaí Sóisialacha agus Teaghlaigh i Seomra Coiste 4, LH 2000, ar 2.30 p.m.  
Meeting of the Joint Committee on Social and Family Affairs in Committee Room 4, LH 2000, at 2.30 p.m.

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Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Thalmhaíocht agus Bia i Seomra Coiste 4, LH 2000, ar 4.45 p.m.  
Meeting of the Joint Committee on Agriculture and Food in Committee Room 4, LH 2000, at 4.45 p.m.

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*Dé Céadaoin, 12 Bealtaine 2004*  
*Wednesday, 12th May, 2004*

Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Fhiontraíocht agus Mionghnóthaí i Seomra Coiste 4, LH 2000, ar 9.30 a.m. (*príobháideach*).  
Meeting of the Joint Committee on Enterprise and Small Business in Committee Room 4, LH 2000, at 9.30 a.m. (*private*).

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Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Iompar i Seomra Coiste 1, LH 2000, ar 9.30 a.m.  
Meeting of the Joint Committee on Transport in Committee Room 1, LH 2000, at 9.30 a.m.

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Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Chomhshaol agus Rialtas Áitiúil i Seomra Coiste 3, LH 2000, ar 2 p.m.  
Meeting of the Joint Committee on the Environment and Local Government in Committee Room 3, LH 2000, at 2 p.m.

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Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Ghnóthaí Eorpacha i Seomra Coiste 1, LH 2000 ar 2 p.m.  
Meeting of the Joint Committee on European Affairs in Committee Room 1, LH 2000, at 2 p.m.

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Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Sheirbhísí an Tí i Seomra Coiste 2, LH 2000, ar 2.30 p.m. (*príobháideach*).  
Meeting of the Joint House Services Committee in Committee Room 2, LH 2000, at 2.30 p.m. (*private*).

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Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Airgeadas agus an tSeirbhís Phoiblí i Seomra Coiste 4, LH 2000, ar 3 p.m.  
Meeting of the Joint Committee on Finance and the Public Service in Committee Room 4, LH 2000, at 3 p.m.

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Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Iompar i Seomra Coiste 4, LH 2000, ar 6 p.m. (*príobháideach*).  
Meeting of the Joint Committee on Transport in Committee Room 4, LH 2000, at 6 p.m. (*private*).

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*Déardaoin, 13 Bealtaine, 2004*  
*Thursday, 13th May, 2004*

Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Shláinte agus Leanaí i Seomra Coiste 2, LH 2000, ar 9.30 a.m.  
Meeting of the Joint Committee on Health and Children in Committee Room 2, LH 2000, at 9.30 a.m.

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Cruinniú den Fhochoiste um Mí-Úsáid Alcóil ag Daoine Óga i Seomra Coiste 2, LH 2000, ar 12 meán lae (*príobháideach*).  
Meeting of the Sub-Committee on Alcohol Misuse by Young People in Committee Room 2, LH 2000, at 12 noon (*private*).

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PÁIPÉIR A LEAGADH FAOI BHRÁID AN tSEANAID  
*Papers laid before the Seanad*

*Reachtúil:*

1) Na Rialacháin um Ráschúrsaí (Muirir ar Ionaid Geallghlacadóirí Údaraithe) 2004 (I.R. Uimh. 171 de 2004).

2) Na Rialacháin um Gheallghlacadóirí Údaraithe (Muirear Láimhdeachais ar Gheallta Cúrsa) 2004 (I.R. Uimh. 172 de 2004).

3) Togra le haghaidh Cinnidh ó Pharlaimint na hEorpa agus ón gComhairle maidir le heagrú Chiste Dlíthpháirtíochta an AE de réir phointe 3 de Chomhaontú Idirinstiúideach an 7 Samhain 2002 idir Parlaimint na hEorpa, an Chomhairle agus an Coimisiún maidir le maoiniú Chiste Dlíthpháirtíochta an Aontais Eorpaigh, ag forlíonadh Chomhaontú Idirinstiúideach an 6 Bealtaine 1999 ar araíonacht bhuiséadach agus ar fheabhsú an nós imeachta bhuiséadaigh mar aon le nóta faisnéise míniúcháin. COM (2004) 168.

4) Togra le haghaidh Cinnidh ón gComhairle maidir leis an seasamh a bheidh le glacadh ag an gComhphobal Eorpach laistigh de Chomhairle Airí ACC-CE maidir leis an athbhreithniú ar théarmaí agus ar choinníollacha maoinithe i gcomhair athruithe gearrthréimhseacha i dtuilleadh onnmhairíochta (Iarscríbhinn 11 de Chomhaontú Comhpháirtíochta ACC-AE arna shíniú in Cotonou) mar aon le nóta faisnéise míniúcháin. COM (2004) 68.

5) Togra le haghaidh Rialacháin ón gComhairle lena leasaítear Rialachán (CE) Uimh. 2702/1999 i ndáil le bearta chun faisnéis a sholáthar ar tháirgí talmhaíochta i dtríú tíortha agus chun táirgí talmhaíochta i dtríú tíortha a chur chun cinn, agus Rialachán (CE) Uimh. 2826/2000 ar fhaisnéis agus ar ghníomhaíochtaí chun táirgí talmhaíochta a chur chun cinn ar an margadh inmheánach mar aon le nóta faisnéise míniúcháin. COM (2004) 233.

6) Togra le haghaidh Cinnidh ón gComhairle lena leasaítear Cinneadh 2003/231/CE maidir le haontachas an Chomhphobail Eorpaigh leis an bPrótacal Leasaitheach a ghabhann leis an gCoinbhinsiún Idirnáisiúnta maidir le nósanna imeachta custaim a shimpliú agus a chomhchuíbhiú (Coinbhinsiún Kyoto) mar aon le nóta faisnéise míniúcháin. COM (2004) 209.

*Statutory:*

1) Racecourses (Authorised Bookmakers Pitch Charges) Regulations 2004 (S.I. No. 171 of 2004).

2) Authorised Bookmakers (Course Bets Turnover Charge) Regulations 2004 (S.I. No. 172 of 2004).

3) Proposal for a Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council on the mobilisation of the EU Solidarity Fund according to point 3 of the Interinstitutional Agreement of 7 November 2002 between the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission on the financing of the European Union Solidarity Fund, supplementing the Interinstitutional Agreement of 6 May 1999 on budgetary discipline and improvement of the budgetary procedure together with explanatory information note. COM (2004) 168.

4) Proposal for a Council Decision on the position to be adopted by the European Community within the ACP-EC Council of Ministers regarding the revision of the terms and conditions of financing for short-term fluctuations in export earnings (Annex 11 of the ACP-EU Partnership Agreement signed in Cotonou) together with explanatory information note. COM (2004) 68.

5) Proposal for a Council Regulation amending Regulation (EC) No. 2702/1999 on measures to provide information on, and to promote, agricultural products in third countries, and Regulation (EC) No. 2826/2000 on information and promotion actions for agricultural products on the internal market together with explanatory information note. COM (2004) 233.

6) Proposal for a Council Decision amending Decision 2003/231/EC concerning the accession of the European Community to the Protocol of Amendment to the International Convention on the simplification and harmonisation of customs procedures (Kyoto Convention) together with explanatory information note. COM (2004) 209.

7) Togra le haghaidh Cinnidh ón gComhairle ar chríochnú na gComhaontuithe ar mhodh Malartú Litreacha idir an Comhphobal Eorpach agus, de pháirt, Barbados, an Bheilís, Poblacht Chongó, Fidsí, Comhphoblacht na Guáine, Poblacht Côte d'Ivoire, Iamáice, Poblacht na Céinia, Poblacht Mhadagascar, Poblacht na Maláive, Poblacht Mhuirís, Poblacht Shuranam, San Criostóir-Nimheas, Ríocht na Suasalainne, Poblacht Aontaithe na Tansáine, Poblacht na Tríonóide agus Tobága, Poblacht Uganda, Poblacht na Saimbia agus Poblacht na Siombáibe agus, den pháirt eile, Poblacht na hIndia ar na praghasanna ráthaithe do shiúcra cána i leith thréimhsí seachadta 2003/04 agus 2004/05 mar aon le nóta faisnéise míniúcháin. COM (2004) 174.

8) Ráiteas i leith Comhairleora Speisialta don Aire Cosanta de réir na nAchtanna um Eitic in Oifigí Poiblí 1995 agus 2001 [2003] [7 Bealtaine 2004].

9) An Roinn Gnóthaí Eachtracha. Tuarascáil do Thithe an Oireachtais maidir le Forbairtí san Aontas Eorpach. 1 Iúil - 31 Nollaig, 2003.

10) Comhairle na nDámhachtainí Breisoideachais agus Oiliúna (FETAC). Ráitis Airgeadais don tréimhse 11 Meitheamh 2001 go 31 Nollaig 2001.

11) Athráiteas ar na hAchtanna Cosanta 1954 go 1998 agus ar an Acht um Achomhairc Armchúirteanna 1983.

12) Oifig an Stiúrthóra Ionchúiseamh Poiblí. Ráiteas Straitéise, 2004-2006.

*Neamhrechtúil:*

Rialacháin na gComhphobal Eorpach (Bearta Sriantacha) (An tSiombáib) 2004 (I.R. Uimh. 161 de 2004).

7) Proposal for a Council Decision on the conclusion of the Agreements in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Community and, of the one part, Barbados, Belize, the Republic of Congo, Fiji, the Cooperative Republic of Guyana, the Republic of Cote d'Ivoire, Jamaica, the Republic of Kenya, the Republic of Madagascar, the Republic of Malawi, the Republic of Mauritius, the Republic of Surinam, Saint Christopher and Nevis, the Kingdom of Swaziland, the United Republic of Tanzania, the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, the Republic of Uganda, the Republic of Zambia and the Republic of Zimbabwe and, of the other part, the Republic of India on the guaranteed prices for cane sugar for the 2003/04 and the 2004/05 delivery periods together with explanatory information note. COM (2004) 174.

8) Statement in respect of Special Adviser to the Minister for Defence in accordance with the Ethics in Public Office Acts 1995 and 2001 [2003] [7 May 2004].

9) Department of Foreign Affairs. Report to the Houses of the Oireachtas on Developments in the European Union. 1 July - 31 December, 2003.

10) Further Education and Training Awards Council (FETAC). Financial Statements for the period 11 June 2001 to 31 December 2001.

11) Defence Acts 1954 to 1998 and Courts-Martial Appeals Act 1983 Restatement.

12) Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions. Statement of Strategy, 2004-2006.

*Non-Statutory:*

European Communities (Restrictive Measures) (Zimbabwe) Regulations 2004 (S.I. No. 161 of 2004).