

(Supplementary Order Paper)

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DÁIL ÉIREANN

Dé Máirt, 13 Feabhra, 2018
Tuesday, 13th February, 2018

2 p.m.

I dTOSACH GNÓ PHOIBLÍ
AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Fógraí Tairisceana: Notices of Motions

7a. “D’ainneoin aon ní in Ordú an 12 Nollaig 2017, ón Dáil inar leagadh amach an róta ar dá réir a chuirfear Ceisteanna chun comhaltaí den Rialtas, go ndéanfar Ceisteanna le haghaidh freagra ó bhéal, a leanfaidh iad sin is neasa a bheidh curtha síos don Aire Iompair, Turasóireachta agus Spóirt, a chur síos d’Airí san ord sealadach seo a leanas:

An tAire Gnóthaí Fostaíochta agus Coimirce Sóisialaí

An tAire Forbartha Tuaithe agus Pobail

An tAire Leanaí agus Gnóthaí Óige

agus air sin leanfar den ord a bunaíodh le hOrdú an 12 Nollaig 2017, le Ceisteanna chun an Aire Tithíochta, Pleanála agus Rialtais Áitiúil.

That, notwithstanding anything in the Order of the Dáil of 12th December, 2017, setting out the rota in which Questions to members of the Government are to be asked, Questions for oral answer, following those next set down to the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport, shall be set down to Ministers in the following temporary sequence:

Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection

Minister for Rural and Community Development

Minister for Children and Youth Affairs

whereupon the sequence established by the Order of 12th December, 2017, shall continue with Questions to the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government.”

—*Seosamh Mac Aodha, Aire Stáit ag Roinn an Taoisigh.*

GNÓ COMHALTAÍ PRÍOBHÁIDEACHA
PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

Fógra i dtaobh leasú ar Thairiscint : Notice of Amendment to Motion

168. “That Dáil Éireann:

notes:

— that Ireland’s network of regional and local roads is almost 91,000 kilometres in length, accounts for 94 per cent of Ireland’s road network and carries about 54 per

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cent of all road traffic;

- that the local and regional road network serves as the main connection between homes and businesses in much of Ireland, including Dublin and other urban areas, and plays a vital role in balanced regional economic development;
- that according to the latest National Oversight and Audit Commission, almost 70 per cent of regional roads have structural or surface defects and that ten per cent or more of local primary roads were structurally distressed in 12 local authorities;
- that well-maintained and good quality local and regional roads facilitate strong links between and among communities;
- that the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport has, on average over the past five years, provided local councils with less than half the amount of funding that is deemed necessary to maintain roads in a steady state condition;
- that repeated incidences of flooding and other extreme weather events have caused considerable damage to many local and regional roads;
- that many local authorities have too few outdoor council staff and have not been granted sufficient resources to hire additional staff;
- the importance of the speedy delivery of the planned upgrading of our national road network, for both the economy and a more balanced spatial distribution; and
- the considerable safety concerns arising from roads with structural or surface defects and that the presence of such defects increases the frequency of road collisions;

recognises that:

- the Programme for a Partnership Government commits to increasing the capital budget for regional and local roads by approximately 50 per cent, which has yet to be delivered; and
- the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport has estimated, in its Strategic Framework for Investment in Land Transport, that an annual investment of €580 million is required to maintain the current regional and local road network, €163 million more than has been allocated this year; and

calls on the Government to:

- significantly increase the regional and local roads budget in the context of the Capital Investment Plan 2016-2021;
- publish a full response to the findings of the National Oversight and Audit Commission, with a detailed plan to address the issues and defects identified in this report, within three months;
- review the management of funds at local authority levels to ensure that funds are being used in the most efficient and effective manner possible and provide additional administrative supports where they are needed; and
- provide biannual reports to the Houses of the Oireachtas on the implementation progress of this plan, with the first update provided no later than six months following the passing of this motion.” — *Robert Troy, Bobby Aylward, John Brassil, Declan Breathnach, James Browne, Mary Butler, Thomas Byrne, Jackie Cahill, Dara Calleary, Pat Casey, Shane Cassells, Jack Chambers, Lisa M. Chambers, Niall Collins, Barry Cowen, John Curran, Stephen S. Donnelly, Timmy Dooley, Sean Fleming, Pat the Cope Gallagher, Seán Haughey, Billy Kelleher, John Lahart, James Lawless, Marc MacSharry, Micheál Martin, Charlie McConalogue, Michael McGrath, John McGuinness, Aindrias Moynihan, Michael Moynihan, Eugene Murphy, Margaret Murphy O'Mahony, Darragh O'Brien, Jim O'Callaghan, Éamon Ó Cuív, Willie O'Dea, Kevin O'Keeffe, Fiona O'Loughlin, Frank O'Rourke, Anne Rabbitte, Eamon Scanlon, Brendan Smith, Niamh Smyth.*

Leasú:

Amendment:

I. To insert the following after “calls on the Government to”:

- “— reinstate the Specific Improvement Grants to local authorities this year;
- prioritise, with their partners in the confidence and supply agreement, the funding of local and regional roads in Budget 2019, to ensure that the commitment made under the Programme for a Partnership Government to increase funding to local and regional roads by 50 per cent is honoured.” — *Imelda Munster, Gerry Adams, John Brady, Pat Buckley, Seán Crowe, David Cullinane, Pearse Doherty, Dessie Ellis, Martin J. Ferris, Kathleen Funchion, Martin Kenny, Mary Lou McDonald, Denise Mitchell, Carol Nolan, Jonathan O'Brien, Eoin Ó Broin, Caoimhghín Ó Caoláin, Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire, Louise O'Reilly, Aengus Ó Snodaigh, Maurice Quinlivan, Brian Stanley, Peadar Tóibín.*