

Dé Máirt, 15 Nollaig, 2009
Tuesday, 15th December, 2009

2.30 p.m.

RIAR NA hOIBRE

Order Paper

GNÓ POIBLÍ

Public Business

Tairiscint:

Motion:

1. “Go ndéanfar Ordú an 15 Deireadh Fómhair, 2009 ó Sheanad Éireann i ndáil leis an gComhchoiste um an Leasú Bunreachtá maidir le Leanaí a leasú trí ‘16 Nollaig 2009’ a scriosadh agus ‘29 Eanáir 2010’ a chur ina ionad. That the Order of Seanad Éireann of 15 October, 2009 in relation to the Joint Committee on the Constitutional Amendment on Children be amended by the deletion of ‘16 December 2009’ and the substitution thereof of ‘29 January 2010’.”

—*Senator Donie Cassidy.*

2. An Bille Leasa Shóisialaigh agus Pinsean (Uimh. 2) 2009 [*Dáil*] — An Dara Céim.
 Social Welfare and Pensions (No. 2) Bill 2009 [*Dáil*] — Second Stage.

3. (l) An Bille Meabhair-Shláinte (Bearta Ainneonacha) (Leasú) 2008 — An Coiste (*alt 1, atógáil*).

(a) Mental Health (Involuntary Procedures) (Amendment) Bill 2008 — Committee (*section 1, resumed*).

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

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

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

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.*

- 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, 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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- 12.** 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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- 13.** 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):

- 14.** 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):

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

Presented:

- 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.*

17. 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.*

18. 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.*

19. 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):

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

21. 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*).

22. Ráitis maidir leis an mBuiséad 2010 (*atógáil*).
Statements on Budget 2010 (*resumed*).

Tairiscintí:
Motions:

23. “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]

24. “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]

25. “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]

26. “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]

27. “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]

28. “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]

29. “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]

30. “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]

31. “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]

32. “Go dtugann Seanad Éireann dá haire an Tríú Tuarascáil ón gComhchoiste um Athrú Aeráide agus Áirithiú Fuinnimh dar teideal ‘Ag Freastal do Riachtanais Fuinnimh na hÉireann tar éis 2020’ a leagadh faoi bhráid Sheanad Éireann an 2ú Nollaig, 2009.

That Seanad Éireann notes the Third Report of the Joint Committee on Climate Change and Energy Security entitled ‘Meeting Ireland’s Electricity Needs Post 2020’ which was laid before Seanad Éireann on 2nd December, 2009.”.

—*Senator Donie Cassidy.*
[4 December, 2009]

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

1. “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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2. “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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3. “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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4. “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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5. “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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6. “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]

7. “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]

8. “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]

9. “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]

10. “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]

11. “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, David Norris.*

[28 May, 2009]

12. “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]

13. “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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14. “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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15. “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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16. “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]

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17. “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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18. “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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19. “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, Shane Ross, Rónán Mullen.*

[21 October, 2009]

20. “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]

21. “That Seanad Éireann:

noting that:

- the Budget forecasts a further cut in employment levels of 65,000 in 2010, after the estimated fall of 165,000 this year;
- the OECD, the European Commission and the IMF have concluded that, after the end of the debt-fuelled property and public spending bubbles, a return to the export-led economic growth of the 1990s is the only route for Ireland out of recession and back to full employment;
- the National Competitiveness Council has identified high business costs and bottlenecks in energy, broadband and water infrastructures as the biggest barriers to growth in exports;

condemns

- the poverty of ambition and vision in the Budget with regard to economic renewal and protecting employment;
- the €1 billion cut in the capital programme (which will alone destroy at least 10,000 jobs);
- the use of scarce resources to cut taxes on car imports rather than to support exporters, which will lead to a diversion of money out of the economy;
- the failure to provide for any across the board cost relief to struggling; exporters and other businesses in areas such as employment taxes, local authority rates and energy costs; and
- the lack of social solidarity in proposed social welfare cuts which will adversely impact on the most vulnerable in society.”.

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

[15 December, 2009]

34. 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 Caidrimh Thionscail (Leasú) 2009.
Industrial Relations (Amendment) Bill 2009.

An Bille um Pleanáil agus Forbairt (Leasú) 2009.
Planning and Development (Amendment) Bill 2009.

An Bille um Choimisiún Thithe an Oireachtais (Leasú) 2009.
Houses of the Oireachtas Commission (Amendment) Bill 2009.

An Bille um Nós Imeachta Coiriúil 2009.
Criminal Procedure Bill 2009.

MEMORANDA

Dé Máirt, 15 Nollaig 2009.
Tuesday, 15th December, 2009.

Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Ghrinnscrúdú Eorpach i Seomra Coiste 4, TL 2000, ar 12 meán lae.
Meeting of the Joint Committee on European Scrutiny in Committee Room 4, LH 2000, at 12 noon.

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

Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Shláinte agus Leanaí i Seomra Coiste 2, TL 2000, ar 3 p.m. (*Príobháideach*).
Meeting of the Joint Committee on Health and Children in Committee Room 2, LH 2000, at 3 p.m. (*Private*).

Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Chomhshaol, Oidhreacht agus Rialtas Áitiúil i Seomra Coiste 3, TL 2000, ar 3.30 p.m.
Meeting of the Joint Committee on the Environment, Heritage and Local Government in Committee Room 3, LH 2000, at 3.30 p.m.

Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Ghnóthaí Rialála Geilleagair i Seomra Coiste 1, TL 2000, ar 4 p.m.

Meeting of the Joint Committee on Economic Regulatory Affairs in Committee Room 1, LH 2000, at 4 p.m.

Cruinniú de Choiste Feidhmiúcháin an Chumann Pharlaimintigh sa Seomra Agallaimh, An Príomh-Halla, Teach Laighean, ar 6 pm (*Príobháideach*).

Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Parliamentary Association, Interview Room, Main Hall, Leinster House, at 6 pm (*Private*).

Dé Céadaoin, 16 Nollaig, 2009.
Wednesday, 16th December, 2009.

Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Chumarsáid, Fuinneamh agus Acmhainní Nádúrtha i Seomra Coiste 1, TL 2000, ar 9.45 a.m.

Meeting of the Joint Committee on Communications, Energy and Natural Resources in Committee Room 1, LH 2000, at 9.45 a.m.

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

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

Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Thalmhaíocht, Iascach agus Bia i Seomra Coiste 4, TL 2000, ar 2.30 p.m.

Meeting of the Joint Committee on Agriculture, Fisheries and Food in Committee Room 4, LH 2000, at 2.30 p.m.

Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Ghnóthaí Eachtracha, an Fochoiste um Chearta an Duine i Seomra Coiste 3, TL 2000, ar 3 p.m.

Meeting of the Joint Committee on Foreign Affairs, Sub-Committee on Human Rights in Committee Room 3, LH 2000, at 3 p.m.

Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Iompar i Seomra Coiste 1, TL 2000, ar 3.45 p.m.

Meeting of the Joint Committee on Transport in Committee Room 1, LH 2000, at 3.45 p.m.

Déardaoin, 17 Nollaig, 2009.
Thursday, 17th December, 2009.

Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Shláinte agus Leanaí i Seomra Coiste 4, TL 2000, ar 10.30 a.m.

Meeting of the Joint Committee on Health and Children in Committee Room 4, LH 2000, at 10.30 a.m.

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

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

Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Ghnóthaí Eachtracha i Seomra Coiste 3, TL 2000, ar 11.30 a.m.

Meeting of the Joint Committee on Foreign Affairs in Committee Room 3, LH 2000, at 11.30 a.m.

Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Fhiontair, Trádáil agus Fostaíocht i Seomra Coiste 3, TL 2000, ar 2. p.m.

Meeting of the Joint Committee on Enterprise, Trade and Employment in Committee Room 3, LH 2000, at 2 p.m.

PÁIPÉIR A LEAGADH FAOI BHRÁID AN tSEANAID

Papers laid before the Seanad

Reachtúil:

Statutory:

1) Rialacháin na gComhphobal Eorpach (Bearta Srianatacha) (An Iaráin) (Leasú) 2009 (I.R. Uimh. 482 de 2009).

1) European Communities (Restrictive Measures) (Iran) (Amendment) Regulations 2009 (S.I. No. 482 of 2009).

2) Páipéar Uaine maidir le fianaise a fháil ó Bhallstát amháin go Ballstát eile in ábhair choiriúla agus a hinghlacthacht a chinntiú mar aon le nóta faisnéise míniúcháin. COM (2009) 624.

2) Green Paper on obtaining evidence in criminal matters from one Member State to another and securing its admissibility together with explanatory information note. COM (2009) 624.

3) An Coimisiún um Scrúduithe Stáit. Tuarascáil Bhliantúil, 2007.

3) State Examinations Commission. Annual Report, 2007.

4) An Coimisiún um Scrúduithe Stáit. Tuarascáil Bhliantúil, 2008.

4) State Examinations Commission. Annual Report, 2008.

5) Fochuideachtaí Rásaíocht Capall Éireann. Tuarascálacha agus Ráitis Airgeadais, 2008. Ábhar: Athlone Golf (Ireland) Limited; Cork Racecourse Limited; Ballyhack Enterprises Limited; Fairyhouse Club Limited; Raheen Developments Limited; Tote Ireland Limited; HRI Racecourses Limited; Irish Thoroughbred Marketing Limited; The Leopardstown Club Limited; Navan Golf Club PLC; Navan Races Limited; The Tipperary Race Company PLC; Tote Arena Limited; The Tote Investors (Ireland) Limited. (An Roinn Ealaíon, Spóirt agus Turasóireachta).

5) Horse Racing Ireland Subsidiaries. Reports and Financial Statements, 2008. Contents: Athlone Golf (Ireland) Limited; Cork Racecourse Limited; Ballyhack Enterprises Limited; Fairyhouse Club Limited; Raheen Developments Limited; Tote Ireland Limited; HRI Racecourses Limited; Irish Thoroughbred Marketing Limited; The Leopardstown Club Limited; Navan Golf Club PLC; Navan Races Limited; The Tipperary Race Company PLC; Tote Arena Limited; The Tote Investors (Ireland) Limited. (Department of Arts, Sport and Tourism).

6) An tOrdú um Acht an Bhainc Ceannais 1971 (Scéim First Active plc. agus Ulster Bank Ireland Limited a Cheadú) 2009 (I.R. Uimh. 481 de 2009).

6) Central Bank Act 1971 (Approval of Scheme of First Active plc. and Ulster Bank Ireland Limited) Order 2009 (S.I. No. 481 of 2009).

- 7) An tOrdú um an Acht Airgeadais (Uimh. 2) 2008 (Sceideal 5) (Tosach Feidhme Forálacha Áirithe) 2009 (I.R. Uimh. 483 de 2009).
- 7) Finance (No. 2) Act 2008 (Schedule 5) (Commencement of Certain Provisions) Order 2009 (S.I. No. 483 of 2009).
- 8) An tOrdú um an Acht Airgeadais (Uimh. 2) 2008 (Tosach Feidhme Alt 79(1)) 2009 (I.R. Uimh. 484 de 2009).
- 8) Finance (No. 2) Act 2008 (Commencement of Section 79(1)) Order 2009 (S.I. No. 484 of 2009).
- 9) An tOrdú um an Acht Airgeadais 2008 (Tosach Feidhme Alt 111) 2009 (I.R. Uimh. 485 de 2009).
- 9) Finance Act 2008 (Commencement of Section 111) Order 2009 (S.I. No. 485 of 2009).
- 10) Togra le haghaidh Cinnidh ón gComhairle maidir leis na ranníocaíochtaí airgeadais a bheidh le híoc ag na Ballstáit chun Ciste Forbartha na hEorpa a mhaoiniú in 2010 agus 2011 mar aon le nóta faisnéise míniúcháin. COM (2009) 619.
- 10) Proposal for a Council Decision on the financial contributions to be paid by the Member States to finance the European Development Fund in 2010 and 2011 together with explanatory information note. COM (2009) 619.
- 11) Togra le haghaidh Rialacháin ón gComhairle lena n-aisghairtear Rialachán (CE) Uimh. 1859/2005 lena bhforchuirtear bearta sriantacha áirithe i leith na hÚisbéiceastáine mar aon le nóta faisnéise míniúcháin. COM (2009) 638.
- 11) Proposal for a Council Regulation repealing Regulation (EC) No 1859/2005 imposing certain restrictive measures in respect of Uzbekistan together with explanatory information note. COM (2009) 638.
- 12) Comhsheasamh 2009/788/CFSP an 27 Deireadh Fómhair 2009 ón gComhairle maidir le bearta sriantacha in aghaidh Phoblacht na Guine mar aon le nóta faisnéise míniúcháin.
- 12) Council Common Position 2009/788/CFSP of 27 October 2009 concerning restrictive measures against the Republic of Guinea together with explanatory information note.
- 13) Gníomhaíocht Chomhpháirteach 2009/795/CFSP ón gComhairle an 19 Deireadh Fómhair 2009 lena n-aisghairtear Gníomhaíocht Chomhpháirteach 2007/677/CFSP maidir le hoibríocht mhíleata an Aontais Eorpaigh i bPoblacht Shead agus i bPoblacht na hAfraice Láir mar aon le nóta iarghlactha.
- 13) Council Joint Action 2009/795/CFSP of 19 October 2009 repealing Joint Action 2007/677/CFSP on the European Union military operation in the Republic of Chad and in the Central African Republic together with post adoption note.
- 14) Gníomhaíocht Chomhpháirteach 2009/841/CFSP ón gComhairle an 17 Samhain 2009 lena leasaítear agus lena leathnaítear Gníomhaíocht Chomhpháirteach 2008/112/CFSP maidir le misean an Aontais Eorpaigh chun tacú le hathchóiriú na hearnála slándála i bPoblacht Ghuine-Bhissau (EU SSR GUINEA-BISSAU) mar aon le nóta iarghlactha.
- 14) Council Joint Action 2009/841/CFSP of 17 November 2009 amending and extending Joint Action 2008/112/CFSP on the European Union mission in support of security sector reform in the Republic of Guinea-Bissau (EU SSR GUINEA-BISSAU) together with post adoption note.
- 15) Gníomhaíocht Chomhpháirteach 2009/842/CFSP ón gComhairle an 17 Samhain 2009 lena leasaítear Gníomhaíocht Chomhpháirteach 2007/369/CFSP maidir le Misean Póilíneachta an Aontais Eorpaigh san Afganastáin (EUPOL AFGHANISTAN) a bhunú mar aon le nóta iarghlactha.
- 15) Council Joint Action 2009/842/CFSP of 17 November 2009 amending Joint Action 2007/369/CFSP on the establishment of the European Union Police Mission in Afghanistan (EUPOL AFGHANISTAN) together with post adoption note.

16) Togra le haghaidh Cinnidh ón gComhairle maidir le síniú agus críochnú an Chomhaontaithe Eatramhaigh ar thrádáil agus ar nithe a bhaineann le trádáil idir an Comhphobal Eorpach, de pháirt, agus Poblacht na Seirbia, den pháirt eile, mar aon le nóta faisnéise míniúcháin. COM (2007) 744.

17) Cinneadh ón gComhairle maidir le críochnú an Chomhaontaithe idir an tAontas Eorpach agus an Phoblacht Dhoiminiceach maidir le rannpháirtíocht na Poblachta Doiminicí in oibríocht mhíleata an Aontais Eorpaigh sa Bhoisnia agus sa Heirseagaivéin (Oibríocht ALTHEA) mar aon le nóta iarghlactha. Doiciméad Uimh. 15189/09 ón gComhairle.

18) Na Rialacháin um Thrácht ar Bhóithre (Feithiclí a Shoilsíú) (Leasú) 2009 (I.R. Uimh. 487 de 2009).

19) Na Rialacháin um Thruailliú na Farráige (Substaintí Dochracha i bhFoirm Pacáistithe) 2009 (I.R. Uimh. 491 de 2009).

20) Oifig an Ombudsman. Tuarascáil Speisialta ón Ombudsman — “Scéim um Báid a Chuaigh go Tóin Poill”. Nollaig, 2009.

21) An tAcht um Post-Phaicéid agus Teachtaireachtaí Teileachumarsáide a Thascradh (Rialáil) 1993 Alt 8(1) arna ionadú leis an Acht um Cheartas Coiriúil (Cionta Sceimhlitheoireachta) 2005 Alt 66. Tuarascáil don Taoiseach (dar dáta 2 Nollaig, 2009) de bhun alt 8(2) den Acht agus Ráiteas (dar dáta 11 Nollaig, 2009) de bhun Alt 8(7) den Acht.

22) Bord Fiontar Contae Chill Dara Teoranta. Tuarascáil Bhliantúil agus Ráitis Airgeadais, 2008.

Neamhreachtúil:

1) An tOrdú um Acht na gCúirteanna agus na nOifigeach Cúirte 2009 (Tosach Feidhme) 2009 (I.R. Uimh. 477 de 2009).

2) An tOrdú um Fhorais Chreidmheasa (Tacaíocht Airgeadais) (Dáta na Tacaíochta Airgeadais) 2009 (I.R. Uimh. 488 de 2009).

3) An tOrdú um Fhorais Chreidmheasa (Tacaíocht Airgeadais) (Tréimhse na Tacaíochta Airgeadais) 2009 (I.R. Uimh. 489 de 2009).

16) Proposal for a Council Decision concerning the signing and conclusion of the Interim Agreement on trade and trade-related matters between the European Community, of the one part, and the Republic of Serbia, of the other part together with explanatory information note. COM (2007) 744.

17) Council Decision concerning the conclusion of the Agreement between the European Union and the Dominican Republic on the participation of the Dominican Republic in the European Union military operation in Bosnia and Herzegovina (Operation ALTHEA) together with post adoption note. Council Document No. 15189/09.

18) Road Traffic (Lighting of Vehicles) (Amendment) Regulations 2009 (S.I. No. 487 of 2009).

19) Sea Pollution (Harmful Substances in Packaged Form) Regulations 2009 (S.I. No. 491 of 2009).

20) Office of the Ombudsman. Special Report by the Ombudsman — “Lost at Sea Scheme”. December, 2009.

21) Interception of Postal Packets and Telecommunications Messages (Regulation) Act 1993 Section 8(1) as substituted by the Criminal Justice (Terrorist Offences) Act 2005 Section 66. Report to the Taoiseach (dated 2 December, 2009) pursuant to section 8(2) of the Act and Statement (dated 11 December, 2009) pursuant to section 8(7) of the Act.

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1) Courts and Court Officers Act 2009 (Commencement) Order 2009 (S.I. No. 477 of 2009).

2) Credit Institutions (Financial Support) (Financial Support Date) Order 2009 (S.I. No. 488 of 2009).

3) Credit Institutions (Financial Support) (Financial Support Period) Order 2009 (S.I. No. 489 of 2009).

- 4) An Scéim um Fhorais Chreidmheasa (Ráthaíocht Dliteanas Incháilithe) 2009 (I.R. Uimh. 490 de 2009).
- 4) Credit Institutions (Eligible Liabilities Guarantee) Scheme 2009 (S.I. No. 490 of 2009).
- 5) Tithe an Oireachtais. An Comhchoiste um Ghnóthaí Eorpacha. An Comhchoiste um Ghrinnscrúdú Eorpach. Comhthuarascáil maidir le Conradh Liospóin a Chur i nGníomh: Socruithe eatramhacha maidir leis an ról méadaithe do Thithe an Oireachtais. 8 Nollaig, 2009.
- 5) Houses of the Oireachtas. Joint Committee on European Affairs. Joint Committee on European Scrutiny. Joint Report on Implementation of the Lisbon Treaty: Interim arrangements on the enhanced role of the Houses of the Oireachtas. 8 December, 2009.
- 6) Dréacht-Chinneadh ón gComhairle maidir leis an mBuanchoiste ar chomhoibriú oibríochta maidir le slándáil inmheánach a bhunú mar aon le nóta faisnéise míniúcháin. Doiciméad 16075/1/09 Rev 1 ón gComhairle.
- 6) Draft Council Decision on setting up the Standing Committee on operational cooperation on internal security together with explanatory information note. Council Document 16075/1/09 Rev 1.
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- 7) Law Reform Commission Consultation Paper on Documentary and Electronic Evidence (LRC CP57 — 2009).
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