

*Dé Máirt, 27 Márta, 2007*  
*Tuesday, 27th March, 2007*

2.30 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 Sláinte 2006 [*Dáil*] — An Coiste.  
 (a) Health Bill 2006 [*Dáil*] — Committee.

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2. Bille Iascaigh an Fheabhail agus Chairlinn 2006 [*Dáil*] — An Dara Céim.  
 Foyle and Carlingford Fisheries Bill 2006 [*Dáil*] — Second Stage.

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3. An Bille Leasa Shóisialaigh agus Pinsean 2007 [*Dáil*] — An Dara Céim.  
 Social Welfare and Pensions Bill 2007 [*Dáil*] — Second Stage.

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4. An Bille Airgeadais 2007 (*Bille Airgid Deimhnithe*) [*Dáil*] — An Dara Céim.  
 Finance Bill 2007 (*Certified Money Bill*) [*Dáil*] — Second Stage.

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5. (l) An Bille um an gCiste Carbóin 2006 [*Dáil*] — An Coiste.  
 (a) Carbon Fund Bill 2006 [*Dáil*] — Committee.

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6. (l) Bille na mBóithre 2007 — An Tuarascáil.  
 (a) Roads Bill 2007 — Report Stage.

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7. (l) An Bille um Chlúmhillleadh 2006 — An Coiste (*atógáil*) (*leasú 29*).  
 (a) Defamation Bill 2006 — Committee (*resumed*) (*amendment 29*).

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8. An Bille Craolacháin (Leasú) 2006 [*Bille Seanaid arna leasú ag an Dáil*] — An Tuarascáil.  
 Broadcasting (Amendment) Bill 2006 [*Seanad Bill amended by the Dáil*] — Report Stage.

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9. Bille na dTeangacha Oifigiúla (Leasú) 2005 — An Dara Céim.  
 Official Languages (Amendment) Bill 2005 — Second Stage.  
 —*Senators Joe O'Toole, Paul Coghlan, David Norris.*

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**10.** Bille Náisiúntachta agus Saoránachta Éireann (Leasú) (An Garda Síochána) 2006 — An Dara Céim.

Irish Nationality and Citizenship (Amendment) (An Garda Síochána) Bill 2006 — Second Stage.

—*Senators Brian Hayes, Maurice Cummins, Ulick Burke.*

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**11.** An Bille um Chosaint Beatha agus Maoine 2006 — Ordú don Choiste.

Defence of Life and Property Bill 2006 — Order for Committee.

—*Senators Tom Morrissey, Michael Brennan, John Minihan.*

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**12.** An Bille um Chumas Meabhrach agus Caomhnóireacht 2007 — An Coiste.

Mental Capacity and Guardianship Bill 2007 — Committee.

—*Senator Mary Henry.*

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*Tíolactha:*

*Presented:*

**13.** An Bille um Príobháideacht 2006 — Ordú don Dara Céim.

Privacy Bill 2006 — Order for Second Stage.

Bille dá ngairtear Acht do dhéanamh socrú maidir le Tort arb éard é Príobháideacht a Shárú; agus do dhéanamh socrú i dtaobh nithe a bhaineann leis an méid sin.

Bill entitled an Act to provide for a Tort of Violation of Privacy; and to provide for matters connected therewith.

—*Senator Mary O'Rourke.*

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**14.** 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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**15.** An Bille um Fhorfheidhmiú Orduithe Cúirte (Uimh. 2) 2004 — Ordú don Dara Céim.

Enforcement of Court Orders (No. 2) Bill 2004 — Order for Second Stage.

Bille dá ngairtear Acht do dhéanamh socrú maidir leis na cúirteanna do dhéanamh orduithe astaithe tuillimh, orduithe astaithe leasa agus orduithe tráthchoda chun forfheidhmiú orduithe cúirte, fíneálacha agus fiacha eile neamhurscaoilte a éascú agus do dhéanamh socrú i dtaobh nithe gaolmhara.

Bill entitled an Act to provide for the making of attachment of earnings orders, attachment of welfare orders, and instalment orders by the courts to facilitate the enforcement of undischarged court orders, fines and other debts and to provide for related matters.

—*Senator Brian Hayes.*

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*Tairiscintí:**Motions:*

**16.** “Go gceadaíonn Seanad Éireann an Stát d’fheidhmiú an roghnaithe, arna chur ar fáil le hAirteagal 4 den cheathrú Prótacal atá leagtha amach i gConradh Amstardam, fógra a thabhairt don Chomhairle agus don Choimisiún gur mian leis glacadh leis an mbeart seo a leanas:

That Seanad Éireann approves the exercise by the State of the option, provided by Article 4 of the fourth Protocol set out in the Treaty of Amsterdam, to notify the Council and the Commission that it wishes to accept the following measure:

Treoir 2004/82/CE an 29 Aibreán, 2004 ón gComhairle maidir le hoibleagáid a bheith ar iompróirí sonraí a thabhairt mar gheall ar phaisinéirí,

Council Directive 2004/82/EC of 29th April, 2004 on the obligation of carriers to communicate passenger data,

ar beart é ar leagadh cóip de faoi bhráid Sheanad Éireann an 25 Iúil, 2005.

a copy of which measure was laid before Seanad Éireann on 25th July, 2005.”

—*Senator Mary O’Rourke.*

**17.** “Go gceadaíonn Seanad Éireann an tOrdú seo a leanas ina dhréacht:

That Seanad Éireann approves the following order in draft:

Limistéar de Leithinis an Phoill Bhig a shonrú mar limistéar a bhfeadfaidh Údarás Forbartha Dhughailte Bhaile Átha Cliath scéim pleanála a ullmhú dó,

Specification of an area of the Poolbeg Peninsula as an area for which the Dublin Docklands Development Authority may prepare a planning scheme,

ar leagadh cóipeanna de faoi bhráid Sheanad Éireann an 23 Márta, 2007.

a copy of which was laid in draft before the Seanad on 23rd March, 2007.”

—*Senator Mary O’Rourke.*

**18.** “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 Cinnidh ón gComhairle maidir leis an dara glúin de chóras faisnéise Schengen (SIS II) a bhunú, a oibriú agus a úsáid,

a proposal for a Council Decision on the establishment, operation and use of the second generation Schengen information system (SIS II),

ar beart beartaithe é ar leagadh cóip de faoi bhráid Sheanad Éireann an 21 Márta, 2007.

a copy of which proposed measure was laid before Seanad Éireann on 21st March, 2007.”

—*Senator Mary O’Rourke.*

*Ráitis:**Statements:*

- 19.** *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).*

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- 20.** *Ráitis maidir le Saoráidí Spóirt Náisiúnta a Sholáthar (atógáil).*

*Statements on the Provision of National Sporting Facilities (resumed).*

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- 21.** *Ráitis maidir le Beartas Iompair Réigiúnach (atógáil).*

*Statements on Regional Transport Policy (resumed).*

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- 22.** *Ráitis maidir le Sábháilteacht ar Bhóithre (atógáil).*

*Statements on Road Safety (resumed).*

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- 23.** *Ráitis maidir le Pleanáil agus saincheisteanna gaolmhara (atógáil).*

*Statements on Planning and related issues (resumed).*

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*Bille (atógáil) (05 n. fágtha):*

*Bill (resumed) (05 m. remaining):*

- 24.** *An Bille um Páirtíocht Shibhialta 2004 — An Dara Céim (atógáil).*

*Civil Partnership Bill 2004 — Second Stage (resumed).*

—*Senator David Norris.*

*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:*

“Seanad Éireann declines to give a second reading to the Bill so as to permit further consideration of important legal and constitutional issues and in particular

(a) the resolution of current litigation regarding the recognition of a foreign same-sex marriage;

(b) finalisation by the All-Party Oireachtas Committee on the Constitution of its examination of Articles 40.3, 41 and 42, relating to the family;

(c) publication of the Report of the Law Reform Commission on the Rights and Duties of Cohabitees.”.

—*Senator Mary O’Rourke.*

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25. Tairiscintí nach ón Rialtas:  
Non-Government Motions:

1. “That Seanad Éireann calls on the Irish Government to redouble its efforts to ensure the closure of British Nuclear Fuel’s Sellafield plant.”

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

**[3 May, 2006]**

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2. “That Seanad Éireann calls on the Government to introduce a scheme to automatically register all those who turn 18 years of age and for the creation of a new centrally run National Electoral Register.”

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

**[3 July, 2006]**

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3. “That Seanad Éireann calls on the Government to provide the funding to deliver the investments in water and sanitary services for towns and villages promised by the current Government 1997 and 2002 and condemns the failure of the Government, in this and the previous administration, to deliver to small towns and villages all over this country the necessary infrastructural investment to sustain their survival and future.”

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

**[3 July, 2006]**

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4. “That Seanad Éireann calls on the Government to provide greater funding for the Private Residential Tenancies Board to tackle the poor maintenance of some rental properties and for the empowerment of the Board to take over the regulation of property management companies, the poor state of which is contributing directly to the inferior maintenance of public areas.”

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

**[3 July, 2006]**

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5. “That Seanad Éireann calls on the Government to end the blight of unfinished housing estates by passing legislation that would prohibit those developers who have not met their commitments under previously granted planning permission, from obtaining planning permission in the future.”

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

**[3 July, 2006]**

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6. “That Seanad Éireann, in light of inconvenience to individuals and the potential damage being done to the reputation of this country in terms of efficient communications, calls on the Government to maximise the resources being put into ensuring broadband access in every home and business in Ireland.”

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

**[27 September, 2006]**

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7. “That Seanad Éireann congratulates His Holiness the Dalai Lama on the US Congress passing a Bill which will award the Dalai Lama the U.S. Congressional Gold Medal.”  
—*Senators David Norris, Shane Ross, Joe O’Toole, Mary Henry, Feargal Quinn.*  
**[27 September, 2006]**
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8. “That Seanad Éireann calls on the Government to end political input into the appointment of members of the judiciary.”  
—*Senators Shane Ross, Davis Norris, Mary Henry, Feargal Quinn.*  
**[27 September, 2006]**
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9. “That Seanad Éireann calls on the Government to ensure that future appointments to the boards of semi-state bodies and agencies are subject to hearings and approval by Oireachtas committees.”  
—*Senators Shane Ross, Davis Norris, Mary Henry.*  
**[27 September, 2006]**
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10. “That Seanad Éireann calls on the Government to examine the status of charities and charitable collections and in particular to investigate the practice of so called ‘chugging’ or charity mugging by street collectors.”  
—*Senators David Norris, Shane Ross, Mary Henry, Feargal Quinn, Joe O’Toole.*  
**[28 September, 2006]**
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11. “That Seanad Éireann, in the light of recent tragic fires in France and other countries involving hostel accommodation of migrant workers and asylum seekers and in the light of our own recent narrow escapes from such tragedies, calls upon the Government to ensure that all such accommodation in Ireland is professionally vetted to ensure compliance with fire regulations, health, safety and hygiene provisions.”  
—*Senators David Norris, Mary Henry, Feargal Quinn, Joe O’Toole, Shane Ross.*  
**[28 September, 2006]**
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12. “That Seanad Éireann calls on the Minister for Communications, Marine and Natural Resources to ensure,
- 1) a total ban on use or sale of mono and multi-monofilament gill and drift nets;
  - 2) a ban on trawling within 6 mile limit;
  - 3) no netting of any description within 1 mile of the low water mark;
  - 4) the creation of and an increase in the protection for spawning/nursery areas;
  - 5) closed seasons to protect spawning fish;
  - 6) that angling groups like the IFSA are involved in consultation processes;
  - 7) that a full survey of all recreational anglers to determine our economic input is commissioned;
  - 8) that there is an increase in minimum sizes and a reduction of quotas for commercially exploited species;
  - 9) increased fishery protection resources;

- 10) much tighter oversight of domestic and foreign vessels as regards landings, gear etc.;
- 11) an end to the practices of marine dumping and aggregate extraction; and
- 12) an end to nuclear waste dumping/discharges in the Irish Sea.”

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

**[28 September, 2006]**

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13. “That Seanad Éireann requests the Minister for Foreign Affairs to seek the establishment of a monitoring group to supervise the implementation of the Human Rights Attachments to the External Association Agreement between the European Union and the State of Israel.”

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

**[28 September, 2006]**

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14. “That Seanad Éireann requests the Government to take all possible measures to ensure that the refinancing of Irish Insurance risk internationally does not as a result of recent tragic global events make Irish domestic insurance unacceptably high.”

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

**[28 September, 2006]**

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15. “That Seanad Éireann requests the Minister for Arts, Sports and Tourism to come into the house to give a full account of the current situation regarding the future of the Abbey Theatre and its possible relocation.”

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

**[28 September, 2006]**

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16. “That Seanad Éireann expresses its concern at growing reports of climate change in various parts of the world; and requests the Minister to come into the house and give a progress report on our position concerning Ireland reaching its target under the Kyoto Protocol.”

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

**[12 October, 2006]**

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17. “That Seanad Éireann welcomes the Ecumenical Accompaniment Programme of the World Council of Churches in arranging for human rights observers to work in Israel and Palestine; encourages the Government to work with intergovernmental organisations to establish a human rights observation force in the Occupied Territories, and to press for an end to the occupation in a just and peaceful solution to the conflict on the basis of UN resolutions and the international rule of law.”

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

**[25 October, 2006]**

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18. “That Seanad Éireann notes that the number of patients with MRSA infections in Irish hospitals was 285 cases for the first 6 months of 2006; calls on the Minister for Health and Children to ensure that when patients test positive for MRSA that they and/or their family are informed immediately so that appropriate steps are taken to

aid their full recovery. That Seanad Éireann calls on all health facilities in the State to fulfil their duty of care responsibilities as outlined in the 1947 Health Act in so far as patients' health should not deteriorate due to negligence on the health facility's part."

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

**[8 November, 2006]**

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19. "That Seanad Éireann, in the light of the Ferns Report, requests the Government to re-examine the exemption of the churches from the operations of equality legislation."

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

**[8 November, 2006]**

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20. "That Seanad Éireann welcomes the Publication of the Leas Cross Nursing Home Report and calls for a Patient Safety Authority to be established to maintain and ensure standards in both private and public hospitals and which would also provide a forum for whistleblowers in the Health Service; and notes that, in the 18 months since the Prime Time Programme on the Leas Cross Nursing Home, the Government has failed to ensure that adequate measures are put in place to prevent other cases of patient neglect and or abuse taking place."

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

**[15 November, 2006]**

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21. "That Seanad Éireann calls on the Government to introduce compensatory relief for VAT charged to charities on essential expenditure so that the cost burden to charities nationwide may be relieved."

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

**[16 November, 2006]**

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22. "That Seanad Éireann expresses concern at the risks posed to infants by the heavy fluoridation of water in this jurisdiction."

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

**[22 November, 2006]**

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23. "That Seanad Éireann, appalled by the abuse of Falun Gong practitioners being perpetrated by the Chinese Government and the Chinese Communist Party, urges the Irish Government to express its revulsion at these atrocities and demands that the Irish Government seeks to have them fully investigated by the appropriate international bodies and that our concerns be brought to the immediate attention of the Chinese Ambassador to Ireland and the Chinese Government."

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

**[23 November, 2006]**

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24. "That Seanad Éireann,

- noting the fact that in Norway, Sweden, Denmark and France State pension funds are now required to recognise social and environmental and ethical considerations in their investment decisions;



- condemns the failure to impose such conditions on The National Pensions Reserve Fund; and
  - calls on the Government immediately to introduce ethical guidelines for the NPRF if necessary following appropriate amending legislation.”
- Senators Brendan Ryan, Kathleen O’Meara, Michael McCarthy, Derek McDowell, Joanna Tuffy, David Norris.*

**[30 November, 2006]**

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25. “That Seanad Éireann notes the Government’s promise to allow Cork Airport to commence an independent operation free from debt and demands that the Government immediately clarify the position of Cork Airport with respect to the debt incurred in the recently completed developments.”

—*Senators Brendan Ryan, Kathleen O’Meara, Michael McCarthy, Derek McDowell, Joanna Tuffy.*

**[30 November, 2006]**

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26. “That Seanad Éireann urges the Government

- (1) to play an effective role towards securing a total prohibition on the production, stockpiling, transfer and use of cluster munitions by its active participation in international initiatives to address the issue comprehensively and effectively;
- (2) to enact a national law prohibiting the production, stockpiling, transfer and use of cluster munitions as we know them;
- (3) to support research, publication and awareness raising initiatives on this subject nationally and internationally;
- (4) to increase support for the clearance of contaminated land by landmines, cluster munitions and other unexploded ordnance;
- (5) to increase support for Mine Risk Education;
- (6) to increase support for rehabilitation of mine survivors and their socio-economic integration;

and finally, pending the outlawing of landmines internationally,

- (7) to ensure that no public funds are invested in any company involved in or associated with this inhuman practice.”

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

**[6 December, 2006]**

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27. “That Seanad Éireann supports:

the declaration of the 4th World Parliamentarians’ Convention on Tibet adopted by parliamentarians from 30 different countries on November 19, 2005 in Edinburgh, Scotland in support of Tibet’s goal of genuine autonomy;

supports His Holiness the Dalai Lama’s Middle Way approach to resolve the conflict between the People’s Republic of China and the Tibetan Government in exile through negotiations in the spirit of non-violence and reconciliation;

commends the Chinese Government in inviting the Dalai Lama's special envoys for four rounds of high-level meetings in Beijing and Berne between September 2002 and June 2005;

supports the creation of a zone of ahimsa (peace and non-violence) throughout the Tibetan plateau;

deplores the refusal of the Chinese Government to release political prisoners, in particular the Panchen Lama, Gebhum Choekyi Nyima, who has been held in a secret location since 1995, when he was only 6 years old; and

the recent forcible attempts by the Chinese authorities to introduce a brutal discipline known as 'Patriotic re-education' which has been inflicted upon monasteries in Tibet and which has resulted in injury and death to some of the monks at the Drepung Monastery in Tibet."

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

**[13 December, 2006]**

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28. "That Seanad Éireann deeply regrets the failure of the Government to condemn the authorities in Iran for hosting a conference denying the existence of the Holocaust, and furthermore demands that the Minister for Foreign Affairs supports the words of the EU Commissioner for Justice and Home Affairs Franco Frattini when he denounced the conference as 'an unacceptable affront to victims of World War 2 genocide'."

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

**[31 January, 2007]**

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29. "That Seanad Éireann takes note of the report of the Moriarty Tribunal and in particular the abstraction by the former Taoiseach Charles J. Haughey of monies from the account opened in favour of Brian Lenihan's medical situation and also of the monies given by Mr. Mark Kavanagh to the Fianna Fáil Party which never appeared to have been transmitted to them."

—*Senators David Norris, Joe O'Toole, Mary Henry.*

**[31 January, 2007]**

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30. "That Seanad Éireann requests the Government to give serious examination to the Dargan Metro Project involving an orbital metro route as well as an airport metro line and which, fully costed, presents a more economic prospect than the existing proposal."

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

**[31 January, 2007]**

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31. "That Seanad Éireann expresses concern at the impact on the environment caused by aircraft emissions in an era of growing mass transport."

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

**[31 January, 2007]**

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32. “That Seanad Éireann calls on the Government in the light of the fact that Ireland is one of the few EU countries that does not facilitate citizens living abroad but within the EU in the exercise of their voting rights in Dáil elections, Presidential elections and referenda to make appropriate provisions without delay.”

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

**[31 January, 2007]**

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33. “That Seanad Éireann calls on the Government to extend the voting franchise to allow Irish citizens living outside of the country to vote in Presidential elections, Dáil elections and referenda.”

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

**[31 January, 2007]**

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34. “In the light of the European Parliament Report on extraordinary rendition which calls on the Irish Government to establish a Committee of Inquiry into the role played by Shannon Airport in this illegal process, that Seanad Éireann immediately recommence moves initiated in 2006 to establish a Special Committee to look into this matter.”

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

**[31 January, 2007]**

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35. “That Seanad Éireann in the light of Report from Amnesty International and other groups which suggest that Ireland is involved in the inadequately regulated export of more than 1bn. worth of war materials and the fact that Forfás has identified serious legislative gaps in this area calls on the Government to introduce the necessary legislation to remedy these defects.”

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

**[31 January, 2007]**

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36. “That Seanad Éireann calls on the Government of the People’s Republic of China and the Dalai Lama, notwithstanding their differences on Tibet’s historical relationship with China, to continue the dialogue in a forward-looking manner which will lead to pragmatic solutions that respect the Chinese constitutional framework, the territorial integrity of China and fulfil the aspirations of the Tibetan people for a unified and genuinely autonomous Tibet.”

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

**[31 January, 2007]**

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37. “Lochtaíonn Seanad Éireann an Rialtas as faillí a dhéanamh i gcomhlíonadh an ghealltanais sa Chlár Rialtais go laghdófaí méid na ranganna do dhaltaí faoi bhun naoi mbliana d’aois go dtí leibhéal faoi bhun an mheáin idirnáisiúnta .i. 20:1. Iarrann Seanad Éireann ar an Rialtas céimeanna a chur ar bun agus clár a chur i gcrích chun múinteoirí agus foirgnimh scoile a sholáthar chun an caighdeán Eorpach maidir le méid ranganna a bhaint amach a luaithe agus is féidir.”

—*Derek Mac Dúill, Breandán Ó Riain, Cáitlín Ní Mheara, Micheál Mac Cárthaigh, Joanna Ní Thofa.*

**[20 Márta, 2007]**

38. “That Seanad Éireann:

- acknowledges the major threat climate change poses to us all;
- welcomes the EU target of a 20% cut in emissions by 2020;
- condemns the failure of the Government to meet the targets it set itself in the National Climate Change Strategy;
- urges the Government to meet the targets for renewable energy contained in the Energy White Paper and the Bio-energy Action Plan;
- encourages, in particular, investment in the development of sustainable and renewable energy technologies; and
- presses the Government to take further environmental action in the transport and housing sectors.”

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

**[23 March, 2007]**

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39. “That Seanad Éireann calls on the Government to develop and implement an ethical foreign policy.”

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

**[27 March, 2007]**

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26. An Seanad a chur ar athló.  
Adjournment of the Seanad.

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**BILLÍ SEANAID SA DÁIL**  
*Seanad Bills with the Dáil*

An Bille um Sheirbhísí Uisce 2003.  
Water Services Bill 2003.

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An Bille um Cheartas Coiriúil (Cúnamh Frithpháirteach) 2005.  
Criminal Justice (Mutual Assistance) Bill 2005.

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An Bille um Chúram Leanaí (Leasú) 2006.  
Child Care (Amendment) Bill 2006.

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An Bille um Athchóiriú an Dlí Talún agus Tíolactha 2006.  
Land and Conveyancing Law Reform Bill 2006.

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An Bille um Ghníomhaireacht Airgeadais d’Fhorbairt Náisiúnta (Leasú) 2006.  
National Development Finance Agency (Amendment) Bill 2006.

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Bille na gComhphobal Eorpach 2006.  
European Communities Bill 2006.

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An Bille um Chlárú Uachtanna 2005.  
Registration of Wills Bill 2005.

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An Bille Cosanta (Leasú) (Uimh. 2) 2006.  
Defence (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill 2006.

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An Bille um Chosaint Tomhaltóirí 2007.  
Consumer Protection Bill 2007.

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An Bille um Athchóiriú an Dlí Reachtúil 2007.  
Statute Law Revision Bill 2007.

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An Bille um Rialáil Cumarsáide (Leasú) 2007.  
Communications Regulation (Amendment) Bill 2007.

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An Bille chun Onnmhairí a Rialú 2007.  
Control of Exports Bill 2007.

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An Bille um Chaomhnú Fostaíochta (Comhiomarcaíochtaí Eisceachtúla agus Nithe Gaolmhara) 2007.  
Protection of Employment (Exceptional Collective Redundancies and Related Matters) Bill 2007.

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An Bille Cógaisíochta 2007.  
Pharmacy Bill 2007.

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#### MEMORANDA

*Dé Céadaoin, 28 Márta, 2007*  
*Wednesday, 28th March, 2007*

Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Fhiontraíocht agus Mionghnáthaí i Seomra Coiste, 3 TL2000, ar 9.30 a.m.

Meeting of the Joint Committee on Enterprise and Small Business in Committee Room 3, LH2000, at 9.30 a.m.

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Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Ghnóthaí Eorpacha i Seomra Coiste 2, TL2000, ar 2 p.m.  
Meeting of the Joint Committee on European Affairs in Committee Room 2, LH2000, at 2 p.m.

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Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Chomhshaol agus Rialtas Áitiúil i Seomra Coiste 3, TL2000, ar 2 p.m.

Meeting of the Joint Committee on the Environment and Local Government in Committee Room 3, LH2000, at 2 p.m.

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Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Airgeadas agus an tSeirbhís Phoiblí i Seomra Coiste 4, TL2000, ar 3 p.m.

Meeting of the Joint Committee on Finance and the Public Service in Committee Room 4, LH2000, at 3 p.m.

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*Déardaoin, 29 Márta, 2007*

*Thursday, 29th March, 2007*

Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Oideachas agus Eolaíocht i Seomra Coiste 3, TL2000, ar 11.30 a.m.

Meeting of the Joint Committee on Education and Science in Committee Room 3, LH2000, at 11.30 a.m.

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Cruinniú den Fhochoiste um Chomhar Forbartha den Chomhchoiste um Ghnóthaí Eachtracha i Seomra Coiste 4, TL2000 ar 12 meán lae.

Meeting of the Joint Committee on Foreign Affairs, Sub-Committee on Development Co-Operation in Committee Room 4, LH2000, at 12 noon.

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## PÁIPÉIR A LEAGADH FAOI BHRÁID AN tSEANAID

*Papers laid before the Seanad*

### *Reachtúil:*

1) Togra le haghaidh Rialacháin ón gComhairle lena bhforchuirtear dleacht fhrithdhumpála chinntitheach ar allmhairí de theiriftealáit phoileitiléine áirithe de bhunadh na hIndia, na hIndinéis, na Malaeisia, Phoblacht na Cóiré, na Téalainne agus na Téaváine tar éis athbhreithniú maidir le dul in éag agus athbhreithniú eatramhach páirteach de bhun Airteagal 11(2) agus Airteagal 11(3) de Rialachán (CE) Uimh. 384/96 ón gComhairle mar aon le nóta faisnéise míniúcháin. COM (2007) 25.

2) Togra le haghaidh Rialacháin ón gComhairle lena bhforchuirtear dleacht fhrithchúitimh chinntitheach ar allmhairí de theiriftealáit phoileitiléine (PET) de bhunadh na hIndia tar éis athbhreithniú maidir le dul in éag de bhun Airteagal 18 de Rialachán (CE) Uimh. 2026/97 mar aon le nóta faisnéise míniúcháin. COM (2007) 26.

3) Togra le haghaidh Rialacháin ón gComhairle lena bhforchuirtear dleacht fhrithdhumpála chinntitheach agus lena

### *Statutory:*

1) Proposal for a Council Regulation imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty on imports of certain polyethylene terephthalate originating in India, Indonesia, Malaysia, the Republic of Korea, Thailand and Taiwan following an expiry review and a partial interim review pursuant to Article 11(2) and Article 11(3) of Council Regulation (EC) No. 384/96 together with explanatory information note. COM (2007) 25.

2) Proposal for a Council Regulation imposing a definitive countervailing duty on imports of polyethylene terephthalate (PET) originating in India following an expiry review pursuant to Article 18 of Regulation (EC) No. 2026/97 together with explanatory information note. COM (2007) 26.

3) Proposal for a Council Regulation imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty and collecting definitively the provisional

mbailítear go cinntitheach an dleacht shealadach a forchuireadh ar allmhairí de leictreoidí tungstain áirithe de bhunadh Dhaon-Phoblacht na Síne mar aon le nóta faisnéise míniúcháin. COM (2007) 54.

4) Togra le haghaidh Cinnidh ón gComhairle maidir le Comhaontuithe déthaobhacha a chríochnú ina leagtar síos nós imeachta chun faisnéis sa réimse rialachán teicniúil agus rialacha teicniúla maidir le seirbhísí sochaí faisnéise a sholáthar, idir an Comhphobal Eorpach agus Poblacht na Bulgáire agus idir an Comhphobal Eorpach agus an Rómáin, mar aon le nóta faisnéise míniúcháin. COM (2006) 573.

5) Páipéar Uaine ar an Athbhreithniú ar an Acquis Tomhaltóirí mar aon le nóta faisnéise míniúcháin. COM (2006) 744.

6) Togra le haghaidh Rialacháin ón gComhairle lena leasaítear Iarscríbhinn I a ghabhann le Rialachán (CEE) Uimh. 2658/87 maidir le hainmníocht taraife agus staidrimh agus maidir leis an Taraif Chomhchustaim mar aon le nóta faisnéise míniúcháin. COM (2006) 861.

7) An tOrdú fán gComhairle um Ghairmithe Sláinte agus Cúraim Shóisialaigh (An Lá Bunaithe) 2007 (I.R. Uimh. 124 de 2007).

8) An tOrdú um an Ordú fá Bhord an Chiste Náisiúnta um Cheannach Cóireála (Bunú) 2004 (Leasú) 2007 (I.R. Uimh. 125 de 2007).

9) An tOrdú fán Acht um Ghairmithe Sláinte agus Cúraim Shóisialaigh 2005 (Tosach Feidhme) 2007 (I.R. Uimh. 126 de 2007).

10) Limistéar de Leithinis an Phoill Bhig a Shonrú mar limistéar a bhféadfaidh Údarás Forbartha Dugthailte Bhaile Átha Cliath scéim pleanála a ullmhú dó (Dréacht-Ordú).

11) Údarás Náisiúnta Cáilíochtaí na hÉireann. Cuntais Bhliantúla, 2005.

12) An Bord Altranais. Tuarascáil Bhliantúil, 2005.

#### *Neamhreachtúil:*

1) Rialacháin Toghcháin an tSeanaid (Comhaltaí Ollscoile) (Nithe Ordaithe) (Leasú) 2007 (I.R. Uimh. 115 de 2007).

duty imposed on imports of certain tungsten electrodes originating in the People's Republic of China together with explanatory information note. COM (2007) 54.

4) Proposal for a Council Decision on the conclusion of bilateral Agreements laying down a procedure for the provision of information in the field of technical regulations and of rules on information society services between the European Community and the Republic of Bulgaria, the European Community and Romania together with explanatory information note. COM (2006) 573.

5) Green Paper on the Review of the Consumer Acquis together with explanatory information note. COM (2006) 744.

6) Proposal for a Council Regulation amending Annex I to Regulation (EEC) No 2658/87 on the tariff and statistical nomenclature and on the Common Customs Tariff together with explanatory information note. COM (2006) 861.

7) Health and Social Care Professionals Council (Establishment Day) Order 2007 (S.I. No. 124 of 2007).

8) National Treatment Purchase Fund Board (Establishment) Order 2004 (Amendment) Order 2007 (S.I. No. 125 of 2007).

9) Health and Social Care Professionals Act 2005 (Commencement) Order 2007 (S.I. No. 126 of 2007).

10) Specification of an area of the Poolbeg Peninsula as an area for which the Dublin Docklands Development Authority may prepare a planning scheme (Draft Order).

11) National Qualifications Authority of Ireland. Annual Accounts, 2005.

12) An Bord Altranais. Annual Report, 2005.

#### *Non-Statutory:*

1) Seanad Electoral (University Members) (Prescribed Matters) (Amendment) Regulations 2007 (S.I. No. 115 of 2007).

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| 2) Rialacháin Toghcháin an tSeanaid (Rolla-Chomhaltaí) (Foirmeacha Ordaithe) (Leasú) 2007 (I.R. Uimh. 116 de 2007).             | 2) Seanad Electoral (Panel Members) (Prescribed Forms) (Amendment) Regulations 2007 (S.I. No. 116 of 2007).                          |
| 3) Rialacháin na gComhphobal Eorpach (Fliú Éanúil) (Rialacháin a Leasú) 2007 (I.R. Uimh. 77 de 2007).                           | 3) European Communities (Avian Influenza) (Amendment of Regulations) Regulations 2007 (S.I. No. 77 of 2007).                         |
| 4) Rialacháin na gComhphobal Eorpach (Fliú Éanúil) (Rialú ar Allmhairí ón gCróit) 2007 (I.R. Uimh. 78 de 2007).                 | 4) European Communities (Avian Influenza) (Control on Imports from Croatia) Regulations 2007 (S.I. No. 78 of 2007).                  |
| 5) Rialacháin na gComhphobal Eorpach (Fliú Éanúil) (Rialú ar Ghluaiseacht Peataí Éan) 2007 (I.R. Uimh. 96 de 2007).             | 5) European Communities (Avian Influenza) (Control on Movement of Pet Birds) Regulations 2007 (S.I. No. 96 of 2007).                 |
| 6) Rialacháin na gComhphobal Eorpach (Fliú Éanúil) (Beartha Cosanta a Bhaineann le Tríú Tíortha) 2006 (I.R. Uimh. 554 de 2006). | 6) European Communities (Avian Influenza) (Protection Measures Relating to Third Countries) Regulations 2006 (S.I. No. 554 of 2006). |
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