

*Déardaoin, 27 Meán Fómhair, 2007*  
*Thursday, 27th September, 2007*

10.30 a.m.

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RIAR NA hOIBRE  
*Order Paper*

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GNÓ POIBLÍ  
*Public Business*

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*Tairiscint:*  
*Motion:*

1. “Go ndéanfar, de bhun Bhuan-Ordú Uimh. 88 de na Buan-Orduithe i dtaobh Gnó Phoiblí, an Coiste Roghnóireachta a cheapadh agus gurb iad seo a leanas na comhaltaí a bheidh air:—

That, in pursuance of Standing Order No. 88 of the Standing Orders relative to Public Business, the Committee of Selection be appointed and do consist of the following members:—

An Leas-Chathaoirleach, Senators Paddy Burke, Dan Boyle, Donie Cassidy, Maurice Cummins, Frances Fitzgerald, Tony Kett, Francis O'Brien, Ann Ormonde, Joe O'Toole, Alex White, Diarmuid Wilson.

—*Senator Donie Cassidy.*

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*Tíolactha:*  
*Presented:*

2. An Bille Bord Measúnaithe Díobhálacha Pearsanta (Leasú) 2007 — Ordú don Dara Céim.

Voluntary Health Insurance (Amendment) Bill 2007 — Order for Second Stage.

Bille dá ngairtear Acht do leasú an Achta Árachais Sláinte Shaorálaigh 1957, an Achta Árachais Sláinte 1994, an Achta Árachais Sláinte Shaorálaigh (Leasú) 1996, an Achta Árachais Sláinte (Leasú) 2001, do thabhairt feidhmeanna breise don Bhord Árachais Sláinte Shaorálaigh, d'fhonn a chumasú ar bhealach níos fearr don bhord iarratas a dhéanamh go ndeonófaí údarú dó chun gnó árachais neamhshaoil a sheoladh, do thabhairt cumhacht don bhord fochuideachtaí a fhoirmiú agus a bhunú nó a fháil chun feidhmeanna áirithe de chuid an bhoird a chomhlíonadh, do shonrú chumhachtaí an bhoird agus na bhfochuideachtaí sin iasachtaí a fháil, agus do dhéanamh socrú i dtaobh nithe gaolmhara.

Bill entitled an Act to amend the Voluntary Health Insurance Act 1957, the Health Insurance Act 1994, the Voluntary Health Insurance (Amendment) Act 1996, the Health Insurance (Amendment) Act 2001, to confer additional functions on the Voluntary Health Insurance Board, with a view to better enabling the board to apply for the grant to it of an authorisation to carry on the business of non-life insurance, to empower the board to form and establish or acquire subsidiaries to perform certain functions of the board, to specify the borrowing powers of the board and such subsidiaries, and to provide for related matters.

—*Senator Donie Cassidy.*

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**3. An Bille Cróinéirí 2007 — Ordú don Dara Céim.**  
Coroners Bill 2007 — Order for Second Stage.

Acht do leasú, do chomhdhlúthú agus do leathnú an dlí a bhaineann le cróinéirí, le himscrúduithe cróinéirí agus le hionchoisní cróinéirí, do dhéanamh socrú chun comhlacht a bhunú ar a dtabharfar an tSeirbhís Chróinéara nó, sa Bhéarla, *the Coroner Service*, do mhíniú a fheidhmeanna, do dhéanamh socrú maidir le nithe idirthréimhseacha áirithe lena n-áirítear ionchoisní arna dtosú faoin Acht Cróinéirí 1962 a chríochnú, doiciméid áirithe arna gcaomhnú faoin Acht Cróinéirí 1962 a aistriú chuig an tseirbhís chróinéara agus leanúint d'úsáid foirmeacha áirithe faoin Acht sin, d'aisghairm achtachán áirithe agus forálacha áirithe d'achtacháin, do leasú achtachán áirithe agus do dhéanamh socrú i dtaobh nithe gaolmhara.

An Act to amend, consolidate and extend the law relating to coroners, coroners' investigations and coroners' inquests, to provide for the establishment of a body to be known as an tSeirbhís Chróinéara or, in the English language, the Coroner Service, to define its functions, to provide for certain transitional matters including the completion of inquests commenced under the Coroners Act 1962, the transfer of certain documents preserved under the Coroners Act 1962 to the coroner service and the continuance in use of certain forms under that Act, to repeal certain enactments and provisions of enactments, to amend certain enactments and to provide for related matters.

—*Senator Donie Cassidy.*

**4. 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 Donie Cassidy.*

**5. An Bille um Chlúmhilleadh 2006 — An Coiste.**  
Defamation Bill 2006 — Committee.

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

1. "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, Feargal Quinn, Joe O'Toole, Shane Ross, Ivana Bacik, Rónán Mullen.*

**[13 September, 2007]**

2. "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, Feargal Quinn, Joe O’Toole, Shane Ross, Ivana Bacik.*

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3. “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, Joe O’Toole, Ivana Bacik.*

**[13 September, 2007]**

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4. “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, Feargal Quinn, Joe O’Toole, Shane Ross, Ivana Bacik, Rónán Mullen.*

**[13 September, 2007]**

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5. “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, Joe O’Toole, Feargal Quinn, Shane Ross, Ivana Bacik, Rónán Mullen.*

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6. “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, Joe O’Toole, Ivana Bacik.*

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7. “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, Joe O’Toole, Shane Ross, Ivana Bacik.*

**[13 September, 2007]**

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8. “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, Feargal Quinn, Shane Ross, Ivana Bacik, Rónán Mullen.*

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9. “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, Feargal Quinn, Joe O’Toole, Shane Ross, Ivana Bacik.*

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10. “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, Joe O’Toole, Feargal Quinn, Shane Ross, Ivana Bacik.*

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11. “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, Feargal Quinn, Shane Ross, Ivana Bacik.*

**[13 September, 2007]**

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12. “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, Joe O’Toole, Shane Ross, Ivana Bacik.*

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13. “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, Shane Ross, Ivana Bacik.*

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14. “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, Joe O’Toole, Feargal Quinn, Shane Ross, Ivana Bacik.*

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15. “That Seanad Éireann urges the Government to implement the recommendations of the 2004 ‘Report on Seanad Reform’ by the Seanad Committee on Procedure Privileges Sub-Committee on Seanad Reform.”

—*Senators David Norris, Feargal Quinn, Ivana Bacik, Rónán Mullen.*

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16. “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 and that in the light of further disclosures about ‘CIA Rendition Flights’ to torture destinations and the involvement in these practises as victims of women and children, condemns such activities in the most unequivocal manner; and calls for the establishment of an International War Crimes Tribunal to determine the guilt or innocence of the most senior US and British personnel.”

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

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17. “That in the light of the Government’s uncaring attitude as exemplified by the case of the repatriation of Great Agbonlahor, and their persistent ignoring of the CIA rendition flights through Shannon Airport, Seanad Éireann urges the Government to remove all references to humanity, compassion and religion in the Constitution.”

—*Senators David Norris, Ivana Bacik.*

**[13 September, 2007]**

18. “That Seanad Éireann takes note of the Environmental Protection Agency’s report ‘Key Meteorological Indicators of Climate Change in Ireland’.”

—*Senators David Norris, Ivana Bacik, Shane Ross, Rónán Mullen.*

**[13 September, 2007]**

19. “That Seanad Éireann, expresses its full confidence in the integrity of the Mahon Tribunal (Tribunal of Inquiry Into Certain Planning Matters and Payments); and rejects all attempts to undermine the work of the Tribunal.”

—*Senators Eugene Regan, Frances Fitzgerald.*

**[26 September, 2007]**

20. “That Seanad Éireann, noting the recent difficulties experienced by many children in obtaining places in primary schools, and the consequent establishment on an emergency basis of a school in Bracken by Educate Together, calls on the Minister for Education to take steps to explore as a matter of urgency how best the management of the primary education system may be structured to ensure equality of access to national school places for all children, irrespective of their religious denomination.”

—*Senators Ivana Bacik, Shane Ross, Feargal Quinn, Joe O’Toole.*

**[26 September, 2007]**

21. “That Seanad Éireann calls upon the Government to bring forward legislation without delay criminalising the practice of trafficking in persons for the purpose of sexual exploitation, noting that Ireland is at present in breach of its international and European obligations in failing to have such legislation in place.”

—*Senators Ivana Bacik, Shane Ross, Feargal Quinn, Joe O’Toole, Ronan Mullen.*

**[26 September, 2007]**

22. “That Seanad Éireann calls upon the Government to bring forward legislation without delay specifically criminalising the practice of female genital mutilation.”

—*Senators Ivana Bacik, Shane Ross, Feargal Quinn, Joe O’Toole, Ronan Mullen.*

**[26 September, 2007]**

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

**BILLÍ AR SIÚL AGUS GNÓ ATÁ ORDAITHE**  
*Bills in Progress and Business Ordered*

*Dé Céadaoin, 3 Déireadh Fómhair, 2007*  
*Wednesday, 3rd October, 2007*

An Bille Cóipchirt agus Ceart Gaolmhar (Leasú) 2007 — An Coiste.  
Copyright and Related Rights (Amendment) Bill 2007 — Committee.

BILLÍ SEANAID SA DÁIL  
*Seanad Bills with the Dáil*

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

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

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

An Bille um Eitic in Oifigí Poiblí (Leasú) 2007.  
 Ethics in Public Office (Amendment) Bill 2007.

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

*Reachtúil:*

*Statutory:*

1) Togra le haghaidh Rialacháin ón gComhairle lena leasaítear Rialachán (CE) Uimh. 1782/2003 lena mbunaítear comhrialacha le haghaidh scéimeanna tacaíochta díri faoin gcomhbheartas talmhaíochta agus lena mbunaítear scéimeanna tacaíochta áirithe d'fheirmeoirí agus lena leasaítear Rialachán (CE) Uimh. 1698/2005 maidir le tacaíocht d'fhorbairt tuaithe ón gCiste Eorpach Talmhaíochta um Fhorbairt Tuaithe (EAFRD) mar aon le nóta faisnéise míniúcháin. COM (2007) 484.

2) Dréacht-Chinneadh ón gComhairle maidir le cur i ngníomh Chinneadh 2007/... / JHA ar chomhar trasteorann a ghéarú, go háirithe maidir le sceimhlitheoireacht agus le coireacht thrasteorann a chomhrac mar aon le nóta faisnéise míniúcháin. Doiciméad Uimh. 11045/2007 ón gComhairle.

3) Bord Ospidéal Déidliachta Bhaile Átha Cliath. Ráitis Airgeadais Bhliantúla, 2005.

4) An tOrdú um an Acht Airgeadais 2007 (Tosach Feidhme Alt 109) 2007 (I.R. Uimh. 649 de 2007).

5) Tuarascáil ó Chigireacht an Gharda Síochána. An Phóilíneacht in Éirinn — ag Breathnú ar Aghaidh. Mí Lúnasa, 2007.

6) An Fóram Comhpháirtíochta Náisiúnta Seirbhísí Sláinte. Ráitis Airgeadais don bhliain dar chríoch an 31 Nollaig, 2005.

1) Proposal for a Council Regulation amending Regulation (EC) No. 1782/2003 establishing common rules for direct support schemes under the common agricultural policy and establishing certain support schemes for farmers and Regulation (EC) No. 1698/2005 on support for rural development by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD) together with explanatory information note. COM (2007) 484.

2) Draft Council Decision on the implementation of Decision 2007/... /JHA on the stepping up of cross-border cooperation, particularly in combating terrorism and cross-border crime together with explanatory information note. Council Document No. 11045/2007.

3) Dublin Dental Hospital Board. Annual Financial Statements, 2005.

4) Finance Act 2007 (Commencement of Section 109) Order 2007 (S.I. No. 649 of 2007).

5) Report of the Garda Inspectorate. Policing in Ireland — Looking Forward. August, 2007.

6) Health Services National Partnership Forum. Financial Statements for year ended 31 December, 2005.



*Neamhreachtúil:*

1) Staidéar ó na Coimisinéirí Ioncaim: Rátaí cánach iarbhir na 400 saothraí is airde — Tuarascáil don bhliain chánach 2003.

2) Daonáireamh, 2006. Imleabhar 8 — Gairmeacha Beatha.

*Non-Statutory:*

1) Revenue Commissioners' Study: Effective tax rates of top 400 earners — Report for the tax year 2003.

2) Census, 2006. Volume 8 — Occupations.

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