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RIAR NA hOIBRE
Order Paper

GNÓ POIBLÍ
Public Business

1.“Go ndéanann Seanad Éireann, de réir alt 8(3)(b) de na hAchtanna um Choimisiún Thithe an Oireachtais 2003 agus 2006, Gnáthchomhaltaí an Choimisiúin a cheapadh mar a leanas:

That Seanad Éireann, in accordance with section 8(3)(b) of the Houses of the Oireachtas Commission Acts 2003 and 2006, appoints the ordinary Members of the Commission as follows:

Senators Paul Bradford, Cecilia Keaveney and Jim Walsh.”

—*Senator Donie Cassidy.*

2. Tairiscint:
Motion:

Coistí an 23ú Seanad a Bhunú.

Establishment of Committees of 23rd Seanad.

“1. (1)(a) Go ndéanfar Roghchoiste ar a mbeidh 4 chomhalta de Seanad Éireann a chomhcheangal le Roghchoiste de Dháil Éireann chun bheith ina Chomhchoiste um Thalmhaíocht, Iascaigh agus Bia chun breithniú a dhéanamh ar an méid seo a leanas—

(1)(a) That a Select Committee consisting of 4 members of Seanad Éireann shall be appointed to be joined with a Select Committee of Dáil Éireann to form the Joint Committee on Agriculture, Fisheries and Food to consider—

(i) cibé gnóthaí poiblí atá faoi riarradh na Roinne Talmhaíochta, Iascaigh agus Bia a roghnóidh sé, lena n-áirítear, i leith beartais Rialtais, comhlachtaí atá faoi choimirce na Roinne sin;

(i) such public affairs administered by the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food as it may select, including, in respect of Government policy, bodies under the aegis of that Department;

(ii) cibé nithe a bhaineann le beartas, lena n-áirítear nithe a bhaineann leis an Aontas Eorpach, a roghnóidh sé agus a bhfuil an tAire Talmhaíochta, Iascaigh agus Bia freagrach astu go hoifigiúil;

(ii) such matters of policy, including EU related matters, for which the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Food is officially responsible as it may select;

- (iii) cibé saincheisteanna beartais gaolmhara a roghnóidh sé agus a bhaineann le comhlachtaí a bhíonn á maoiniú go hiomlán nó go páirteach ag an Stát nó le comhlachtaí arna mbunú nó arna gceapadh ag ComHALTAÍ den Rialtas nó ag an Oireachtas;
- (iv) cibé Ionstraimí Reachtúla, arna ndéanamh ag an Aire Talmhaíochta, Iascaigh agus Bia agus arna leagan faoi bhráid dhá Theach an Oireachtas, a roghnóidh sé;
- (v) cibé tograí le haghaidh reachtaíocht AE agus saincheisteanna beartais gaolmhara a tharchuir-fear chuige ó am go ham, de réir Bhuan-Ordú 70(4);
- (vi) an ráiteas straitéise arna leagan faoi bhráid gach Tí den Oireachtas ag an Aire Talmhaíochta, Iascaigh agus Bia de bhun alt 5(2) den Acht um Bainistíocht na Seirbhíse Poiblí 1997 agus a mbeidh an Comhchoiste údaraithe ina leith chun crío-cha alt 10 den Acht sin;
- (vii) cibé tuarascálacha bliantúla nó tuarascálacha bliantúla agus cuntais is gá de réir dlí agus a leagtar faoi bhráid ceachtar Tí den Oireachtas nó faoi bhráid an dá Theach sin, ar tuarascálacha bliantúla nó tuarascálacha bliantúla agus cuntais iad de chuid comhlachtaí a shonraítear i míreanna 2(i) agus (iii), agus torthaí oibríochta foriomlána, ráitis straitéise agus pleananna corporáideacha na gcomhlachtaí sin, de réir mar a roghnóidh sé;
- (iii) such related policy issues as it may select concerning bodies which are partly or wholly funded by the State or which are established or appointed by Members of the Government or by the Oireachtas;
- (iv) such Statutory Instruments made by the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Food and laid before both Houses of the Oireachtas as it may select;
- (v) such proposals for EU legislation and related policy issues as may be referred to it from time to time, in accordance with Standing Order 70(4);
- (vi) the strategy statement laid before each House of the Oireachtas by the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Food pursuant to section 5(2) of the Public Service Management Act 1997, and for which the Joint Committee is authorised for the purposes of section 10 of that Act;
- (vii) such annual reports or annual reports and accounts, required by law and laid before either or both Houses of the Oireachtas, of bodies specified in paragraphs 2(i) and (iii), and the overall operational results, statements of strategy and corporate plans of these bodies, as it may select;

Ar choinníoll nach ndéanfaidh an Comhchoiste, tráth ar bith, aon ní a bhrefthniú a bhaineann le comhlacht den sórt sin agus atá, a bhí, nó a bheartaítéar, an tráth sin, a bheith, faoi brefthniú ag an gCoiste um Chuntais Phoiblí, de bhun Orduithe Tagartha an Choiste sin agus/nó Acht an Ard-Reachtaire Cuntas agus Ciste (Leasú) 1993;

Provided that the Joint Committee shall not, at any time, consider any matter relating to such a body which is, which has been, or which is, at that time, proposed to be considered by the Committee of Public Accounts pursuant to the Orders of Reference of that Committee and/or the Comptroller and Auditor General (Amendment) Act 1993;

Ar choinníoll thairis sin go staon-faídh an Comhchoiste ó aon ní den sórt sin a fhiosrú i seisiún poiblí, nó ó fhaisnéis rúnda maidir le haon ní den sórt sin a fhoilsiú, má iarrann an comhlacht lena mbaineann nó an tAire Talmhaíochta, Iascaigh agus Bia air déanamh amhlaidh; agus

- (viii) cibé nithe eile a tharchuirfidh dhá Theach an Oireachtas chuige, i gcomhar, ó am go ham,
- agus tabharfaidh sé tuarascáil ar an méid sin do dhá Theach an Oireachtas.
- (2) Beidh an chumhacht ag an gComhchoiste a cheangal ar an Aire Talmhaíochta, Iascaigh agus Bia (nó ar Aire nó Aire Stáit a bheidh ainmnithe ina áit nó ina háit) freastal os comhair an Chomhchoiste agus eolas ó bhéal a thabhairt, i seisiún príobháideach más é sin is mian leis an Aire nó leis an Aire Stáit, roimh chruinnithe de Chomhairle an Aontais Eorpáigh chun a chumasú don Chomhchoiste a thuairimí a chur in iúl.
 - (3) Cúigear is córam don Chomhchoiste, ar comhalta de Dháil Éireann duine amháin díobh ar a laghad agus ar comhalta de Seanad Éireann duine amháin díobh ar a laghad.
 - (4) Beidh na cumhactaí a mhínítear i mBuan-Ordú 70(1) go (9), go huile, ag an gComhchoiste.
 - (5) Beidh Cathaoirleach an Chomhchoiste ina chomhalta nó ina comhalta de Dháil Éireann.

“2. (1)(a) Go ndéanfar Roghchoiste ar a mbeidh 4 chomhalta de Seanad Éireann a cheapadh lena chomhcheangal le Roghchoiste de Dháil Éireann chun bheith ina Chomhchoiste um Ghnóthaí Ealaón, Spóirt, Turasóireachta, Pobail, Tuaithe agus Gaeltachta chun breithniú a dhéanamh ar an méid seo a leanas—

Provided further that the Joint Committee shall refrain from inquiring into in public session, or publishing confidential information regarding, any such matter if so requested either by the body concerned or by the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Food; and

- (viii) such other matters as may be jointly referred to it from time to time by both Houses of the Oireachtas,

and shall report thereon to both Houses of the Oireachtas.

- (2) The Joint Committee shall have the power to require that the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Food (or a Minister or Minister of State nominated in his or her stead) shall attend before the Joint Committee and provide, in private session if so desired by the Minister or Minister of State, oral briefings in advance of EU Council meetings to enable the Joint Committee to make known its views.
- (3) The quorum of the Joint Committee shall be five, of whom at least one shall be a member of Dáil Éireann and one a member of Seanad Éireann.
- (4) The Joint Committee shall have the powers defined in Standing Order 70(1) to (9) inclusive.
- (5) The Chairman of the Joint Committee shall be a member of Dáil Éireann.”

—*Senator Donie Cassidy.*

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- (1)(a) That a Select Committee consisting of 4 members of Seanad Éireann shall be appointed to be joined with a Select Committee of Dáil Éireann to form the Joint Committee on Arts, Sport, Tourism, Community Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs to consider—

- (i) cibé gnóthaí poiblí atá faoi riarradh na Roinne Ealaíon, Spóirt agus Turasóireachta agus na Roinne Gnóthaí Pobail, Tuaithe agus Gaeltachta a roghnóidh sé, lena n-áirítear, i leith beartais Rialtais, comhlachtaí atá faoi choimirce na Ranna sin;
- (ii) cibé nithe a bhaineann le beartas, lena n-áirítear nithe a bhaineann leis an Aontas Eorpach, a roghnóidh sé agus a bhfuil an tAire Ealaíon, Spóirt agus Turasóireachta agus an tAire Gnóthaí Pobail, Tuaithe agus Gaeltachta freagrach astu go hoifigiúil;
- (iii) cibé saincheisteanna beartais gaolmhara a roghnóidh sé agus a bhaineann le comhlachtaí a bhíonn á maoiniú go hiomlán nó go páirteach ag an Stát nó le comhlachtaí arna mbunú nó arna gceapadh ag Comhaltaí den Rialtas nó ag an Oireachtas;
- (iv) cibé Ionstraimí Reachtúla, arna ndéanamh ag an Aire Ealaíon, Spóirt agus Turasóireachta agus ag an Aire Gnóthaí Pobail, Tuaithe agus Gaeltachta agus arna leagan faoi bhráid dhá Theach an Oireachtas, a roghnóidh sé;
- (v) cibé tograí le haghaidh reachtaíocht AE agus saincheisteanna beartais gaolmhara a tharchuir-fear chuige ó am go ham, de réir Bhuan-Ordú 70(4);
- (vi) an ráiteas straitéise arna leagan faoi bhráid gach Tí den Oireachtas ag an Aire Ealaíon, Spóirt agus Turasóireachta agus ag an Aire Gnóthaí Pobail, Tuaithe agus Gaeltachta de bhun alt 5(2) den Acht um Bainistíocht na Seirbhísé Poiblí 1997 agus a mbeidh an Comhchoiste údaraithe ina leith chun críocha alt 10 den Acht sin;
- (i) such public affairs administered by the Department of Arts, Sport and Tourism and the Department of Community, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs as it may select, including, in respect of Government policy, bodies under the aegis of those Departments;
- (ii) such matters of policy, including EU related matters, for which the Minister for Arts, Sport and Tourism and the Minister for Community, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs are officially responsible as it may select;
- (iii) such related policy issues as it may select concerning bodies which are partly or wholly funded by the State or which are established or appointed by Members of the Government or by the Oireachtas;
- (iv) such Statutory Instruments made by the Minister for Arts, Sport and Tourism and the Minister for Community, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs and laid before both Houses of the Oireachtas as it may select;
- (v) such proposals for EU legislation and related policy issues as may be referred to it from time to time, in accordance with Standing Order 70(4);
- (vi) the strategy statement laid before each House of the Oireachtas by the Minister for Arts, Sport and Tourism and the Minister for Community, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs pursuant to section 5(2) of the Public Service Management Act 1997, and for which the Joint Committee is authorised for the purposes of section 10 of that Act;

(vii) cibé tuarascálacha bliantúla nó tuarascálacha bliantúla agus cuntas is gá de réir dlí agus a leagtar faoi bhráid ceachtar Tí den Oireachtas nó faoi bhráid an dá Theach sin, ar tuarascálacha bliantúla nó tuarascálacha bliantúla agus cuntas iad de chuid comhlachtaí a shonraítear i míreanna 2(i) agus (iii), agus torthaí oibríochta foriomlána, ráitis straitise agus pleannanna corporáideacha na gcomhlachtaí sin, de réir mar a roghnóidh sé;

Ar choinníoll nach ndéanfaidh an Comhchoiste, tráth ar bith, aon ní a bhreithniú a bhaineann le comhlacht den sórt sin agus atá, a bhí, nó a bheartaítar, an tráth sin, a bheith, faoi bhreithniú ag an gCoiste um Chuntais Phoiblí, de bhun Orduithe Tagartha an Choiste sin agus/nó Acht an Ard-Reachtaire Cuntas agus Ciste (Leasú) 1993;

Ar choinníoll thairis sin go staonfaidh an Comhchoiste ó aon ní den sórt sin a phiosrú i seisiún poiblí, nó ó fhaisnéis rúnda maidir le haon ní den sórt sin a fhoilsíú, má iarrann an comhlacht lena mbaineann nó an tAire Ealaíon, Spóirt agus Turasóireachta nó an tAire Gnóthaí Pobail, Tuaith agus Gaeltachta air déanamh amhlaidh; agus

(viii) cibé nithe eile a tharchuirfidh dhá Theach an Oireachtas chuige, i gcomhar, ó am go ham,

agus tabharfaidh sé tuarascáil ar an méid sin do dhá Theach an Oireachtas.

(2) Beidh an chumhacht ag an gComhchoiste a cheangal ar an Aire Ealaíon, Spóirt agus Turasóireachta nó ar an Aire Gnóthaí Pobail, Tuaith agus Gaeltachta (nó ar Aire nó Aire Stáit a bheidh ainmnithe ina áit nó ina háit) freastal os comhair an Chomhchoiste agus eolas ó bhéal a thabhairt, i seisiún príobháideach más é sin is mian leis an Aire nó leis an Aire Stáit, roimh chruinntithe de Chomhairle an Aontais Eorpaisigh chun a chumasú don Chomhchoiste a thuairimí a chur in iúl.

(vii) such annual reports or annual reports and accounts, required by law and laid before either or both Houses of the Oireachtas, of bodies specified in paragraphs 2(i) and (iii), and the overall operational results, statements of strategy and corporate plans of these bodies, as it may select;

Provided that the Joint Committee shall not, at any time, consider any matter relating to such a body which is, which has been, or which is, at that time, proposed to be considered by the Committee of Public Accounts pursuant to the Orders of Reference of that Committee and/or the Comptroller and Auditor General (Amendment) Act 1993;

Provided further that the Joint Committee shall refrain from inquiring into in public session, or publishing confidential information regarding, any such matter if so requested either by the body concerned or by the Minister for Arts, Sport and Tourism or the Minister for Community, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs; and

(viii) such other matters as may be jointly referred to it from time to time by both Houses of the Oireachtas,

and shall report thereon to both Houses of the Oireachtas.

(2) The Joint Committee shall have the power to require that the Minister for Arts, Sport and Tourism or the Minister for Community, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs (or a Minister or Minister of State nominated in his or her stead) shall attend before the Joint Committee and provide, in private session if so desired by the Minister or Minister of State, oral briefings in advance of EU Council meetings to enable the Joint Committee to make known its views.

- (3) Cúigear is córam don Chomhchoiste, ar comhalta de Dháil Éireann duine amháin díobh ar a laghad agus ar comhalta de Seanad Éireann duine amháin díobh ar a laghad.
- (4) Beidh na cumhactaí a mhínítear i mBuan-Ordú 70(1) go (9), go huile, ag an gComhchoiste.
- (5) Beidh Cathaoirleach an Chomhchoiste ina chomhalta nó ina comhalta de Dháil Éireann.
- (3) The quorum of the Joint Committee shall be five, of whom at least one shall be a member of Dáil Éireann and one a member of Seanad Éireann.
- (4) The Joint Committee shall have the powers defined in Standing Order 70(1) to (9) inclusive.
- (5) The Chairman of the Joint Committee shall be a member of Dáil Éireann."

—Senator Donie Cassidy.

"3. (1)(a) Go ndéanfar Roghchoiste ar a mbeidh 4 chomhalta de Seanad Éireann a cheapadh lena chomhcheangal le Roghchoiste de Dháil Éireann chun bheith ina Chomhchoiste um Chumarsáid, Fuinneamh agus Acmhainní Nádúrtha chun breithniú a dhéanamh ar an méid seo a leanas—

- (i) cibé gnótháí poiblí atá faoi riarradh na Roinne Cumarsáide, Fuinnimh agus Acmhainní Nádúrtha agus a roghnóidh sé, lena n-áirítear, i leith beartais Rialtais, comhlactaí atá faoi choimirce na Roinne sin;
- (ii) cibé nithe a bhaineann le beartas, lena n-áirítear nithe a bhaineann leis an Aontas Eorpach, a roghnóidh sé agus a bhfuiil an tAire Cumarsáide, Fuinnimh agus Acmhainní Nádúrtha freagrach astu go hoifigiúil;
- (iii) cibé saincheisteanna beartais gaolmhara a roghnóidh sé agus a bhaineann le comhlactaí a bhíonn á maoiniú go hiomlán nó go páirteach ag an Stát nó le comhlactaí arna mbunú nó arna gceapadh ag Comhaltaí den Rialtas nó ag an Oireachtas;
- (iv) cibé Ionstraimí Reachtúla, arna ndéanamh ag an Aire Cumarsáide, Fuinnimh agus Acmhainní Nádúrtha agus arna leagan faoi bhráid dhá Theach an Oireachtas, a roghnóidh sé;

(1)(a) That a Select Committee consisting of 4 members of Seanad Éireann shall be appointed to be joined with Select Committee of Dáil Éireann to form the Joint Committee on Communication, Energy and Natural Resources to consider—

- (i) such public affairs administered by the Department of Communications, Energy and Natural Resources as it may select, including, in respect of Government policy, bodies under the aegis of that Department;
- (ii) such matters of policy, including EU related matters, for which the Minister for Communications, Energy and Natural Resources is officially responsible as it may select;
- (iii) such related policy issues as it may select concerning bodies which are partly or wholly funded by the State or which are established or appointed by Members of the Government or by the Oireachtas;
- (iv) such Statutory Instruments made by the Minister for Communications, Energy and Natural Resources and laid before both Houses of the Oireachtas as it may select;

- (v) cibé tograí le haghaidh reachtaíocht AE agus saincheisteanna beartais gaolmhara a tharchuir-fear chuige ó am go ham de réir Bhuan-Ordú 70(4);
- (vi) an ráiteas straitéise arna leagan faoi bhráid gach Tí den Oireachtas ag an Aire Cumarsáide, Fuinnimh agus Acmhainní Nádúrtha de bhun alt 5(2) den Acht um Bainistíocht na Seirbhíse Poiblí 1997 agus a mbeidh an Comhchoiste údarai-the ina leith chun críocha alt 10 den Acht sin;
- (vii) cibé tuarascálacha bliantúla nó tuarascálacha bliantúla agus cuntas is gá de réir dlí agus a leagtar faoi bhráid ceachtar Tí den Oireachtas nó faoi bhráid an dá Theach sin, ar tuarascálacha bliantúla nó tuarascálacha bliantúla agus cuntas iad de chuid comhlachtaí a shonraítear i míreanna 2(i) agus (iii), agus torthaí oibríochta foriomlána, ráitis straitéise agus pleananna corporáideacha na gcomhlachtaí sin, de réir mar a roghnóidh sé;
- (v) such proposals for EU legislation and related policy issues as may be referred to it from time to time, in accordance with Standing Order 70(4);
- (vi) the strategy statement laid before each House of the Oireachtas by the Minister for Communications, Energy and Natural Resources pursuant to section 5(2) of the Public Service Management Act 1997, and for which the Joint Committee is authorised for the purposes of section 10 of that Act;
- (vii) such annual reports or annual reports and accounts, required by law and laid before either or both Houses of the Oireachtas, of bodies specified in paragraphs 2(i) and (iii), and the overall operational results, statements of strategy and corporate plans of these bodies, as it may select;

Ar choinníoll nach ndéanfaidh an Comhchoiste, tráth ar bith, aon ní a bhreithniú a bhaineann le comhlacht den sórt sin agus atá, a bhí, nó a bheartaítear, an tráth sin, a bheith, faoi bhreithniú ag an gCoiste um Chuntais Phoiblí, de bhun Orduithe Tagartha an Choiste sin agus/nó Acht an Ard-Reachtaire Cuntas agus Ciste (Leasú) 1993;

Ar choinníoll thairis sin go staonfaidh an Comhchoiste ó aon ní den sórt sin a fhiorsú i seisiún pojiblí, nó ó fhaisnéis rúnda maidir le haon ní den sórt sin a fhoilsíú, má iarrann an comhlacht lena mbaineann ní an tAire Cumarsáide, Fuinnimh agus Acmhainní Nádúrtha déanamh amhlaidh; agus

- (viii) cibé nithe eile a tharchuirfidh dhá Theach an Oireachtas chuige, i gcomhar, ó am go ham,

tabharfaidh sé tuarascáil ar an méid sin do dhá Theach an Oireachtas.

Provided that the Joint Committee shall not, at any time, consider any matter relating to such a body which is, which has been, or which is, at that time, proposed to be considered by the Committee of Public Accounts pursuant to the Orders of Reference of that Committee and/or the Comptroller and Auditor General (Amendment) Act 1993;

Provided further that the Joint Committee shall refrain from inquiring into in public session, or publishing confidential information regarding, any such matter if so requested either by the body concerned or by the Minister for Communications, Energy and Natural Resources; and

- (viii) such other matters as may be jointly referred to it from time to time by both Houses of the Oireachtas, agus

and shall report thereon to both Houses of the Oireachtas.

- (2) Beidh an chumhacht ag an gComhchoiste a cheangal ar an Aire Cumarsáide, Fuinnimh agus Acmhainní Nádúrtha (nó ar Aire nó Aire Stáit a bheidh ainmnithe ina áit nó ina háit) freastal os comhair an Chomhchoiste agus eolas ó bhéal a thabhairt, i seisiún príobháideach más é sin is mian leis an Aire nó leis an Aire Stáit, roimh chruinnithe de Chomhairle an Aontais Eorpach chun a chumasú don Chomhchoiste a thuairimí a chur in iúl.
- (3) Cúigear is córam don Chomhchoiste, ar comhalta de Dháil Éireann duine amháin díobh ar a laghad agus ar comhalta de Seanad Éireann duine amháin díobh ar a laghad.
- (4) Beidh na cumhactaí a mhínítear i mBuan-Ordú 70(1) go (9), go huile, ag an gComhchoiste.
- (5) Beidh Cathaoirleach an Chomhchoiste ina chomhalta nó ina comhalta de Dháil Éireann.
- (2) The Joint Committee shall have the power to require that the Minister for Communications, Energy and Natural Resources (or a Minister or Minister of State nominated in his or her stead) shall attend before the Joint Committee and provide, in private session if so desired by the Minister or Minister of State, oral briefings in advance of EU Council meetings to enable the Joint Committee to make known its views.
- (3) The quorum of the Joint Committee shall be five, of whom at least one shall be a member of Dáil Éireann and one a member of Seanad Éireann.
- (4) The Joint Committee shall have the powers defined in Standing Order 70(1) to (9) inclusive.
- (5) The Chairman of the Joint Committee shall be a member of Dáil Éireann."

—Senator Donie Cassidy.

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- "4. (1)(a) Go ndéanfar Roghchoiste ar a mbeidh 4 chomhalta de Seanad Éireann a cheapadh lena chomhcheangal le Roghchoiste de Dháil Éireann chun bheith ina Chomhchoiste um Oideachas agus Eolaíocht chun breithniú a dhéanamh ar an méid seo a leanas—
- (i) cibé gnóthaí poiblí atá faoi riarradh na Roinne Oideachais agus Eolaíochta a roghnóidh sé, lena n-áirítear, i leith beartais Rialtais, comhlacthaí atá faoi choimirce na Roinne sin;
- (ii) cibé nithe a bhaineann le beartas, lena n-áirítear nithe a bhaineann leis an Aontas Eorpach, a roghnóidh sé agus a bhfuil an tAire Oideachais agus Eolaíochta freagrach astu go hoifigiúil;
- (iii) cibé nithe i measc Ranna a roghnóidh sé agus a thagann faoi chúram an Aire Stáit ag a bhfuil freagracht speisialta as Foghlaim ar feadh an tSaoil, Obair don Aos Óg agus Iompar Scoile;
- (1)(a) That a Select Committee consisting of 4 members of Seanad Éireann shall be appointed to be joined with a Select Committee of Dáil Éireann to form the Joint Committee on Education and Science to consider—
- (i) such public affairs administered by the Department of Education and Science as it may select, including, in respect of Government policy, bodies under the aegis of that Department;
- (ii) such matters of policy, including EU related matters, for which the Minister for Education and Science is officially responsible as it may select;
- (iii) such matters across Departments which come within the remit of the Minister of State with special responsibility for Lifelong Learning, Youth Work and School Transport as it may select;

Ar choinníoll go dtabharfar deis do chomhaltaí den Chomhchoiste um Fhiontair, Trádáil agus Fostaíocht páirt a ghlacadh sa bhreithniú ar nithe atá faoi réim an chúram sin;

- (iv) cibé saincheisteanna beartais gaolmhara a roghnóidh sé agus a bhaineann le comhlactaí a bhíonn á maoiniú go hiomlán nó go páirteach ag an Stát nó le comhlactaí arna mbunú nó arna gceapadh ag Comhaltaí den Rialtas nó ag an Oireachtas;
- (v) cibé Ionstraimí Reachtúla, arna ndéanamh ag an Aire Oideachais agus Eolaíochta agus arna leagan faoi bhráid dhá Theach an Oireachtas, a roghnóidh sé;
- (vi) cibé tograí le haghaidh reachtaíocht AE agus saincheisteanna beartais gaolmhara a tharchuirfear chuige ó am go ham, de réir Bhuan-Ordú 70(4);
- (vii) an ráiteas straitéise arna leagan faoi bhráid gach Tí den Oireachtas ag an Aire Oideachais agus Eolaíochta de bhun alt 5(2) den Acht um Bainistíocht na Seirbhíse Poiblí 1997 agus a mbeidh an Comhchoiste údaraithe ina leith chun críocha alt 10 den Acht sin;
- (viii) cibé tuarascálacha bliantúla nó tuarascálacha bliantúla agus cuntais is gá de réir dlí agus a leagtar faoi bhráid ceachtar Tí den Oireachtas nó faoi bhráid an dá Theach sin, ar tuarascálacha bliantúla nó tuarascálacha bliantúla agus cuntais iad de chuid comhlactaí a shonraítear i míreanna 2(i) agus (iv), agus torthaí oibríochta foriomlána, ráitis straitéise agus pleannanna corporáideacha na gcomhlactaí sin, de réir mar a roghnóidh sé;

Ar choinníoll nach ndéanfaidh an Comhchoiste, tráth ar bith, breithniú ar aon ní a bhaineann le comhlacht den sórt sin agus atá, a bhí, nó a bheartaítear, an tráth sin, a bheith, faoi bhreithniú ag an gCoiste um

Provided that members of the Joint Committee on Enterprise, Trade and Employment shall be afforded the opportunity to participate in the consideration of matters within this remit;

- (iv) such related policy issues as it may select concerning bodies which are partly or wholly funded by the State or which are established or appointed by Members of the Government or by the Oireachtas;
- (v) such Statutory Instruments made by the Minister for Education and Science and laid before both Houses of the Oireachtas as it may select;
- (vi) such proposals for EU legislation and related policy issues as may be referred to it from time to time, in accordance with Standing Order 70(4);
- (vii) the strategy statement laid before each House of the Oireachtas by the Minister for Education and Science pursuant to section 5(2) of the Public Service Management Act 1997, and for which the Joint Committee is authorised for the purposes of section 10 of that Act;
- (viii) such annual reports or annual reports and accounts, required by law and laid before either or both Houses of the Oireachtas, of bodies specified in paragraphs 2(i) and (iv), and the overall operational results, statements of strategy and corporate plans of these bodies, as it may select;

Provided that the Joint Committee shall not, at any time, consider any matter relating to such a body which is, which has been, or which is, at that time, proposed to be considered by the Committee of Public

Chuntais Phoiblí, de bhun Orduithe Tagartha an Choiste sin agus/nó Acht an Ard-Reachtaire Cuntas agus Ciste (Leasú) 1993;

Accounts pursuant to the Orders of Reference of that Committee and/or the Comptroller and Auditor General (Amendment) Act 1993;

Ar choinníoll thairis sin go staonfaidh an Comhchoiste ó aon ní den sórt sin a fhiorsú i seisiún pojiblí, nó ó fhainsnéis rúnda maidir le haon ní den sórt sin a fhoilsiú, má iarrann an comhlacht lena mbaineann nó an tAire Oideachais agus Eolaíochta air déanamh amhlaidh; agus

- (ix) cibé nithe eile a tharchuirfidh dhá Theach an Oireachtas chuige, i gcomhar, ó am go ham,

agus tabharfaidh sé tuarascáil ar an méid sin do dhá Theach an Oireachtas.

(2) Beidh an chumhacht ag an gComhchoiste a cheangal ar an Aire Oideachais agus Eolaíochta (nó ar Aire nó Aire Stáit a bheidh ainmnithe ina áit nó ina háit) freastal os comhair an Chomhchoiste agus eolas ó bhéal a thabhairt, i seisiún príobháideach más é sin is mian leis an Aire nó leis an Aire Stáit, roimh chruinnithe de Chomhairle an Aontais Eorpaisigh chun a chumasú don Chomhchoiste a thuairimí a chur in iúl.

(3) Cúigear is córam don Chomhchoiste, ar comhalta de Dháil Éireann duine amháin díobh ar a laghad agus ar comhalta de Seanad Éireann duine amháin díobh ar a laghad.

(4) Beidh na cumhactaí a mhínítear i mBuan-Ordú 70(1) go (9), go huile, ag an gComhchoiste.

(5) Beidh Cathaoirleach an Chomhchoiste ina chomhalta nó ina comhalta de Dháil Éireann.

“5. (1)(a) Go ndéanfar Roghchoiste ar a mbeidh 4 chomhalta de Seanad Éireann a chomhcheangal le Roghchoiste de Dháil Éireann chun bheith ina Chomhchoiste um Fhiontair, Trádáil agus Fostaíocht chun breithniú a dhéanamh ar an méid seo a leanas—

Provided further that the Joint Committee shall refrain from inquiring into in public session, or publishing confidential information regarding, any such matter if so requested either by the body concerned or by the Minister for Education and Science; and

- (ix) such other matters as may be jointly referred to it from time to time by both Houses of the Oireachtas,

and shall report thereon to both Houses of the Oireachtas.

(2) The Joint Committee shall have the power to require that the Minister for Education and Science (or a Minister or Minister of State nominated in his or her stead) shall attend before the Joint Committee and provide, in private session if so desired by the Minister or Minister of State, oral briefings in advance of EU Council meetings to enable the Joint Committee to make known its views.

(3) The quorum of the Joint Committee shall be five, of whom at least one shall be a member of Dáil Éireann and one a member of Seanad Éireann.

(4) The Joint Committee shall have the powers defined in Standing Order 70(1) to (9) inclusive.

(5) The Chairman of the Joint Committee shall be a member of Dáil Éireann.”

—*Senator Donie Cassidy.*

(1)(a) That a Select Committee consisting of 4 members of Seanad Éireann shall be appointed to be joined with a Select Committee of Dáil Éireann to form the Joint Committee on Enterprise, Trade and Employment to consider—

- (i) cibé gnóthaí poiblí atá faoi riarradh na Roinne Fiontar, Trádála agus Fostaíochta a roghnóidh sé, lena n-áirítear, i leith beartais Rialtais, comhlachtaí atá faoi choimirce na Roinne sin;
- (ii) cibé nithe a bhaineann le beartas, lena n-áirítear nithe a bhaineann leis an Aontas Eorpach, a roghnóidh sé agus a bhfuil an tAire Fiontar, Trádála agus Fostaíochta freagrach astu go hoifigiúil;
- (iii) cibé nithe i measc Ranna a thagann faoi chúram an Aire Stáit ag a bhfuil freagracht speisialta as Beartas Nuálaíochta a roghnóidh sé;

Ar choinníoll go dtabharfar an deis do chomhaltaí den Chomhchoiste um Oideachas agus Eolaíocht páirt a ghlacadh sa bhrefithniú ar nithe atá faoi réim an chúram sin;

- (iv) cibé saincheisteanna beartais gaolmhara a roghnóidh sé agus a bhaineann le comhlachtaí a bhíonn á maoiniú go hiomlán nó go páirteach ag an Stát nó le comhlachtaí arna mbunú nó arna gceapadh ag Comhaltaí den Rialtas nó ag an Oireachtas;
- (v) cibé Ionstraimí Reachtúla, arna ndéanamh ag an Aire Fiontar, Trádála agus Fostaíochta agus arna leagan faoi bhráid dhá Theach an Oireachtais, a roghnóidh sé;
- (vi) cibé tograí le haghaidh reachtaíocht AE agus saincheisteanna beartais gaolmhara a tharchuir-fear chuige ó am go ham, de réir Bhuan-Ordú 70(4);
- (vii) an ráiteas straitéise arna leagan faoi bhráid gach Tí den Oireachtas ag an Aire Fiontar, Trádála agus Fostaíochta de bhun alt 5(2) den Acht um Bainistíocht na Seirbhísé Poiblí 1997 agus a mbeidh an Comhchoiste údaraithe ina leith chun críocha alt 10 den Acht sin;

(i) such public affairs administered by the Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment as it may select, including, in respect of Government policy, bodies under the aegis of that Department;

(ii) such matters of policy, including EU related matters, for which the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment is officially responsible as it may select;

(iii) such matters across Departments which come within the remit of the Minister of State with special responsibility for Innovation Policy as it may select;

Provided that members of the Joint Committee on Education and Science shall be afforded the opportunity to participate in the consideration of matters within this remit;

(iv) such related policy issues as it may select concerning bodies which are partly or wholly funded by the State or which are established or appointed by Members of the Government or by the Oireachtas;

(v) such Statutory Instruments made by the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment and laid before both Houses of the Oireachtas as it may select;

(vi) such proposals for EU legislation and related policy issues as may be referred to it from time to time, in accordance with Standing Order 70(4);

(vii) the strategy statement laid before each House of the Oireachtas by the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment pursuant to section 5(2) of the Public Service Management Act 1997, and for which the Joint Committee is authorised for the purposes of section 10 of that Act;

(viii) cibé tuarascálacha bliantúla nó tuarascálacha bliantúla agus cuntais is gá de réir dlí agus a leagtar faoi bhráid ceachtar Tí den Oireachtas nó faoi bhráid an dá Theach sin, ar tuarascálacha bliantúla nó tuarascálacha bliantúla agus cuntais iad de chuid comhlacthaí a shonraítear i míreanna 2(i) agus (iv), agus torthaí oibríochta foriomlána, ráitis straitise agus pleannanna corporáideacha na gcomhlacthaí sin, de réir mar a roghnóidh sé;

Ar choinníoll nach ndéanfaidh an Comhchoiste, tráth ar bith, breithniú ar aon ní a bhaineann le comhlacht den sórt sin agus atá, a bhí, nó a bheartaítar, an tráth sin, a bheith, faoi bhreithniú ag an gCoiste um Chuntais Phoiblí, de bhun Orduithe Tagartha an Choiste sin agus/nó Acht an Ard-Reachtaire Cuntas agus Ciste (Leasú) 1993;

Ar choinníoll thairis sin go staonfaidh an Comhchoiste ó aon ní den sórt sin a phiosrú i seisiún poiblí, nó ó fhaisnéis rúnda maidir le haon ní den sórt sin a fhoilsiú, má iarrann an comhlacht lena mbaineann nó an tAire Fiontar, Trádála agus Fostaíochta air déanamh amhlaidh; agus

(ix) cibé nithe eile a tharchuirfidh dhá Theach an Oireachtas chuige, i gcomhar, ó am go ham,

agus tabharfaidh sé tuarascáil ar an méid sin do dhá Theach an Oireachtas.

(2) Beidh an chumhacht ag an gComhchoiste a cheangal ar an Aire Fiontar, Trádála agus Fostaíochta (nó ar Aire nó Aire Stáit a bheidh ainmnithe ina áit nó ina háit) freastal os comhair an Chomhchoiste agus eolas ó bhéal a thabhairt, i seisiún príobháideach más é sin is mian leis an Aire nó leis an Aire Stáit, roimh chruinnithe de Chomhairle an Aontais Eorpáigh chun a chumasú don Chomhchoiste a thuairimí a chur in iúl.

(3) Cúigear is córam don Chomhchoiste, ar comhalta de Dháil Éireann duine amháin díobh ar a laghad agus ar comhalta de Seanad Éireann duine amháin díobh ar a laghad.

(viii) such annual reports or annual reports and accounts, required by law and laid before either or both Houses of the Oireachtas, of bodies specified in paragraphs 2(i) and (iv), and the overall operational results, statements of strategy and corporate plans of these bodies, as it may select;

Provided that the Joint Committee shall not, at any time, consider any matter relating to such a body which is, which has been, or which is, at that time, proposed to be considered by the Committee of Public Accounts pursuant to the Orders of Reference of that Committee and/or the Comptroller and Auditor General (Amendment) Act 1993;

Provided further that the Joint Committee shall refrain from inquiring into in public session, or publishing confidential information regarding, any such matter if so requested either by the body concerned or by the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment; and

(ix) such other matters as may be jointly referred to it from time to time by both Houses of the Oireachtas,

and shall report thereon to both Houses of the Oireachtas.

(2) The Joint Committee shall have the power to require that the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment (or a Minister or Minister of State nominated in his or her stead) shall attend before the Joint Committee and provide, in private session if so desired by the Minister or Minister of State, oral briefings in advance of EU Council meetings to enable the Joint Committee to make known its views.

(3) The quorum of the Joint Committee shall be five, of whom at least one shall be a member of Dáil Éireann and one a member of Seanad Éireann.

- (4) Beidh na cumhachtaí a mhínítear i mBuan-Ordú 70(1) go (9), go huile, ag an gComhchoiste.
- (4) The Joint Committee shall have the powers defined in Standing Order 70(1) to (9) inclusive.
- (5) Beidh Cathaoirleach an Chomhchoiste ina chomhalta nó ina comhalta de Dháil Éireann.
- (5) The Chairman of the Joint Committee shall be a member of Dáil Éireann."

—Senator Donie Cassidy.

"6. (1)(a) Go ndéanfar Roghchoiste ar a mbeidh 4 chomhalta de Seanad Éireann a chomhcheangal le Roghchoiste de Dháil Éireann chun bheith ina Chomhchoiste um Chomhshaoil, Oidhreacht agus Rialtas Áitiúil chun breithniú a dhéanamh ar an méid seo a leanas—

(i) cibé gnóthaí poiblí atá faoi riarradh na Roinne Comhshaoil, Oidhreachta agus Rialtais Áitiúil a roghnóidh sé, lena n-áirítear, i leith beartais Rialtais, comhlacthaí atá faoi choimirce na Roinne sin;

(ii) cibé nithe a bhaineann le beartas, lena n-áirítear nithe a bhaineann leis an Aontas Eorpach, a roghnóidh sé agus a bhfuil an tAire Comhshaoil, Oidhreachta agus Rialtais Áitiúil freagach astu go hoifigiúil;

(iii) cibé nithe i measc Ranna a roghnóidh sé agus a thagann faoi chúram an Aire Stáit ag a bhfuil freagracht speisialta as an gComhshaoil agus Fuinneamh;

Ar choinníoll go dtabharfar an deis do chomhaltaí den Chomhchoiste um Chumarásáid, Fuinneamh agus Acmhainní Nádúrtha páirt a ghlacadh sa bhreithniú ar nithe atá faoi réim an chúraim sin;

(iv) cibé saincheisteanna beartais gaolmhara a roghnóidh sé agus a bhaineann le comhlacthaí a bhíonn á maoiniú go hiomlán nó go páirteach ag an Stát nó le comhlacthaí arna mbunú nó arna gceapadh ag Comhaltaí den Rialtas nó ag an Oireachtas;

(1)(a) That a Select Committee consisting of 4 members of Seanad Éireann shall be appointed to be joined with a Select Committee of Dáil Éireann to form the Joint Committee on Environment, Heritage and Local Government to consider—

(i) such public affairs administered by the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government as it may select, including, in respect of Government policy, bodies under the aegis of that Department;

(ii) such matters of policy, including EU related matters, for which the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government is officially responsible as it may select;

(iii) such matters across Departments which come within the remit of the Minister of State with special responsibility for the Environment and Energy as it may select;

Provided that members of the Joint Committee on Communications, Energy and Natural Resources shall be afforded the opportunity to participate in the consideration of matters within this remit;

(iv) such related policy issues as it may select concerning bodies which are partly or wholly funded by the State or which are established or appointed by Members of the Government or by the Oireachtas;

- (v) cibé Ionstraimí Reachtúla, arna ndéanamh ag an Aire Comhshaoil, Oidhreachta agus Rialtais Áitiúil agus arna leagan faoi bhráid dhá Theach an Oireachtas, a roghnóidh sé;
- (vi) cibé tograí le haghaidh reachtaíocht AE agus saincheisteanna beartais gaolmhara a tharchuirfear chuige ó am go ham de réir Bhuan-Ordú 70(4);
- (vii) an ráiteas straitéise arna leagan faoi bhráid gach Tí den Oireachtas ag an Aire Comhshaoil, Oidhreachta agus Rialtais Áitiúil de bhun alt 5(2) den Acht um Bainistíocht na Seirbhise Poiblí 1997 agus a mbeidh an Comhchoiste údaraithe ina leith chun críocha alt 10 den Acht sin;
- (viii) cibé tuarascálacha bliantúla nó tuarascálacha bliantúla agus cuntais is gá de réir dlí agus a leagtar faoi bhráid ceachtar Tí den Oireachtas nó faoi bhráid an dá Theach sin, ar tuarascálacha bliantúla nó tuarascálacha bliantúla agus cuntais iad de chuid comhlacthaí a shonraítear i míreanna 2(i) agus (iv), agus torthaí oibríochta foriomlána, ráitis straitéise agus pleananna corporáideacha na gcomhlacthaí sin, de réir mar a roghnóidh sé

Ar choinníoll nach ndéanfaidh an Comhchoiste, tráth ar bith, aon ní a bhreithniú a bhaineann le comhlacht den sórt sin agus atá, a bhí, nó a bheartaítear, an tráth sin, a bheith, faoi bhreithniú ag an gCoiste um Chuntais Phoiblí, de bhun Orduithe Tagartha an Choiste sin agus/nó Acht an Ard-Reachtaire Cuntas agus Ciste (Leasú) 1993;

Ar choinníoll thairis sin go staonfaidh an Comhchoiste ó aon ní den sórt sin a phiosrú i seisiún poiblí, nó ó fhaisnéis rúnda maidir le haon ní den sórt sin a fhoilsiú, má iarrann an comhlacht lena mbaineann nó an tAire Comhshaoil, Oidhreachta agus Rialtais Áitiúil air déanamh amhlaidh; agus

- (v) such Statutory Instruments made by the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government and laid before both Houses of the Oireachtas as it may select;
- (vi) such proposals for EU legislation and related policy issues as may be referred to it from time to time, in accordance with Standing Order 70(4);
- (vii) the strategy statement laid before each House of the Oireachtas by the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government pursuant to section 5(2) of the Public Service Management Act 1997, and for which the Joint Committee is authorised for the purposes of section 10 of that Act;
- (viii) such annual reports or annual reports and accounts, required by law and laid before either or both Houses of the Oireachtas, of bodies specified in paragraphs 2(i) and (iv), and the overall operational results, statements of strategy and corporate plans of these bodies, as it may select;

Provided that the Joint Committee shall not, at any time, consider any matter relating to such a body which is, which has been, or which is, at that time, proposed to be considered by the Committee of Public Accounts pursuant to the Orders of Reference of that Committee and/or the Comptroller and Auditor General (Amendment) Act 1993;

Provided further that the Joint Committee shall refrain from inquiring into in public session, or publishing confidential information regarding, any such matter if so requested either by the body concerned or by the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government; and

- (ix) cibé nithe eile a tharchuirfidh dhá Theach an Oireachtais chuige, i gcomhar, ó am go ham,
- agus tabharfaidh sé tuarascáil ar an méid sin do dhá Theach an Oireachtais.

(2) Beidh an chumhacht ag an gComhchoiste a cheangal ar an Aire Comhshaoil, Oidhreachta agus Rialtais Áitiúil (nó ar Aire nó Aire Stáit a bheidh ainmnithe ina áit nó ina háit) freastal os comhair an Chomhchoiste agus eolas ó bhéal a thabhairt, i seisiún príobháideach más é sin is mian leis an Aire nó leis an Aire Stáit, roimh chruinnithe de Chomhairle an Aontais Eorpachaigh chun a chumasú don Chomhchoiste a thuairimí a chur in iúl.

(3) Cúigear is córam don Chomhchoiste, ar comhalta de Dháil Éireann duine amháin thíos ar a laghad agus ar comhalta de Seanad Éireann duine amháin thíos ar a laghad.

(4) Beidh na cumhactaí a mhínítear i mBuan-Ordú 70(1) go (9), go huile, ag an gComhchoiste.

(5) Beidh Cathaoirleach an Chomhchoiste ina chomhalta nó ina comhalta de Dháil Éireann.

(ix) such other matters as may be jointly referred to it from time to time by both Houses of the Oireachtas,

and shall report thereon to both Houses of the Oireachtas.

(2) The Joint Committee shall have the power to require that the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government (or a Minister or Minister of State nominated in his or her stead) shall attend before the Joint Committee and provide, in private session if so desired by the Minister or Minister of State, oral briefings in advance of EU Council meetings to enable the Joint Committee to make known its views.

(3) The quorum of the Joint Committee shall be five, of whom at least one shall be a member of Dáil Éireann and one a member of Seanad Éireann.

(4) The Joint Committee shall have the powers defined in Standing Order 70(1) to (9) inclusive.

(5) The Chairman of the Joint Committee shall be a member of Dáil Éireann.”

—*Senator Donie Cassidy.*

“7. (1)(a) Go ndéanfar Roghchoiste ar a mbeidh 4 chomhalta de Seanad Éireann a chomhcheangal le Roghchoiste de Dháil Éireann chun bheith ina Chomhchoiste um Ghnóthaí Eorpacha chun—

(i) breithniú a dhéanamh ar cibé nithe a roghnóidh sé agus a éiríonn as ballraíocht na hÉireann sna Comphobail Eorpacha agus as í do chloí leis an gConradh ar an Aontas Eorpach;

(ii) breithniú a dhéanamh ar an méid seo a leanas—

(I) cibé cláir agus treoirlínte arna nullmhú ag Coimisiún na gComphobail Eorpach mar

(1)(a) That a Select Committee consisting of 4 members of Seanad Éireann shall be appointed to be joined with a Select Committee of Dáil Éireann to form the Joint Committee on European Affairs to—

(i) consider such matters arising from Ireland’s membership of the European Communities and its adherence to the Treaty on European Union, as it may select;

(ii) consider such—

(I) programmes and guidelines prepared by the Commission of the European Communities as a

bhonn le gníomh reachtach a d'fhéadfaí a dhéanamh,

- (II) cibé doiciméid neamhreachtacha arna bhfoilsíú ag aon Institiúid de chuid an Aontais i ndáil le nithe ginearálta a bhaineann le beartas an Aontais Eorpaigh,
- (III) cibé ionstraimí de chuid institiúidí na gComhphobal Eorpach,
- (IV) cibé rialacháin faoi Achtanna na gComhphobal Eorpach 1972 go 2007,
- (V) cibé ionstraimí eile arna ndéanamh faoi reacht agus is gá de dhroim na n-oibleagáidí a ghabhann le ballraíocht sna Comhphobail Eorpacha, agus
- (VI) aon doiciméad eile i ndáil le nithe a bhaineann leis an Aontas Eorpach arna thaisceadh in dhá Theach an Oireachtas ag Comhalta den Rialtas nó ag Aire Stáit,

de réir mar a roghnóidh sé;

- (iii) breithniú a dhéanamh ar cibé nithe eile a tharchuirfidh dhá Theach an Oireachtas chuige ó am go ham; agus
- (iv) ionadaíocht a dhéanamh do dhá Theach an Oireachtas ag Comhdháil na gCoistí um Ghnóthaí Comhphobail agus Eorpacha de chuid Pharlaimintí an Aontais Eorpaigh (COSAC) i gcomhar leis an gComhchoiste um Ghrinnscrúdú Eorpach;

agus tabharfaidh sé tuarascáil ar an méid sin do dhá Theach an Oireachtas i gcomhairle leis an gComhchoiste um Ghrinnscrúdú Eorpach.

(b) Beidh ag an gComhchoiste:

- (i) na cumhactaí a mhínítear i mBuan-Ordú 70(1) go (9), go huile;
- (ii) an chumhacht chun togra le haghaidh reachtaíocht AE atá

basis for possible legislative action,

- (II) non legislative documents published by any Union institution in relation to EU policy matters,
- (III) acts of the institutions of the European Communities,
- (IV) regulations under the European Communities Acts 1972 to 2007,
- (V) other instruments made under statute and necessitated by the obligations of membership of the European Communities, and
- (VI) any other document relating to European Union matters deposited in both Houses of the Oireachtas by a Member of the Government or Minister of State,

as it may select;

- (iii) consider such other matters as may be referred to it from time to time by both Houses of the Oireachtas; and
- (iv) represent both Houses of the Oireachtas at the Conference of Community and European Affairs Committees of Parliaments of the European Union (COSAC) jointly with the Joint Committee on European Scrutiny;

and shall report thereon to both Houses of the Oireachtas in consultation with the Joint Committee on European Scrutiny.

(b) The Joint Committee shall have:

- (i) the powers defined in Standing Order 70(1) to (9) inclusive;
- (ii) the power to refer a proposal for EU legislation which has been

breithnithe aige (agus ar cinneadh ina thaobh go bhfuil tábhacht leordhóthanach ag baint leis chun gur gá tuilleadh grinnscrúdaithe a dhéanamh air) a tharchur chuig Comhchoiste dáir tugadh an chumhacht a mhínítear i mBuan-Ordú 70(4) chun tograí den sórt sin a bhreithniú;

(iii) an chumhacht chun a iarraidh ar Chomhaltaí den Rialtas (nó ar Airí Stáit a bheidh ainmnithe ina n-áit) (nó, i gcás na Comhairle Eorpáí, ar an Taoiseach nó ar an Aire Gnóthaí Eachtracha) freastal os comhair an Chomhchoiste agus eolas ó bhéal a thabhairt, i seisiún príobháideach más é sin is mian leis an gComhalta den Rialtas nó leis an Aire Stáit, roimh chruinnithe den Chomhairle chun a chumasú don Chomhchoiste a thuairimí a chur in iúl; agus

(iv) an chumhacht chun moltaí a dhéanamh chun an Aire Gnóthaí Eachtracha (nó chun Aire Stáit) i dtaobh nithe a bhaineann leis an Aontas Eorpach.

(c) Féadfaidh na daoine seo a leanas freastal ar chruinnithe den Chomhchoiste agus féadfaidh siad páirt a ghlaicadh sna himeachtaí gan ceart vótála a bheith acu ná ceart tairiscintí agus leasuithe a tháirgeadh—

(i) Comhaltaí de Pharlaimint na hEorpa arna dtoghadh ó thoghlaigh in Éirinn (lena n-áirítear Tuaisceart Éireann);

(ii) comhaltaí de thoscaireacht na hÉireann chuig Tionól Parlaiminteach Chomhairle na hEorpa; agus

(iii) ar chuireadh a fháil ón gComhchoiste, Comhaltaí eile de Pharlaimint na hEorpa.

(d) Cúigear is córam don Chomhchoiste, ar Comhalta de Dháil Éireann duine amháin díobh ar a laghad agus ar Comhalta de Seanad Éireann duine amháin díobh ar a laghad.

considered by it (and which has been concluded to be of sufficient importance to require additional scrutiny) to a Joint Committee on which has been conferred the power defined in Standing Order 70(4) to consider such proposals;

(iii) the power to request the attendance of Members of the Government (or Ministers of State nominated in their stead) (or, in the case of the European Council, the Taoiseach or Minister for Foreign Affairs) before the Joint Committee and provide, in private session if so desired by the Member of the Government or Minister of State, oral briefings in advance of Council meetings to enable the Joint Committee to make known its views; and

(iv) the power to make recommendations to the Minister for Foreign Affairs (or Minister of State) on European Union matters.

(c) The following persons may attend meetings of the Joint Committee and may take part in proceedings without having a right to vote or to move motions and amendments—

(i) Members of the European Parliament elected from constituencies in Ireland (including Northern Ireland);

(ii) members of the Irish delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe; and

(iii) at the invitation of the Joint Committee, other Members of the European Parliament.

(d) The quorum of the Joint Committee shall be five, of whom at least one shall be a Member of Dáil Éireann and one a Member of Seanad Éireann.

- (2) Beidh Cathaoirleach an Chomhchoiste ina chomhalta nó ina comhalta de Dháil Éireann.
- (2) The Chairman of the Joint Committee shall be a member of Dáil Éireann.”

—*Senator Donie Cassidy.*

“8. (1)(a) Go ndéanfar Roghchoiste ar a mbeidh 4 chomhalta de Seanad Éireann a chomhcheangal le Roghchoiste de Dháil Éireann chun bheith ina Chomhchoiste um Airgeadas agus an tSeirbhís Phoiblí chun breithniú a dhéanamh ar an méid seo a leanas—

- (i) cibé gnóthaí poiblí atá faoi riarradh Roinn an Taoisigh agus na Roinne Airgeadais a roghnóidh sé, lena n-áirítéar, i leith beartais Rialtais, comhlacthaí atá faoi choimirce na Ranna sin;
- (ii) cibé nithe a bhaineann le beartas a roghnóidh sé agus a bhfuil an Taoiseach freagrach astu go hoifigiúil;
- (iii) cibé nithe a bhaineann le beartas, lena n-áirítéar nithe a bhaineann leis an Aontas Eorpach, a roghnóidh sé agus a bhfuil an tAire Airgeadais freagrach astu go hoifigiúil;
- (iv) cibé saincheisteanna beartais gaolmhara a roghnóidh sé agus a bhaineann le comhlacthaí a bhíonn á maioniú go hiomlán nó go páirteach ag an Stát nó le comhlacthaí arna mbunú nó arna gceapadh ag Comhaltaí den Rialtas nó ag an Oireachtas;
- (v) cibé Ionstraimí Reachtúla, arna ndéanamh ag an Taoiseach agus ag an Aire Airgeadais agus arna leagan faoi bhráid dhá Theach an Oireachtas, a roghnóidh sé;
- (vi) cibé tograí le haghaidh reachtaíocht AE agus saincheisteanna beartais gaolmhara a tharchuirfear chuige ó am go ham, de réir Bhuan-Ordú 70(4);
- (vii) an ráiteas straitéise arna leagan faoi bhráid gach Tí den

(1)(a) That a Select Committee consisting of 4 members of Seanad Éireann shall be appointed to be joined with a Select Committee of Dáil Éireann to form the Joint Committee on Finance and the Public Service to consider—

- (i) such public affairs administered by the Department of the Taoiseach and the Department of Finance as it may select, including, in respect of Government policy, bodies under the aegis of those Departments;
- (ii) such matters of policy for which the Taoiseach is officially responsible as it may select;
- (iii) such matters of policy, including EU related matters, for which the Minister for Finance is officially responsible as it may select;
- (iv) such related policy issues as it may select concerning bodies which are partly or wholly funded by the State or which are established or appointed by Members of the Government or by the Oireachtas;
- (v) such Statutory Instruments made by the Taoiseach and the Minister for Finance and laid before both Houses of the Oireachtas as it may select;
- (vi) such proposals for EU legislation and related policy issues as may be referred to it from time to time, in accordance with Standing Order 70(4);
- (vii) the strategy statement laid before each House of the Oireachtas by

Oireachtas ag an Taoiseach agus an Aire Airgeadais de bhun alt 5(2) den Acht um Bainistíocht na Seirbhíse Poiblí 1997 agus a mbeidh an Comhchoiste údaraithe ina leith chun críocha alt 10 den Acht sin;

- (viii) cibé tuarascálacha bliantúla nó tuarascálacha bliantúla agus cuntais is gá de réir dlí agus a leagtar faoi bhráid ceachtar Tí den Oireachtas nó faoi bhráid an dá Theach sin, ar tuarascálacha bliantúla nó tuarascálacha bliantúla agus cuntais iad de chuid comhlachtaí a shonraítear i míreanna 2(i) agus (iv), agus torthaí oibríochta foriomlána, ráitis stráitíse agus pleananna corporáideacha na gcomhlachtaí sin, de réir mar a roghnóidh sé;

Ar choinníoll nach ndéanfaidh an Comhchoiste, tráth ar bith, aon ní a bhreithniú a bhaineann le comhlacht den sórt sin agus atá, a bhí, nó a bheartaítear, an tráth sin, a bheith, faoi bhreithniú ag an gCoiste um Chuntais Phoiblí, de bhun Orduithe Tagarttha an Choiste sin agus/nó Acht an Ard-Reachtaire Cuntas agus Ciste (Leasú) 1993;

Ar choinníoll thairis sin go staonfaidh an Comhchoiste ó aon ní den sórt sin a fhiorsú i seisiún poiblí, nó ó fhaisnéis rúnda maidir le haon ní den sórt sin a fhoilsíú, má iarrann an comhlacht lena mbaineann nó an Taoiseach nó an tAire Airgeadais air déanamh amhlaidh; agus

- (ix) cibé nithe eile a tharchuirfidh dhá Theach an Oireachtais chuige, i gcomhar, ó am go ham,

agus tabharfaidh sé tuarascáil ar an méid sin do dhá Theach an Oireachtais.

- (2) Beidh an chumhacht ag an gComhchoiste a cheangal ar an Aire Airgeadais (nó ar Aire nó Aire Stáit a bheidh ainmnithe ina áit nó ina háit) freastal os comhair an Chomhchoiste agus eolas ó bhéal a thabhairt, i seisiún priobháideach más é sin is mian leis an Aire nó leis an Aire Stáit, roimh chruiinnithe de

the Taoiseach and the Minister for Finance pursuant to section 5(2) of the Public Service Management Act 1997, and for which the Joint Committee is authorised for the purposes of section 10 of that Act;

- (viii) such annual reports or annual reports and accounts, required by law and laid before either or both Houses of the Oireachtas, of bodies specified in paragraphs 2(i) and (iv), and the overall operational results, statements of strategy and corporate plans of these bodies, as it may select;

Provided that the Joint Committee shall not, at any time, consider any matter relating to such a body which is, which has been, or which is, at that time, proposed to be considered by the Committee of Public Accounts pursuant to the Orders of Reference of that Committee and/or the Comptroller and Auditor General (Amendment) Act 1993;

Provided further that the Joint Committee shall refrain from inquiring into in public session, or publishing confidential information regarding, any such matter if so requested either by the body concerned or by the Taoiseach or the Minister for Finance; and

- (ix) such other matters as may be jointly referred to it from time to time by both Houses of the Oireachtas,

and shall report thereon to both Houses of the Oireachtas.

- (2) The Joint Committee shall have the power to require that the Minister for Finance (or a Minister or Minister of State nominated in his or her stead) shall attend before the Joint Committee and provide, in private session if so desired by the Minister or Minister of State, oral briefings in advance of EU

Chomhairle an Aontais Eorpaigh chun a chumasú don Chomhchoiste a thuarimí a chur in iúl.

- (3) Cúigear is córam don Chomhchoiste, ar comhalta de Dháil Éireann duine amháin díobh ar a laghad agus ar comhalta de Seanad Éireann duine amháin díobh ar a laghad.
- (4) Beidh na cumhactaí a mhínítear i mBuan-Ordú 70(1) go (9), go huile, ag an gComhchoiste.
- (5) Beidh Cathaoirleach an Chomhchoiste ina chomhalta nó ina comhalta de Dháil Éireann.
- (3) The quorum of the Joint Committee shall be five, of whom at least one shall be a member of Dáil Éireann and one a member of Seanad Éireann.
- (4) The Joint Committee shall have the powers defined in Standing Order 70(1) to (9) inclusive.
- (5) The Chairman of the Joint Committee shall be a member of Dáil Éireann.

—Senator Donie Cassidy.

“9. (1)(a) Go ndéanfar Roghchoiste ar a mbeidh 4 chomhalta de Seanad Éireann a chomhcheangal le Roghchoiste de Dháil Éireann chun bheith ina Chomhchoiste um Gnóthaí Eachtracha chun breithniú a dhéanamh ar an méid seo a leanas—

- (i) cibé gnóthaí poiblí atá faoi riarradh na Roinne Gnóthaí Eachtracha a roghnóidh sé, lena n-áirítear, i leith beartais Rialtais, comhlacthaí atá faoi choimirce na Roinne sin;
- (ii) cibé nithe a bhaineann le beartas a roghnóidh sé agus a bhfuil an tAire Gnóthaí Eachtracha freagrach astu go hoifigiúil;
- (iii) cibé saincheisteanna beartais gaolmhara a roghnóidh sé agus a bhaineann le comhlacthaí a bhíonn á maoiniú go hiomlán nó go páirteach ag an Stát nó le comhlacthaí arna mbunú nó arna gceapadh ag Comhaltaí den Rialtas nó ag an Oireachtas;
- (iv) cibé Ionstraimí Reachtúla, arna ndéanamh ag an Aire Gnóthaí Eachtracha agus arna leagan faoi bhráid dhá Theach an Oireachtas, a roghnóidh sé;
- (v) cibé tograí le haghaidh reachtaíocht AE agus saincheisteanna

(1)(a) That a Select Committee consisting of 4 members of Seanad Éireann shall be appointed to be joined with a Select Committee of Dáil Éireann to form the Joint Committee on Foreign Affairs to consider—

- (i) such public affairs administered by the Department of Foreign Affairs as it may select, including, in respect of Government policy, bodies under the aegis of that Department;
- (ii) such matters of policy for which the Minister for Foreign Affairs is officially responsible as it may select;
- (iii) such related policy issues as it may select concerning bodies which are partly or wholly funded by the State or which are established or appointed by Members of the Government or by the Oireachtas;
- (iv) such Statutory Instruments made by the Minister for Foreign Affairs and laid before both Houses of the Oireachtas as it may select;
- (v) such proposals for EU legislation and related policy issues as may

beartais gaolmhara a tharchuir-fear chuige ó am go ham de réir Bhuan-Ordú 70(4);

- (vi) an ráiteas straitéise arna leagan faoi bhráid gach Tí den Oireachtas ag an Aire Gnóthaí Eachtracha de bhun alt 5(2) den Acht um Bainistíocht na Seirbhíse Poiblí 1997 agus a mbeidh an Comhchoiste údaraithe ina leith chun críocha alt 10 den Acht sin;
- (vii) cibé tuarascálacha bliantúla nó tuarascálacha bliantúla agus cuntais is gá de réir dlí agus a leagtar faoi bhráid ceachtar Tí den Oireachtas nó faoi bhráid an dá Theach sin, ar tuarascálacha bliantúla nó tuarascálacha bliantúla agus cuntais iad de chuid comhlacthaí a shonraítear i míreanna 2(i) agus (iii), agus torthaí oibríochta foriomlána, ráitis straitéise agus pleananna corporaídeacha na gcomhlacthaí sin, de réir mar a roghnóidh sé;

Ar choinníoll nach ndéanfaidh an Comhchoiste, tráth ar bith, aon ní a bhreithniú a bhaineann le comhlacht den sórt sin agus atá, a bhí, nó a bheartaítear, an tráth sin, a bheith, faoi bhreithniú ag an gCoiste um Chuntais Phoiblí, de bhun Orduithe Tagartha an Choiste sin agus/nó Acht an Ard-Reachtaire Cuntas agus Ciste (Leasú) 1993;

Ar choinníoll thairis sin go staonfaidh an Comhchoiste ó aon ní den sórt sin a phiosrú i seisiún poiblí, nó ó fhaisnéis rúnda maidir le haon ní den sórt sin a fhoilsiú, má iarrann an comhlacht lena mbaineann nó an tAire Gnóthaí Eachtracha air déanamh amhlaidh;

- (viii) cibé gnéithe de chaidreamh idir-náisiúnta na hÉireann a roghnóidh sé;
- (ix) cibé nithe eile a tharchuirfidh dhá Theach an Oireachtais chuige, i gcomhar, ó am go ham,

agus tabharfaidh sé tuarascáil ar an méid sin do dhá Theach an Oireachtais.

be referred to it from time to time, in accordance with Standing Order 70(4);

- (vi) the strategy statement laid before each House of the Oireachtas by the Minister for Foreign Affairs pursuant to section 5(2) of the Public Service Management Act 1997, and for which the Joint Committee is authorised for the purposes of section 10 of that Act;
- (vii) such annual reports or annual reports and accounts, required by law and laid before either or both Houses of the Oireachtas, of bodies specified in paragraphs 2(i) and (iii), and the overall operational results, statements of strategy and corporate plans of these bodies, as it may select;

Provided that the Joint Committee shall not, at any time, consider any matter relating to such a body which is, which has been, or which is, at that time, proposed to be considered by the Committee of Public Accounts pursuant to the Orders of Reference of that Committee and/or the Comptroller and Auditor General (Amendment) Act 1993;

Provided further that the Joint Committee shall refrain from inquiring into in public session, or publishing confidential information regarding, any such matter if so requested either by the body concerned or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs;

- (viii) such aspects of Ireland's international relations as it may select;
- (ix) such other matters as may be jointly referred to it from time to time by both Houses of the Oireachtas,

and shall report thereon to both Houses of the Oireachtas.

Ar choinníoll go ndéanfar aon bhreithniú ag an gComhchoiste nó ag Fochoiste ar shaincheisteanna slándála a bhaineann le Tuaisceart Éireann i seisiún príobháideach agus go mbeidh feidhm ag forálacha Bhuan-Ordú 86.

(2) Féadfaidh na daoine seo a leanas freastal ar chruinnithe den Chomhchoiste agus dá Fhochoistí agus féadfaidh siad páirt a ghlacadh sna himeachtaí gan ceart vótála a bheith acu ná ceart tairiscintí agus leasuithe a thairgeadh:

- (i) Comhaltaí de Pharlaimint na hEorpa arna dtoghadh ó thoghlaigh in Éirinn (lena n-áirítear Tuaisceart Éireann);
 - (ii) comhaltaí de thoscaireacht na hÉireann chuig Tionól Parlaiminteach Chomhairle na hEorpa; agus
 - (iii) ar chuireadh a fháil ón gComhchoiste nó ó Fhochoiste, de réir mar is cuí, Comhaltaí eile de Pharlaimint na hEorpa.
- (3) Cúigear is córam don Chomhchoiste, ar comhalta de Dháil Éireann duine amháin díobh ar a laghad agus ar comhalta de Seanad Éireann duine amháin díobh ar a laghad.
- (4) Beidh na cumhachtaí a mhínítear i mBuan-Ordú 70(1) go (9), go huile, ag an gComhchoiste.
- (5) Beidh Cathaoirleach an Chomhchoiste ina chomhalta nó ina comhalta de Dháil Éireann.

Provided that any consideration by the Joint Committee, or a sub-Committee, of security issues relating to Northern Ireland shall be in private session and the provisions of Standing Order 86 shall apply.

- (2) The following persons may attend meetings of the Joint Committee and of its sub-Committees and may take part in proceedings without having a right to vote or to move motions and amendments:
 - (i) Members of the European Parliament elected from constituencies in Ireland (including Northern Ireland);
 - (ii) members of the Irish delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe; and
 - (iii) at the invitation of the Joint Committee or of a sub-Committee, as appropriate, other Members of the European Parliament.
- (3) The quorum of the Joint Committee shall be five, of whom at least one shall be a member of Dáil Éireann and one a member of Seanad Éireann.
- (4) The Joint Committee shall have the powers defined in Standing Order 70(1) to (9) inclusive.
- (5) The Chairman of the Joint Committee shall be a member of Dáil Éireann".

—Senator Donie Cassidy.

"10. (1)(a) Go ndéanfar Roghchoiste ar a mbeidh 4 chomhalta de Seanad Éireann a chomhcheangal le Roghchoiste de Dháil Éireann chun bheith ina Chomhchoiste um Shláinte and Leanaí chun breithniú a dhéanamh ar an méid seo a leanas—

(i) cibé gnóthaí poiblí atá faoi riarradh na Roinne Sláinte agus

(1)(a) That a Select Committee consisting of 4 members of Seanad Éireann shall be appointed to be joined with a Select Committee of Dáil Éireann to form the Joint Committee on Health and Children to consider—

(i) such public affairs administered by the Department of Health and Children as

Leanaí a roghnóidh sé, lena n-áirítéar, i leith beartais Rialtais, comhlachtaí atá faoi choimirce na Roinne sin;

- (ii) cibé nithe a bhaineann le beartas, lena n-áirítéar nithe a bhaineann leis an Aontas Eorpach, a roghnóidh sé agus a bhfuil an tAire Sláinte agus Leanaí freagrach astu go hoifigiúil;
- (iii) cibé nithe i measc Ranna a thagann faoi chúraimí an Aire Stáit ag a bhfuil freagracht speisialta maidir le Leanaí, an Aire Stáit ag a bhfuil freagracht speisialta maidir le Daoine Scothaosta agus an Aire Stáit ag a bhfuil freagracht speisialta maidir le Saincheisteanna Míchumais agus Meabhair-Shláinte (seachas Idirdhealú), agus a roghnóidh sé;

Ar choinníoll go dtabharfar deis do chomhaltaí Comhchoistí iomchuí eile páirt a ghlacadh le linn na nithe atá faoi réim an chúraim sin a bheith á mbreithniú;

- (iv) cibé saincheisteanna beartais gaolmhara a roghnóidh sé agus a bhaineann le comhlachtaí a bhíonn á maoiniú go hiomlán nó go páirteach ag an Stát nó le comhlachtaí arna mbunú nó arna gceapadh ag Comhaltaí den Rialtas nó ag an Oireachtas;
- (v) cibé Ionstraimí Reachtúla, arna ndéanamh ag an Aire Sláinte agus Leanaí agus arna leagan faoi bhráid dhá Theach an Oireachtas, a roghnóidh sé;
- (vi) cibé tograí le haghaidh reachtaíocht AE agus saincheisteanna beartais gaolmhara a tharchuirfear chuige ó am go ham, de réir Bhuan-Ordú 70(4);
- (vii) an ráiteas straitéise arna leagan faoi bhráid gach Tí den Oireachtas ag an Aire Sláinte agus Leanaí de bhun alt 5(2) den Acht um Bainistíocht na Seirbhíse Poiblí 1997 agus a mbeidh an Comhchoiste údaraithe ina leith chun críocha alt 10 den Acht sin;

it may select, including, in respect of Government policy, bodies under the aegis of that Department;

- (ii) such matters of policy, including EU related matters, for which the Minister for Health and Children is officially responsible as it may select;
- (iii) such matters across Departments which come within the remits of the Minister of State with special responsibility for Children, the Minister of State with special responsibility for Older People and the Minister of State with special responsibility for Disability Issues and Mental Health (excluding Discrimination) as it may select;
- (iv) such related policy issues as it may select concerning bodies which are partly or wholly funded by the State or which are established or appointed by Members of the Government or by the Oireachtas;
- (v) such Statutory Instruments made by the Minister for Health and Children and laid before both Houses of the Oireachtas as it may select;
- (vi) such proposals for EU legislation and related policy issues as may be referred to it from time to time, in accordance with Standing Order 70(4);
- (vii) the strategy statement laid before each House of the Oireachtas by the Minister for Health and Children pursuant to section 5(2) of the Public Service Management Act 1997 and for which the Joint Committee is authorised for the purposes of section 10 of that Act;

(viii) cibé tuarascálacha bliantúla nó tuarascálacha bliantúla agus cuntais is gá de réir dlí agus a leagtar faoi bhráid ceachtar Tí den Oireachtas nó faoi bhráid an dá Theach sin, ar tuarascálacha bliantúla nó tuarascálacha bliantúla agus cuntais iad de chuid comhlacthaí a shonraítear i míreanna 2(i) agus (iv), agus torthaí oibríochta foriomlána, ráitis straitise agus pleannanna corporáideacha na gcomhlacthaí sin, de réir mar a roghnóidh sé;

Ar choinníoll nach ndéanfaidh an Comhchoiste, tráth ar bith, aon ní a bhreithniú a bhaineann le comhlacht den sórt sin agus atá, a bhí, nó a bheartaítear, an tráth sin, a bheith, faoi bhreithniú ag an gCoiste um Chuntais Phoiblí, de bhun Orduithe Tagartha an Choiste sin agus/nó Acht an Ard-Reachtaire Cuntas agus Ciste (Leasú) 1993;

Ar choinníoll thairis sin go staonfaidh an Comhchoiste ó aon ní den sórt sin a fhiosrú i seisiún poiblí, nó ó fhaisnéis rúndir maidir le haon ní den sórt sin a fhoilsíú, má iarrann an comhlacht lena mbaineann nó an tAire Sláinte agus Leanaí air déanamh amhlaidh; agus

(ix) cibé nithe eile a tharchuirfidh dhá Theach an Oireachtas chuige, i gcomhar, ó am go ham,

agus tabharfaidh sé tuarascáil ar an méid sin do dhá Theach an Oireachtas.

(2) Beidh an chumhacht ag an gComhchoiste a cheangal ar an Aire Sláinte agus Leanaí (nó ar Aire nó Aire Stáit a bheidh ainmnithe ina áit nó ina háit) freastal os comhair an Chomhchoiste agus eolas ó bhéal a thabhairt, i seisiún príobháideach más é sin is mian leis an Aire nó leis an Aire Stáit, roimh chruinntithe de Chomhairle an Aontais Eorpaigh chun a chumasú don Chomhchoiste a thuairimí a chur in iúl.

(3) Cúigear is córam don Chomhchoiste, ar comhalta de Dháil Éireann duine amháin díobh ar a laghad agus ar comhalta de Seanad Éireann duine amháin díobh ar a laghad.

(viii) such annual reports or annual reports and accounts, required by law and laid before either or both Houses of the Oireachtas, of bodies specified in paragraphs 2(i) and (iv), and the overall operational results, statements of strategy and corporate plans of these bodies, as it may select;

Provided that the Joint Committee shall not, at any time, consider any matter relating to such a body which is, which has been, or which is, at that time, proposed to be considered by the Committee of Public Accounts pursuant to the Orders of Reference of that Committee and/or the Comptroller and Auditor General (Amendment) Act 1993;

Provided further that the Joint Committee shall refrain from inquiring into in public session, or publishing confidential information regarding, any such matter if so requested either by the body concerned or by the Minister for Health and Children; and

(ix) such other matters as may be jointly referred to it from time to time by both Houses of the Oireachtas,

and shall report thereon to both Houses of the Oireachtas.

(2) The Joint Committee shall have the power to require that the Minister for Health and Children (or a Minister or Minister of State nominated in his or her stead) shall attend before the Joint Committee and provide, in private session if so desired by the Minister or Minister of State, oral briefings in advance of EU Council meetings to enable the Joint Committee to make known its views.

(3) The quorum of the Joint Committee shall be five, of whom at least one shall be a member of Dáil Éireann and one a member of Seanad Éireann.

- (4) Beidh na cumhachtaí a mhínítear i mBuan-Ordú 70(1) go (9), go huile, ag an gComhchoiste.
- (4) The Joint Committee shall have the powers defined in Standing Order 70(1) to (9) inclusive.
- (5) Beidh Cathaoirleach an Chomhchoiste ina chomhalta nó ina comhalta de Dháil Éireann.
- (5) The Chairman of the Joint Committee shall be a member of Dáil Éireann."

—Senator Donie Cassidy.

"11. (1)(a) Go ndéanfar Roghchoiste ar a mbeidh 4 chomhalta de Sheanad Éireann a chomhcheangal le Roghchoiste de Dháil Éireann chun bheith ina Chomhchoiste um Dhlí agus Ceart, Comhionannas, Cosaint agus Cearta na mBan chun breithniú a dhéanamh ar an méid seo a leanas—

- (i) cibé gnóthaí poiblí atá faoi riarradh na Roinne Dlí agus Cirt, Comhionannais agus Athchóiriúthe Dlí agus na Roinne Cosanta a roghnóidh sé, lena n-áirítear, i leith beartais Rialtais, comhlacthaí atá faoi choimirce na Ranna sin;
- (ii) cibé nithe a bhaineann le beartas, lena n-áirítear nithe a bhaineann leis an Aontas Eorpach, a roghnóidh sé agus a bhfuil an tAire Dlí agus Cirt, Comhionannais agus Athchóiriúthe Dlí agus an tAire Cosanta freagach astu go hoifigiúil;
- (iii) cibé nithe i measc Ranna a thagann faoi réim chúram an Aire Stáit ag a bhfuil freagach speisialta maidir Beartas Lánpháirtíochta a roghnóidh sé;
- Ar choinníoll go dtabharfar deis do chomhaltaí den Chomhchoiste um Ghnóthaí Ealaíon, Spóirt, Turasóireachta, Pobail, Tuaithe agus Gaeltachta agus den Chomhchoiste um Oideachas agus Eolaíocht páirt a ghlacadh le linn na nithe atá faoi réim an chúraim sin a bheith á mbreithniú;
- (iv) cibé nithe i measc Ranna a bhaineann le cearta na mban agus a roghnóidh sé;
- (1)(a) That a Select Committee consisting of 4 members of Seanad Éireann shall be appointed to be joined with Select Committee of Dáil Éireann to form the Joint Committee on Justice, Equality, Defence and Women's Rights to consider—
- (i) such public affairs administered by the Department of Justice, Equality and Law Reform and the Department of Defence as it may select, including, in respect of Government policy, bodies under the aegis of those Departments;
- (ii) such matters of policy, including EU related matters, for which the Minister for Justice, Equality and Law Reform and the Minister for Defence are officially responsible as it may select;
- (iii) such matters across Departments which come within the remit of the Minister of State with special responsibility for Integration Policy as it may select;
- Provided that members of the Joint Committee on Arts, Sport, Tourism, Community, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs and the Joint Committee on Education and Science shall be afforded the opportunity to participate in the consideration of matters within this remit;
- (iv) such matters across Departments relating to women's rights as it may select;

- (v) cibé saincheisteanna beartais gaolmhara a roghnóidh sé agus a bhaineann le comhlachtaí a bhíonn á maoiniú go hiomlán nó go páirteach ag an Stát nó le comhlachtaí arna mbunú nó arna gceapadh ag Comhaltaí den Rialtas nó ag an Oireachtas;
- (vi) cibé Ionstraimí Reachtúla, arna ndéanamh ag an Aire Dlí agus Cirt, Comhionannais agus Athchóirithe Dlí agus ag an Aire Cosanta agus arna leagan faoi bhráid dhá Theach an Oireachtas, a roghnóidh sé;
- (vii) cibé tograí le haghaidh reachtaíocht AE agus saincheisteanna beartais gaolmhara a tharchuir-fear chuige ó am go ham, de réir Bhuan-Ordú 70(4);
- (viii) an ráiteas straitéise arna leagan faoi bhráid gach Tí den Oireachtas ag an Aire Dlí agus Cirt, Comhionannais agus Athchóirithe Dlí agus ag an Aire Cosanta de bhun alt 5(2) den Acht um Bainistíocht na Seirbhíse Poiblí 1997 agus a mbeidh an Comhchoiste údaraithe ina leith chun críocha alt 10 den Acht sin;
- (ix) cibé tuarascálacha bliantúla nó tuarascálacha bliantúla agus cuntas is gá de réir dlí agus a leagtar faoi bhráid ceachtar Tí den Oireachtas nó faoi bhráid an dá Theach sin, ar tuarascálacha bliantúla nó tuarascálacha bliantúla agus cuntas iad de chuid comhlachtaí a shonraítear i míreanna 2(i) agus (v), agus torthaí oibríochta foriomlána, ráitis straitéise agus pleananna corporáideacha na gcomhlachtaí sin, de réir mar a roghnóidh sé;

Ar choinníoll nach ndéanfaidh an Comhchoiste, tráth ar bith, aon ní a bhreithniú a bhaineann le comhlacht den sórt sin agus atá, a bhí, nó a bheartaítar, an tráth sin, a bheith, faoi bhreithniú ag an gCoiste um Chuntais Phoiblí, de bhun Orduithe Tagartha an Choiste sin agus/nó Acht an Ard-Reachtaire Cuntas agus Ciste (Leasú) 1993;

Provided that the Joint Committee shall not, at any time, consider any matter relating to such a body which is, which has been, or which is, at that time, proposed to be considered by the Committee of Public Accounts pursuant to the Orders of Reference of that Committee and/or the Comptroller and Auditor General (Amendment) Act 1993;

- (v) such related policy issues as it may select concerning bodies which are partly or wholly funded by the State or which are established or appointed by Members of the Government or by the Oireachtas;

- (vi) such Statutory Instruments made by the Minister for Justice, Equality and Law Reform and the Minister for Defence and laid before both Houses of the Oireachtas as it may select;

- (vii) such proposals for EU legislation and related policy issues as may be referred to it from time to time, in accordance with Standing Order 70(4);

- (viii) the strategy statement laid before each House of the Oireachtas by the Minister for Justice, Equality and Law Reform and the Minister for Defence pursuant to section 5(2) of the Public Service Management Act 1997, and for which the Joint Committee is authorised for the purposes of section 10 of that Act;

- (ix) such annual reports or annual reports and accounts, required by law and laid before either or both Houses of the Oireachtas, of bodies specified in paragraphs 2(i) and (v), and the overall operational results, statements of strategy and corporate plans of these bodies, as it may select;

Ar choinníoll thairis sin go staonfaidh an Comhchoiste ó aon ní den sórt sin a phiosrú i seisiún poiblí, nó ó fhaisnéis rúndá maidir le haon ní den sórt sin a fhoilsiú, má iarrann an comhlacht lena mbaineann nó an tAire Dlí agus Cirt, Comhionannais agus Athchóirithe Dlí nó an tAire Cosanta air déanamh amhlaidh; agus

- (x) cibé nithe eile a tharchuirfidh dhá Theach an Oireachtas chuige, i gcomhar, ó am go ham,
- agus tabharfaidh sé tuarascáil ar an méid sin do dhá Theach an Oireachtas.

- (2) Beidh an chumhacht ag an gComhchoiste a cheangal ar an Aire Dlí agus Cirt, Comhionannais agus Athchóirithe Dlí nó ar an Aire Cosanta (nó ar Aire nó Aire Stáit a bheidh ainmnithe ina n-áit) freastal os comhair an Chomhchoiste agus eolas ó bhéal a thabhairt, i seisiún príobháideach más é sin is mian leis an Aire nó leis an Aire Stáit, roimh chruinntithe de Chomhairle an Aontais Eorpaigh chun a chumasú don Chomhchoiste a thuairimí a chur in iúl.
- (3) Cúigear is córam don Chomhchoiste, ar comhalta de Dháil Éireann duine amháin díobh ar a laghad agus ar comhalta de Seanad Éireann duine amháin díobh ar a laghad.
- (4) Beidh na cumhactaí a mhínítear i mBuan-Ordú 70(1) go (9), go huile, ag an gComhchoiste.
- (5) Beidh Cathaoirleach an Chomhchoiste ina chomhalta nó ina comhalta de Dháil Éireann.

Provided further that the Joint Committee shall refrain from inquiring into in public session, or publishing confidential information regarding, any such matter if so requested either by the body concerned or by the Minister for Justice, Equality and Law Reform or the Minister for Defence; and

- (x) such other matters as may be jointly referred to it from time to time by both Houses of the Oireachtas,

and shall report thereon to both Houses of the Oireachtas.

- (2) The Joint Committee shall have the power to require that the Minister for Justice, Equality and Law Reform or the Minister for Defence (or a Minister or Minister of State nominated in their stead) shall attend before the Joint Committee and provide, in private session if so desired by the Minister or Minister of State, oral briefings in advance of EU Council meetings to enable the Joint Committee to make known its views.
- (3) The quorum of the Joint Committee shall be five, of whom at least one shall be a member of Dáil Éireann and one a member of Seanad Éireann.
- (4) The Joint Committee shall have the powers defined in Standing Order 70(1) to (9) inclusive.
- (5) The Chairman of the Joint Committee shall be a member of Dáil Éireann."

—Senator Donie Cassidy.

"12. (1)(a) Go ndéanfar Roghchoiste ar a mbeidh 4 chomhalta de Seanad Éireann a chomhcheangal le Roghchoiste de Dháil Éireann chun bheith ina Chomhchoiste um Ghnóthaí Sóisialacha agus Teaghlaigh chun breithniú a dhéanamh ar an méid seo a leanas—

- (i) cibé gnóthaí poiblí atá faoi riarradh na Roinne Gnóthaí Sóisialacha agus Teaghlaigh a roghnóidh

(1)(a) That a Select Committee consisting of 4 members of Seanad Éireann shall be appointed to be joined with a Select Committee of Dáil Éireann to form the Joint Committee on Social and Family Affairs to consider—

- (i) such public affairs administered by the Department of Social and Family Affairs as it may select,

sé, lena n-áirítar, i leith beartais Rialtais, comhlachtaí atá faoi choimirce na Roinne sin;

- (ii) cibé nithe a bhaineann le beartas, lena n-áirítar nithe a bhaineann leis an Aontas Eorpach, a roghnóidh sé agus a bhfuil an tAire Gnóthaí Sóisialacha agus Teaghlaigh freagrach astu go hoifigiúil;
 - (iii) cibé saincheisteanna beartais gaolmhara a roghnóidh sé agus a bhaineann le comhlachtaí a bhíonn á maoiniú go hiomlán nó go páirteach ag an Stát nó le comhlachtaí arna mbunú nó arna gceapadh ag Comhaltaí den Rialtas nó ag an Oireachtas;
 - (iv) cibé Ionstraimí Reachtúla, arna ndéanamh ag an Aire Gnóthaí Sóisialacha agus Teaghlaigh agus arna leagan faoi bhráid dhá Theach an Oireachtais, a roghnóidh sé;
 - (v) cibé tograí le haghaidh reachtaíocht AE agus saincheisteanna beartais gaolmhara a tharchuir-fear chuige, ó am go ham, de réir Bhuan-Ordú 70(4);
 - (vi) an ráiteas straitéise arna leagan faoi bhráid gach Tí den Oireachtas ag an Aire Gnóthaí Sóisialacha agus Teaghlaigh de bhun alt 5(2) den Acht um Bainistíocht na Seirbhíse Poiblí 1997 agus a mbeidh an Comhchoiste údaraithe ina leith chun críocha alt 10 den Acht sin;
 - (vii) cibé tuarascálacha bliantúla nó tuarascálacha bliantúla agus cuntais, is gá de réir dlí agus a leagtar faoi bhráid ceachtar Tí den Oireachtas, nó faoi bhráid an dá Theach sin, ar tuarascálacha bliantúla nó tuarascálacha bliantúla agus cuntais iad de chuid comhlachtaí a shonraítear i míreanna (2)(i) agus (iii), agus torthaí oibríochta foriomlána, ráitis straitéise agus pleannanna corporáideacha na gcomhlachtaí sin, de réir mar a roghnóidh sé;
- including, in respect of Government policy, bodies under the aegis of that Department;
- (ii) such matters of policy, including EU related matters, for which the Minister for Social and Family Affairs is officially responsible as it may select;
 - (iii) such related policy issues as it may select concerning bodies which are partly or wholly funded by the State or which are established or appointed by Members of the Government or by the Oireachtas;
 - (iv) such Statutory Instruments made by the Minister for Social and Family Affairs and laid before both Houses of the Oireachtas as it may select;
 - (v) such proposals for EU legislation and related policy issues as may be referred to it from time to time, in accordance with Standing Order 70(4);
 - (vi) the strategy statement laid before each House of the Oireachtas by the Minister for Social and Family Affairs pursuant to section 5(2) of the Public Service Management Act 1997, and for which the Joint Committee is authorised for the purposes of section 10 of that Act;
 - (vii) such annual reports or annual reports and accounts, required by law and laid before either or both Houses of the Oireachtas, of bodies specified in paragraphs 2(i) and (iii), and the overall operational results, statements of strategy and corporate plans of these bodies, as it may select;

Ar choinníoll nach ndéanfaidh an Comhchoiste, tráth ar bith, aon ní a bhreithniú a bhaineann le comhlacht den sórt sin agus atá, a bhí, nó a bheartaítar, an tráth sin, a bheith, faoi bhreithniú ag an gCoiste um Chuntais Phoiblí, de bhun Orduithe Tagartha an Choiste sin agus/nó Acht an Ard-Reachtaire Cuntas agus Ciste (Leasú) 1993;

Ar choinníoll thairis sin go staonfaidh an Comhchoiste ó aon ní den sórt sin a fhiosrú i seisiún pojiblí, nó ó fhaisnéis rúnda maidir le haon ní den sórt sin a fhoilsiú, má iarrann an comhlacht lena mbaineann nó an tAire Gnóthaí Sóisialacha agus Teaghlaigh air déanamh amhlaidh; agus

- (viii) cibé nithe eile a tharchuirfidh dhá Theach an Oireachtas chuige, i gcomhar, ó am go ham,

agus tabharfaidh sé tuarascáil ar an méid sin do dhá Theach an Oireachtas.

(2) Beidh an chumhacht ag an gComhchoiste a cheangal ar an Aire Gnóthaí Sóisialacha agus Teaghlaigh (nó ar Aire nó Aire Stáit a bheidh ainmnithe ina áit nó ina háit) freastal os comhair an Chomhchoiste agus eolas ó bhéal a thabhairt, i seisiún príobháideach más é sin is mian leis an Aire nó leis an Aire Stáit, roimh chruinnithe de Chomhairle an Aontais Eorpáigh chun a chumasú don Chomhchoiste a thuairimí a chur in iúl.

(3) Cúigear is córam don Chomhchoiste, ar comhalta de Dháil Éireann duine amháin díobh ar a laghad agus ar comhalta de Seanad Éireann duine amháin díobh ar a laghad.

(4) Beidh na cumhactaí a mhínítear i mBuan-Ordú 70(1) go (9), go huile, ag an gComhchoiste.

(5) Beidh Cathaoirleach an Chomhchoiste ina chomhalta nó ina comhalta de Dháil Éireann.

Provided that the Joint Committee shall not, at any time, consider any matter relating to such a body which is, which has been, or which is, at that time, proposed to be considered by the Committee of Public Accounts pursuant to the Orders of Reference of that Committee and/or the Comptroller and Auditor General (Amendment) Act 1993;

Provided further that the Joint Committee shall refrain from inquiring into in public session, or publishing confidential information regarding, any such matter if so requested either by the body concerned or by the Minister for Social and Family Affairs; and

- (viii) such other matters as may be jointly referred to it from time to time by both Houses of the Oireachtas,

and shall report thereon to both Houses of the Oireachtas.

(2) The Joint Committee shall have the power to require that the Minister for Social and Family Affairs (or a Minister or Minister of State nominated in his or her stead) shall attend before the Joint Committee and provide, in private session if so desired by the Minister or Minister of State, oral briefings in advance of EU Council meetings to enable the Joint Committee to make known its views.

(3) The quorum of the Joint Committee shall be five, of whom at least one shall be a member of Dáil Éireann and one a member of Seanad Éireann.

(4) The Joint Committee shall have the powers defined in Standing Order 70(1) to (9) inclusive.

(5) The Chairman of the Joint Committee shall be a member of Dáil Éireann.”

—Senator Donie Cassidy.

“13. (1)(a) Go ndéanfar Roghchoiste ar a mbeidh 4 chomhalta de

(1)(a) That a Select Committee consisting of 4 members of Seanad Éireann

Sheanad Éireann a chomhcheangal le Roghchoiste de Dháil Éireann chun bheith ina Chomhchoiste um Iompar chun breithniú a dhéanamh ar an méid seo a leanas—

- (i) cibé gnóthaí poiblí atá faoi riarradh an Roinn Iompair a roghnóidh sé, lena n-áirítear, i leith beartais Rialtais, comhlachtaí atá faoi choimirce na Roinne sin;
- (ii) cibé nithe a bhaineann le beartas, lena n-áirítear nithe a bhaineann leis an Aontas Eorpach, a roghnóidh sé agus a bhfuil an tAire Iompair freagrach astu go hoifigiúil;
- (iii) cibé saincheisteanna beartais gaolmhara a roghnóidh sé agus a bhaineann le comhlachtaí a bhíonn á maioniú go hiomlán nó go páirteach ag an Stát nó le comhlachtaí arna mbunú nó arna gceapadh ag Comhaltaí den Rialtas nó ag an Oireachtas;
- (iv) cibé Ionstraimí Reachtúla, arna ndéanamh ag an Aire Iompair agus arna leagan faoi bhráid dhá Theach an Oireachtais, a roghnóidh sé;
- (v) cibé tograí le haghaidh reachtaíocht AE agus saincheisteanna beartais gaolmhara a tharchuirfear chuige, ó am go ham, de réir Bhuan-Ordú 70(4);
- (vi) an ráiteas straitéise arna leagan faoi bhráid gach Tí den Oireachtas ag an Aire Iompair de bhun alt 5(2) den Acht um Bainistíocht na Seirbhíse Poiblí 1997 agus a mbeidh an Comhchoiste údaraithe ina leith chun críocha alt 10 den Acht sin;
- (vii) cibé tuarascálacha bliantúla nó tuarascálacha bliantúla agus cuntas is gá de réir dlí agus a leagtar faoi bhráid ceachtar Tí den Oireachtas nó faoi bhráid an dá Theach sin, ar tuarascálacha bliantúla nó tuarascálacha bliantúla
- (i) such public affairs administered by the Department of Transport as it may select, including, in respect of Government policy, bodies under the aegis of that Department;
- (ii) such matters of policy, including EU related matters, for which the Minister for Transport is officially responsible as it may select;
- (iii) such related policy issues as it may select concerning bodies which are partly or wholly funded by the State or which are established or appointed by Members of the Government or by the Oireachtas;
- (iv) such Statutory Instruments made by the Minister for Transport and laid before both Houses of the Oireachtas as it may select;
- (v) such proposals for EU legislation and related policy issues as may be referred to it from time to time, in accordance with Standing Order 70(4);
- (vi) the strategy statement laid before each House of the Oireachtas by the Minister for Transport pursuant to section 5(2) of the Public Service Management Act 1997, and for which the Joint Committee is authorised for the purposes of section 10 of that Act;
- (vii) such annual reports or annual reports and accounts, required by law and laid before either or both Houses of the Oireachtas, of bodies specified in paragraphs 2(i) and (iii), and the overall operational results, statements of

shall be appointed to be joined with a Select Committee of Dáil Éireann to form the Joint Committee on Transport to consider—

agus cuntas iad de chuid comhlachtaí a shonraítear i míreanna 2(i) agus (iii), agus torthaí oibríochta foriomlána, ráitis stráitise agus pleananna corporáideacha na gcomhlachtaí sin, de réir mar a roghnóidh sé;

Ar choinníoll nach ndéanfaidh an Comhchoiste, tráth ar bith, breithniú ar aon ní a bhaineann le comhlacht den sórt sin agus atá, a bhí, nó a bheartaítar, an tráth sin, a bheith, faoi bhrefthniú ag an gCoiste um Chuntais Phoiblí, de bhun Orduithe Tagartha an Choiste sin agus/nó Acht an Ard-Reachtaire Cuntas agus Ciste (Leasú) 1993;

Ar choinníoll thairis sin go staonfaidh an Comhchoiste ó aon ní den sórt sin a fhiosrú i seisiún poiblí, nó ó fhaisnéis rúnda maidir le haon ní den sórt sin a fhoilsiú, má iarrann an comhlacht lena mbaineann nó an tAire Iompair agus Mara air déanamh amhlaidh; agus

- (viii) cibé nithe eile a tharchuirfidh dhá Theach an Oireachtas chuige, i gcomhar, ó am go ham,

agus tabharfaidh sé tuarascáil ar an méid sin do dhá Theach an Oireachtas.

(2) Beidh an chumhacht ag an gComhchoiste a cheangal ar an Aire Iompair (nó ar Aire nó Aire Stáit a bheidh ainmniúthe ina áit nó ina háit) freastal os comhair an Chomhchoiste agus eolas ó bhéal a thabhairt, i seisiún príobháideach más é sin is mian leis an Aire nó leis an Aire Stáit, roimh chruinnithe de Chomhairle an Aontais Eorpáigh chun a chumasú don Chomhchoiste a thuairimí a chur in iúl.

(3) Cúigear is córam don Chomhchoiste, ar comhalta de Dháil Éireann duine amháin díobh ar a laghad agus ar comhalta de Seanad Éireann duine amháin díobh ar a laghad.

(4) Beidh na cumhachtaí a mhínítear i mBuan-Ordú 70(1) go (9), go huile, ag an gComhchoiste.

strategy and corporate plans of these bodies, as it may select;

Provided that the Joint Committee shall not, at any time, consider any matter relating to such a body which is, which has been, or which is, at that time, proposed to be considered by the Committee of Public Accounts pursuant to the Orders of Reference of that Committee and/or the Comptroller and Auditor General (Amendment) Act 1993;

Provided further that the Joint Committee shall refrain from inquiring into in public session, or publishing confidential information regarding, any such matter if so requested either by the body concerned or by the Minister for Transport and the Marine; and

- (viii) such other matters as may be jointly referred to it from time to time by both Houses of the Oireachtas,

and shall report thereon to both Houses of the Oireachtas.

(2) The Joint Committee shall have the power to require that the Minister for Transport (or a Minister or Minister of State nominated in his or her stead) shall attend before the Joint Committee and provide, in private session if so desired by the Minister or Minister of State, oral briefings in advance of EU Council meetings to enable the Joint Committee to make known its views.

(3) The quorum of the Joint Committee shall be five, of whom at least one shall be a member of Dáil Éireann and one a member of Seanad Éireann.

(4) The Joint Committee shall have the powers defined in Standing Order 70(1) to (9) inclusive.

- (5) Beidh Cathaoirleach an Chomhchoiste ina comhalta nó ina Cathaoirleach ar an gComhchoiste de Dháil Éireann.
- (5) The Chairman of the Joint Committee shall be a member of Dáil Éireann."

—Senator Donie Cassidy.

"14.(1)(a) Go gceapfar Roghchoiste, ar a mbeidh ceathrar comhaltaí de Sheanad Éireann, a bheidh le comhcheangal le Roghchoiste atá le ceapadh ag Dáil Éireann, chun bheith ina Chomhchoiste ar an mBunreacht chun breithniú iomlán ar an mBunreacht a chríochnú d'fhoinn thír ar ionad agus ar ábharthacht an Bhunreachta agus d'fhoinn na réimsí sin a shuíomh ina bhféadfaidh sé a bheith inmhianaithe nó riachtanach athrú a dhéanamh ar an mBunreacht.

(2) Le linn cibé nithe a bhreithniú a roghnóidh sé agus is cuí leis, agus ar nithe iad ar a dtuairisceoidh sé do dhá Theach an Oireachtas, cuirfidh an Comhchoiste san áireamh

(a) an obair atá gafa de láimh cheana féin ag an gComhchoiste ar an mBunreacht san 28ú Dáil agus sa 29ú Dáil agus ag an gComhchoiste Uile-Pháirtí Oireachtas ar an mBunreacht ó bunaíodh é i mí Iúil 1996 agus ó athbhunaíodh é i mí Dheireadh Fómhair 1997 agus arís i mí na Nollag 2002; agus

(b) Tuarascáil an Ghrúpa Athbhreithnithe ar an mBunreacht.

(3) Cúigear is córam don Chomhchoiste, ar comhalta de Dháil Éireann duine amháin thír ar a laghad agus ar comhalta de Sheanad Éireann duine amháin thír ar a laghad.

(4) Beidh na cumhachtaí a mhínítear i mBuan-Ordú 70(1), (2), (3), (4), (8) agus (9) ag an gComhchoiste.

(5) Is comhalta de Dháil Éireann a bheidh ina Cathaoirleach nó ina Cathaoirleach ar an gComhchoiste.

(1) That a Select Committee, consisting of four members of Seanad Éireann, be appointed to be joined with a Select Committee to be appointed by Dáil Éireann to form the Joint Committee on the Constitution to complete a full review of the Constitution in order to provide focus to the place and relevance of the Constitution and to establish those areas where Constitutional change may be desirable or necessary.

(2) In considering such matters as it may select and see fit and on which it shall report to both Houses of the Oireachtas, the Joint Committee shall take cognisance of

(a) the work already undertaken by the Joint Committee on the Constitution in the 28th and 29th Dáileanna and the All-Party Oireachtas Committee on the Constitution since its establishment in July 1996 and re-establishment in October 1997 and again in December 2002; and

(b) the Report of the Constitution Review Group.

(3) The quorum of the Joint Committee shall be five, of whom at least one shall be a member of Dáil Éireann and one a member of Seanad Éireann.

(4) The Joint Committee shall have the powers defined in Standing Order 70(1), (2), (3), (4), (8) and (9).

(5) The Chairman of the Joint Committee shall be a member of Dáil Éireann."

—Senator Donie Cassidy.

“15.(1)(a) Go gceapfar Roghchoiste, ar a mbeidh 4 Chomhalta de Sheanad Éireann, a bheidh le comhcheangal le Roghchoiste atá le ceapadh ag Dáil Éireann, chun bheith ina Chomhchoiste um Ghrinnscrúdú Eorpach chun breithniú a dhéanamh ar an méid seo a leanas—

- (i) grinnscrúdú a dhéanamh ar na nithe seo a leanas, i gcomhthéacs saincheisteanna a bhaineann leis an Aontas Eorpach agus beart a bheidh le déanamh ag Comhairle Airí an Aontais Eorpaigh—
- (I) aon tograí faoi chonarthaí an Chomphobail le haghaidh reachtaíochta ón gComhairle nó ón gComhairle ag gníomhú di i gcomhar le Parlaimint na hEorpa,
- (II) aon doiciméad a fhoilsítear lena chur faoi bhráid na Comhairle Eorpaí, na Comhairle nó an Bhainc Ceannais Eorpaigh,
- (III) aon togra le haghaidh comhstráitise, gníomhaíochta compháirtí nó comhsheasaimh faoi Theideal V den Chonradh ar an Aontas Eorpach a ullmhaítear lena chur faoi bhráid na Comhairle nó na Comhairle Eorpaí,
- (IV) aon togra le haghaidh comhsheasaimh, creatchinnidh, cinnidh nó coimbhinsiúin faoi Theideal VI den Chonradh ar an Aontas Eorpach a ullmhaítear lena chur faoi bhráid na Comhairle, agus
- (V) aon doiciméad (nach dtagann faoi réim (II), (III) nó (IV) thuas) atá foilsithe ag institiúid amháin den Aontas lena chur, nó d'fheonn é a chur, faoi bhráid institiúide eile den Aontas agus nach mbaineann go heiSiach le haon togra le haghaidh reachtaíochta a bhreithniú,

de réir mar a roghnóidh sé;

- (ii) breithniú a dhéanamh ar cibé nithe eile a tharchuirfidh dhá

(1)(a) That a Select Committee, consisting of 4 Members of Seanad Éireann, be appointed to be joined with a Select Committee to be appointed by Dáil Éireann to form the Joint Committee on European Scrutiny to—

- (i) scrutinise, in the context of European Union issues and measures to be taken by the Council of Ministers of the European Union—
- (I) any proposals under the Community treaties for legislation by the Council or the Council acting jointly with the European Parliament,
- (II) any document which is published for submission to the European Council, the Council or the European Central Bank,
- (III) any proposal for a common strategy, a joint action or a common position under Title V of the Treaty on European Union which is prepared for submission to the Council or to the European Council,
- (IV) any proposal for a common position, framework decision, decision or a convention under Title VI of the Treaty on European Union which is prepared for submission to the Council, and
- (V) any document (not falling within (II), (III), or (IV) above) which is published by one Union institution for or with a view to submission to another Union institution and which does not relate exclusively to the consideration of any proposal for legislation,

as it may select;

- (ii) consider such other matters as may be referred to it from time

Theach an Oireachtas chuige ó am go ham; agus

- (iii) ionadaíocht a dhéanamh do dhá Theach an Oireachtas ag Comhdháil na gCoistí um Ghnóthaí Comhphobail agus Eorpacha de chuid Pharlaimintí an Aontais Eorpaigh (COSAC) i gcomhar leis an gComhchoiste um Ghnóthaí Eorpacha;

agus tabharfaidh sé tuarascáil ar an méid sin do dhá Theach an Oireachtas i gcomhairle leis an gComhchoiste um Ghnóthaí Eorpacha.

(b) Beidh ag an gComhchoiste:

- (i) na cumhactaí a mhínítear i mBuan-Ordú 70(1) go (9), go huile;
- (ii) an chumhacht chun togra le haghaidh reachtaíocht AE atá breithnithe aige (agus ar cinneadh ina thaobh go bhfuil tábhacht leordhóthanach ag baint leis chun gur gá tuilleadh grinnscrúdaithe a dhéanamh air) a tharchur chuig Comhchoiste dáir tugadh an chumhacht a mhínítear i mBuan-Ordú 70(4) chun tograí den sórt sin a bhrefhinniú;
- (iii) an chumhacht chun a iarraidh ar Chomhaltaí den Rialtas (nó ar Airí Stáit a bheidh ainmnithe ina n-áit) freastal os a chomhair agus eolas ó bhéal a thabhairt, i seis-iún príobháideach más é sin is mian leis an gComhulta den Rialtas nó leis an Aire Stáit, chun a chumasú don Chomhchoiste a thuairimí a chur in iúl;
- (iv) an chumhacht chun a iarraidh ar Ard-Rúnaí Roinne Rialtais (nó ar ionadaí ainmnithe) freastal os a chomhair, chun na tuarascála-cha leathbhliantúla a leagtar faoi bhráid gach Tí den Oireachtas faoi alt 2(4) d'Acht an Aontais Eorpaigh (Grinnscrúdú) 2002 agus forbairtí eile a bhaineann leis an Aontas Eorpach agus a

to time by both Houses of the Oireachtas; and

- (iii) represent both Houses of the Oireachtas at the Conference of Community and European Affairs Committees of Parliaments of the European Union (COSAC) jointly with the Joint Committee on European Affairs;

and report thereon to both Houses of the Oireachtas in consultation with the Joint Committee on European Affairs.

(b) The Joint Committee shall have:

- (i) the powers defined in Standing Order 70(1) to (9) inclusive;
- (ii) the power to refer a proposal for EU legislation which has been considered by it (and which has been concluded to be of sufficient importance to require additional scrutiny) to a Joint Committee on which has been conferred the power defined in Standing Order 70(4) to consider such proposals;
- (iii) the power to request the attendance of Members of the Government (or Ministers of State nominated in their stead) and provide, in private session if so desired by the Member of the Government or Minister of State, oral briefings to enable the Joint Committee to make known its views;
- (iv) the power to request the attendance of the Secretary General of a Government Department (or a nominated representative) to discuss the six monthly reports laid before each House of the Oireachtas under section 2(4) of the European Union (Scrutiny) Act 2002 and other developments related to the European

thagann faoi chúram na Roinne sin a phlé; agus

- (v) an chumhacht, de réir Bhuan-Ordú 75, togra le haghaidh reachtaíocht AE atá breithnithe aige (agus ar cinneadh ina thaobh go bhfuil tábhacht leordhóthanach ag baint leis chun gur gá tuilleadh díospóireachta a dhéanamh air) a tharchur ar mhodh tuarascála chuig ceachtar Teach den Oireachtas nó chuig an dá Theach sin.
- (c) Féadfaidh na daoine seo a leanas freastal ar chruinnithe den Chomhchoiste agus féadfaidh siad páirt a ghlaicadh sna himeachtaí gan ceart vótala a bheith acu ná ceart chun tairiscintí agus leasuithe a thairgeadh—
 - (i) Comhaltaí de Pharlaimint na hEorpa arna dtoghadh ó thoghlaigh in Éirinn (lena n-áirítear Tuaisceart Éireann); agus
 - (ii) ar chuireadh a fháil ón gComhchoiste, Comhaltaí eile de Pharlaimint na hEorpa.
- (d) Cúigear is córam don Chomhchoiste, ar Comhalta de Dháil Éireann duine amháin síobh ar a laghad agus ar Comhalta de Sheanad Éireann duine amháin síobh ar a laghad.
- (3) Beidh Cathaoirleach an Chomhchoiste ina comhalta nó ina comhalta de Dháil Éireann.

“16.(1) Go gceapfar Roghchoiste, ar a mbeidh ceathrar comhaltaí de Sheanad Éireann, a bheidh le comhcheangal le Roghchoiste atá le ceapadh ag Dáil Éireann, chun bheith ina Chomhchoiste um Fhorfheidhmiú Chomhaontú Aoine an Chéasta chun breithniú a dhéanamh ar an méid seo a leanas:

— saincheisteanna a éiríonn as ról na hÉireann mar shínitheoir le Comhaontú Aoine an Chéasta;

Union which fall within the remit of that Department; and

- (v) the power, in accordance with Standing Order 75, to refer by way of a report, a proposal for EU legislation which has been considered by it (and which has been concluded to be of sufficient importance to require further debate) to either or both Houses of the Oireachtas.

- (c) The following persons may attend meetings of the Joint Committee and may take part in proceedings without having a right to vote or to move motions and amendments—
 - (i) Members of the European Parliament elected from constituencies in Ireland (including Northern Ireland); and
 - (ii) at the invitation of the Joint Committee, other Members of the European Parliament.
- (d) The quorum of the Joint Committee shall be five, of whom at least one shall be a Member of Dáil Éireann and one a Member of Seanad Éireann.
- (3) The Chairman of the Joint Committee shall be a member of Dáil Éireann.”

—*Senator Donie Cassidy.*

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- (1) That a Select Committee consisting of 4 members of Seanad Éireann be appointed to be joined with a Select Committee to be appointed by Dáil Éireann to form the Joint Committee on the Implementation of the Good Friday Agreement to consider:
 - issues arising from Ireland’s role as a signatory to the Good Friday Agreement;

- forbairtí leanúnacha i dtaca le forfheidhmiú Chomhaontú Aoine an Chéasta;
- aon tograí a bhaineann le forfheidhmiú Chomhaontú Aoine an Chéasta agus nithe gaolmhara a tharchuirfidh Dáil Éireann chuige ó am go ham,

agus chun tuairisciú do gach Teach uair sa bhliain ar a laghad.

- (2) Beidh na cumhactaí a mhínítear i mBuan-Orduithe 70(1) go (9), go huile, agus 86(2) ag an gComhchoiste.
- (3) Beidh an tAire Gnóthaí Eachtracha (nó Aire nó Aire Stáit a bheidh ainmnithe ina áit nó ina háit) ina comhalta ná ina comhalta *ex-officio* den Choiste agus beidh sé ná sí i dteideal vótáil.
- (4) Féadfaidh Feisirí de chuid Pharlaimint Westminster arna dtoghadh le haghaidh toghlach i dTuaisceart Éireann freastal ar chruinnithe den Chomhchoiste agus dá Fhochoistí agus féadfaidh siad páirt a ghlacadh in imeachtaí gan ceart vótála a bheith acu ná ceart tairiscintí agus leasuithe a thairgeadh.
- (5) Ceathrar is córam don Chomhchoiste, ar comhalta de Dháil Éireann duine amháin díobh ar a laghad agus ar comhalta de Seanad Éireann duine amháin díobh ar a laghad.
- (6) Beidh Cathaoirleach an Chomhchoiste ina comhalta ná ina comhalta de Dháil Éireann.

- ongoing developments in the implementation of the Good Friday Agreement;
- any proposals relating to the implementation of the Good Friday Agreement and related matters as shall be referred to it by Dáil Éireann from time to time,

and to report back to each House at least once a year.

- (2) The Joint Committee shall have the powers defined in Standing Orders 70(1) to (9) inclusive and 86(2).
- (3) The Minister for Foreign Affairs (or a Minister or Minister of State nominated in his or her stead) shall be a member of the Committee and shall be entitled to vote.
- (4) Members of the Westminster Parliament elected for constituencies in Northern Ireland may attend meetings of the Joint Committee and of its sub-Committees and may take part in proceedings without having a right to vote or to move motions and amendments.
- (5) The quorum of the Joint Committee shall be four, of whom at least one shall be a Member of Dáil Éireann and one a Member of Seanad Éireann.
- (6) The Chairman of the Joint Committee shall be a member of Dáil Éireann.”

—Senator Donie Cassidy.

3. An Bille um Nós Imeachta Coiriúil (Leasú) 2007 [Dáil] — An Dara Céim. Criminal Procedure (Amendment) Bill 2007 [Dáil] — Second Stage.

Tairiscint:
Motion:

- 4.** “Go gcomhthoilíonn Seanad Éireann, de bhun fho-alt 2º d’alt 2º d’Airteagal 25 den Bhunreacht, leis an Rialtas in achainí chun an Uachtaráin go gcuirfidh sí a lámh leis an mBille um Nós Imeachta Coiriúil

That pursuant to subsection 2º of section 2 of Article 25 of the Constitution, Seanad Éireann concurs with the Government in a request to the President to sign the Criminal Procedure (Amendment) Bill

(Leasú) 2007, níos luaithe ná an cúigíú lá tar éis an dáta a thairgfear an Bille di.

2007, on a date which is earlier than the fifth day after the date on which the Bill shall have been presented to her.”

—Senator Donie Cassidy.

5. Ráitis ar Straitéis reatha an Rialtais chun Féinmharú a Chosc.

Statements on the Government's current Suicide Prevention Strategy.

6. An Bille um Margaí in Ionstraimí Airgeadais agus Forálacha Ilghnéitheacha 2007 [Dáil] — An Dara Céim.

Markets in Financial Instruments and Miscellaneous Provisions Bill 2007 [Dáil] — Second Stage.

7. An Bille Cróinéirí 2007 — An Coiste.

Coroners Bill 2007 — Committee.

8. An Bille um Chlúmhilleadh 2006 — An Coiste.

Defamation Bill 2006 — Committee.

9. An Bille Árachais Sláinte Shaorálaigh (Leasú) 2007 — An Coiste.

Voluntary Health Insurance (Amendment) Bill 2007 — Committee.

10. Bille na dTeangacha Oifigiúla (Leasú) 2005 — An Dara Céim.

Official Languages (Amendment) Bill 2005 — Second Stage.

—Senators Joe O'Toole, Paul Coghlan, David Norris.

11. An Bille um Páirtíocht Shíbhialta 2004 — An Dara Céim.

Civil Partnership Bill 2004 — Second Stage.

—Senator David Norris.

Tíolactha:

Presented:

12. 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.

Tairiscint:

Motion:

13. “Go gceadaíonn Seanad Éireann an Stát d’fheidhmiú an roghnaithe nó na rogha

That Seanad Éireann approves the exercise by the State of the option or

arna gcur ar fáil le hAirteagal 1.11 de Chonradh Amstardam a bheith páirteach i nglacadh an bhirt bheartaithe seo a leanas:

togra le haghaidh Cinnidh ón gComhairle maidir le comhar idir Oifigí Gnóthaithe Sócmhainní na mBallstát sa réimse fáltais ó choireacht, nó maoin eile a bhaineann léi, a rianú agus a aithint,

ar beart beartaithe é ar leagadh cóip de faoi bhráid Sheanad Éireann an 26 Meán Fómhair, 2007.

discretion provided by Article 1.11 of the Treaty of Amsterdam to take part in the adoption of the following proposed measure:

a proposal for a Council Decision concerning co-operation between Asset Recovery Offices of the Member States in the field of tracing and identification of proceeds from, or other property related to, crime,

a copy of which proposed measure was laid before Seanad Éireann on 26th September, 2007.”.

—Senator Donie Cassidy.

Bille (atógáil) (0.03 n. fágtha):

Bill (resumed) (0.03 m. remaining):

14. An Bille um Chosaint Aeráide 2007 — An Dara Céim (atógáil).

Climate Protection Bill 2007 — Second Stage (resumed).

—Senators Ivana Bacik, Joe O'Toole, Shane Ross, David Norris, Feargal Quinn.

15. 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.

[13 September, 2007]

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]

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]

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.*

[13 September, 2007]

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.*

[13 September, 2007]

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]

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.

[13 September, 2007]

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.

[13 September, 2007]

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.

[13 September, 2007]

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]

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.

[13 September, 2007]

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.
[13 September, 2007]

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.
[13 September, 2007]

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.
[13 September, 2007]

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.
[13 September, 2007]

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, David Norris.*
[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, Rónán Mullen, David Norris.*

[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, Rónán Mullen, David Norris.*

[26 September, 2007]

23. "That Seanad Éireann deplores the failure of the Government to ensure broadband access in every home and business in Ireland."

—Senators *Shane Ross, David Norris, Ivana Bacik, Joe O'Toole, Rónán Mullen, Feargal Quinn.*

[18 October, 2007]

24. "That Seanad Éireann urges the Government to renew its commitment to reduce class sizes to 20 or less for all those under 9 years"

—Senators *Shane Ross, David Norris, Ivana Bacik, Joe O'Toole, Rónán Mullen, Feargal Quinn.*

[18 October, 2007]

25. "That Seanad Éireann calls for an end to political appointments to the Judiciary"

—Senators *Shane Ross, David Norris, Ivana Bacik, Joe O'Toole, Rónán Mullen*
[18 October, 2007]

26. "That Seanad Éireann calls on the Government to end the practice of making political appointments to semi-state bodies."

—Senators *Shane Ross, David Norris, Ivana Bacik, Rónán Mullen.*
[18 October, 2007]

27. "That Seanad Éireann calls on the Government to set up an All-Party Committee to investigate the practice of overcharging by banks."

—Senators *Shane Ross, David Norris, Ivana Bacik, Joe O'Toole, Rónán Mullen, Feargal Quinn.*

[18 October, 2007]

28. "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, Ivana Bacik, Joe O'Toole, Rónán Mullen.*

[18 October, 2007]

29. "That Seanad Éireann calls on the Government to actively embrace human rights and international humanitarian law by putting maximum pressure on the Chinese Government to end the genocide and the massive displacement of people in Darfur."

—Senators *Shane Ross, David Norris, Ivana Bacik.*
[18 October, 2007]

30. "That Seanad Éireann hereby annuls the Cockle (Fisheries Management and Conservation) (Waterford Estuary) Regulations 2007 (S.I. No. 531 of 2007)."

—Senators *Ivana Bacik, David Norris.*
[24 October, 2007]

31. "That Seanad Éireann;

- commends the Government for its commitment to lifelong learning and upskilling;
- commends its commitment to implementing the National Skills strategy and improving accessibility to further education; and
- endorses the Government objectives set out in the social partnership document Towards 2016, the National Development Plan 2007 - 2013 and the National

Action Plan for social inclusion which identify in particular the benefits of further education for those from disadvantaged backgrounds.”

—Senators *Donie Cassidy, Martin Brady, Larry Butler, Peter Callanan, Ivor Callely, John Carty, Maria Corrigan, Mark Daly, John Ellis, Geraldine Feeney, Camillus Glynn, John Hanafin, Cecilia Keaveney, Tony Kett, Terry Leyden, Marc Mac Sharry, Lisa McDonald, Francis O'Brien, Brian Ó Domhnaill, Denis O'Donovan, Labhrás Ó Murchú, Ann Ormonde, Ned O'Sullivan, Kieran Phelan, Jim Walsh, Mary White, Diarmuid Wilson.*

[24 October, 2007]

Leasú:

Amendment:

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

- “recognising that of the current workforce of 1.43 million, 440,000 have at most lower secondary education, including 165,000 aged 35 or less;
- recognising participation by Irish adults in ongoing education and training remains low compared with other EU countries at just 8%;
- noting 500,000 people already at work will need to formally progress by at least one level under the National Qualifications Framework above their current level to retain employability;

calls for the Government to:

- increase the number of people in employment that progress by at least one level under the National Framework of Qualifications by 100,000;
- review literacy commitments under ‘Towards 2016’ to tackle Ireland’s growing literacy problem;
- provide adequate funding for English language teachers and classes to allow for effective integration of migrant workers;
- provide sufficient educational and training progression routes for those engaging in adult education and upskilling; and
- put in place clear mechanisms for the implementation of the National Skills Strategy.”

—Senators *Fidelma Healy-Eames, Frances Fitzgerald, Paul Bradford, Paddy Burke, Jerry Buttiner, Paudie Coffey, Paul Coghlan, Maurice Cummins, Paschal Donohoe, Nicky McFadden, Eugene Regan, John Paul Phelan, Liam Twomey, Joe O'Reilly.*

[23 October, 2007]

16. An Seanad a chur ar athló.

Adjournment of the Seanad.

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