

*Dé Céadaoin, 18 Samhain, 2009*  
*Wednesday, 18th November, 2009*

10.30 a.m.

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RIAR NA hOIBRE

*Order Paper*

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GNÓ POIBLÍ

*Public Business*

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1. An Bille Cosanta (Forálacha Ilghnéitheacha) 2009 [*Dáil*] — An Dara Céim.  
 Defence (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2009 [*Dáil*] — Second Stage.
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*Tíolactha:*

*Presented:*

2. An Bille um Imeall Trá agus um Dhumpáil ar Farraige (Leasú) 2009 — Ordú don Dara Céim.  
 Foreshore and Dumping at Sea (Amendment) Bill 2009 — Order for Second Stage.

Bille dá ngairtear Acht do dhéanamh socrú chun feidhmeanna áirithe a bhaineann leis an imeall trá a aistriú ón Aire Talmhaíochta, Iascaigh agus Bia chuig an Aire Comhshaoil, Oidhreacht agus Rialtais Áitiúil agus chun na críche sin agus chun críoch eile do leasú agus do leathnú na nAchtanna Imeall Trá 1933 go 2005 agus do dhéanamh socrú chun feidhmeanna eile a bhaineann leis an imeall trá a aistriú chuig an Aire Comhshaoil, Oidhreacht agus Rialtais Áitiúil, do dhéanamh socrú chun feidhmeanna áirithe a bhaineann le dumpáil ar farraige a aistriú ón Aire Talmhaíochta, Iascaigh agus Bia chuig an nGníomhaireacht um Chaomhnú Comhshaoil agus chun na críche sin agus chun críoch eile do leasú agus do leathnú na nAchtanna um Dhumpáil ar Farraige 1996 go 2006, agus do dhéanamh socrú i dtaobh nithe comhghaolmhara.

Bill entitled an Act to provide for the transfer of certain functions relating to the foreshore from the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Food to the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government and for that and other purposes to amend and extend the Foreshore Acts 1933 to 2005 and to provide for the transfer of other functions relating to the foreshore to the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government, to provide for the transfer of certain functions relating to dumping at sea from the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Food to the Environmental Protection Agency and for that and other purposes to amend and extend the Dumping at Sea Acts 1996 to 2006, and to provide for connected matters.

—*Senator Donie Cassidy.*

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*Tíolactha:*

*Presented:*

- 3.** Bille na gCuideachtaí (Forálacha Ilghnéitheacha) 2009 — Ordú don Dara Céim.  
Companies (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2009 — Order for Second Stage.

Bille dá ngairtear Acht do dhéanamh socrú, in imthosca teoranta, maidir le máthairghnóthais áirithe d'úsáid, go hidirthréimhseach, caighdeáin chuntas-aíochta a aithnítear go hidirnáisiúnta seachas na prionsabail agus na beartais chuntasaíochta sin a bhfuil glacadh coitianta leo agus a úsáidtear sa Stát, do leasú Acht na gCuideachtaí 1990 agus do dhéanamh socrú i dtaobh nithe gaolmhara.

Bill entitled an Act to provide, in limited circumstances, for the transitional use by certain parent undertakings of internationally recognised accounting standards other than those generally accepted accounting principles and policies used in the State, to amend the Companies Act 1990 and to provide for related matters.

—*Senator Donie Cassidy.*

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- 4.** (l) An Bille um Pleanáil agus Forbairt (Leasú) 2009 — An Coiste.  
(a) Planning and Development (Amendment) Bill 2009 — Committee.

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- 5.** (l) An Bille um Nós Imeachta Coiriúil 2009 — An Coiste (*leasú 18, atógáil*).  
(a) Criminal Procedure Bill 2009 — Committee (*amendment 18, resumed*).

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

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- 7.** An Bille Cróinéirí 2007 — An Coiste.  
Coroners Bill 2007 — Committee.

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

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- 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.*

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- 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.*

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- 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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- 16.** An Bille um Chosaint Tomhaltóirí (Dearbháin Bhronntanais) 2009 — An Dara Céim.  
Consumer Protection (Gift Vouchers) Bill 2009 — Second Stage.  
—*Senators Brendan Ryan, Alex White, Michael McCarthy, Phil Prendergast, Ivana Bacik, Dominic Hannigan.*
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*Bille (atógáil) (0.03 n. fágtha):*

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

- 17.** 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):*

- 18.** 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):*

- 19.** 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):*

**20.** 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:*

**21.** 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.*

**22.** 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.*

**23.** 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.*

**24.** 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):*

25. *Ráitis maidir le Conradh Liospóin um Athchóiriú (atógáil).*  
*Statements on the Lisbon Reform Treaty (resumed).*
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26. *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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*Tairiscintí:**Motions:*

27. “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]**

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28. “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]**

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29. “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 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.

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 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]**

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30. “Go dtugann Seanad Éireann dá aire 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, 2009.”

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

31. “Go dtugann Seanad Éireann dá aire an Tuarascáil ón gComhchoiste um Ghnóthaí Sóisialacha agus Teaghlaigh dar teideal ‘*Calaois Leasa Shóisialaigh*’ a leagadh faoi bhráid Sheanad 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]

32. “Go dtugann Seanad Éireann dá aire an Tuarascáil ón gComhchoiste um Dhlí agus Ceart, Comhionannas, Cosaint agus Cearta na mBan dar teideal ‘*An Dara Tuarascáil — Rannpháirtíocht na mBan i gCúrsaí Polaitíochta*’, a leagadh faoi bhráid Sheanad Éireann an 28 Deireadh Fómhair, 2009.

That Seanad Éireann notes the Report of the Joint Committee on Justice, Equality, Defence and Women’s Rights entitled ‘*Second Report — Women’s Participation in Politics*’, which was laid before Seanad Éireann on 28 October, 2009.”

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

33. “Go dtugann Seanad Éireann dá aire an Dara Tuarascáil ón gComhchoiste um Athrú Aeráide agus Áirithiú Fuinnimh dar teideal ‘*An Chúis ar son Dlí Athraithe Aeráide, mar aon le Príomhranna an Bhille*’ a leagadh faoi bhráid Sheanad Éireann an 28 Deireadh Fómhair, 2009.

That Seanad Éireann notes the Second Report of the Joint Committee on Climate Change and Energy Security entitled ‘*the Case for Climate Change Law, together with Heads of Bill*’ which was laid before Seanad Éireann on 28 October, 2009.”

—*Senator Donie Cassidy.*  
[3 November, 2009]

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

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 Creat-Chinnidh ón gComhairle maidir le soláthróirí seirbhísí dlí-eolaíochta a sheolann gníomhaíochtaí saotharlainne a chreidiúnú,

a proposal for a Council Framework Decision on Accreditation of forensic service providers carrying out laboratory activities,

ar beart beartaithe é ar leagadh cóip de faoi bhráid Sheanad Éireann an 3 Samhain, 2009.

a copy of which proposed measure was laid before Seanad Éireann on the 3 day of November 2009.”

—*Senator Donie Cassidy.*  
[5 November, 2009]

35. “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:

togra le haghaidh Creat-Chinnidh ón gComhairle maidir le gáinneáil ar dhaoine a chosc agus a chomhrac, agus maidir le híospartaigh a chosaint, lena n-aisghairtear Creat-Chinneadh 2002/629/JHA,

ar beart beartaithe é ar leagadh cóip de faoi bhráid Sheanad Éireann an 4 Samhain, 2009.

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 consent to the adoption by the European Union of the following proposed measure:

a proposal for a Council Framework Decision on preventing and combating trafficking in human beings, and protecting victims, repealing Framework Decision 2002/629/JHA,

a copy of which proposed measure was laid before Seanad Éireann on the 4 day of November 2009.”.

—*Senator Donie Cassidy.*

**[5 November, 2009]**

36. “Go dtugann Seanad Éireann dá aire an Tuarascáil ón gComhchoiste um Thalmhaíocht, Iascach agus Bia dar teideal ‘*Tuarascáil ar thruailliú táirgí muiceola Éireannaí*’ a leagadh faoi bhráid Sheanad Éireann an 26 Bealtaine, 2009.

That Seanad Éireann notes the Report of the Joint Committee on Agriculture, Fisheries and Food entitled ‘*Report on the contamination of Irish pork products*’ which was laid before Seanad Éireann on 26 May, 2009.”.

—*Senator Donie Cassidy.*

**[11 November, 2009]**

37. “Go dtugann Seanad Éireann dá aire an Tuarascáil ón gComhchoiste um Thalmhaíocht, Iascach agus Bia dar teideal ‘*Todhchaí na Feirmeoireachta agus an Iascaigh san Iarthar*’ a leagadh faoi bhráid Sheanad Éireann an 10 Iúil, 2009.

That Seanad Éireann notes the Report of the Joint Committee on Agriculture, Fisheries and Food entitled ‘*The Future of Farming and Fishing in the West*’ which was laid before Seanad Éireann on 10 July, 2009.”.

—*Senator Donie Cassidy.*

**[11 November, 2009]**

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

1. “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]**

2. “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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3. “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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4. “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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5. “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]**

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6. “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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7. “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]**

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8. “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]**

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9. “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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10. “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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11. “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;
- 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]**

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12. “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]**

13. “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]**

14. “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]**

15. “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]**

## 16. “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]**

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17. “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]**

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18. “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]**

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19. “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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20. “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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21. “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, Rónán Mullen, Shane Ross, Feargal Quinn.*

**[23 September, 2009]**

22. “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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23. “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]**

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24. “That Seanad Éireann deplors 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, Shane Ross, Rónán Mullen.*

**[21 October, 2009]**

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25. “That Seanad Éireann,

- having regard to the urgency of the current economic situation and the need for positive leadership and for unity across all sectors of the community;
- recognising the crucial leadership role of the trade union movement;
- stressing the importance of protecting the most vulnerable members of our society in the budgetary decisions to be made over the coming weeks;
- mindful of the potentially damaging impact of protests and strikes in favour of sectoral interests on the consideration to be given to society’s more vulnerable members;

calls for the cancellation of the proposed public sector strike scheduled for 24th November so as to facilitate the best national effort in dealing with the current economic crisis.”

—*Senators Rónán Mullen, Shane Ross, Feargal Quinn.*

**[9 November, 2009]**

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26. “That Seanad Éireann welcomes the Government initiative to introduce a biofuel obligation scheme in July 2010, in view of the benefits accruing in terms of emissions reductions from transport, in terms of increased security of supply for road transport fuel, and the increased potential for employment and economic activity from domestic production of biofuel.”.

—*Senators Donie Cassidy, Jim Walsh, Diarmuid Wilson, 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, Mary White.*

**[17 November, 2009]**

*Leasú:*

*Amendment:*

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

“welcomes Fine Gael’s NewERA policy to accelerate the development of the bio-fuel and bio-energy industry in Ireland through the merger of Bord na Mona and Coillte to create a new state company called ‘BioEnergy Ireland’ that will aim to become a global leader in the commercialisation of next generation bio-energy technologies for transport, home and district heating and power generation.”.

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

**39.** An Seanad a chur ar athló.  
Adjournment of the Seanad.

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**BILLÍ AR SIÚL AGUS GNÓ ATÁ ORDAITHE**  
*Bills in Progress and Business Ordered*

*Dé Céadaoin, 25 Samhain, 2009.*  
*Wednesday, 25th November, 2009.*

An Bille um Áiseanna Saothair (Leasú) 2009 [*Dáil*] — An Coiste.  
Labour Services (Amendment) Bill 2009 [*Dáil*] — Committee.

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**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.

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An Bille Uchtála 2009.  
Adoption Bill 2009.

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

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An Bille Caidrimh Thionscail (Leasú) 2009.  
Industrial Relations (Amendment) Bill 2009.

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**MEMORANDA**

*Dé Céadaoin, 18 Samhain, 2009.*  
*Wednesday, 18th November, 2009.*

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, LH 2000,  
at 9.30 a.m.

Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Chumarsáid, Fuinneamh agus Acmhainní Nádúrtha i Seomra Coiste 1, TL2000, ar 9.45 a.m.

Meeting of the Joint Committee on Communications, Energy and Natural Resources in Committee Room 1, LH2000, at 9.45 a.m.

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Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Thalmhaíocht, Iascach agus Bia i Seomra Coiste 3, TL2000, ar 11.30 a.m.

Meeting of the Joint Committee on Agriculture, Fisheries and Food in Committee Room 3, LH2000, at 11.30 a.m.

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Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste Riaracháin i Seomra Coiste 1, TL2000, ar 12.15 p.m.

Meeting of the Joint Administration Committee in Committee Room 1, LH2000, at 12.15 p.m.

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Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Ghnóthaí Ealaíon, Spóirt, Turasóireachta, Pobail, Tuaithe agus Gaeltachta i Seomra Coiste 4, TL2000, ar 2.30 p.m.

Meeting of the Joint Committee on Arts, Sport, Tourism, Community, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs in Committee Room 4, LH2000, at 2.30 p.m.

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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.

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Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Ghnóthaí Eachtracha i Seomra Coiste 3, TL2000, ar 4 p.m.

Meeting of the Joint Committee on Foreign Affairs in Committee Room 3, LH2000, at 4 p.m.

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Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um an Leasú Bunreachta 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.

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*Déardaoin, 19 Samhain, 2009.*  
*Thursday, 19th November, 2009.*

Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Oideachas agus Eolaíocht i Seomra Coiste 2, TL2000, ar 10 a.m.

Meeting of the Joint Committee on Education and Science in Committee Room 2, LH2000, at 10 a.m.

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Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Fhorfheidhmiú Chomhaontú Aoine an Chéasta i Seomra Coiste 3, TL2000, ar 11.30 a.m.

Meeting of the Joint Committee on the Implementation of the Good Friday Agreement in Committee Room 3, LH2000, at 11.30 a.m.

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Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Thalmhaíocht, Iascach agus Bia i Seomra Coiste 2, TL2000, ar 12.30 p.m.

Meeting of the Joint Committee on Agriculture, Fisheries and Food in Committee Room 2, LH2000, at 12.30 p.m.

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Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Iompar i Seomra Coiste 4, TL2000, ar 2 p.m.  
Meeting of the Joint Committee on Transport in Committee Room 4, LH2000, at 2 p.m.

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

*Reachtúil:*

1) Togra le haghaidh Cinnidh ón gComhairle agus ón gCoimisiún ar sheasamh an Chomhphobail laistigh den Chomhairle Chobhsaíochta agus Comhlachais maidir leis an aistriú go dtí an dara céim den Chomhlachas idir na Comhphobail Eorpacha agus a gcuid Ballstát, de pháirt, agus iar-Phoblacht Iúgslavach na Macadóine, den pháirt eile, de bhun airteagal 5 den Chomhaontú Cobhsaíochta agus Comhlachais mar aon le nóta faisnéise míniúcháin. COM (2009) 280.

2) An Roinn Talmhaíochta agus Bia. Tuarascáil Bhliantúil, 2008, lena n-áirítear Ráiteas Bliantúil Aschuir, 2008.

*Statutory:*

1) Proposal for a Decision of the Council and of the Commission on the Community position within the Stabilisation and Association Council on the transition to the second stage of the Association between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, of the other part, pursuant to article 5 of the Stabilisation and Association Agreement together with explanatory information note. COM (2009) 280.

2) Department of Agriculture and Food. Annual Report, 2008 including Annual Output Statement, 2008.

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