

Dé Céadaoin, 4 Feabhra, 2009
Wednesday, 4th February, 2009

10.30 a.m.

RIAR NA hOIBRE
Order Paper

GNÓ POIBLÍ
Public Business

1. (l) An Bille um Fhorbairt Tionscail 2008 — An Coiste.
 (a) Industrial Development Bill 2008 — Committee.

2. An Bille Toghcháin (Leasú) 2008 [*Dáil*] — An Dara Céim (*atógáil*).
 Electoral (Amendment) Bill 2008 [*Dáil*] — Second Stage (*resumed*).

3. (l) An Bille Cuanta (Leasú) 2008 — An Coiste (*leasú 8, atógáil*).
 (a) Harbours (Amendment) Bill 2008 — Committee (*amendment 8, resumed*).

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

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

6. 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.*

7. 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.*

8. 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.*

9. 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.*

Bille (atógáil) (0.03 n. fágtha):
Bill (resumed) (0.03 m. remaining):

10. 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.*

Bille (atógáil) (0.03 n. fágtha):
Bill (resumed) (0.03 m. remaining):

11. 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.*

Bille (atógáil) (0.03 n. fágtha):
Bill (resumed) (0.03 m. remaining):

12. 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.*

Bille (atógáil) (0.03 n. fágtha):
Bill (resumed) (0.03 m. remaining):

13. An Bille um Thaighde Gaschille (Suthanna Daonna a Chosaint) 2008 — An Dara
Céim. (*atógáil*).
Stem-Cell Research (Protection of Human Embryos) Bill 2008 — Second Stage.
(*resumed*).
— *Senators Rónán Mullen, Jim Walsh, John Hanafin.*

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. An Bille Uchtála 2009 — Ordú don Dara Céim.
Adoption Bill 2009 — Order for Second Stage.

Bille dá ngairtear Acht do dhéanamh socrú maidir leis an mBord Uchtála a dhíscaoileadh agus maidir le comhlacht a bhunú ar a dtabharfar, sa Ghaeilge, Údarás Uchtála na hÉireann nó, sa Bhéarla, *the Adoption Authority of Ireland*; do dhéanamh socrú maidir le nithe a bhaineann le leanaí a uchtáil; do thabhairt feidhm dlí don Choinbhinsiún um Chosaint Leanaí agus Comhar i leith Uchtála idir Tíortha a síníodh sa Háig an 29 Bealtaine, 1993; do dhéanamh socrú maidir le huchtálacha idir tíortha a dhéanamh agus a aithint de réir comhaontuithe déthaobhacha agus de réir socrúithe eile; do dhéanamh socrú maidir le huchtálacha áirithe a dhéantar lasmuigh den Stát a aithint; d'aisghairm na nAchtanna Uchtála 1952 go 1998; agus do dhéanamh leasúithe iarmhartacha ar Achtanna eile.

Bill entitled an Act to provide for the dissolution of An Bord Uchtála and the establishment of a body to be known in the Irish language as *Údarás Uchtála na hÉireann* or in the English language as the *Adoption Authority of Ireland*; to provide for matters relating to the adoption of children; to give the force of law to the Convention on the Protection of Children and Co-operation in Respect of Intercountry Adoption signed at the Hague on 29 May 1993; to provide for the making and recognition of intercountry adoptions in accordance with bilateral agreements and with other arrangements; to provide for the recognition of certain adoptions effected outside the State; to repeal the Adoption Acts 1952 to 1998; and to make consequential amendments to other Acts.

—*Senator Donie Cassidy.*

16. 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.*

17. An Bille um Fhorais Chultúir Náisiúnta (Leasú) 2008 — Ordú don Dara Céim.

National Cultural Institutions (Amendment) Bill 2008 — Order for Second Stage.

Bille dá ngairtear Acht do leasú an Achta um Fhorais Chultúir Náisiúnta 1997.

Bill entitled an Act to amend the National Cultural Institutions Act 1997.

—*Senator Alex White.*

Ráitis (atógáil):

Statements (resumed):

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

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

19. Ráitis faoin Tuarascáil maidir le Grinnscrúdú AE (Uimh. 21) dar teideal Faisnéis faoi Bhia a Sholáthar do Thomhaltóirí (atógáil).

Statements on the Report on EU Scrutiny (No. 21) entitled Provision of Food Information to Consumers (*resumed*).

Tairiscintí:
Motions:

20. “Go dtugann Seanad Éireann dá aire an Tuarascáil ón gComhchoiste um Ghrinnscrúdú 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]

21. “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]

22. “Go dtugann Seanad Éireann dá aire an Tuarascáil ón gComhchoiste um Ghrinnscrúdú 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]

23. “Go dtugann Seanad Éireann dá aire an Tuarascáil ón gComhchoiste um Ghnóthaí Eorpacha dar teideal ‘*Tuarascáil ón bhFochoiste um thodhchaí na hÉireann san Aontas Eorpach: Todhchaí na hÉireann san Aontas Eorpach: Dúshláin, Saincheistanna agus Roghanna*’ a leagadh faoi bhráid Sheanad Éireann an 27 Samhain, 2008.

That Seanad Éireann notes the Report of the Joint Committee on European Affairs entitled ‘*Report of the Sub-Committee on Ireland’s future in the European Union: Ireland’s future in the European Union: Challenges, Issues and Options*’ which was laid before Seanad Éireann on 27 November, 2008.”

—*Senator Donie Cassidy.*
[3 December, 2008]

24. “Go dtugann Seanad Éireann dá aire an Tuarascáil ón gComhchoiste um Ghrinnscrúdú Eorpach dar teideal ‘*Tuarascáil Iniúchta AE Uimh. 21: COM(2008)40 críochnaitheach — Togra le haghaidh Rialacháin ó Pharlaimint na hEorpa agus ón gComhairle maidir le*

That Seanad Éireann notes the Report of the Joint Committee on European Scrutiny entitled ‘*EU Scrutiny Report No. 21: COM(2008)40 final — Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the Provision of Food Information to Consumers*’ which was laid

Faisnéis faoi Bhia a Sholáthar do before Seanad Éireann on 13th November, Thomhaltóirí' a leagadh faoi bhráid 2008.”
Sheanad Éireann an 13 Samhain, 2008.

—*Senator Donie Cassidy.*
[27 January, 2009]

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

1. “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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2. “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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3. “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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4. “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]

5. “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]

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6. “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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7. “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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8. “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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9. “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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10. “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]

11. “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]
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12. “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]
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13. “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]
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14. “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]
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15. “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]
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16. “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]
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17. “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]
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18. “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]

19. “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]

20. “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]

21. “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]

22. “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]

23. “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]

24. “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.*

[18 November, 2008]

25. “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.*

[18 November, 2008]

26. “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]

27. “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.*

[18 November, 2008]

28. “That Seanad Éireann hereby states and resolves that the proposed deportation of Pamela Izevbekhai and her daughters was not the sort of action envisaged by this House when the original legislation was passed.”

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

[25 November, 2008]

29. “That Seanad Eireann condemns utterly the disgraceful action of the Government in destroying the Combat Poverty Agency and the Equality Agency and the gutting of the Irish Human Rights Commission and calls on the Government to rescind these decisions.”

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

[15 December, 2008]

30. “That Seanad Éireann urges the Irish Government to support moves to establish an International War Crimes Inquiry into certain aspects of the Israeli attack on Gaza including the use of white phosphorus in densely inhabited civilian areas, the use of dime munitions and the apparently deliberate shelling of the U.N. facilities, including schools which were being used as places of sanctuary by Palestinian civilians as well as the question of illegal collective punishment.”

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

[27 January, 2009]

31. “That Seanad Éireann, in the light of:

- the abolition of the Combat Poverty Agency;
- the destruction of the Equality Authority;
- the downsizing of the Irish Human Rights Commission;
- the absorption of the National Consultative Committee on Racism and Interculturalism;
- as well as the refusal to advocate the monitoring of the human rights protocols attached to the External Trade Agreement between Israel and the EU;
- the abandonment of the people of Tibet in the interests of trade;
- the historic collaboration with the Bush Administration in the Rendition Programme;

calls upon the Government to strongly and publicly affirm its commitment to human rights and to the individual exercise of those rights both domestically and internationally.”

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

[3 February, 2009]

Leasú:

Amendment:

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

“— notes that it is not the Government’s intention that the Combat Poverty Agency will simply be absorbed into the Office for Social Inclusion in its existing form, but rather that a new strengthened division will be created that will make the

best use of the considerable experience and expertise of the staff of both existing bodies and will seek to provide a stronger voice for those affected by poverty and social inclusion issues;

- acknowledges that the very difficult budgetary situation resulting from the global economic crisis has led to necessary reductions in the budgetary allocations to a number of State bodies including, the Equality Authority and the Irish Human Rights Commission;
- welcomes the establishment of the Office of the Minister for Integration and the measures being taken in promoting interculturalism and tackling racism which are being resourced as core activities by that Office;
- welcomes the Government's commitment to work with the Equality Authority and the Human Rights Commission to ensure they can fulfil their functions, secure economies in overhead costs and minimise the impact of cuts on core activities;
- welcomes the 15 per cent increase in the provision for the Equality Tribunal which will enable it to tackle the back log of cases before it;
- recognises Ireland's strong record of highlighting human rights concerns internationally, including in regard to places such as the Occupied Palestinian Territories, Burma, Zimbabwe, Sudan and Tibet;
- shares the Government's consistent and complete opposition to the practice of so-called 'extraordinary rendition' and notes the commitment in the Programme for Government to 'ensure that all relevant legal instruments are used so that the practice of extraordinary rendition does not occur in this State in any form'; welcomes the creation of a Cabinet Committee on aspects of International Human Rights to expedite the Programme for Government commitments on extraordinary rendition; and welcomes the commitment of the new United States Administration to review US policy in this regard; and
- welcomes the Government's strong and continuing commitment, both domestically and internationally, to the protection and enforcement of human rights."

—*Senator Donie Cassidy.*

32. "That Seanad Éireann condemns the Government for the abolition of the Combat Poverty Agency which successfully:

- represented the vulnerable and forgotten in Irish society;
- provided vital data on poverty and health inequalities;
- highlighted social welfare reform proposals;

for imposing excessive cutbacks of 43% of the annual budget of the Equality Authority and decentralising its offices resulting in a loss of expertise, thus

- purposely diminishing its ability to provide its services;
- effectively forcing its Chief Executive to resign his post;

for the cuts of 24% to the budget of the Irish Human Rights Commission, thus

- weakening its role within the context of the Good Friday agreement;

— “substantially hampering” its ability to execute its core activities; and

for severely impairing the ability of the Equality Authority and Irish Human Rights Commission to carry out their functions and thereby damaging Ireland’s reputation as a vigilant democracy in respect of human rights.”

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

[30 January, 2009]

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

BILLÍ AR SIÚL AGUS GNÓ ATÁ ORDAITHE

Bills in Progress and Business Ordered

Dé Máirt, 10 Feabhra, 2009
Tuesday, 10th February, 2009

An Bille Gáis (Leasú) 2008 [*Dáil*] — An Coiste.
Gas (Amendment) Bill 2008 [*Dáil*] — Committee.

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 Chlúmhillleadh 2006.
Defamation Bill 2006.

An Bille Craolacháin 2008.
Broadcasting Bill 2008.

Bille na dTithe (Forálacha Ilghnéitheacha) 2008.
Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2008.

MEMORANDA

Dé Céadaoin, 4 Feabhra, 2009.
Wednesday, 4th February, 2009.

Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Fhiontair, Trádáil agus Fostaíocht i Seomra Coiste 3,
TL 2000, ar 9 a.m.

Meeting of the Joint Committee on Enterprise, Trade and Employment in Committee
Room 3, LH 2000, at 9 a.m.

Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Ghnóthaí Sóisialacha agus Teaghlaigh i Seomra Coiste 2, TL 2000, ar 11 a.m.

Meeting of the Joint Committee on Social and Family Affairs in Committee Room 2, LH 2000, at 11 a.m.

Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Thalmhaíocht Iascaigh agus Bia i Seomra Coiste 4, TL 2000, ar 11.30 a.m. (*príobháideach*).

Meeting of the Joint Committee on Agriculture Fisheries and Food in Committee Room 4, LH 2000, at 11.30 a.m. (*private*).

Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Athrú Aeráide agus Áirithiú Fuinnimh i Seomra Coiste 1, TL 2000, ar 2.15 p.m.

Meeting of the Joint Committee on Climate Change and Energy Security in Committee Room 1, LH 2000, at 2.15 p.m.

Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Iompar i Seomra Coiste 4, TL 2000, ar 2.30 p.m.

Meeting of the Joint Committee on Transport in Committee Room 4, LH 2000, at 2.30 p.m.

Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um an Leasú Bunreachtá maidir le Leanaí i Seomra Coiste 2, TL 2000, ar 5 p.m.

Meeting of the Joint Committee on the Constitutional Amendment on Children in Committee Room 2, LH 2000, at 5 p.m.

Déardaoin, 5 Feabhra, 2009.
Thursday, 5th February, 2009.

Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Ghnóthaí Eorpacha i Seomra Coiste 4, TL 2000, ar 2 p.m.
Meeting of the Joint Committee on European Affairs in Committee Room 4, LH 2000, at 2 p.m.

PÁIPÉIR A LEAGADH FAOI BHRÁID AN tSEANAID

Papers laid before the Seanad

Reachtúil:

1) Togra le haghaidh Rialacháin ón gComhairle lena leasaítear Rialachán (CE) Uimh. 1579/2007 lena socraítear na deiseanna iascaireachta agus na coinníollacha a bhaineann leis an gcéanna do stoic áirithe éisc agus do ghrúpaí stoc áirithe éisc is infheidhme sa Mhuir Dhubh don bhliain 2008 mar aon le nóta faisnéise míniúcháin. COM (2008) 806.

2) Togra le haghaidh Treorach ó Pharlaimint na hEorpa agus ón gComhairle lena leasaítear Treoir 92/85/CEE ón gComhairle maidir le bearta a thabhairt isteach chun feabhsuithe a spreagadh, ag an obair, i dtaca le sábháilteacht agus sláinte oibrithe torracha agus oibrithe ar saolaíodh

Statutory:

1) Proposal for a Council Regulation amending Regulation (EC) No. 1579/2007 fixing the fishing opportunities and the conditions relating thereto for certain fish stocks and groups of fish stocks applicable in the Black Sea for 2008 together with explanatory information note. COM (2008) 806.

2) Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Council Directive 92/85/EEC on the introduction of measures to encourage improvements in the safety and health at work of pregnant workers and workers who have recently given birth or are

leanbh dóibh le déanaí nó a bhfuil leanbh cíche acu mar aon le nóta faisnéise míniúcháin. COM (2008) 637.

3) Togra le haghaidh Rialacháin ón gComhairle maidir le cosaint ainmhithe tráth a maraíthe mar aon le Nóta Faisnéise Míniúcháin. COM (2008) 553.

4) Páipéar Uaine maidir leis an Lucht Saothair Eorpach um Shláinte. COM (2008) 725.

5) Togra le haghaidh Rialacháin ó Pharlaimint na hEorpa agus ón gComhairle maidir le rochtain a bheith ag an bpobal ar dhoiciméid de chuid Pharlaimint na hEorpa, na Comhairle Eorpaí agus Choimisiún na hEorpa mar aon le nóta faisnéise míniúcháin. COM (2008) 229.

6) Togra le haghaidh Cinnidh ón gComhairle lena socraítear na ranníocaíochtaí airgeadais a bheidh le híoc ag na Ballstáit a rannchuidíonn leis an gCiste Forbartha Eorpach (an tríú tráthchuid don bhliain 2008) mar aon le nóta faisnéise míniúcháin. COM (2008) 624.

7) Togra le haghaidh Cinnidh ón gComhairle lena socraítear na ranníocaíochtaí airgeadais a bheidh le híoc ag na Ballstáit chun an Ciste Forbartha Eorpach a mhaoiniú in 2009 agus in 2010 mar aon le nóta faisnéise míniúcháin. COM (2008) 631.

8) Togra le haghaidh Rialacháin ón gComhairle lena leasaítear Iarscríbhinn I a ghabhann le Rialachán (CE) Uimh. 1528/2007 ón gComhairle d'fhonn Poblacht na Saimbia a chur ar liosta na réigiún nó na stát a bhfuil caibidlí curtha i gcrích acu mar aon le nóta faisnéise míniúcháin. COM (2008) 694.

9) Comhsheasamh 2008/873/CFSP an 18 Samhain, 2008 ón gComhairle lena n-athnuaitear na bearta sriantacha in aghaidh Côte d'Ivoire mar aon le nóta faisnéise míniúcháin.

10) Togra le haghaidh Treorach ó Pharlaimint na hEorpa agus ón gComhairle lena leagtar síos creat chun Córais Chliste Iompair a sholáthar i réimse an iompair ar bhóithre agus i gcomhair comhéadan le córacha eile iompair mar aon le nóta faisnéise míniúcháin. COM (2008) 887.

breastfeeding together with explanatory information note. COM (2008) 637.

3) Proposal for a Council Regulation on the protection of animals at the time of killing together with Explanatory Information Note. COM (2008) 553.

4) Green Paper on the European Workforce for Health. COM (2008) 725.

5) Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council regarding public access to European Parliament, Council and Commission documents together with explanatory information note. COM (2008) 229.

6) Proposal for a Council Decision fixing the financial contributions to be paid by the Member States contributing to the European Development Fund (third instalment for 2008) together with explanatory information note. COM (2008) 624.

7) Proposal for a Council Decision on the financial contributions to be paid by the Member States to finance the European Development Fund in 2009 and 2010 together with explanatory information note. COM (2008) 631.

8) Proposal for a Council Regulation amending Annex I to Council Regulation (EC) No. 1528/2007 in order to add the Republic of Zambia to the list of regions or states which have concluded negotiations together with explanatory information note. COM (2008) 694.

9) Council Common Position 2008/873/CFSP of 18 November, 2008 renewing the restrictive measures against Côte d'Ivoire together with explanatory information note.

10) Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the COUNCIL laying down the framework for the deployment of Intelligent Transport Systems in the field of road transport and for interfaces with other transport modes together with explanatory information note. COM (2008) 887.

11) Togra le haghaidh Molta ón gComhairle maidir le beart Eorpach i réimse na ngalar annamh mar aon le nóta faisnéise míniúcháin. COM (2008) 726.

12) Togra le haghaidh Rialacháin ón gComhairle lena socraítear i gcomhair 2009 na deiseanna iascaireachta agus na comhchoinníollacha do stoc áirithe éisc agus do ghrúpaí stoc áirithe éisc, is infheidhme in uiscí Comhphobail agus, do shoithí Comhphobail, in uiscí inar gá teorainneacha leis an ngabháil éisc mar aon le nóta faisnéise míniúcháin. COM (2008) 709.

13) Togra le haghaidh Treorach ón gComhairle lena leagtar síos rialacha agus bearta rialaithe chun an tinneas Afracach capall a chomhrac (leagan códaithe) mar aon le nóta faisnéise míniúcháin. COM (2008) 697.

14) Togra le haghaidh Treorach ón gComhairle maidir le coinníollacha sláinte ainmhithe lena rialaítear equidae a aistriú agus allmhairiú ó thríú tíortha (Leagan códaithe) mar aon le nóta faisnéise míniúcháin. COM (2008) 715.

15) Togra le haghaidh Treorach ón gComhairle lena leagtar síos na prionsabail lena rialaítear eagrú seiceálacha tréidliachta ar ainmhithe a thagann isteach sa Chomhphobal ó thríú tíortha (leagan códaithe) mar aon le nóta faisnéise míniúcháin. COM (2008) 873.

16) Togra le haghaidh Treorach ó Pharlaimint na hEorpa agus ón gComhairle maidir le caighdeán cháilíochta agus sábháilteachta orgán daonna atá beartaithe lena dtrasphlandú mar aon le nóta faisnéise míniúcháin. COM (2008) 818.

17) Togra le haghaidh Treorach ó Pharlaimint na hEorpa agus ón gComhairle maidir le comhordú nósanna imeachta chun conarthaí oibreacha poiblí, conarthaí soláthair phoiblí agus conarthaí seirbhíse poiblí áirithe a dhámhachtain i réimsí na cosanta agus na slándála mar aon le nóta faisnéise míniúcháin. COM (2007) 766.

18) Togra le haghaidh Cinnidh ón gComhairle maidir le síniú an chomhaontaithe, thar ceann an Chomhphobail Eorpaigh, idir an Comhphobal Eorpach agus Poblacht na

11) Proposal for a Council Recommendation on a European action in the field of rare diseases together with explanatory information note. COM (2008) 726.

12) Proposal for a Council Regulation fixing for 2009 the fishing opportunities and associated conditions for certain fish stocks and groups of fish stocks, applicable in Community waters and, for Community vessels, in waters where catch limitations are required together with explanatory information note. COM (2008) 709.

13) Proposal for a Council Directive laying down control rules and measures to combat African horse sickness (codified version) together with explanatory information note. COM (2008) 697.

14) Proposal for a Council Directive on animal health conditions governing the movement and importation from third countries of equidae (Codified version) together with explanatory information note. COM (2008) 715.

15) Proposal for a Council Directive laying down the principles governing the organisation of veterinary checks on animals entering the Community from third countries (codified version) together with explanatory information note. COM (2008) 873.

16) Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on standards of quality and safety of human organs intended for transplantation together with explanatory information note. COM (2008) 818.

17) Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on the coordination of procedures for the award of certain public works contracts, public supply contracts and public service contracts in the fields of defence and security together with explanatory information note. COM (2007) 766.

18) Proposal for a Council Decision on the signature, on behalf of the European Community, of the agreement between the European Community and the Republic of Iceland and the Kingdom of Norway on the

hÍoslainne agus Ríocht na hIorua ar fheidhmiú forálacha áirithe de Chinneadh 2008/615/JHA ón gComhairle maidir le comhar trasteorann a ghéarú, go háirithe chun sceimhlitheoireacht agus coireacht trasteorann a chomhrac agus de Chinneadh 2006/616/JHA ón gComhairle maidir le cur i ngníomh Chinneadh 2008/615/JHA maidir le comhar trasteorann a ghéarú, go háirithe chun sceimhlitheoireacht agus coireacht trasteorann a chomhrac, agus an Iarscríbhinn a ghabhann leis sin. (Doiciméad 16433/08 ón gComhairle).

application of certain provisions of Council Decision 2008/615/JHA on the stepping up of cross border cooperation, particularly in combating terrorism and cross border crime and Council Decision 2006/616/JHA on the implementation of Decision 2008/615/JHA on the stepping up of cross border cooperation, particularly in combating terrorism and cross border crime, and the Annex thereto. (Council Document 16433/08).

19) Togra le haghaidh Cinnidh ón gComhairle maidir le Comhaontú Comhlachais Eora-Mheánmhara idir an Comhphobal Eorpach agus a Bhallstáit agus an Phoblacht Shiriach-Arabach a shíniú thar ceann an Chomhphobail Eorpaigh agus maidir le forálacha áirithe den chéanna a chur chun feidhme go sealadach [agus] Togra le haghaidh Cinnidh ón gComhairle maidir le Comhaontú Comhlachais Eora-Mheánmhara idir an Comhphobal Eorpach agus a Bhallstáit, de pháirt, agus an Phoblacht Shiriach-Arabach, den pháirt eile, a chríochnú mar aon le nóta faisnéise míniúcháin. COM (2008) 853.

19) Proposal for a Council Decision on the signature on behalf of the European Community and provisional application of certain provisions of a Euro-Mediterranean Association Agreement between the European Community and its Member States and the Syrian Arab Republic [and] Proposal for a Council Decision on the conclusion of a Euro-Mediterranean Association Agreement between the European Community and its Member States of the one part, and the Syrian Arab Republic, of the other part together with explanatory information note. COM (2008) 853.

20) Comhsheasamh 2008/944/CFSP an 8 Nollaig 2008 ón gComhairle lena mínítear comhrialacha lena rialaítear rialú ar onnmhairí teicneolaíochta míleata agus trealaimh mhíleata mar aon le nóta faisnéise míniúcháin.

20) Council Common Position 2008/944/CFSP of 8 December 2008 defining common rules governing control of exports of military technology and equipment together with explanatory information note.

21) Gníomhaíocht Chomhpháirteach 2008/958/CFSP an 16 Nollaig 2008 ón gComhairle lena leasaítear Gníomhaíocht Chomhpháirteach 2005/797/CFSP maidir le Misean Póilíneachta Eorpach le haghaidh na gCríoch Palaistíneach mar aon le nóta faisnéise míniúcháin.

21) Council Joint Action 2008/958/CFSP of 16 December 2008 amending Joint Action 2005/797/CFSP on the European Police Mission for the Palestinian Territories together with explanatory information note.

22) Togra le haghaidh Rialacháin ó Pharlaimint na hEorpa agus ón gComhairle lena mbunaítear nós imeachta maidir le comhaontuithe déthaobhacha idir Ballstáit agus tríú tíortha a chaibidil agus a chríochnú, ar comhaontuithe déthaobhacha iad maidir le nithe earnálacha agus a bhaineann leis an dlí is infheidhme maidir le hoibleagáidí conarthacha agus neamhchonarthacha mar aon le nóta faisnéise míniúcháin. COM (2008) 893.

22) Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a procedure for the negotiation and conclusion of bilateral agreements between Member States and third countries concerning sectoral matters and covering applicable law in contractual and non-contractual obligations together with explanatory information note. COM (2008) 893.

23) Togra le haghaidh Rialacháin ón gComhairle lena mbunaítear nós imeachta chun comhaontuithe déthaobhacha idir Ballstáit agus tríú tíortha a chaibidil agus a chríochnú ar comhaontuithe déthaobhacha iad a bhaineann le nithe earnálacha agus le dlínse agus le haithint agus forghníomhú breithiúnas agus cinntí maidir le cúrsaí pósta, freagracht tuismitheoirí agus oibleagáidí cothabhála agus a bhaineann leis an dlí is infheidhme i gcúrsaí a bhaineann le hoibleagáidí cothabhála mar aon le nóta faisnéise míniúcháin. COM (2008) 894.

24) Na Rialacháin um Scéimeanna Pinsean Ceirde (Athluacháil) 2009 (I.R. Uimh. 22 de 2009).

Neamhreachtúil:

1) Tithe an Oireachtais. An Comhchoiste um Chomhshaol, Oidhreacht agus Rialtas Áitiúil. Tuarascáil maidir leis an gcuairt a thug toscaireacht ón gComhchoiste ar an gComhdháil um an tSeirbhís Pleanála Rialtais Áitiúil, Cathair na Mart, Contae Mhaigh Eo, an 9 - 11 Eanáir, 2009. Eanáir, 2009.

2) An Comhchoiste um Oideachas agus Eolaíocht. Tuarascáil maidir le cuairteanna ar scoileanna i Learpholl lena n-áirítear scoil thiomnaithe le haghaidh Leanaí a bhFuil Uathachas Orthu agus ar an Ionad Uathachais le haghaidh Oideachais agus Taighde (ACER) sa Scoil Oideachais, Ollscoil Bhirmingham. 11 - 14 Samhain, 2008.

3) An Comhchoiste um Oideachas agus Eolaíocht. Tithe an Oireachtais. Clár Oibre, 2009. Eanáir, 2009.

23) Proposal for a Council Regulation establishing a procedure for the negotiation and conclusion of bilateral agreements between Member States and third countries concerning sectoral matters and covering jurisdiction, recognition and enforcement of judgments and decisions in matrimonial matters, parental responsibility and maintenance obligations, and applicable law in matters relating to maintenance obligations together with explanatory information note. COM (2008) 894.

24) Occupational Pension Schemes (Revaluation) Regulations 2009 (S.I. No. 22 of 2009).

Non-Statutory:

1) Houses of the Oireachtas. Joint Committee on the Environment, Heritage and Local Government. Report on the visit by a delegation of the Joint Committee to the Local Government Planning Service Conference, Westport, County Mayo, 9 - 11 January, 2009. January, 2009.

2) Joint Committee on Education and Science. Report on visits to schools in Liverpool, including a dedicated school for Children with Autism and to the Autism Centre for Education and Research (ACER) at the School of Education, University of Birmingham. 11 - 14 November, 2008.

3) Joint Committee on Education and Science. Houses of the Oireachtas. Work Programme, 2009. January, 2009.