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*Order Paper*

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GNÓ POIBLÍ

*Public Business*

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*Tairiscintí:*

*Motions:*

1. “Go ndéanfar an togra go gceadaíonn Seanad Éireann an Stát d’fheidhmiú an roghnaithe, arna gcur ar fáil le hAirteagal 3 den cheathrú Prótacal atá leagtha amach i gConradh Amstardam, fógra a thabhairt d’Uachtarán na Comhairle gur mian léi a bheith páirteach i nglacadh agus i bhfeidhmiú na mbeart beartaithe seo a leanas:

That the proposal that Seanad Éireann approves the exercise by the State of the option, provided by Article 3 of the fourth Protocol set out in the Treaty of Amsterdam, to notify the President of the Council that it wishes to take part in the adoption and application of the following proposed measures:

(i) togra le haghaidh Rialacháin ó Pharlaimint na hEorpa agus ón gComhairle maidir le bunú ‘Eurodac’ chun méarloirg a chur i gcomparáid chun Rialachán (CE) Uimh. [. . ./. . .] [lena mbunaítear na critéir agus na sásraí lena gcinntear an Ballstát atá freagrach i scrúdú iarratais ar chosaint idirnáisiúnta arna thaisceadh i gceann de na Ballstáit ag náisiúnach tríú tír nó ag duine gan stát] a fheidhmiú go héifeachtach; agus

(i) a proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the establishment of ‘Eurodac’ for the comparison of fingerprints for the effective application of Regulation (EC) No. [. . ./. . .] [establishing the criteria and mechanisms for determining the Member State responsible for examining an application for international protection lodged in one of the Member States by a third-country national or a stateless person]; and

(ii) togra le haghaidh Rialacháin ó Pharlaimint na hEorpa agus ón gComhairle lena mbunaítear na critéir agus na sásraí lena gcinntear an Ballstát atá freagrach i scrúdú iarratais ar chosaint idirnáisiúnta arna thaisceadh i gceann de na Ballstáit ag náisiúnach tríú tír nó ag duine gan stát,

(ii) a proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing the criteria and mechanisms for determining the Member State responsible for examining an application for international protection lodged in one of the Member States by a third-country national or a stateless person,

ar bearta beartaithe iad ar leagadh cóipeanna díobh faoi bhráid Sheanad Éireann an 5 Eanáir, 2009, a tharchur chuig an gComhchoiste um Dhlí agus Ceart, Comhionannas, Cosaint agus Cearta na mBan de réir mhír (1) (Seanad) d'Orduithe Tagartha an Choiste sin, agus go ndéanfaidh an Coiste sin, tráth nach déanaí ná an 25 Feabhra, 2009, teachtaireacht a chur chuig an Seanad ar an modh a fhorordaítear i mBuan-Ordú 72, agus go mbeidh feidhm ag Buan-Ordú 74(2) dá réir sin.

copies of which proposed measures were laid before Seanad Éireann on 5 January, 2009, be referred to the Joint Committee on Justice, Equality, Defence and Women's Rights in accordance with paragraph (1) (Seanad) of the Orders of Reference of that Committee, which, not later than 25th February, 2009, shall send a message to the Seanad in the manner prescribed in Standing Order 72, and Standing Order 74(2) shall accordingly apply."

—*Senator Donie Cassidy.*

2. "Go ndéanfar an togra go gceadaíonn Seanad Éireann an Stát d'fheidhmiú an roghnaithe nó na rogha arna gcur ar fáil le hAirteagal 1.11 de Chonradh Amstardam a bheith páirteach i nglacadh an bhirt bheartaithe seo a leanas:

That the proposal that Seanad Éireann approves the exercise by the State of the option or discretion provided by Article 1.11 of the Treaty of Amsterdam to take part in the adoption of the following proposed measure:

togra le haghaidh Cinnidh ón gComhairle maidir le bunú an Chórais Faisnéise Eorpaigh um Thairfidh Choiriúla (ECRIS) i bhfeidhmiú Airteagal 11 de Chreat-Chinneadh 2008/XX/JHA,

a proposal for a Council Decision on the establishment of the European Criminal Records Information System (ECRIS) in application of Article 11 of Framework Decision 2008/XX/JHA,

ar beart beartaithe é ar leagadh cóip de faoi bhráid Sheanad Éireann an 28 Samhain 2008, a tharchur chuig an gComhchoiste um Dhlí agus Ceart, Comhionannas, Cosaint agus Cearta na mBan de réir mhír (1) (Seanad) d'Orduithe Tagartha an Choiste sin, agus go ndéanfaidh an Coiste sin, tráth nach déanaí ná an 25 Feabhra, 2009, teachtaireacht a chur chuig an Seanad ar an modh a fhorordaítear i mBuan-Ordú 72, agus go mbeidh feidhm ag Buan-Ordú 74(2) dá réir sin.

a copy of which proposed measure was laid before Seanad Éireann on 28th November, 2008, be referred to the Joint Committee on Justice, Equality, Defence and Women's Rights in accordance with paragraph (1) (Seanad) of the Orders of Reference of that Committee, which, not later than 25th February, 2009, shall send a message to the Seanad in the manner prescribed in Standing Order 72, and Standing Order 74(2) shall accordingly apply."

—*Senator Donie Cassidy.*

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. An Bille Uchtála 2009 — An Coiste.  
Adoption Bill 2009 — Committee.

6. An Bille fán Ombudsman um Sheirbhísí Dlí 2008 [*Dáil*] — An Coiste.  
Legal Services Ombudsman Bill 2008 [*Dáil*] — Committee.
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7. Bille na dTeangacha Oifigiúla (Leasú) 2005 — An Dara Céim.  
Official Languages (Amendment) Bill 2005 — Second Stage.  
—*Senators Joe O’Toole, Paul Coghlan, David Norris.*
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8. 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.*
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9. 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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10. 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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11. 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):*

12. 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):*

13. 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):*

14. 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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*Bille (atógáil) (0.03 n. fágtha):*

*Bill (resumed) (0.03 m. remaining):*

- 15.** 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.*

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*Tíolactha:*

*Presented:*

- 16.** 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.*

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- 17.** 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.*

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- 18.** 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.*

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*Ráitis (atógáil):*

*Statements (resumed):*

- 19.** Ráitis maidir le Conradh Liospóin um Athchóiriú (*atógáil*).  
Statements on the Lisbon Reform Treaty (*resumed*).
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- 20.** 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*).
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**21.** Ráitis maidir leis an Meán-Oirthear (*atógáil*).  
Statements on the Middle East (*resumed*).

*Tairiscintí:*  
*Motions:*

**22.** “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, Saincheisteanna 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]**

**23.** “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 Faisnéis faoi Bhia a Sholáthar do Thomhaltóirí’ a leagadh faoi bhráid Sheanad Éireann an 13 Samhain, 2008.

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 before Seanad Éireann on 13th November, 2008.”

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

**24.** “Go gceadaíonn Seanad Éireann na Rialacháin seo a leanas ina ndrúacht:

That Seanad Éireann approves the following Regulations in draft:

Na Rialacháin um Pleanáil agus Forbairt (Treoirlínte Pleanála Réigiúnacha) 2009,

The Planning and Development (Regional Planning Guidelines) Regulations 2009,

ar leagadh cóipeanna díobh ina ndrúacht faoi bhráid Sheanad Éireann an 10 Feabhra, 2009.

copies of which were laid in draft form before Seanad Éireann on 10 February, 2009.”

—*Senator Donie Cassidy.*

**25.** “Go gceadaíonn Seanad Éireann an Stát d’fheidhmiú an roghnaithe nó na rogha arna gcur ar fáil le hAirteagal 1.11 de Chonradh Amstardam a bheith páirteach i nglacadh an bhirt bheartaithe seo a leanas:

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ar beart beartaithe é ar leagadh cóip de faoi bhráid Sheanad Éireann an 28ú lá de Shamhain, 2008.

a copy of which proposed measure was laid before Seanad Éireann on the 28th day of November, 2008.”

—*Senator Donie Cassidy.*

**26.** “Go gceadaíonn Seanad Éireann an Stát d’fheidhmiú an roghnaithe, arna gcur ar fáil le hAirteagal 3 den cheathrú Prótacal atá leagtha amach i gConradh Amstardam, fógra a thabhairt d’Uachtarán na Comhairle gur mian leis a bheith páirteach i nglacadh agus i bhfeidhmiú an bhirt bheartaithe seo a leanas:

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ar beart beartaithe é ar leagadh cóip de faoi bhráid Sheanad Éireann an 5 Eanáir, 2009.

a copy of which proposed measure was laid before Seanad Éireann on 5 January, 2009.”

—*Senator Donie Cassidy.*

**27.** “Go gceadaíonn Seanad Éireann an Stát d’fheidhmiú an roghnaithe, arna gcur ar fáil le hAirteagal 3 den cheathrú Prótacal atá leagtha amach i gConradh Amstardam, fógra a thabhairt d’Uachtarán na Comhairle gur mian leis a bheith páirteach i nglacadh agus i bhfeidhmiú an bhirt bheartaithe seo a leanas:

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a proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing the criteria and mechanisms for determining the Member State responsible for examining an application for international protection lodged in one of the Member States by a third-country national or a stateless person,

ar beart beartaithe é ar leagadh cóip de faoi bhráid Sheanad Éireann an 5 Eanáir, 2009.

a copy of which proposed measure was laid before Seanad Éireann on 5 January, 2009.”

—*Senator Donie Cassidy.*

28. “Go gceadaíonn Seanad Éireann an Stát d’fheidhmiú an roghnaithe nó na rogha arna gcur ar fáil le hAirteagal 1.11 de Chonradh Amstardam a bheith páirteach i nglacadh an bhirt bheartaithe seo a leanas:

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a copy of which proposed measure was laid before Seanad Éireann on the 28th day of November, 2008.”.

—*Senator Donie Cassidy.*

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29. 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]**

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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]**

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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]**

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]**

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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]**

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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]**

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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]**

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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]**

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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]**

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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]**

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29. “That Seanad Éireann 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]**

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30. “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 Donohoe, Fidelma Healy Eames, Nicky McFadden, Paul Coghlan, John Paul Phelan, Liam Twomey, Joe O’Reilly.*

**[30 January, 2009]**

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31. “That Seanad Éireann urges the Irish Government to continue its support for 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 and to maintain discussions with the representatives of countries such as Cyprus, Sweden and Portugal who have also supported this move.”

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

**[10 February, 2009]**

32. “That Seanad Éireann urges the Irish Government to continue its support for moves to establish an independent international investigation into alleged violations of international humanitarian law during Israel’s military action in Gaza including the use of white phosphorus in densely inhabited civilian areas, the use of dime munitions and the 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 collective punishment and to maintain discussions with the representatives of countries such as Belgium, Cyprus, Sweden and Portugal who have also supported this move and that the independent international investigation also investigate the indiscriminate rocket attacks on civilians perpetrated by Hamas and others, the alleged storage of munitions in civilian locations and the allegations of the shooting of innocent Palestinians by Hamas, the alleged use of civilians as human shields by any actor and the alleged firing of rockets from positions adjacent to UN facilities, to schools and hospitals, furthermore, that the Joint Committee on Foreign Affairs supports a two state solution to the Israeli Palestinian conflict with the objective of the State of Israel and an independent Palestinian State living side by side in peace and security and urges the Government to continue to fully support such resolution of the conflict and to take all appropriate steps in the UN, at EU level and in its bilateral international relations to promote and achieve such resolution; supports the International Quartet (EU, USA, Russia and the UN) in its work, and other initiatives to resolve the conflict; welcomes the appointment by President Obama of George Mitchell as his Middle East peace envoy; calls on Iran to end its opposition to a 2 state solution; commends the initiative taken by Egypt to mediate a durable ceasefire between Israel and Hamas; and urges all sides to fully co-operate with UNRWA to facilitate the provision by it in Gaza of humanitarian relief.”

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

**[17 February, 2009]**

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

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BILLÍ SEANAID SA DÁIL  
*Seanad Bills with the Dáil*

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

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

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An Bille um Chlúmhilleadh 2006.  
Defamation Bill 2006.

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An Bille Craolacháin 2008.  
Broadcasting Bill 2008.

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

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An Bille um Fhorbairt Tionscail 2008.  
Industrial Development Bill 2008.

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#### MEMORANDA

*Déardaoin, 19 Feabhra, 2009.*  
*Thursday, 19th February, 2009.*

Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Ghnóthaí Eorpacha i Seomra Coiste 4, TL2000,  
ar 11.30 a.m.  
Meeting of the Joint Committee on European Affairs in Committee Room 4, LH2000,  
at 11.30.a.m.

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#### PÁIPÉIR A LEAGADH FAOI BHRÁID AN tSEANAID

*Papers laid before the Seanad*

##### *Reachtúil:*

##### *Statutory:*

1) Tuarascáil Bhliantúil do Thithe an Oireachtais ón Aire Dlí agus Cirt, Comhionannais agus Athchóirithe Dlí de réir Alt 26 d'Acht na nDídeanaithe 1996, arna leasú (don tréimhse 1 Eanáir go 31 Nollaig, 2008).

1) Annual Report to the Houses of the Oireachtas by the Minister for Justice, Equality and Law Reform in accordance with Section 26 of the Refugee Act 1996, as amended (for the period 1 January to 31 December, 2008).

2) An tÚdarás um Bóithre Náisiúnta. Tuarascáil Bhliantúil, 2008 ina gcorpraítear Clár do 2009.

2) National Roads Authority. Annual Report, 2008 incorporating Programme for 2009.

3) Na Rialacháin Leasa Shóisialaigh (Éilimh agus Íocaíochtaí Comhdhlúite agus Rialú) (Leasú) (Uimh. 2) (Forlíonadh Luathchúraim Leanaí) 2009 (I.R. Uimh. 54 de 2009).

3) Social Welfare (Consolidated Claims, Payments and Control) (Amendment) (No. 2) (Early Childcare Supplement) Regulations 2009. (S.I. No. 54 of 2009).

4) An Bord um Ghearáin i gcoinne an Gharda Síochána. Cuntais Iniúchta, 2007.

4) Garda Síochána Complaints Board. Audited Accounts, 2007.

5) Togra le haghaidh Rialacháin ó Pharlaimint na hEorpa agus ón gComhairle lena leasaítear, maidir le faisnéis don phobal i gcoitinne faoi tháirgí leighis, lena n-úsáid ag an duine, atá faoi réir oidis liachta, Rialachán (CE) Uimh. 726/2004 lena leagtar síos nósanna imeachta

5) Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending, as regards information to the general public on medicinal products for human use subject to medical prescription, Regulation (EC) No. 726/2004 laying down Community procedures for the

Comhphobail maidir le húdarú agus maoirsiú táirgí leighis lena n-úsáid ag an duine agus le haghaidh úsáide tréidliachta agus lena mbunaítear Gníomhaireacht Leigheasra Eorpach mar aon le nóta faisnéise míniúcháin. COM (2008) 662.

6) Togra le haghaidh Treorach ó Pharlaimint na hEorpa agus ón gComhairle lena leasaítear, maidir le faisnéis don phobal i gcoitinne faoi tháirgí leighis atá faoi réir oidis liachta, Treoir 2001/83/CE maidir leis an gcód Comhphobail a bhaineann le táirgí leighis lena n-úsáid ag an duine mar aon le nóta faisnéise míniúcháin. COM (2008) 663.

7) Togra le haghaidh Rialacháin ó Pharlaimint na hEorpa agus ón gComhairle lena leasaítear, maidir le cógas-aireachas ar tháirgí leighis lena n-úsáid ag an duine, Rialachán (CE) Uimh. 726/2004 lena leagtar síos nósanna imeachta Comhphobail maidir le húdarú agus maoirsiú táirgí leighis lena n-úsáid ag an duine agus le haghaidh úsáide tréidliachta agus lena mbunaítear Gníomhaireacht Leigheasra Eorpach mar aon le nóta faisnéise míniúcháin. COM (2008) 664.

8) Togra le haghaidh Treorach ó Pharlaimint na hEorpa agus ón gComhairle lena leasaítear, maidir le cógas-aireachas, Treoir 2001/83/CE maidir leis an gcód Comhphobail a bhaineann le táirgí leighis lena n-úsáid ag an duine mar aon le nóta faisnéise míniúcháin. COM (2008) 665.

9) Togra le haghaidh Treorach ó Pharlaimint na hEorpa agus ón gComhairle lena ndéanar Treoir 2001/83/CE a leasú maidir le táirgí leighis a fhalsaítear i ndáil lena gcéannacht, lena stair nó lena bhfoinse a chosc ar dhul isteach sa slabhra soláthair dlíthiúil táirgí leighis mar aon le nóta faisnéise míniúcháin. COM (2008) 668.

authorisation and supervision of medicinal products for human and veterinary use and establishing a European Medicines Agency together with explanatory information note. COM (2008) 662.

6) Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending, as regards information to the general public on medicinal products subject to medical prescription, Directive 2001/83/EC on the Community code relating to medicinal products for human use together with explanatory information note. COM (2008) 663.

7) Togra le haghaidh Rialacháin ó Pharlaimint na hEorpa agus ón gComhairle lena leasaítear, maidir le cógas-aireachas ar tháirgí leighis lena n-úsáid ag an duine, Rialachán (CE) Uimh. 726/2004 lena leagtar síos nósanna imeachta Comhphobail maidir le húdarú agus maoirsiú táirgí leighis lena n-úsáid ag an duine agus le haghaidh úsáide tréidliachta agus lena mbunaítear Gníomhaireacht Leigheasra Eorpach mar aon le nóta faisnéise míniúcháin. COM (2008) 664.

8) Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending, as regards pharmacovigilance, Directive 2001/83/EC on the Community code relating to medicinal products for human use together with explanatory information note. COM (2008) 665.

9) Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Directive 2001/83/EC as regards the prevention of the entry into the legal supply chain of medicinal products which are falsified in relation to their identity, history or source together with explanatory information note. COM (2008) 668.