

*Dé Céadaoin, 4 Iúil, 2012*  
*Wednesday, 4th July, 2012*

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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*Tairiscint:*  
*Motion:*

1. “Go ndéanann Seanad Éireann, an tuarascáil ar an imscrúdú a rinne an Coimisiún um Chaighdeáin in Oifigí Poiblí ar shárúithe ag an Seanadóir Pat O’Neill ar alt 21(1) den Acht um Chaighdeáin in Oifigí Poiblí a thabhairt dá aire, ar tuarascáil í a leagadh faoi bhráid Sheanad Éireann an 23 Bealtaine, 2012;

a mheas, maidir le ceanglais an Achta um Chaighdeáin in Oifigí Poiblí, 2001, á cheangal nach mór do chomhaltaí fianaise a thabhairt go bhfuil a n-oibleagáidí i dtaca le cúrsaí cánachais á gcomhlíonadh, gurb í an intinn atá leo muinín a chinntiú as ionracas daoine a thoghtar chun oifigí polaitiúla;

an tuairim a shealbhú gur ní tromchúiseach aon sárú ar an reachtaíocht;

a thabhairt dá aire áfach gurb í seo an chéad uair a thug an Coimisiún tuairisc ar shárú den sórt sin do Sheanad Éireann agus go bhfuil alt 21(1) den Acht á chomhlíonadh anois ag an Seanadóir O’Neill agus gur ghabh sé leithscéal as mainneachtain an reachtaíocht a chomhlíonadh amhail ón dáta a ceanglaíodh,

agus a mheas dá réir sin nach gá aon ghníomh eile a dhéanamh.

That Seanad Éireann, takes note of the report of the investigation by the Standards in Public Office Commission into contraventions of section 21(1) of the Standards in Public Office Act by Senator Pat O’Neill which was laid before Seanad Éireann on 23 May, 2012;

considers, that the requirements of the Standards in Public Office Act 2001 that members must provide evidence of compliance with their obligations in regard to taxation matters are intended to ensure confidence in the probity of persons elected to political office;

is of the opinion that any contravention of the legislation is a serious matter;

notes, however that this is the first occasion such a contravention has been reported to Seanad Éireann by the Commission and that Senator O’Neill is now in compliance with section 21(1) of the Act and has apologised for failing to comply with the legislation as of the required date,

and accordingly considers that no further action is required.”

—*Senator Deirdre Clune,*  
*Chairman,*  
*Seanad Éireann Select Committee*  
*on Members Interests.*  
**[3 July, 2012]**

2. (l) An Bille um Ráthaíocht Chreidmheasa, 2012 [*Dáil*] — An Tuarascáil.  
(a) Credit Guarantee Bill 2012 [*Dáil*] — Report.
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*Tíolactha:*  
*Presented:*

3. An Bille um Fhiadhúlra (Leasú), 2012 — Ordú don Dara Céim.  
Wildlife (Amendment) Bill 2012 — Order for Second Stage.

Bille dá ngairtear Acht do leasú an Achta um Fhiadhúlra, 1976 agus do dhéanamh socrú i dtaobh nithe gaolmhara. Bill entitled an Act to amend the Wildlife Act 1976 and to provide for related matters.

—*Senator Maurice Cummins.*

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4. (l) Bille na Gaeltachta, 2012 — An Coiste (*atógáil, leasu 5*).  
(a) Gaeltacht Bill 2012 — Committee (*resumed, amendment 5*).
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5. An Bille Ombudsman (Leasú), 2008 [*Dáil*] — An Dara Céim.  
Ombudsman (Amendment) Bill 2008 [*Dáil*] — Second Stage.
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6. An Bille Cróinéirí, 2007 — An Coiste.  
Coroners Bill 2007 — Committee.
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7. An Bille um Cheartas Coiriúil (Ciontuithe Spíonta), 2012 — An Coiste.  
Criminal Justice (Spent Convictions) Bill 2012 — Committee.
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8. (l) An Bille um Shláinte agus Leas Ainmhithe, 2012 — An Coiste (*atógáil, alt 38*).  
(a) Animal Health and Welfare Bill 2012 — Committee (*resumed, section 38*).
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*Tíolactha:*  
*Presented:*

9. 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 Maurice Cummins.*

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10. An Bille Staidrimh (Leasú i leith Oidhreachta), 2011 — Ordú don Dara Céim.  
Statistics (Heritage Amendment) Bill 2011 — Order for Second Stage.

Bille dá ngairtear Acht do leasú an Achta Staidrimh, 1993, i ndáil leis an gcéad daonáireamh ar Éirinn a rinneadh ó bunaíodh an Stát; do thabhairt stádas Bill entitled an Act to amend the Statistics Act 1993, in relation to the first census of population of Ireland taken since the establishment of the State; to afford that

oidhreacht speisialta don daonáireamh sin agus do chur faoi deara é a chur ar fáil don phobal le haghaidh taighde ginealais, staire agus taighde eile.

census a special heritage status and to have such released to the public for genealogical, historical and other research.

—*Senator Labhrás Ó Murchú.*

*Tugadh Isteach:*  
*Introduced:*

- 11.** An Bille um Rochtain ar Chóireáil Ailse, 2012 — An Chéad Chéim.  
Access to Cancer Treatment Bill 2012 — First Stage.

Bille dá ngairtear Acht do chinntiú go soláthróidh Feidhmeannacht na Seirbhíse Sláinte na táirgí íocshláinte oideasaithe go léir is gá chun ailse a chóireáil de réir an chleachtais is fearr agus ar cheadú ón nGníomhaireacht Leigheasra Eorpach.

Bill entitled an Act to ensure the provision by the Health Services Executive of all prescribed medicinal products necessary for the treatment of cancer in line with best practice and upon approval of the European Medicines Agency.

—*Senators Marc MacSharry, John Crown, Darragh O'Brien.*

- 12.** An Bille um Thuirbíní Gaoithe, 2012 — An Coiste.  
Wind Turbines Bill 2012 — Committee.

—*Senator John Kelly.*

- 13.** An Bille um Chosaint Sláinte Leanaí ar Dheatach Tobac, 2012 — An Coiste.  
Protection of Children's Health from Tobacco Smoke Bill 2012 — Committee.

—*Senators John Crown, Mark Daly, Jillian van Turnhout.*

- 14.** An Bille um Dhúnorgain Chorparáideach, 2011 — An Dara Céim.  
Corporate Manslaughter Bill 2011 — Second Stage.

—*Senator Mark Daly.*

- 15.** An Bille um Chomhionannas Fostaíochta (Leasú) (Uimh. 2), 2012 — An Dara Céim.  
Employment Equality (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill 2012 — Second Stage.

—*Senator Mary White.*

*Bille (atógáil) (0.02 n. fágtha):*

*Bill (resumed) (0.02 m. remaining):*

- 16.** An Bille um Chlárú Uachtanna, 2011 — An Dara Céim (*atógáil*).  
Registration of Wills Bill 2011 — Second Stage (*resumed*).

—*Senator Terry Leyden.*

*Bille (atógáil) (0.02 n. fágtha):*

*Bill (resumed) (0.02 m. remaining):*

- 17.** An Bille um Fhreagracht Fhioscach (Ráiteas), 2011 — An Dara Céim (*atógáil*).  
Fiscal Responsibility (Statement) Bill 2011 — Second Stage (*resumed*).

—*Senator Sean D. Barrett.*

*Bille (atógáil) (0.02 n. fágtha):*

*Bill (resumed) (0.02 m. remaining):*

**18.** An Bille um Príobháideacht, 2012 — An Dara Céim (*atógáil*).

Privacy Bill 2012 — Second Stage (*resumed*).

—*Senators David Norris, Feargal Quinn, Sean D. Barrett.*

*Tairiscintí:*

*Motions:*

**19.** “Go dtugann Seanad Éireann dá aire an Tuarascáil ón gComhchoiste um Chumarsáid, Acmhainní Nádúrtha agus Talmhaíocht dár teideal ‘*Tuarascáil maidir le Taiscéaladh Ola agus Gáis Amach ón gCósta*’ a leagadh faoi bhráid Sheanad Éireann an 9 Bealtaine, 2012.

That Seanad Éireann notes the Report of the Joint Committee on Communications, Natural Resources and Agriculture entitled ‘*Report on Offshore Oil and Gas Exploration*’ which was laid before Seanad Éireann on 9 May, 2012.”

—*Senator Maurice Cummins.*

**[10 May, 2012]**

**20.** “Go dtugann Seanad Éireann dá aire an Tuarascáil ón gComhchoiste um Airgeadas, Caiteachas Poiblí agus Athchóiriú dar teideal ‘*Tuarascáil maidir le malartú sonraí idir an Roinn Coimirce Sóisialaí agus Oifig na gCoimisinéirí Ioncaim*’ a leagadh faoi bhráid Sheanad Éireann an 10 Bealtaine, 2012.

That Seanad Éireann notes the Report of the Joint Committee on Finance, Public Expenditure and Reform entitled ‘*Report on data exchange between the Department of Social Protection and the Office of the Revenue Commissioners*’ which was laid before Seanad Éireann on 10 May, 2012.”

—*Senator Maurice Cummins.*

**[15 May, 2012]**

**21.** “Go dtugann Seanad Éireann dá aire an tuarascáil ón gComhchoiste um Dhlí agus Ceart, Cosaint agus Comhionannas dar teideal ‘*Tuarascáil maidir le héis-teachtaí i ndáil le Daoine atá ar Iarraidh*’, a leagadh faoi bhráid Sheanad Éireann an 10 Bealtaine, 2012.

That Seanad Éireann notes the report of the Joint Committee on Justice, Defence and Equality entitled ‘*Report on hearings in relation to Missing Persons*’, which was laid before Seanad Éireann on 10th May, 2012.”

—*Senator Maurice Cummins.*

**[22 May, 2012]**

**22.** *Tairiscintí nach ón Rialtas:*

*Non-Government Motions:*

1. “That Seanad Éireann calls on the Minister for Health and the Government to honour its pre-election commitments and ensure the continuation of the existing twenty-four hour a day, seven day a week, Accident and Emergency services at Roscommon County Hospital.”

—*Senators Terry Leyden, Diarmuid Wilson, Darragh O’Brien, Thomas Byrne, Mark Daly, Marc MacSharry, Paschal Mooney, Brian Ó Domhnaill, Denis O’Donovan, Labhrás Ó Murchú, Ned O’Sullivan, Averil Power, Jim Walsh, Mary White.*

**[6 July, 2011]**

2. “That Seanad Éireann calls on the Irish Government to formally recognise a Palestinian State at the UN General Assembly meeting in September 2011 and that such a state would be based upon Israel’s pre-1967 borders with mutually agreed land swaps.”

—*Senators Darragh O’Brien, Diarmuid Wilson, Ned O’Sullivan, Denis O’Donovan, Marc MacSharry, Labhrás Ó Murchú, Brian Ó Domhnaill, Paschal Mooney, Terry Leyden, Thomas Byrne, Jim Walsh, Averil Power, Mark Daly, Mary White, Jillian van Turnhout, Marie Louise O’Donnell, Fiach Mac Conghail, Katherine Zappone, David Norris, Trevor Ó Clochartaigh, Kathryn Reilly, David Cullinane.*

**[26 July, 2011]**

3. “That Seanad Éireann discuss and reject outright the Government’s proposals to introduce a septic tank charge or registration fee on rural households.”

—*Senators Brian Ó Domhnaill, Darragh O’Brien, Thomas Byrne, Mark Daly, Terry Leyden, Marc MacSharry, Paschal Mooney, Denis O’Donovan, Labhrás Ó Murchú, Ned O’Sullivan, Averil Power, Jim Walsh, Mary White, Diarmuid Wilson.*

**[14 September, 2011]**

4. “That Seanad Éireann calls upon the Government to convey to the Holy See at official level, and through existing diplomatic channels, that it would welcome the opportunity of extending an official invitation to Pope Benedict XVI to visit Ireland at a time of mutual convenience.”

—*Senators Jim Walsh, Paschal Mooney, Darragh O’Brien, Labhrás Ó Murchú, Terry Leyden, Mary White, Ned O’Sullivan, Mark Daly, Marc MacSharry, Brian Ó Domhnaill, Diarmuid Wilson, Averil Power, Thomas Byrne, Denis O’Donovan, Rónán Mullen, Feargal Quinn, David Cullinane, Trevor Ó Clochartaigh, Kathryn Reilly, Jillian van Turnhout, Martin McAleese, Fiach Mac Conghail.*

**[2 February, 2012]**

*Tairiscint (atógáil) (0.02 n. fágtha):*

*Motion (resumed) (0.02 m. remaining):*

5. “That Seanad Éireann, noting that:

- research on behalf of the *Environmental Protection Agency* shows that Irish consumers throw away 1 million tonnes of food a year which is approximately 30% of food bought;
- the average person throws out almost 300kg of ‘black bin rubbish’ every year, and about one third of this waste is food waste. This is the equivalent of 3,750 apples;
- this waste costs every household in Ireland about €1,000 per year;
- restaurants dispose of about €125 million worth of food every year;
- wastage is a huge financial cost to the State through the dumping of it in landfills;
- food wastage is a major factor in greenhouse gas emissions through rotting;
- food is inadequately labelled and its *true* origin is often obscured to the consumer;
- food is inadequately labelled in terms of content;
- there is a childhood obesity epidemic with over 300,000 children considered obese;

- most requirements of the new EU Food Information Regulations requirements do not apply until 2014 and nutrition labelling will become mandatory in 2016;

calls on the Government to introduce proper food labelling to improve information to consumers and other food safety measures:

- including the provision of ‘consume by’ dates of food products, in the ‘best before’ and ‘sell by’ dates (that is, many foods are in fact edible after the ‘best before’ or the ‘sell by’ or ‘display until’ dates which used by retailers) to reduce food wastage;
- immediately ensure “verifiable country of origin” labelling on all farm produce sold by retailers to ensure that consumers are not confused and undermine local producers by passing off imports as Irish as is the case currently (e.g. through the use of tricolors, shamrocks, green labels, etc.) — *especially as the EU debate about country of origin labelling has effectively been postponed*;
- ensure that terms like “Irish food” can only be used after specific criteria are satisfied — by doing so, it will help to stimulate growth in the economy by allowing consumers to buy produce verifiably produced in Ireland;
- include labelling on food so that Irish consumers know exactly from where their products are originating;
- given that it is estimated that up to 25% of an individual’s carbon footprint is associated with their diet; consider the introduction of labelling for products with at least 25% greenhouse gas savings (as in Sweden) to provide consumers with the ability to make an informed choice and with the ability to see how some products are more sustainable than others;
- introduce labelling with clearer food storage instructions to reduce waste;
- consider the introduction of simpler food labelling for food products aimed at children;
- teach primary schoolchildren more effectively about food and food labelling, emphasising healthy eating and continue to examine existing advertising regulations with regard to children and clarify the potential tax on fatty foods; and
- welcomes the European Commission’s proposal for the introduction, for the first time and on a voluntary basis, of an electronic identification system (EID) for bovine animals by repealing the current provisions on voluntary beef labelling; and

to consider additional measures to reduce waste, including, but not limited to:

- introducing a proper system for distributing leftover food to those most in need and to the appropriate charities; including ensuring that any catering procured by the State will be required to redistribute that food to vulnerable groups;
- encouraging retailers to allow ‘2 for 1’ offers to be redeemed at a later date through a voucher system, discouraging waste; and
- encouraging producers and retailers to reduce packaging including the introduction of biodegradable packaging and packaging that keeps fresh produce edible for longer in addition to making packaging easier to open for the elderly or disabled.”.

—*Senators Feargal Quinn, Mary-Ann O’Brien.*

**[14 February, 2012]**

*Leasuithe:*

*Amendments:*

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

“noting that:

- minimisation and management of food waste is being addressed under the National Waste Prevention Programme and the plan covering the period 2009-2012;
- the Waste Management (Food Waste) Regulations 2009, on commercial food waste, introduced by the Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government, include a requirement that from 1 July, 2010, the commercial sector have the food waste it generates segregated and collected separately and also imposes obligations on the major sources of food waste such as hot food outlets and institutions;
- the Waste Management (Landfill Levy) Regulations 2011 provide for an increase in the landfill levy to €50 per tonne from 1 September, 2011 and that there is a commitment to further increases;
- the General food labelling Directive 200/13/EC (S.I. 483/2002) requires indication of the place of origin where failure to give such particulars might mislead the consumer to a material degree and EU food information regulations will provide additional information to the consumer;
- according to IUNA data, children are not eating the recommended portions of milk, fresh meat and fruit and vegetables;

considers that these measures will improve Ireland’s performance in relation to food waste, and in particular:

- notes the launch by the Minister for the Environment, Community and Government of the Green Public Procurement Action Plan in January, 2012, which aims to implement green public procurement in favour of more resource efficient, less polluting goods services and works;
- highlights that food and catering services are a priority area for green procurement and that contracting parties will be required to deal with food waste in compliance with the National Composting Standard;
- emphasises that the sustainability of the agri-food sector in Ireland provides consumers in Ireland and further afield with environmental assurance, welcomes in this regard schemes such as the Bord Bia Beef and Lamb Quality Assurance Scheme, developed in partnership with Teagasc and the Carbon Trust. This includes traceability back to the farm and carbon measurement on the farm as well as an indication of origin;
- remarks that Country of Origin labelling is currently mandatory for beef, fish, honey, olive oil and fresh fruit and vegetables and for other products when its absence might mislead the consumer; that this is being extended to other meats and that the European Commission will carry out a feasibility study on the possibility of extending country of origin labelling requirements to other foods including ingredients that represent more than 50% of a food;
- notes that the DAFM is supporting research into anaerobic digestion, utilisation of by-products of processing and fruit and vegetable waste in particular and considers that it is important that the findings of such research are commercialised and used on a wide scale;

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- encourages more schools to take up the EU school milk scheme;
- notes that the Food Dude/EU school fruit scheme, managed by Bord Bia funded by DAFM, has now been rolled out to over half of primary school children and that evaluations of the scheme have consistently shown increased consumption of fruit and vegetables;
- recommends wider publicity of the Stop Food Waste Programme ([www.StopFoodWaste.ie](http://www.StopFoodWaste.ie)) and the [www.foodwaste.ie](http://www.foodwaste.ie) and the EPA publication “Less Food Waste — More Profit” which provides advice to consumers and operators on buying, storage and low waste cookery tips such as buying what is required, taking note of existing stock, checking use-by dates and understanding the differences between Use-by, Best before and Sell by dates, and on how to compost any residual food waste, as easy access to information and advice could have a substantial impact on individual consumer decisions and national patterns of consumer and operator behaviour.”.

—*Senator Maurice Cummins.*

2. To delete “• ensure that terms like ‘Irish Food’ ” and substitute “ensure that terms like ‘Irish Food’ applies to Irish produce on an All-Ireland basis, and”.

—*Trevor Ó Clochartaigh, David Cullinane, Kathryn Reilly.*

6. “That Seanad Éireann hereby declares that the Order of Business of Seanad Éireann, save in exceptional circumstances, shall take precedence over other business of the Oireachtas and that consequently Senators shall not attend meetings of Committees of the Oireachtas until the Order of Business is concluded in the House.”.

—*Senators David Norris, Sean Barrett, Feargal Quinn, Rónán Mullen.*

**[25 April, 2012]**

7. “That Seanad Eireann takes notes of the Annual Report of The Press Council of Ireland and the Office of the Press Ombudsman 2011.”.

—*Senators David Norris, Feargal Quinn, Rónán Mullen, Sean Barrett.*

**[12 June, 2012]**

8. “That the minutes of the Committee on Procedure and Privileges shall be automatically sent as a matter of course to every member of the Senate in light of the recent communication problems with members.”.

—*Senators David Norris, Marie Louise O’Donnell, Darragh O’Brien, Thomas Byrne, Mark Daly, Terry Leyden, Marc MacSharry, Paschal Mooney, Denis O’Donovan, Ned O’Sullivan, Brian Ó Domhnaill, Labhrás Ó Murchú, Averil Power, Jim Walsh, Mary White, Diarmuid Wilson, Sean D. Barrett, Cait Keane.*

**[26 June, 2012]**

9. “That the Social Welfare and Pensions Act 2012 (Section 12) (Commencement) Order 2012 (S.I. No. 206 of 2012) be and are hereby annulled.”

—*Senators Darragh O’Brien, Thomas Byrne, Mark Daly, Terry Leyden, Marc MacSharry, Paschal Mooney, Denis O’Donovan, Brian Ó Domhnaill, Labhrás Ó Murchú, Ned O’Sullivan, Averil Power, Jim Walsh, Mary White, Diarmuid Wilson, Katherine Zappone.*

**[28 June, 2012]**



10. “That Seanad Éireann notes that:

- the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, and the European Social Charter recognises the right to housing as part of the right to an adequate standard of living;
- there are 94,000 people in receipt of rent supplement in this State;
- there are 100,000 people on waiting lists for local authority housing in this State, and the public housing sector has been chronically underfunded for many years;
- many of those in receipt of rent supplement fall within a particularly vulnerable category of tenants, often already living in properties which are at the lower end of the price scale for rented accommodation;
- the Minister for Social Welfare’s stated commitment that no tenant would be made homeless on account of these changes;
- according to Focus Ireland there are some 5,000 people homeless in the State at any given time;
- many single parents face an anomaly as regards being assessed as single persons for the purposes of rent allowance, despite having joint custody of a child;
- the problems experienced by a proportion of landlords cannot be separated from the wider mortgage arrears crisis;
- many of those in receipt of rent supplement will find it difficult to renegotiate their rent downwards, and to find alternative accommodation in the vicinity.

Seanad Éireann criticizes the practice of landlords seeking cash payments from tenants, in addition to accepting rent supplement, in breach of the legislation;

and therefore calls on the Government to:

- provide support information and assistance to tenants currently availing of rent supplement;
- negotiate directly with landlords the rates at which rent supplement is paid, in order to reduce the expenditure on rent supplement;
- put in place a scheme whereby rent supplement is paid directly to landlords, rather than to tenants;
- make as much use as possible of suitable NAMA accommodation in order to meet the needs of those currently in receipt of rent supplement, and to acquire vacant NAMA properties for social housing purposes; and
- direct HEOs (formerly known as CWOs) to take all reasonable steps necessary to ensure that tenants have appropriate accommodation.”.

—*Senators David Cullinane, Trevor Ó Clochartaigh, Kathryn Reilly.*

**[3 July, 2012]**

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*Leasú:*

*Amendment:*

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

- “— acknowledges that the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, and the European Social Charter recognises the right to housing as part of the right to an adequate standard of living;
- recognises the vital role played by the rent supplement scheme in addressing the accommodation needs of up to 93,000 households for which the Government has provided €436 million in 2012;
- affirms that the purpose of rent supplement is to provide short-term income support to those who do not have accommodation available to them from another source and it is not intended as a long term housing solution;
- has concerns over the long term reliance on rent supplement with approximately 55,000 recipients having now been in payment for more than 18 months;
- agrees that the recent maximum rent limits introduced from 1 January 2012 are in line with the most up to date market data available;
- affirms that officials from the Department of Social Protection dealing with rent supplement tenants will continue to ensure that their accommodation needs are met and that the introduction of the revised rent limits have not and will not lead to any incidence of homelessness;
- affirms that rent supplement is an income support specifically for the benefit of tenants to assist them with their accommodation needs and there is no direct relationship between the Department of Social Protection and landlords;
- acknowledges that if the Department of Social Protection were to become involved in negotiations of rental agreements with landlords, the efficiency of the scheme would be adversely affected;
- agrees that any practice whereby landlords would seek cash payments from tenants in excess of that agreed under the rent supplement scheme is an offence and that representatives of the Department of Social Protection have specific legislative powers to deal with such offences;
- recognises that in cases where parents have joint custody of a child, the needs of both parents to have adequate accommodation are taken into account when determining entitlement to rent supplement;
- acknowledges that rent supplement should revert to its previous role of providing short-term income support for those temporarily unemployed;
- welcomes the transfer of 39,910 households from rent supplement under the Rental Accommodation Scheme (RAS) since 2005 to date;
- notes the publication of a new housing policy framework statement by the Minister for the Environment, Community and Local Government and the Minister for Housing and Planning in June 2011;
- welcomes Government agreement in principle to transfer responsibility for the provision of rental assistance to persons with a long term housing need from the Department of Social Protection currently provided through rent supplement to housing authorities using a new Housing Assistance Payment (HAP);

- notes that a commencement date for HAP of 1st January 2013 has been approved subject to further consideration of the matter by Government;
- notes that the Government has established a multi-agency steering group to develop proposals to give effect to this transfer. The group consists of representatives from the Departments of the Environment, Community and Local Government; Social Protection; Public Expenditure and Reform; Revenue; the County and City Managers Association, and the Housing Agency;
- welcomes the announcement by NAMA of its commitment to providing up to 2,000 units for social housing through the use of a social housing leasing initiative;
- notes that the Minister for Housing and Planning has established a Steering Group comprising officials of the Department of Environment, Community and Local Government, NAMA and the Housing Agency to oversee the process of obtaining as many of these units as possible for social leasing.”.

—*Senator Maurice Cummins.*

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11. “That Seanad Éireann condemns the failure of this and previous Governments to implement the Environmental Impact Assessment Directive despite the judgement of the European Court of Justice; and notes, in particular, that the ECJ has ruled that Ireland has not satisfactorily implemented article 3 of the directive which deals with the negative consequences of split decisions in planning between Irish planning authorities and the Irish Environment Protection Agency.

Seanad Éireann expresses its concern at the result that this failure may have had on major planning decisions such as the Corrib Gas Pipeline.”.

—*Senators David Cullinane, Trevor Ó Clocartaigh, Kathryn Reilly.*

**[4 July, 2012]**

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

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**BILLÍ SEANAID SA DÁIL**  
*Seanad Bills with the Dáil*

An Bille um Chonarthaí Foirgníochta, 2010.  
Construction Contracts Bill 2010.

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An Bille Meabhair-Shláinte (Leasú), 2008  
(*athraithe ó*) An Bille Meabhair-Shláinte (Bearta Ainneonacha) (Leasú), 2008.  
Mental Health (Amendment) Bill 2008  
(*changed from*) Mental Health (Involuntary Procedures) (Amendment) Bill 2008.

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An Bille um Chuntais Dhíomhaoine (Leasú), 2011.  
Dormant Accounts (Amendment) Bill 2011.

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An Bille Toghcháin (Leasú) (Maoiniú Polaitíochta), 2011.  
Electoral (Amendment) (Political Funding) Bill 2011.

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An Bille um Chlárú Sibhialta (Leasú), 2011.  
Civil Registration (Amendment) Bill 2011.

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An Bille um Cháilíochtaí agus Dearbhú Cáilíochta (Oideachas agus Oiliúint), 2011.  
Qualifications and Quality Assurance (Education and Training) Bill 2011.

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An Bille um Cheartas Coiriúil (Barántais Chuardaigh), 2012.  
Criminal Justice (Search Warrants) Bill 2012.

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An Bille um Cheartas Coiriúil (Faisnéis faoi Chionta in aghaidh Leanaí agus Aosaigh Shoghonta a Choimeád Siar), 2012.  
Criminal Justice (Withholding of Information on Offences Against Children and Vulnerable Persons) Bill 2012.

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#### MEMORANDA

*Dé Céadaoin, 4 Iúil, 2012.*  
*Wednesday, 4th July, 2012.*

Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Iompar agus Cumarsáid i Seomra Coiste 4, TL2000, ar 9.30 a.m.  
Meeting of the Joint Committee on Transport and Communications in Committee Room 4, LH2000, at 9.30 a.m.

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Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Dhlí agus Ceart, Cosaint agus Comhionannas i Seomra Coiste 2, TL2000, ar 9.30 a.m.  
Meeting of the Joint Committee on Justice, Defence and Equality in Committee Room 2, LH2000, at 9.30 a.m.

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Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Oideachas agus Coimirce Shóisialach i Seomra Coiste 3, TL2000, ar 10 a.m.  
Meeting of the Joint Committee on Education and Social Protection in Committee Room 3, LH2000, at 10 a.m.

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Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Airgeadas, Caiteachas Poiblí agus Athchóiriú i Seomra Coiste 4, TL2000, ar 2 p.m.  
Meeting of the Joint Committee on Finance, Public Expenditure and Reform in Committee Room 4, LH2000, at 2 p.m.

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*Déardaoin, 5 Iúil, 2012.*  
*Thursday, 5th July, 2012.*

Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Dhlí agus Ceart, Cosaint agus Comhionannas i Seomra Coiste 2, TL2000, ar 9.30 a.m.  
Meeting of the Joint Committee on Justice, Defence and Equality in Committee Room 2, LH2000, at 9.30 a.m.

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Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Fhorfheidhmiú Chomhaontú Aoine an Chéasta i Seomra Coiste 4, TL2000, ar 11.15 a.m.  
Meeting of the Joint Committee on the Implementation of the Good Friday Agreement in Committee Room 4, LH2000, at 11.15 a.m.

Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Shláinte agus Leanaí i Seomra Coiste 2, TL2000, ar 11.30 a.m.  
Meeting of the Joint Committee on Health and Children in Committee Room 2, LH2000, at 11.30 a.m.

Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Airgeadas, Caiteachas Poiblí agus Athchóiriú i Seomra Coiste 4, TL2000, ar 2.30 p.m.  
Meeting of the Joint Committee on Finance, Public Expenditure and Reform in Committee Room 4, LH2000, at 2.30 p.m.

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

*Reachtúil:**Statutory:*

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| 2) Na Rialacháin um na hAchtanna um Sheirbhísí Uisce, 2007 agus 2012 (Córais Cóireála Dramhuisce Tí), 2012 (I.R. Uimh. 223 de 2012). | 2) Water Services Acts 2007 and 2012 (Domestic Waste Water Treatment Systems) Regulations 2012 (S.I. No. 223 of 2012). |
| 3) An tOrdú fán Acht um Sheirbhísí Uisce (Leasú), 2012 (Tosach Feidhme), 2012 (I.R. Uimh. 219 de 2012).                              | 3) Water Services (Amendment) Act 2012 (Commencement) Order 2012 (S.I. No. 219 of 2012).                               |
| 4) Údarás Forbartha Tionscail Éireann. Tuarascáil Bhliantúil agus Cuntais, 2011.   | 4) IDA Ireland. Annual Report and Accounts, 2011.  |
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- 10) Credit Institutions (Financial Support) (Financial Support Period) Order 2012 (S.I. No. 224 of 2012).
- 11) An tOrdú um Fhorais Chreidmheasa (Tacaíocht Airgeadais) (Dáta na Tacaíochta Airgeadais), 2012 (I.R. Uimh. 225 de 2012).
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- 12) An tOrdú um an Acht Airgeadais, 2012 (Alt 78) (Tosach Feidhme), 2012 (I.R. Uimh. 226 de 2012).
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