

Dé Céadaoin, 19 Samhain, 2008
Wednesday, 19th November, 2008

10.30 a.m.

RIAR NA hOIBRE

Order Paper

GNÓ POIBLÍ

Public Business

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1. (l) Bille na dTithe (Forálacha Ilghnéitheacha) 2008 — An Coiste.
(a) Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2008 — Committee.

 2. (l) An Bille Cuanta (Leasú) 2008 — An Coiste (*Leasú 7 atógáil*).
(a) Harbours (Amendment) Bill 2008 — Committee (*Amendment 7 resumed*).

 3. An Bille Carthanas 2007 [*Dáil*] — An Dara Céim.
Charities Bill 2007 [*Dáil*] — Second Stage.

 4. An Bille um Chnuas-Mhuinisín agus Mianaigh Fhrithphearsanra 2008 [*Dáil*] — An Dara Céim.
Cluster Munitions and Anti-Personnel Mines Bill 2008 [*Dáil*] — Second Stage.

 5. An Bille Cróinéirí 2007 — An Coiste.
Coroners Bill 2007 — Committee.

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

 7. An Bille um Chosaint Coigiltis Comhair Creidmheasa 2008 — An Dara Céim.
Credit Union Savings Protection Bill 2008 — Second Stage.
—*Senators Joe O'Toole, David Norris, Feargal Quinn, Shane Ross, Ivana Bacik, Rónán Mullen.*

 8. An Bille um Chumas Meabhrach agus Caomhnóireacht 2008 — An Dara Céim.
Mental Capacity and Guardianship Bill 2008 — Second Stage.
—*Senators Joe O'Toole, David Norris, Feargal Quinn, Shane Ross, Ivana Bacik.*
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- 9.** An Bille um Chosaint Tomhaltóirí (Leasú) 2008 — An Dara Céim.
Consumer Protection (Amendment) Bill 2008 — Second Stage.
—*Senators Brendan Ryan, Alex White, Dominic Hannigan, Alan Kelly, Michael
McCarthy, Phil Prendergast.*
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- 10.** An Bille um Dhliteanas Sibhialta (Leasú) (Uimh. 2) 2008 — An Dara Céim.
Civil Liability (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill 2008 — Second Stage.
—*Senators Eugene Regan, Frances Fitzgerald, Maurice Cummins.*
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Bille (atógáil) (0.03 n. fágtha):

Bill (resumed) (0.03 m. remaining):

- 11.** 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.*
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Bille (atógáil) (0.03 n. fágtha):

Bill (resumed) (0.03 m. remaining):

- 12.** An Bille Meabhair-Shláinte (Bearta Ainneonacha) (Leasú) 2008 — An Dara Céim
(*atógáil*).
Mental Health (Involuntary Procedures) (Amendment) Bill 2008 — Second Stage
(*resumed*).
—*Senators Dan Boyle, Déirdre de Búrca, David Norris.*
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Bille (atógáil) (0.03 n. fágtha):

Bill (resumed) (0.03 m. remaining):

- 13.** An Bille um Orgáin de chuid Chorp an Duine agus Fíocháin Dhaonna 2008 — An
Dara Céim (*atógáil*).
Human Body Organs and Human Tissue Bill 2008 — Second Stage (*resumed*).
—*Senator Feargal Quinn.*
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Tíolactha:

Presented:

- 14.** 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.*

15. Bille Toghcháin an tSeanaid (Rolla-Chomhaltaí) (Leasú) 2008 — Ordú don Dara Céim.

Seanad Electoral (Panel Members) (Amendment) Bill 2008 — Order for Second Stage.

Bille dá ngairtear Acht do leasú Acht Toghcháin an tSeanaid (Rolla-Chomhaltaí) 1947 i ndáil le clárú maidir leis an rolla riaracháin.

Bill entitled an Act to amend the Seanad Electoral (Panel Members) Act 1947 in relation to registration in respect of the administrative panel.

—*Senators Maurice Cummins, Frances Fitzgerald, Paul Coghlan.*

16. An Bille um an Dlí Coiriúil (Inghlacthacht Fianaise) 2008 — Ordú don Dara Céim.

Criminal Law (Admissibility of Evidence) Bill 2008 — Order for Second Stage.

Bille dá ngairtear Acht do dhéanamh athmheas páirteach ar dhlí na fianaise in imeachtaí coiriúla agus chun na críche sin do chur deireadh le riall na heisiatachta agus do leasú Acht an Gharda Síochána 2005.

Bill entitled an Act to revise in part the law of evidence in criminal proceedings and for that purpose to abolish the exclusionary rule and to amend the Garda Síochána Act 2005.

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

Ráitis (atógáil):

Statements (resumed):

17. Ráitis maidir le Conradh Liospóin um Athchóiriú (atógáil).

Statements on the Lisbon Reform Treaty (*resumed*).

Tairiscintí:

Motions:

18. “Go dtugann Seanad Éireann dá aire an Tuarascáil ón gComhchoiste um an Leasú Bunreachtáil maidir le Leanaí dar teideal ‘*Tuarascáil Eatramhach ar an mBille um an Ochtú Leasú is Fiche ar an mBunreacht 2007, Airteagal 42(A).5.1^o — Togra chun údarás dlíthiúil a thabhairt chun faisnéis a bhailiú agus a mhalartú ar faisnéis í a bhaineann leis an bpríacal go gcuirfear leanaí i mbaol nó go ndéanfar dúshaothrú gnéasach nó mí-úsáid ghnéasach orthu, nó a bhaineann leis na nithe sin do tharlú*’ a leagadh faoi bhráid Sheanad Éireann an 11 Meán Fómhair, 2008.

That Seanad Éireann notes the Report of the Joint Committee on the Constitutional Amendment on Children entitled ‘*Interim Report on the Twenty-eighth Amendment of the Constitution Bill 2007, Article 42(A).5.1^o — Proposal to give legal authority for the collection and exchange of information concerning the risk or the occurrence of endangerment, sexual exploitation or sexual abuse of children*’ which was laid before Seanad Éireann on 11 September, 2008.”

—*Senator Donie Cassidy.*

[30 September, 2008]

19. “Go dtugann Seanad Éireann dá aire an Tuarascáil ón gComhchoiste um Ghrinnscrúdú Eorpach dar teideal ‘Tuarascáil Iniúchta AE Uimh. 17: COM (2008) 09 — Togra le haghaidh Treorach ó Pharlaimint na hEorpa agus ón gComhairle maidir le sábháilteacht bréagán’ a leagadh faoi bhráid Sheanad Éireann an 17 Iúil, 2008.

That Seanad Éireann notes the Report of the Joint Committee on European Scrutiny entitled ‘*EU Scrutiny Report No. 17: COM (2008) 09 — Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on the safety of toys*’ which was laid before Seanad Éireann on 17th July, 2008”

—Senator Donie Cassidy.
[30 September, 2008]

20. “Go dtugann Seanad Éireann dá aire an Tuarascáil ón gComhchoiste um Ghrinnscrúdú Eorpach dar teideal ‘Tuarascáil Iniúchta AE Uimh. 16: COM(2007)697, COM(2007)698 agus COM(2007)699 — Togra le haghaidh Treorach ó Pharlaimint na hEorpa agus ón gComhairle lena leasaítear Treoracha 2002/21/CE maidir le comhchreat rialála i gcomhair líonraí agus seirbhísí cumarsáide leictreonaí, 2002/19/CE maidir le rochtain ar líonraí agus seirbhísí cumarsáide leictreonaí, agus maidir lena n-idircheangal, agus 2002/20/CE maidir le húdarú líonraí agus seirbhísí cumarsáide leictreonaí, Togra le haghaidh Treorach ó Pharlaimint na hEorpa agus ón gComhairle lena leasaítear Treoir 2002/22/CE maidir le seirbhís uilechoiteann agus cearta úsáideoirí a bhaineann le líonraí cumarsáide leictreonaí, Treoir 2002/58/CE maidir le próiseáil sonraí pearsanta agus maidir leis an bpríobháideacht a chosaint in earnáil na cumarsáide leictreonaí agus Rialachán (CE) Uimh. 2006/2004 maidir le comhar i leith cosanta tomhaltóirí, Togra le haghaidh Rialacháin ó Pharlaimint na hEorpa agus ón gComhairle lena mbunaítear an tÚdarás Eorpach um Margadh na Cumarsáide Leictreonaí’ a leagadh faoi bhráid Sheanad Éireann an 29 Aibreán, 2008.

That Seanad Éireann notes the Report of the Joint Committee on European Scrutiny entitled ‘*EU Scrutiny Report No. 16: COM(2007)697, COM(2007)698 and COM(2007)699 — Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Directives 2002/21/EC on a common regulatory framework for electronic communications networks and services, 2002/19/EC on access to, and interconnection of electronic communications networks and services, and 2002/20/EC on the authorisation of electronic communications networks and services, Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Directive 2002/22/EC on universal service and users’ rights relating to electronic communications networks, Directive 2002/58/EC concerning the processing of personal data and the protection of privacy in the electronic communications sector and Regulation (EC) No. 2006/2004 on consumer protection cooperation, Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing the European Electronic Communications Market Authority*’ which was laid before Seanad Éireann on 29th April, 2008.”

—Senator Donie Cassidy.
[9 October, 2008]

21. “Go dtugann Seanad Éireann dá aire an Tuarascáil ón gComhchoiste um Ghrinnscrúdú Eorpach dar teideal ‘Tuarascáil Iniúchta AE Uimh. 19: COM (2008) 162 — Togra le haghaidh Rialacháin ón gComhairle lena leasaítear Rialachán

That Seanad Éireann notes the Report of the Joint Committee on European Scrutiny entitled ‘*EU Scrutiny Report No. 19: COM (2008) 162 — Proposal for a Council Regulation amending Regulation (EC) No. 423/2004 as regards the recovery of cod*

(CE) Uimh. 423/2004 maidir le stoic trosc a athbhunú agus lena leasaítear Rialachán (CEE) Uimh. 2847/93' a leagadh faoi bhráid Sheanad Éireann an 8 Deireadh Fómhair, 2008.

stocks and amending Regulation (EEC) No. 2847/93' which was laid before Seanad Éireann on 8th October, 2008."

—Senator Donie Cassidy.

[9 October, 2008]

22. "Go dtugann Seanad Éireann dá aire an Tuarascáil ón gComhchoiste um Ghnóthaí Eorpacha dar teideal 'Tuarascáil maidir le Rannchuidiú an Chomhchoiste le Coimisiún na hEorpa ar a Pháipéar Bán maidir le Lánpháirtíú Margaí Creidmheasa Morgáiste AE' a leagadh faoi bhráid Sheanad Éireann an 1 Deireadh Fómhair, 2008.

That Seanad Éireann notes the Report of the Joint Committee on European Affairs entitled 'Report on the Joint Committee's Contribution to The European Commission on its White Paper on the Integration of EU Mortgage Credit Markets' which was laid before Seanad Éireann on 1 October, 2008."

—Senator Donie Cassidy.

[14 October, 2008]

23. "Go dtugann Seanad Éireann dá aire an Tuarascáil ón gComhchoiste um Ghrinnsrúdú Eorpach dar teideal 'Tuarascáil Speisialta maidir le Reachtaíocht nua ón AE — 1 Eanáir go 30 Meitheamh, 2008' a leagadh faoi bhráid Sheanad Éireann an 31 Deireadh Fómhair, 2008.

That Seanad Éireann notes the Report of the Joint Committee on European Scrutiny entitled 'Special Report on new EU Legislation — 1 January to 30 June, 2008' which was laid before Seanad Éireann on 31 October, 2008."

—Senator Donie Cassidy.

[5 November, 2008]

24. "Go dtugann Seanad Éireann dá aire an Tuarascáil ón gComhchoiste um Ghnóthaí Eorpacha dar teideal "Conradh Liospóin um Athchóiriú" a leagadh faoi bhráid Sheanad Éireann an 29 Bealtaine, 2008.

That Seanad Éireann notes the Report of the Joint Committee on European Affairs entitled "The Lisbon Reform Treaty" which was laid before Seanad Éireann on 29 May, 2008."

—Senator Donie Cassidy.

[18 November, 2008]

25. "Go dtugann Seanad Éireann dá aire an Tuarascáil ón gComhchoiste um Ghrinnsrúdú Eorpach dar teideal 'COM(2007) 654 críochnaitheach — Togra le haghaidh Creat-Chinnidh ón gComhairle maidir le Taifead Ainmneacha Paisinéirí (TAP) a úsáid chun críocha forfheidhmithe dlí' a leagadh faoi bhráid Sheanad Éireann an 13 Samhain, 2008.

That Seanad Éireann notes the Report of the Joint Committee on European Scrutiny entitled 'COM(2007) 654 final — Proposal for A Council Framework Decision on the use of Passenger Name Record (PNR) for law enforcement purposes' which was laid before Seanad Éireann on 13th November, 2008."

—Senator Donie Cassidy.

[18 November, 2008]

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

1. “That Seanad Éireann, concerned at the dire economic and humanitarian situation in Zimbabwe, the plight of many millions of people suffering from food shortages, the suppression of political activists and interference with freedom of the press:
 - welcomes the holding of the Second EU-Africa Summit in Lisbon and the EU Presidency’s intention to ensure the current grave situation in Zimbabwe is appropriately raised and discussed at the Summit;
 - calls on the Government to continue its efforts, including through the European Union, in support of the promotion of human rights and democracy in Zimbabwe;
 - welcomes the mediation effort being undertaken by President Mbeki of South Africa on behalf of the Southern Africa Development Community aimed at promoting political dialogue and agreement between the Government of Zimbabwe and the opposition parties on the future democratic governance of Zimbabwe, and encourages the member countries of SADC to continue to be persuaders for change in Zimbabwe and to ensure the maximum flow of information from the current mediation process;
 - emphasises the critical importance of a level playing field being established in order to guarantee the conduct of free, fair and democratic elections in Zimbabwe in 2008;
 - calls for full compliance by the Zimbabwean Government and parties with the SADC Guidelines on the Conduct of Democratic Elections and encourages the broadest possible international observation of any elections held in Zimbabwe in 2008; and
 - welcomes the continuing substantial direct assistance which Irish Aid is giving to the people of Zimbabwe, amounting to over €17 million in the past two years, and urges the Government to continue this support.”

—*Senators Ivor Callely, David Norris.*

[5 December, 2007]

Leasú:

Amendment:

1. After the second paragraph to insert the following new paragraph:
 - “— believes however that, given the deep unhappiness of the Irish people, and human rights organisations, at the human rights record of the Government of Robert Mugabe, and the failure of President Mugabe to respond positively to attempts by Ireland and others to urge a greater commitment to human rights, it would be inappropriate for the Taoiseach and any member of the cabinet to attend the EU-Africa summit should President Mugabe also attend;”
 - Senators Frances Fitzgerald, Paul Bradford, Paddy Burke, Jerry Buttimer, Paudie Coffey, Paul Coghlan, Maurice Cummins, Paschal Donohoe, Fidelma Healy-Eames, Nicky McFadden, Eugene Regan, John Paul Phelan, Liam Twomey, Joe O’Reilly, David Norris, Ivana Bacik.*

2. “That Seanad Éireann notes the Irish Human Rights Commission’s Report on Rendition.”

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

[30 January, 2008]

3. “That Seanad Éireann, in the light of the recent comments by Nobel Prize winning poet Seamus Heaney and others, calls on the Government to revisit plans and examine an alternative routing and methodology to that of the M3 through the Tara Valley which will win acceptance among all interested parties.”

—*Senators David Norris, Ivana Bacik.*

[5 March, 2008]

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4. “That Seanad Éireann ask FARC to release immediately on humanitarian grounds, Ingrid Betancourt and other ill hostages held in Colombia.”

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

[8 April, 2008]

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5. “That Seanad Éireann regrets and distances itself from the comments of Senator Jim Walsh at the Order of Business on Tuesday 22 April 2008 in relation to Chairmen of Tribunals established by these Houses.”

—*Senators Frances Fitzgerald, Joe O’Toole, Alex White, David Norris.*

[24 April, 2008]

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6. “That Seanad Éireann condemns the Government for:

- squandering significant budget surpluses,
- its failure to control inflation,
- its failure to deliver necessary infrastructure on time and within budget, and,
- its failure to reform the public service;

and, in light of the changing economic outlook for our economy calls on the Government to outline the results of measures taken (if any) to stress test our economy and provide detail cost benefits analysis of major projects, and

to outline the steps that are being taken to:

- restore competitiveness,
- restore the low rates of inflation that were the hallmark of our economy,
- prevent rising unemployment, and
- ensure that vital health services, education services and infrastructural projects will be available to the citizens of Ireland.”

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

[7 May, 2008]

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7. “That Seanad Éireann urges the Minister for Arts, Sports and Tourism, in the light of the proposed redevelopment of a very large site at the north end of O’Connell Street which includes the former Carlton Cinema, to take steps to ensure that the Abbey Theatre is located in the former Carlton site which all authorities agree is by far the best and most practical location.”

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

[20 May, 2008]

8. “That Seanad Éireann requests the Minister for Arts, Sport and Tourism as a matter of urgency, to immediately outline the Government’s programme and intention regarding the construction of a new Abbey National Theatre, dealing with all aspects of the project.”

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

[22 May, 2008]

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9. “That Seanad Éireann calls on the Minister for Arts, Sports and Tourism to reform the current system for the funding of the arts in Ireland to ensure that there is a coherent, transparent and accessible basis for funding the arts, and artists in Ireland and to develop clear criteria against which funding applications can be prepared, submitted and assessed so that *ad hoc* funding decisions are not taken by disparate bodies, agencies or the Department without regard to any wider strategic issues; and entrusts the Arts Council with primary responsibility to allocate funding to the arts.”

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

[24 September, 2008]

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10. “That Seanad Éireann is appalled by and deplores the outrageous decision by the Department of Education and Science to close the Centre for Early Childhood Development and Education; and this decision represents a significant set-back for the early childhood sector and in particular the promotion of consistent, high quality standards in this crucial area.”

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

[30 September, 2008]

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11. “That Seanad Éireann expresses grave concern at water quality in Ireland; recent cases of lead pollution in County Louth, contamination of water supplies in major urban areas such as Galway city and the possible detrimental effect of the fluoridation scheme presently in operation.”

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

[7 October, 2008]

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12. “That Seanad Éireann takes note of the Annual Report 2007 of the Irish Human Rights Commission.”

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

[14 October, 2008]

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

[21 October, 2008]

14. “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, Shane Ross.*

[21 October, 2008]

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

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

[21 October, 2008]

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

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

[21 October, 2008]

17. “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, Ivana Bacik, Shane Ross.*

[21 October, 2008]

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

[21 October, 2008]

19. “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, Ivana Bacik, Shane Ross.*

[21 October, 2008]

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

[21 October, 2008]

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

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

[21 October, 2008]

22. “That Seanad Éireann strongly recommends that the Government:

- excludes the minimum wage from the proposed 1% income levy;
- reinstates in full, the universal entitlement of the over 70s to a medical card and;
- reverses the budget proposal to worsen class size in primary and post primary schools.”

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

[22 October, 2008]

23. “That Seanad Éireann demands the immediate reversal of the Government decision to withdraw the automatic entitlement to a medical card from citizens aged over 70 years.”

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

[22 October, 2008]

24. “That Seanad Éireann requests the Minister for Justice, Equality and Law Reform to explain the Government’s actions in imposing savage cut backs and other negative measures on the Equality Agency, the Combat Poverty Agency, the Irish Human Rights Commission and other state established bodies which have the responsibility of representing the marginalised and vulnerable in our Society.”

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

[13 November, 2008]

25. “That Seanad Éireann noting:

- the findings of the Health Information and Quality Authority whereby the introduction of the HPV cervical cancer vaccination programme could see a 34 per cent reduction in pre-cancers, a 56 per cent reduction in cervical cancer and a 56 per cent reduction in deaths from cervical cancer;
- that the total cost of introducing the vaccine is estimated to be €9.7 million according to the Health Information and Quality Authority;
- that the direct savings in treatment costs due to the disease being avoided is more than €2.7 million per annum according to the Health Information and Quality Authority, excluding broader savings;
- the breakthrough nature of this medical advance; and
- that the total health budget is more than €16,000 million this year;

condemns the decision of the Minister for Health and Children to abandon this programme as short-sighted and unjustifiable, and calls on the Minister for Health and Children to immediately reverse her decision.”

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

[13 November, 2008]

26. “That Seanad Éireann—

- commends the Government, the tourism agencies and the wider tourism sector for the exceptional performance of Irish tourism in recent years, which has consistently outperformed competitor destinations in Western Europe, including the number of overseas visitors exceeding 8 million for the first time ever in 2007, an increase of over 33% in the period since 2001, as well as record numbers of domestic visits;
- recognises the continuing commitment of the Government to the progressive delivery of its key tourism investment priorities in tourism marketing, staff training and business development and product development, within a framework of sound public finances and value for money, noting that the total allocation of the tourism services budget has increased by 50% since 2003 to €161 million in 2009;
- acknowledges the exceptionally challenging conditions now facing tourism worldwide in the context of global economic conditions, as well as the particular challenges facing Irish tourism in the context of the current cyclical downturn in the domestic economy and notes that the Government is conscious of these challenges;
- notes that, notwithstanding these exceptionally difficult conditions, overseas visitor numbers reported to date in 2008 are broadly in line with 2007;
- welcomes the Government’s intention to build on the success of its policies and programmes to date by renewing the policy framework for tourism, as set out in *New Horizons for Irish Tourism: An Agenda for Action 2003-2012*, with a view to ensuring that the sector returns to sustainable growth in the medium term;
- acknowledges the contribution of North-South cooperation in the tourism sector, in particular through the work of Tourism Ireland in marketing the island of Ireland overseas, with the support of the Northern Ireland Tourist Board and the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Investment in the Northern Ireland Executive;

and notes that the Government and in particular the Department for Arts, Sport and Tourism, Fáilte Ireland and Tourism Ireland are continuing to develop and implement actions and initiatives to support the sector in responding to the current short-term challenges it faces.”

—*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.*

[18 November, 2008]

P.T.O.

Leasú:

Amendment:

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

“noting:

- the disappointing downward trend in visitor figures, with a decrease of 3% in the number of trips to Ireland in June 2008 and a 2% drop in August 2008 at the height of the tourist season;
- the underlying trend of a fall off in visitors from traditional dependable markets such as North America and Europe with a 10% reduction in figures for August 2008;
- the serious challenges posed to the aviation industry and the resulting impact this threat will have on tourism access to Ireland and in particular, regional destinations;
- the pressure that the current rate of inflation of 4% is exerting on the tourism industry, coupled with unwise increases in transport costs such as the recent 8% increase in taxi charges;

considering:

- the Government’s failure to introduce initiatives and supports aimed at properly harnessing the potential of Open Skies;
- the negative impact the Government’s introduction of a departure tax on flights will have on tourism figures;
- the pressure the €200 annual levy on holiday homes introduced in the Budget will place on the industry;
- the significant cuts in current spending for the Arts in the Budget which will have a significant impact on the availability and quality of cultural tourism products across the country;

calls on the Government to;

- reconsider immediately the short-term revenue generating measures taken in the recent Budget which will not deliver long-term gain for the industry;
- take steps immediately to ensure tourism products and marketing spend in regional areas are enhanced to take advantage of Open Skies;
- introduce concrete steps aimed at restoring competitiveness and reducing cost pressures on the tourism industry; and
- revise the action plan for the industry; New Horizons for Irish Tourism: An Agenda for Action 2003-2012 to take into account the new pressures facing the industry in the context of the current economic climate.”

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

27. “That Seanad Éireann deplores the murder of an innocent victim in Limerick by gangland criminals last week, making him the 17th gangland murder victim this year; and calls on the Government to take definitive action steps to quell the activities of criminal gangs.”

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

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28. “That Seanad Éireann calls on the Minister for Justice, Equality and Law Reform to cut off the source of gangland criminals’ wealth and weapons, namely drugs, by providing adequate resources to An Garda Síochána and the Customs and Excise Service with the necessary manpower and modern equipment.”

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

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29. “That Seanad Éireann calls on the Minister for Justice, Equality and Law Reform, as a matter of urgency, to outline immediately the government’s plans regarding the construction of the proposed new prison, Thornton Hall, dealing with all aspects of the project.”

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

[18 November, 2008]

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30. “That Seanad Éireann calls on the Minister for Justice, Equality and Law Reform to implement measures to reduce the high numbers of repeat offenders in Ireland as revealed in a 2006 UCD study.”

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

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

BILLÍ SEANAID SA DÁIL
Seanad Bills with the Dáil

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

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

An Bille um Chlúmhilleadh 2006.
Defamation Bill 2006.

An Bille Craolacháin 2008.
Broadcasting Bill 2008.

MEMORANDA

Dé Céadaoin, 19 Samhain, 2008.
Wednesday, 19th November, 2008.

Cruinniú den Fhochoiste um Thodhchaí na hÉireann san Aontas Eorpach i Seomra Coiste 4, TL2000, ar 9.30 a.m.
Meeting of the Sub-Committee on Ireland's Future in the European Union in Committee Room 4, LH2000, at 9.30 a.m.

Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Ghnóthaí Ealaíon, Spóirt, Turasóireachta, Pobail, Tuaithe agus Gaeltachta i Seomra Coiste 3, TL2000, ar 12 meán lae.
Meeting of the Joint Committee on Arts, Sport, Tourism, Community, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs in Committee Room 3, LH2000, at 12 noon.

Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Iompar i Seomra Coiste 1, TL2000, ar 3.45 p.m.
Meeting of the Joint Committee on Transport in Committee Room 1, LH2000, at 3.45 p.m.

Déardaoin, 20 Samhain, 2008.
Thursday, 20th November, 2008.

Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um an Leasú Bunreachta maidir le Leanaí i Seomra Coiste 3, TL2000, ar 9.30 a.m. (*príobháideach*)
Meeting of the Joint Committee on the Constitutional Amendment on Children in Committee Room 3, LH2000, at 9.30 a.m. (*private*)

Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Oideachas agus Eolaíocht i Seomra Coiste 2, TL2000, ar 10 a.m.
Meeting of the Joint Committee on Education and Science in Committee Room 2, LH2000, at 10 a.m.

Cruinniú den Fhochoiste um Thodhchaí na hÉireann san Aontas Eorpach i Seomra Coiste 4, TL2000, ar 3.30 p.m.
Meeting of the Sub-Committee on Ireland's Future in the European Union in Committee Room 4, LH2000, at 3.30 p.m.

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

Reachtúil:

1) Ráitis i leith Comhairleoirí Speisialta don Aire Gnóthaí Sóisialacha agus Teaghlaigh, Máire Ní Ainifín, T.D., de réir na nAchtanna um Eitic in Oifigí Poiblí 1995 agus 2001 [2007] [18 Samhain, 2008].

Neamhreachtúil:

1) Rialacháin na gComhphobal Eorpach (Substaintí Contúirteacha i nDobharshaothrú a Rialú) 2008 (I.R. Uimh. 466 de 2008).

2) Clár Oibre Liospóin: Treoirlínte Comhtháite i gcomhair Fáis agus Post. Éire — Clár Athchóirithe Náisiúnta 2008-2010. Deireadh Fómhair, 2008 (Roinn an Taoisigh).

Statutory:

1) Statements in respect of Special Advisers to the Minister for Social and Family Affairs, Mary Hanafin, T.D., in accordance with the Ethics in Public Office Acts 1995 and 2001 [2007] [18 November, 2008].

Non-Statutory:

1) European Communities (Control of Dangerous Substances in Aquaculture) Regulations 2008 (S.I. No. 466 of 2008).

2) Lisbon Agenda: Integrated Guidelines for Growth and Jobs. Ireland — National Reform Programme 2008-2010. October, 2008 (Department of the Taoiseach).