

Dé Céadaoin, 21 Deireadh Fómhair, 2009
Wednesday, 21st October, 2009

2.30 p.m.

RIAR NA hOIBRE
Order Paper

GNÓ POIBLÍ
Public Business

1. Ráitis maidir le Postchóid Bheartaithe.
 Statements on Proposed Postcodes.

2. An Bille um Pleanáil agus Forbairt (Leasú) 2009 — An Dara Céim (*atógáil*).
 Planning and Development (Amendment) Bill 2009 — Second Stage (*resumed*).

3. Bille na gCúirteanna agus na nOifigeach Cúirte 2009 [*Dáil*] — An Dara Céim.
 Courts and Court Officers Bill 2009 [*Dáil*] — Second Stage.

4. An Bille um Fhorbairtí Ilaonad 2009 — An Coiste.
 Multi-Unit Developments Bill 2009 — Committee.

5. An Bille um Nós Imeachta Coiriúil 2009 — An Coiste.
 Criminal Procedure Bill 2009 — Committee.

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

7. An Bille um Sheirbhísí Maoine (Rialáil) 2009 — An Coiste.
 Property Services (Regulation) Bill 2009 — Committee.

8. An Bille Caidrimh Thionscail (Leasú) 2009 — An Coiste.
 Industrial Relations (Amendment) Bill 2009 — Committee.

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

10. 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.*

- 11.** 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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- 12.** An Bille um Chosaint Tomhaltóirí (Leasú) 2008 — An Dara Céim.
Consumer Protection (Amendment) Bill 2008 — Second Stage.
—*Senators Brendan Ryan, Alex White, Dominic Hannigan, Michael McCarthy, Phil Prendergast.*
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- 13.** 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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- 14.** An Bille um Fhorais Chreidmheasa (Tacaíocht Airgeadais) (Leasú) 2009 — An Dara Céim.
Credit Institutions (Financial Support) (Amendment) Bill 2009 — Second Stage.
—*Senators Paul Coghlan, Maurice Cummins, Frances Fitzgerald.*
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- 15.** An Bille chun Airm Úráiniam Laghdaithe a Thoirmeasc 2009 — An Dara Céim.
Prohibition of Depleted Uranium Weapons Bill 2009 — Second Stage.
—*Senators Dan Boyle, Déirdre de Búrca, Fiona O’Malley.*
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Bille (atógáil) (0.03 n. fágtha):

Bill (resumed) (0.03 m. remaining):

- 16.** 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):

- 17.** 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):

- 18.** 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):

19. 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:

20. 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.*

21. An Bille um Chúram Leanaí (Leasú) 2009 — Ordú don Dara Céim.

Child Care (Amendment) Bill 2009 — Order for Second Stage.

Bille dá ngairtear Acht do leasú agus do leathnú an Achta um Chúram Leanaí 1991, do dhéanamh socrú breise i ndáil le cúram agus cosaint leanaí; do leasú Acht na Leanaí 2001 agus an Achta Sláinte 2007; do dhéanamh socrú chun Bord Comhairleach Achtanna na Leanaí a dhíscaoileadh agus chun a shócmhainní, a dhliteanais agus a fhostaithe a aistriú chuig an Aire Sláinte agus Leanaí; d'aisghairm Chuid 11 d'Acht na Leanaí 2001; agus do dhéanamh socrú i dtaobh nithe gaolmhara.

Bill entitled an Act to amend and extend the Child Care Act 1991; to make further provision in relation to the care and protection of children; to amend the Children Act 2001 and the Health Act 2007; to provide for the dissolution of the children acts advisory board and the transfer of its assets, liabilities and employees to the Minister for Health and Children; to repeal Part 11 of the Children Act 2001; and to provide for related matters.

—*Senator Donie Cassidy.*

22. 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.*

- 23.** 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):

- 24.** Ráitis maidir le Conradh Liospóin um Athchóiriú (*atógáil*).
Statements on the Lisbon Reform Treaty (*resumed*).

- 25.** 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:

26. “Go dtugann Seanad Éireann dá aire an Tuarascáil ón gComhchoiste um Ghrinnscrúdú Eorpach dar teideal ‘Tuarascáil Iniúchta AE Uimh. 25: COM (2008)650 críochnaitheach — Togra le haghaidh Treorach ó Pharlaimint na hEorpa agus ón gComhairle lena leasaítear Treoir 2002/15/CE maidir le heagrú ama oibre daoine i mbun gníomhaíochtaí soghluaiste iompair ar bhóithre’ a leagadh faoi bhráid Sheanad Éireann an 29 Iúil, 2009.

That Seanad Éireann notes the Report of the Joint Committee on European Scrutiny entitled ‘EU Scrutiny Report No. 25: COM (2008)650 final — Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Directive 2002/15/EC on the organisation of the working time of persons performing mobile road transport activities’ which was laid before Seanad Éireann on 29th July, 2009”.

—*Senator Donie Cassidy.*

[23 September, 2009]

27. “Go dtugann Seanad Éireann dá aire an Tuarascáil ón gComhchoiste um Ghrinnscrúdú Eorpach dar teideal ‘Tuarascáil Bhliantúil 25 Deireadh Fómhair 2007-31 Nollaig, 2008 agus Clár Oibre 2009’ a leagadh faoi bhráid Sheanad Éireann an 6 Lúnasa, 2009.

That Seanad Éireann notes the Report of the Joint Committee on European Scrutiny entitled ‘Annual Report 25 October 2007-31 December, 2008 and Work Programme 2009’ which was laid before Seanad Éireann on 6th August, 2009”.

—*Senator Donie Cassidy.*

[23 September, 2009]

28. “Go dtugann Seanad Éireann dá aire an Tuarascáil ón gComhchoiste um Ghrinnscrúdú Eorpach dar teideal ‘Tuarascáil Iniúchta AE Uimh. 26: COM (2008) 414 — Togra le haghaidh Treorach ó

That Seanad Éireann notes the Report of the Joint Committee on European Scrutiny entitled ‘EU Scrutiny Report No. 26: COM (2008) 414 — Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on

Pharlaimint na hEorpa agus ón gComhairle maidir le Cearta Othar a chur chun feidhme i gCúram Sláinte Trasteorann’ a leagadh faoi bhráid Sheanad Éireann an 25 Meán Fómhair, 2009.

the application of Patients’ Rights in Cross-border Healthcare’ which was laid before Seanad Éireann on 25th September, 2009.”

—*Senator Donie Cassidy.*
[6 October, 2009]

29. “Go dtugann Seanad Éireann dá haire an Tuarascáil ón gComhchoiste um Ghrinnscrúdú Eorpach dar teideal ‘*Tuarascáil Speisialta ar Reachtaíocht nua AE — 1 Eanáir go 30 Meitheamh, 2009*’ a leagadh faoi bhráid Sheanad Éireann an 16 Deireadh Fómhair, 2009.

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, 2009*’ which was laid before Seanad Éireann on 16 October, 2008.”

—*Senator Donie Cassidy.*
[21 October, 2009]

30. “Go dtugann Seanad Éireann dá aire dá haire an Tuarascáil ón gComhchoiste um Ghnóthaí Sóisialacha agus Teaghlaigh dar teideal ‘*Calaois Leasa Shóisialaigh*’ a leagadh faoi bhráid Seanad Éireann an 21 Deireadh Fómhair, 2009.

That Seanad Éireann notes the Report of the Joint Committee on Social and Family Affairs entitled ‘*Social Welfare Fraud*’ which was laid before Seanad Éireann on 21 October, 2009.”

—*Senator Donie Cassidy.*
[21 October, 2009]

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

1. “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]

2. “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]

3. “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]

4. “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]

5. “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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6. “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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7. “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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8. “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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9. “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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10. “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]

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11. “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]

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12. “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]

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13. “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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14. “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]

15. “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, Ivana Bacik, Rónán Mullen, Joe O’Toole.*

[25 November, 2008]

16. “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]

17. “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]

18. “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]

19. “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]

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20. “That Seanad Éireann make special provision for a 90 minute rolling debate on the economy to be taken on a weekly basis following the Order of Business.”

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

[23 February, 2009]

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21. “That Seanad Éireann urges the Government to accept the recommendations of Transparency International including:

- the introduction of laws, similar to those in the UK, to protect whistleblowers in the public and private sector who report concerns of public importance;
- the introduction of a Register of Lobbyists that would bring more transparency to the relationship between government, regulators, business and interest groups.
- the ratification of international conventions against corruption, including the UN Convention described as the “Kyoto Protocol” on global corruption.
- the establishment of a Garda Anti-Corruption Unit and more resources for law enforcement agencies including the Director of Corporate Enforcement, the Competition Authority, the Criminal Assets Bureau, and the Garda Fraud Squad;
- the reform of the Freedom Information fee system as the Irish FOI fees and costs of appeals are the highest in the developed world;
- the publication of local Councillors’ declarations of interest on the internet;

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- the scrapping of Government plans to treble the amount of gifts and loans politicians can receive and keep secret;
- the publication of an annual report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on some of the most costly public contracts each year;
- the opening of all appointments to the Boards of State bodies to public competition; and
- the publication of clear no-bribe and conflict of interest policies by newspaper organisations and journalist unions.”

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

[3 March, 2009]

22. “Ag cuimhneamh:

- go ndearnadh gnó na Chéad Dála 90 bliain ó shin go hiomlán trí Ghaeilge; agus
- gurb í an Ghaeilge an teanga náisiúnta agus an phríomhtheanga oifigiúil faoi Airteagal 8 den Bhunreacht;

beartaíonn an Seanad:

- úsáid na Gaeilge a mhéadú i ngnó an tSeanaid i 2009 go céatadán a bheidh aontaithe idir na páirtithe; agus
- tús a chur leis seo le linn ‘Seachtain na Gaeilge’ sa Dáil an 10, 11, 12 Márta nuair a dhéanfar 50% de ghnó an tSeanaid trí mheán na Gaeilge.”

—*Senators Pearse Doherty, Joe O’Toole.*

[10 March, 2009]

23. “Seanad Éireann calls on the Minister for Transport to ensure:

- an immediate Moratorium on the issuing of taxi plates;
- the initiation of a comprehensive and coherent reform of the Taxi Service Industry under the aegis of the Framework for Progress;
- the absorption of the Taxi Regulator’s office into the Department of Transport;
- the granting of legal power to Local Authorities to establish and regulate appropriate numbers of taxi licences in their areas; and
- the reclassification of taxi drivers for PRSI purposes to enable protection in adverse financial or health circumstances under the social welfare code.”

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

[10 March, 2009]

24. “That Seanad Éireann,

- while acknowledging that recent budgetary provisions have led to serious inequities and that these inequities will require to be addressed in the near future;
- recognising the crucial role that the trade union movement continues to play in Irish life; and

- having regard to the urgency of the economic situation and the need for unity among all sectors of the community in dealing with this situation;

views with concern the proposal by ICTU to organise a one-day strike on Monday 30th March, 2009 and calls on the leadership of ICTU to cancel the proposed day of action in order to facilitate the best national effort in dealing with the current economic crisis.”

—*Senators Rónán Mullen, Shane Ross.*

[25 March, 2009]

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25. “That Seanad Éireann requests the Government to establish as a matter of urgency an expert committee to examine in an impartial fashion the feasibility, benefits and potential hazards of nuclear energy generation.”

—*Senators David Norris, Feargal Quinn.*

[7 April, 2009]

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26. “That Seanad Éireann noting:

- that Ireland has one of the highest levels of alcohol consumption in the world;
- that the level of alcohol consumption in Ireland and the economic and social problems which it creates is now such as to amount to a crisis for this country, tarnishing its image both at home and abroad;
- the persistent and serious problem of alcohol related violence, anti-social behaviour and other offences throughout the country;
- that 97% of all public order offences are alcohol related (National Crime Council 2003);
- that alcohol is a significant contributing factor in physical and sexual assaults, domestic violence, fatal road accidents, criminal damage and that almost half of homicides were perpetrated by intoxicated persons (HSE Report on Alcohol Related Harm 2008);
- that alcohol was found to be responsible for 6,584 deaths in the 5 year period 2000-2004 and in the same period 3 million hospitalisations at a cost of €930m, according to research presented at the 2009 Summer Scientific Meeting of the Faculty of Public Health Medicine of the Royal College of Physicians of Ireland;
- the fact that alcohol is a gateway drug for many young people amounting to an illegal industry of €145m annually;

and considering:

- the widespread and extensive exposure of alcoholic products through media outlets such as television, radio, cinema, and billboard advertising;
- the strong links that alcohol advertising has to sponsorship of sport and other cultural activities;
- that advertising of alcohol portrays a simple social activity and one to be encouraged;
- that alcohol advertisements hold a strong appeal for young people and are considered by young people to be stylish and humorous, showing alcohol as

promoting a desirable lifestyle, and helping to improve confidence in social skills (the Impact of Alcohol Advertising on Teenagers in Ireland 2001);

- that measures are needed to curtail the demand for alcohol, to complement the measures introduced in the Intoxicating Liquor Act 2008, which restricts the supply of alcohol;
- that voluntary codes of practice on the promotion and advertising of alcoholic drinks is entirely ineffective;
- advice from the Irish Medical Organisation’s former President, and public health specialist, Dr. Joe Barry that all alcohol advertising should be banned;
- a call from the Irish College of Psychiatrists (September, 2008) for a complete ban on all alcohol advertising in Ireland;
- the positive impact of France’s ban on all televised advertising of alcohol and sponsorship of sport by the alcohol industry introduced in its 1991 Law, *Loi Evin*;

calls on the Government to:

- introduce without delay a total ban on all advertising of alcohol in Ireland.”
- *Senators Eugene Regan, Frances Fitzgerald, Paddy Burke, Paul Bradford, Jerry Buttimer, Paudie Coffey, Paul Coghlan, Maurice Cummins, Paschal Donohoe, Fidelma Healy-Eames, Nicky McFadden, Joe O’Reilly, John Paul Phelan, Liam Twomey.*

[28 May, 2009]

27. “That Seanad Éireann acknowledging the results of the local and European elections condemns the Government for its failure:

- to protect the most vulnerable in society;
- to acknowledge the anger and frustration of the people of Ireland caused by the outcome of Government policy over the last decade; and
- to outline the actions it proposes to protect the future of our economy and social policy.”

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

[10 June, 2009]

28. “That Seanad Éireann requests the Government to include membership of any secretive religious organisations with campaigning or political briefs among items to be declared to the Standards in Public Office Commission.”.

— *Senators David Norris, Joe O’Toole, Ivana Bacik, Feargal Quinn, Alex White, Michael McCarthy, Dominic Hannigan.*

16 June, 2009.

29. “That Seanad Éireann calls on the Minister for Arts, Sport and Tourism and the Minister for Education and Science to ensure that in the restructuring of the Dublin Institute of Technology the positive impact undertaken by D.I.T. Cathal Brugha Street should be neither obstructed nor minimised.”

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

[30 June, 2009]

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30. “That Seanad Éireann, in light of the exorbitant fees being charged by Senior and Junior Counsel, calls on the Government to introduce a Maximum Fees Order, of not more than €969 per diem for Senior Counsel, and, €646 per diem for Junior Counsel (as decided by the Government in July 2004 in respect of Counsels fees for Tribunals of Inquiry)”.

—*Senators Jim Walsh, Mary White, Terry Leyden, Deirdre De Búrca, Mark Daly, Feargal Quinn, Lisa McDonald, Ivor Callely, Cecilia Keaveney, Eoghan Harris, Marc MacSharry.*

[30 June, 2009]

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31. “That Seanad Éireann requests the Government to review as a matter of urgency the changes to state funding for Protestant, voluntary and Jewish schools in Budget 2009 as well as certain recommendations of the McCarthy Report in so far as they affect the Protestant voluntary and Jewish schools in order to avoid unintentional but serious discriminatory effects.”

—*Senators David Norris, Ivana Bacik, Ronan Mullen, Shane Ross, Feargal Quinn.*

[23 September, 2009]

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32. “That Seanad Éireann takes note of the Report of the UN Inquiry into War Crimes committed during the Israeli Invasion of Gaza in September 2008.”.

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

[23 September, 2009]

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33. “That Seanad Éireann:

commends the Government’s continued support of the national marine mapping programme, INFOMAR, on the tenth anniversary of its initiation as the Irish National Seabed Survey;

welcomes the findings of the independent economic study which has shown that the benefits of the work being undertaken are estimated at €275m across a range of sectors;

acknowledges the valuable work that has been carried out in the mapping of over 82% of the currently designated Irish marine territory to date;

supports the policy of carrying out this vital infrastructural work which is underpinning key and economically significant offshore development in renewable energy, environmental protection, detection of our shipwreck heritage, improvement of fishing efficiency and safety of maritime transport.”

—*Senators Donie Cassidy, Martin Brady, Larry Butler, Ivor Callely, John Carty, Maria Corrigan, Mark Daly, John Ellis, Geraldine Feeney, Camillus Glynn, John Hanafin, Cecilia Keaveney, 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.*

[13 October, 2009]

34. “That Seanad Éireann requests the Government to give serious and detailed consideration to the proposal to move the Abbey Theatre to the GPO.”.

—*Senators David Norris, Donie Cassidy, Frances Fitzgerald, Paul Coghlan, Alex White, Pearse Doherty, Joe O’Toole, Eoghan Harris.*

[13 October, 2009]

35. “That Seanad Éireann deplores the delay in implementing the recommendations of the Report on Seanad Reform and demands of Government that it do so immediately.”

—*Senators Joe O’Toole, Feargal Quinn, David Norris.*

[21 October, 2009]

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

BILLÍ SEANAID SA DÁIL
Seanad Bills with the Dáil

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

An Bille Uchtála 2009.
Adoption Bill 2009.

An Bille um Rialáil Iompair Phoiblí 2009.
Public Transport Regulation Bill 2009.

MEMORANDA

Dé Céadaoin, 21 Deireadh Fómhair, 2009.
Wednesday, 21st October, 2009.

Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Ghnóthaí Eorpacha i Seomra Coiste 1, TL2000,
ar 9.30 a.m.
Meeting of the Joint Committee on European Affairs in Committee Room 1, LH2000,
at 9.30 a.m.

Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste ar an mBunreacht i Seomra Coiste 2, TL2000, ar 9.30 a.m.
Meeting of the Joint Committee on the Constitution in Committee Room 2, LH2000,
at 9.30 a.m.

Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Shláinte agus Leanaí i Seomra Coiste 3, TL2000,
ar 10.30 a.m.
Meeting of the Joint Committee on Health and Children in Committee Room 3, LH2000,
at 10.30 a.m.

Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste Riaracháin i Seomra Coiste 1, TL2000, ar 1 p.m.
Meeting of the Joint Administration Committee in Committee Room 1, LH2000, at 1 p.m.

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.

Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um an Leasú Bunreachtá maidir le Leanaí i Seomra Coiste 2, TL2000, ar 5 p.m.
Meeting of the Joint Committee on the Constitutional Amendment on Children in Committee Room 2, LH2000, at 5 p.m.

Déardaoin, 22 Deireadh Fómhair, 2009.
Thursday, 22nd October, 2009.

Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Oideachas agus Eolaíocht i Seomra Coiste 4, TL2000, ar 10 a.m.
Meeting of the Joint Committee on Education and Science in Committee Room 4, LH2000, at 10 a.m.

Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Ghnóthaí Eachtracha, an Fochoiste um Fhorbairt Choigríche i Seomra Coiste 3, TL2000, ar 12 meán lae.
Meeting of the Joint Committee on Foreign Affairs, Sub-Committee on Overseas Development in Committee Room 3, LH2000, at 12 noon.

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

Reachtúil:

Statutory:

1) Gníomhaireacht Bainistíochta an Chisteáin Náisiúnta. Tuarascáil maidir leis an gCiste Carbóin agus Cuntais an Chiste Carbóin don tréimhse dar chríoch 31 Nollaig, 2007.

1) National Treasury Management Agency. Report and Accounts of the Carbon Fund for the period ended 31 December, 2007.

2) An Coimisiún um Chearta an Duine in Éirinn. Ráitis Airgeadais, 2008.

2) Irish Human Rights Commission. Financial Statements, 2008.

3) Togra le haghaidh Cinnidh ón gComhairle maidir leis an seasamh Comhphobail a bhunú a bheidh le glacadh in Eagraíocht Iascaigh an Atlantaigh Thoir Theas mar aon le nóta faisnéise míniúcháin. COM (2009) 474.

3) Proposal for a Council Decision on the establishment of the Community position to be adopted in the South East Atlantic Fisheries Organisation together with explanatory information note. COM (2009) 474.

4) Togra le haghaidh Rialacháin ón gComhairle maidir le forálacha áirithe le haghaidh iascaireachta i Limistéar Chomhaontú an Choimisiún Iascaigh Ginearálta don Mheánmhuir (GFCM) mar aon le nóta faisnéise míniúcháin. COM (2009) 477.

4) Proposal for a Council Regulation on certain provisions for fishing in the GFCM (General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean) Agreement Area together with explanatory information note. COM (2009) 477.

5) Togra le haghaidh Cinnidh ón gComhairle maidir leis an seasamh Comhphobail a bhunú a bheidh le glacadh sa Choimisiún um Stoic Éisc Mór-Imirceach san Aigéan Ciúin Iartharach agus san Aigéan Ciúin Láir a Chaomhnú agus a Bhainistiú mar aon le nóta faisnéise míniúcháin. COM (2009) 483.

6) Togra le haghaidh Rialacháin ón gComhairle lena leasaítear Rialachán (CE) Uimh. 247/2006 lena leagfar síos bearta sonracha maidir le talmhaíocht sna réigiúin is faide amach san Aontas mar aon le nóta faisnéise míniúcháin. COM (2009) 510.

7) An tÚdarás Sláinte agus Sábháilteachta: Ráitis Airgeadais don bhliain dar chríoch 31 Nollaig, 2008 mar aon le Tuarascáil ón Ard-Reachtair Cuntas agus Ciste.

8) An Coimisiún Meabhair-Shláinte. Ráitis Airgeadais, 2008.

9) Togra le haghaidh Cinnidh ón gComhairle maidir le síniú agus cur chun feidhme sealadach Prótacail a ghabhann leis an gComhaontú Eora-Mheánmhara lena mbunaítear Comhlachas idir an Comhphobal Eorpach agus a Bhallstáit, de pháirt, agus Poblacht na Liobáine, den pháirt eile, d'fhonn aontachas Phoblacht na Bulgáire agus na Rómáine leis an Aontas Eorpach a chur i gcuntas [AGUS] Togra le haghaidh Cinnidh ón gComhairle maidir le críochnú Prótacail a ghabhann leis an gComhaontú Eora-Mheánmhara lena mbunaítear Comhlachas idir an Comhphobal Eorpach agus a Bhallstáit, de pháirt, agus Poblacht na Liobáine, den pháirt eile, d'fhonn aontachas Phoblacht na Bulgáire agus na Rómáine leis an Aontas Eorpach a chur i gcuntas mar aon le nóta faisnéise míniúcháin. COM (2008) 65.

10) Togra le haghaidh Cinnidh ón gComhairle maidir le seasamh an Chomhphobail a bheidh le glacadh sa Choimisiún Idirnáisiúnta um Chaomhnú an Tuinnín Ghoirm Dheisceartaigh mar aon le nóta faisnéise míniúcháin. COM (2009) 470.

11) Togra le haghaidh Cinnidh ón gComhairle maidir le síniú agus críochnú comhaontaithe comhpháirtíochta shaorál-aigh idir an Comhphobal Eorpach agus Poblacht Ghána ar fhorghníomhú an dlí

5) Proposal for a Council Decision on the establishment of the Community position to be adopted in the Commission for the Conservation and Management of Highly Migratory Fish Stocks in the Western and Central Pacific Ocean together with explanatory information note. COM (2009) 483.

6) Proposal for a Council Regulation amending Regulation (EC) No. 247/2006 laying down specific measures for agriculture in the outermost regions of the Union together with explanatory information note. COM (2009) 510.

7) Health and Safety Authority. Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December, 2008 together with Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General.

8) Mental Health Commission. Financial Statements, 2008.

9) Proposal for a Council Decision on the signing and provisional application of a Protocol to the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an Association between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Lebanon, of the other part, to take account of the accession of the Republic of Bulgaria and Romania to the European Union [AND] Proposal for a Council Decision on the conclusion of a Protocol to the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an Association between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Lebanon, of the other part, to take account of the accession of the Republic of Bulgaria and Romania to the European Union together with explanatory information note. COM (2008) 65.

10) Proposal for a Council Decision on the establishment of the Community position to be adopted in the Commission for the Conservation of Southern Bluefin Tuna together with explanatory information note. COM (2009) 470.

11) Proposal for a Council Decision on the signature and conclusion of a voluntary partnership agreement between the European Community and the Republic of Ghana on forest law enforcement,

agus rialú I dtaca le foraoisí agus ar thrádáil I dtáirgí adhmaid isteach sa Chomhphobal mar aon le nóta faisnéise míniúcháin. COM (2009) 468.

governance and trade in timber products into the Community together with explanatory information note. COM (2009) 468.

12) Togra le haghaidh Molta ón gComhairle maidir le bearta chun galair néar-mheathlúcháin a chomhrac go háirithe galar Alzheimer, trí chomhchláir gníomhaíochtaí taighde a leagan amach mar aon le nóta faisnéise míniúcháin. COM (2009) 379.

12) Proposal for a Council Recommendation on measures to combat neurodegenerative diseases, in particular Alzheimer's, through joint programming of research activities together with explanatory information note. COM (2009) 379.

13) Togra le haghaidh Cinnidh ón gComhairle lena n-údaráítear táirgí a chur ar an margadh ar táirgí iad ina bhfuil, arb é atá iontu, nó a tháirgtear as, arbhar Indiach géinmhodhnaithe MON 89034 (MON-8934-3) de bhun Rialachán (CE) Uimh. 1829/2003 ó Pharlaimint na hEorpa agus ón gComhairle mar aon le nóta faisnéise míniúcháin. COM (2009) 457.

13) Proposal for a Council Decision authorising the placing on the market of products containing, consisting of, or produced from genetically modified maize MON 89034 (MON-8934-3) pursuant to Regulation (EC) No. 1829/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council together with explanatory information note. COM (2009) 457.

14) Togra le haghaidh Cinnidh ón gComhairle lena n-údaráítear táirgí a chur ar an margadh ar táirgí iad ina bhfuil, arb é atá iontu, nó a tháirgtear as, arbhar Indiach géinmhodhnaithe 59122xNK603 (DAS-59122-7xMON-63-6) de bhun Rialachán (CE) Uimh. 1829/2003 ó Pharlaimint na hEorpa agus ón gComhairle mar aon le nóta faisnéise míniúcháin. COM (2009) 443.

14) Proposal for a Council Decision authorising the placing on the market of products containing, consisting of, or produced from genetically modified maize 59122xNK603 (DAS-59122-7xMON-63-6) pursuant to Regulation (EC) No. 1829/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council together with explanatory information note. COM (2009) 443.

15) Togra le haghaidh Cinnidh ón gComhairle lena n-údaráítear táirgí a chur ar an margadh ar táirgí iad ina bhfuil, arb é atá iontu, nó a tháirgtear as, arbhar Indiach géinmhodhnaithe MON 88017 (MON-8817-3) de bhun Rialachán (CE) Uimh. 1829/2003 ó Pharlaimint na hEorpa agus ón gComhairle mar aon le nóta faisnéise míniúcháin. COM (2009) 444.

15) Proposal for a Council Decision authorising the placing on the market of products containing, consisting of, or produced from genetically modified maize MON 88017 (MON-8817-3) pursuant to Regulation (EC) No. 1829/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council together with explanatory information note. COM (2009) 444.

16) An Bord Airgeadais Oideachais (Iar-Chónaitheoirí de chuid Foras Áirithe do Leanáí). Ráitis Airgeadais don bhliain dar chríoch 31 Nollaig, 2008.

16) Education (Former Residents of Certain Institutions for Children) Finance Board. Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December, 2008.

17) An tOrdú fán Acht um Chnuas-Mhuinisín agus Mianaigh Fhrithphearsanra 2008 (Tosach Feidhme) 2009 (I.R. Uimh. 410 de 2009).

17) Cluster Munitions and Anti-Personnel Mines Act 2008 (Commencement) Order 2009 (S.I. No. 410 of 2009).

18) Togra le haghaidh Rialacháin ón gComhairle lena leasaítear Rialachán (CE) Uimh. 423/2007 ón gComhairle maidir le bearta sriantacha in aghaidh na hIaráine mar aon le nóta faisnéise míniúcháin. COM (2009) 496.

19) Comhsheasamh 2009/717/CFSP an 24 Meán Fómhair 2009 ón gComhairle lena leathnaítear Comhsheasamh 2004/694/CFSP ar bhearta breise chun tacú le forfheidhmiú éifeachtach shainordú an Bhinse Choiriúil Idirnáisiúnta don iar-Iúgslaiv mar aon le nóta faisnéise míniúcháin.

20) Togra le haghaidh Cinnidh ón gComhairle maidir leis an seasamh Comhphobail a bhunú a bheidh le glacadh i gCoimisiún Iascaigh an Atlantaigh Thoir Thuaidh mar aon le nóta faisnéise míniúcháin. COM (2009) 484.

Neamhreachtúil:

1) An Chomhairle Náisiúnta Eacnamaíoch agus Sóisialach. Tuarascáil Uimh. 119, Imleabhar 1. — “Tábhacht na Dea-Bhaile” — Tuarascáil Shóisialta d’Éirinn. Deireadh Fómhair, 2009.

2) Suirbhéireacht ar Iompar Fartha Bóthair, 2008.

3) Tithe an Oireachtais. An Comhchoiste um Ghrinnscrúdú Eorpach. An Ceathrú Tuarascáil: Tuarascáil Speisialta maidir le Reachtaíocht nua AE, 1 Eanáir go 30 Meitheamh, 2009. Deireadh Fómhair, 2009.

18) Proposal for a Council Regulation amending Council Regulation (EC) No. 423/2007 concerning restrictive measures against Iran together with explanatory information note. COM (2009) 496.

19) Council Common Position 2009/717/CFSP of 24 September, 2009 extending Common Position 2004/694/CFSP on further measures in support of the effective implementation of the mandate of the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia together with explanatory information note.

20) Proposal for a Council Decision on the establishment of the Community position to be adopted in the North East Atlantic Fisheries Commission together with explanatory information note. COM (2009) 484.

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1) National Economic and Social Council. Report No. 119, Volume 1. — “Well-being Matters” — A Social Report for Ireland. October, 2009.

2) Road Freight Transport Survey, 2008.

3) Houses of the Oireachtas. Joint Committee on European Scrutiny. Fourth Report: Special Report on New EU Legislation, 1 January to 30 June, 2009. October, 2009.