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Dáil Chamber

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GNÓ POIBLÍ
Public Business

1. Ráitis maidir le Meabhair-Shláinte agus Covid-19.
 Statements on Mental Health and Covid-19.

2. Ráitis maidir leis an Tuarascáil ón gCoimisiún Imscrúdúcháin um Árais Máithreacha agus Naíonán (*atógáil*).
 Statements on the Report of the Commission of Investigation into Mother and Baby Homes (*resumed*).

3. Ráitis maidir le freagairt na Roinne Coimirce Sóisialaí do Covid-19 (*atógáil*).
 Statements on the Department of Social Protection's response to Covid-19 (*resumed*).

Tugadh Isteach:

Introduced:

4. An Bille Cosanta (Srian le Teidil Áirithe a Úsáid), 2021 – An Chéad Chéim.
 Defence (Restriction on Use of Certain Titles) Bill 2021 – First Stage.

Bille dá ngairtear Acht do shrianadh úsáid na dtéarmaí “Óglaigh na hÉireann” agus “Defence Forces” do na fórsaí cosanta a bhunaítear agus a chothabháiltear faoi na hAchtanna Cosanta, 1954 go 2015, agus, chun na críche sin, do shrianadh na focail sin a bheith ar áireamh in ainmneacha comhlachtaí áirithe eile tríd an Acht Cosanta, 1954, a leasú, agus do dhéanamh socrú i dtaobh nithe gaolmhara.

Bill entitled an Act to restrict the use of the terms “Óglaigh na hÉireann” and “Defence Forces” to the defence forces raised and maintained under the Defence Acts 1954 to 2015, and for that purpose to restrict the inclusion of those words in the names of certain other bodies by amending the Defence Act 1954, and to provide for related matters.

– *Senators Malcolm Byrne, Fiona O’Loughlin, Pat Casey.*

5. An Bille um Dhrugaí Rialaithe agus um Dhochar a Laghdú, 2017 – An Dara Céim.
Controlled Drugs and Harm Reduction Bill 2017 – Second Stage.
– *Senators Lynn Ruane, Alice-Mary Higgins, Frances Black, David Norris, Michael McDowell, Gerard P. Craughwell, Victor Boyhan, Ivana Bacik.*

6. An Bille um Aerfoirt Stáit (Grúpa na Sionainne) (Leasú), 2020 – An Dara Céim.
State Airports (Shannon Group) (Amendment) Bill 2020 – Second Stage.
– *Senators Martin Conway, Garret Ahearn, Aisling Dolan.*

7. Bille na gColáistí Teicniúla Réigiúnacha (Leasú), 2017 – An Dara Céim.
Regional Technical Colleges (Amendment) Bill 2017 – Second Stage.
– *Senator Paddy Burke.*

8. Bille na Leanai (Leasú), 2020 – An Dara Céim.
Children (Amendment) Bill 2020 – Second Stage.
– *Senators Michael McDowell, Gerard P. Craughwell, Sharon Keogan, Victor Boyhan, David Norris, Rónán Mullen.*

9. An Bille um Tháirgí Míosta (Soláthar Saor in Aisce), 2021 – An Dara Céim.
Period Products (Free Provision) Bill 2021 – Second Stage.
– *Senators Rebecca Moynihan, Ivana Bacik, Annie Hoey, Marie Sherlock, Mark Wall.*

10. An Bille Toghcháin (Saoirse na Sochaí Sibhialta) (Leasú), 2019 – An Dara Céim (*atógáil*).
Electoral (Civil Society Freedom) (Amendment) Bill 2019 – Second Stage (*resumed*).
– *Senators Lynn Ruane, Alice-Mary Higgins, Frances Black, Ivana Bacik, David Norris, Victor Boyhan, Fintan Warfield.*

11. Bille Toghcháin an tSeanaid (Comhaltaí Ollscoile) (Leasú), 2020 – An Dara Céim (*atógáil*).
Seanad Electoral (University Members) (Amendment) Bill 2020 – Second Stage (*resumed*).
– *Senators Malcolm Byrne, Shane Cassells, Pat Casey.*

12. An Bille um Cheartas Coiriúil (Coireacht Fuatha), 2020 – An Dara Céim (*atógáil*).
Criminal Justice (Hate Crime) Bill 2020 – Second Stage (*resumed*).
– *Senators Fiona O'Loughlin, Lisa Chambers, Robbie Gallagher.*

13. An Bille um Chiontuithe mar gheall ar Chionta Gnéasacha Áirithe (Leithscéal a Ghabháil agus Saoradh), 2016 – An Coiste.
Convictions for Certain Sexual Offences (Apology and Exoneration) Bill 2016 – Committee.
– *Senator Ivana Bacik.*

14. An Bille fán nGníomhaireacht um Shábháilteacht Feirme, 2018 – An Coiste.

Farm Safety Agency Bill 2018 – Committee.

– *Senators Paul Daly, Robbie Gallagher, Diarmuid Wilson.*

- 15.** An Bille um Cheartas Coiriúil (Ord Poiblí) (Leasú), 2019 – An Coiste.
Criminal Justice (Public Order) (Amendment) Bill 2019 – Committee.

– *Senators Robbie Gallagher, Lorraine Clifford-Lee, Diarmuid Wilson.*

- 16.** An Bille um Gharchabhair agus Meabhairshláinte i Scoileanna (Múinteoirí Reatha), 2018 – An Coiste.

First Aid and Mental Health in Schools (Existing Teachers) Bill 2018 – Committee.

– *Senators Robbie Gallagher, Diarmuid Wilson.*

- 17.** An Bille um Gharchabhair agus Meabhairshláinte i Scoileanna (Oiliúint Tosaigh ar Mhúinteoirí), 2018 – An Coiste.

First Aid and Mental Health in Schools (Initial Teacher Training) Bill 2018 – Committee.

– *Senators Robbie Gallagher, Diarmuid Wilson.*

- 18.** An Bille um Rannpháirtíocht Phobail (Míchumas) (Forálacha Ilghnéitheacha), 2019 – An Coiste.

Community Participation (Disability) (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2019 – Committee.

– *Senators Lynn Ruane, Frances Black, Ivana Bacik, Victor Boyhan, Alice-Mary Higgins.*

- 19.** An Bille um Údaráis Phoiblí agus Gnóthais Fónais (Conarthaí a Ullmhú agus Critéir Dhámhachtana), 2019 – An Coiste.

Public Authorities and Utility Undertakings (Contract Preparation and Award Criteria) Bill 2019 – Committee.

– *Senators Alice-Mary Higgins, Frances Black, Lynn Ruane.*

- 20.** An Bille um Inscne a Aithint (Leasú), 2017 – An Coiste.

Gender Recognition (Amendment) Bill 2017 – Committee.

– *Senators Fintan Warfield, David Norris.*

- 21.** An Bille um Thoirmeasc ar Theiripí Tiontúcháin, 2018 – An Coiste.

Prohibition of Conversion Therapies Bill 2018 – Committee.

– *Senators Fintan Warfield, Niall Ó Donnghaile, Paul Gavan, Ivana Bacik, David Norris, Victor Boyhan, Gerard P. Craughwell, Frances Black, Alice-Mary Higgins, Lynn Ruane, Jerry Buttimer, Catherine Ardagh.*

- 22.** (l) Bille Náisiúntachta agus Saoránachta Éireann (Eadóirsiú Mionaoiseach a Rugadh in Éirinn), 2018 – An Coiste (*alt 1, atógáil*).

(a) Irish Nationality and Citizenship (Naturalisation of Minors Born in Ireland) Bill 2018 – Committee (*section 1, resumed*).

– *Senator Ivana Bacik.*

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- 23.** An Bille um Cheartas Coiriúil (Tréimhsí Athshlánúcháin), 2018 – An Tuarascáil.
Criminal Justice (Rehabilitative Periods) Bill 2018 – Report Stage.
– *Senators Lynn Ruane, Frances Black, Alice-Mary Higgins.*
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- 24.** Tuarascáil ón gCoiste um Nós Imeachta agus Pribhléidí maidir le Buan-Ordú 45 a leasú.
Report of the Committee on Procedure and Privileges on the amendment of Standing Order 45.
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Tairiscint:
Motion:

- 25.** “Go gceadaíonn Seanad Éireann, á thabhairt dá aire gur chomhaontaigh an Rialtas an 12 Eanáir 2021 moladh a dhéanamh, a bheidh le ceadú ag Seanad Éireann, go gceapfar Deirdre Malone le bheith ina comhalta den Údarás Rialála Seirbhísí Dlí, agus, de bhun ailt 9 agus 10 den Acht um Rialáil Seirbhísí Dlí, 2015, an Rialtas do cheapadh, le héifeacht ón 1 Deireadh Fómhair 2020, Deirdre Malone le bheith ina comhalta den Údarás Rialála Seirbhísí Dlí de réir an Achta sin, ar ceapachán é go ceann tréimhse nach faide ná ceithre bliana ó dháta an cheapacháin, de réir mar a chinneadh an Rialtas.

That Seanad Éireann, noting that the Government agreed on 12th January, 2021, to propose, for the approval of Seanad Éireann, the appointment of Deirdre Malone to be a member of the Legal Services Regulatory Authority, and pursuant to sections 9 and 10 of the Legal Services Regulation Act 2015, approves the appointment of Deirdre Malone, with effect from 1st October, 2020, by the Government to be a member of the Legal Services Regulatory Authority in accordance with that Act, such appointment being for a period not exceeding four years from the date of appointment, as the Government may determine.”

– *Senator Regina Doherty.*
[10th February, 2021]

Tairiscint:
Motion:

- 26.** “Go dtabharfaidh Seanad Éireann dá aire an Tuarascáil ón gComhchoiste um Iompar agus Líonraí Cumarsáide dar teideal ‘Saincheisteanna a théann i gcion ar thionscal na heitlíochta’, ar leagadh cóipeanna di faoi bhráid Sheanad Éireann an 9 Nollaig 2020.

Seanad Éireann shall take note of the Report of the Joint Committee on Transport and Communications Networks entitled ‘Issues affecting the aviation industry’, copies of which were laid before Seanad Éireann on 9th December, 2020.”

– *Senator Regina Doherty.*
[11th December, 2020]

Tairiscint:
Motion:

- 27.** “Go dtabharfaidh Seanad Éireann

That Seanad Éireann shall take note of

dá aire an Tuarascáil ón gComhchoiste um Ghnóthaí an Aontais Eorpaigh dar teideal ‘Tograí maidir leis an gComhdháil ar Thodhchaí na hEorpa’, ar leagadh cóipeanna di faoi bhráid Sheanad Éireann an 16 Nollaig 2020.

the Report of the Joint Committee on European Union Affairs entitled ‘Proposals for the Conference on the Future of Europe’, copies of which were laid before Seanad Éireann on 16th December, 2020.”

– *Senator Regina Doherty.*
[16th December, 2020]

Tairiscint:

Motion:

28. “Go dtugann Seanad Éireann dá aire an Tuarascáil ón gComhchoiste um Oideachas, Breisoideachas agus Ardoideachas, Taighde, Nuálaíocht agus Eolaíocht dar teideal ‘Tuarascáil maidir le Tionchar COVID-19 ar Bhunoideachas agus ar Mheánoideachas’, ar leagadh cóipeanna di faoi bhráid Sheanad Éireann an 20 Eanáir 2021.

That Seanad Éireann notes the Report of the Joint Committee on Education, Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science entitled ‘Report on the Impact of COVID-19 on Primary and Secondary Education’, copies of which were laid before Seanad Éireann on 20th January, 2021.”

– *Senator Regina Doherty.*
[21st January, 2021]

29. *Tairiscintí nach ón Rialtas: Fóraim na Rolla-Chomhaltaí agus na gComhaltaí Ollscoile.*
Non-Government Motions: Panel and University members’ forums.

Ollscoil Bhaile Átha Cliath
University of Dublin

1. “That Seanad Éireann:

- calls for a debate on the bullying and sexual harassment that exists for faculty, students and staff in Ireland’s third-level institutions;
- notes there are concerning accounts of the use of non-disclosure agreements in such institutions which limits accountability of perpetrators; and
- calls on the Minister for Further and Higher Education to report on the number of such agreements being used within the education sector with a view to addressing the issue.”

– *Senators Lynn Ruane, Ivana Bacik, David Norris.*
[17th December, 2020]

An Rolla Oibreachais
Labour Panel

2. “That Seanad Éireann seeks action on the elimination of the gender pay gap.”
– *Senators Robbie Gallagher, Shane Cassells, Pat Casey, Ned O'Sullivan.*

[6th November, 2020]

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

1. “That Seanad Éireann:

- calls on the Government to set a date for the long-promised referendum on extending the right to vote in presidential elections to citizens resident outside the State, as set out in the Programme for Government; and
 - calls on all parties and groups in Seanad Éireann and Dáil Éireann to work to ensure the swift passage of the necessary Referendum Bill through the Oireachtas.”
- *Senators Niall Ó Donnghaile, Lynn Boylan, Paul Gavan, Fintan Warfield.*

[6th July, 2020]

2. “That Seanad Éireann:

- condemns the ruling by An Bord Pleanála to allow for the demolition of another historic Dublin landmark, The O’Rahilly’s house at 40 Herbert Park, Ballsbridge, Dublin 4, to make way for the development of luxury accommodation;
- calls on the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to make a statement on the matter and on the need to protect our historical built heritage;
- agrees that it is now more important than ever to take the initiative in order to ensure that further aspects of our history are not erased in the name of private profit, especially historic buildings and areas related to our revolutionary heritage;

given the preceding, as well as the fact that we are in the midst of commemorating the Decade of Centenaries:

- calls on the Government to purchase the remainder of the full terrace of houses on Moore Street, Dublin 1, not currently in State ownership, so that this important street can be fully developed into a revolutionary and cultural quarter worthy of the history of the area, that respectfully and proudly tells the story of the Easter Rising and the struggle for Irish freedom, as well as becoming a must-see tourist destination and place for study, research, education and understanding of our past, present and future.”
- *Senators Niall Ó Donnghaile, Lynn Boylan, Paul Gavan, Fintan Warfield, Victor Boyhan.*

[14th September, 2020]

3. “That Seanad Éireann:

notes:

- with deep concern and disappointment, the recent announcement by Bus Éireann that it proposes to suspend several ‘Expressway’ routes between Dublin and other

cities across the island;

- the significant economic, social and environmental impact the removal of these services will have on the communities and areas most impacted and the wider implications throughout the rest of Ireland;

understands:

- the difficult circumstances faced by service providers in the context of Covid-19 and shares the concerns of the many workers and commuters who will be detrimentally impacted by Bus Éireann's proposed move;

agrees:

- that it is unacceptable that a sustainable funding plan has not been put in place for our public transport network during the ongoing pandemic;

and calls:

- on the Minister for Climate Action, Communications Networks and Transport, and the Government to urgently intervene in order to ensure that Bus Éireann has adequate funding to maintain these crucial routes.”
- *Senators Niall Ó Donnghaile, Lynn Boylan, Paul Gavan, Fintan Warfield.*

[29th September, 2020]

4. “That Seanad Éireann:

acknowledges:

- families, carers and service providers have been stretched to incredible lengths, many to breaking point throughout the course of this pandemic;
- the personal toll and long-term impact of the withdrawal of care and supports for people with disabilities, their families and their carers is deeply worrying;
- due to Covid-19, disability services that rely on voluntary fundraising to meet operating costs have been unable to do so;
- services are suffering from chronic underfunding which has resulted in unmet need exacerbated by Covid-19;
- reopened disability day services are operating at approximately 40 per cent capacity;
- service providers submitted their funding requirements to the Health Service Executive in mid-June; and
- the Government's allocation of €10 million in additional funding to day services and home support services for disability service users is insufficient and will not meet the urgent Covid-19 related costs for service providers, community and home support;

recognises:

- that Ireland's ratification of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities requires progressive implementation; and
- the innovative and committed response of disability and dementia service providers in the delivery of care and support for people with disabilities and their families throughout this pandemic; and

calls on the Government to:

- provide the funding required to fully reopen day and other essential disability services to implement all Covid-19 related protocols; and
 - provide the additional funding, resources and capital investment required to guarantee sustainable capacity within disability and dementia services.”
- *Senators Ivana Bacik, Annie Hoey, Rebecca Moynihan, Marie Sherlock, Mark Wall, Lynn Boylan, Paul Gavan, Niall Ó Donnghaile, Fintan Warfield, Frances Black, Eileen Flynn, Alice-Mary Higgins, Lynn Ruane, Michael McDowell, Victor Boyhan, Gerard Craughwell, Sharon Keogan, Rónán Mullen.*

[6th October, 2020]

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5. “That Seanad Éireann, in recognising the gallantry of the soldiers of ‘A’ company during the siege of Jadotville in 1961, calls on the Minister for Defence to award Distinguished Service Medals and Military Medals for Gallantry to the men of ‘A’ company, 35th Infantry Battalion.”
- *Senators Ivana Bacik, Annie Hoey, Rebecca Moynihan, Marie Sherlock, Mark Wall, Niall Ó Donnghaile, Lynn Boylan, Paul Gavan, Fintan Warfield, Gerard Craughwell, Victor Boyhan, Alice-Mary Higgins, Frances Black, Rónán Mullen, Eileen Flynn.*

[28th October, 2020]

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6. “That Seanad Éireann:

acknowledges that:

- Ireland recognises the contribution young people make to our society, including volunteering in their communities and through their advocacy on national and global issues;
- the Thirty-first Amendment of the Constitution enshrined the rights of the child in Irish law;
- the establishment of the Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth was the express provision by Government to ensure the vindication of those rights;
- year on year since the establishment of the Department it has received increased funding; we welcome the increase of €5m in funding for youth services in Budget 2021, bringing the annual investment to €70m in funding for youth services nationwide, to benefit youth organisations and their work supporting young people throughout the country;

- the youth of our country have been stoic in the face of considerable challenges to their quality of life and opportunity throughout this pandemic;
- youth can be often portrayed negatively; we strongly reject this unfair characterisation of young people, and instead commend young people as they navigate the unique challenges they experience, for instance they cannot meet in each other's homes, they cannot meet in their youth and sports activities, they have no social outlet, and have been denied some of the events that are their rite of passage;
- young people have been disproportionately impacted in their ability to work and earn their own money, and consequently disadvantaged in their own agency during this pandemic;

calls on the Government to:

- recognise the unique challenges affecting our country's youth;
 - create channels of engagement, traditional or otherwise, to ensure that the voice of young people and their needs are respected and heard;
 - take action in accordance with their needs, as expressed by them.”
- *Senators Mary Seery Kearney, Regina Doherty, Sean Kyne, Garret Ahearn, Micheál Carrigy, Martin Conway, Emer Currie, Aisling Dolan, Tim Lombard, John McGahon, Joe O'Reilly, Barry Ward.*

[6th November, 2020]

Leasuithe:

Amendments:

1. To insert the following after “their needs are respected and heard;”:

“- facilitate the direct political participation and empowerment of young people by lowering the voting age to 16;”

– *Senators Lynn Ruane, Alice-Mary Higgins, Eileen Flynn, Frances Black, Niall Ó Donnghaile, Lynn Boylan, Paul Gavan, Fintan Warfield, Victor Boyhan.*

2. To insert the following after “as expressed by them.”:

“- actively pursue the implementation of the recommendations contained in the Ombudsman for Children's Annual Report 2019, as well as those of the Children's Rights Alliance Report Card 2020, and to lay a report before Seanad Éireann on such implementation no later than 1st March, 2021.”

– *Senators Victor Boyhan, Michael McDowell, Sharon Keogan, David Norris.*

[9th November, 2020]

7. “That Seanad Éireann:

recognises that:

- post offices serve a vital social and economic role in their communities;

- there is a very specific commitment in the Programme for Government to protect the postal network;
- rural and small urban post offices, which are mostly run by independent postmasters, have had their income and footfall greatly reduced;
- many small post offices are now operating on the equivalent of the national minimum wage;
- Grant Thornton has predicted that 885 post offices will cease to exist by July 2021; and
- if footfall and incomes are not improved then the post office network will be decimated; and

calls on the Government to:

- act on its commitment as outlined in the Programme for Government;
- implement an action plan for the post office network within three months;
- implement a new community banking service operated by An Post to be made available in all post offices throughout the country; this post community bank could be based on either the New Zealand Kiwibank model or the German Sparkassen model, both of which have been found to be valid models;
- consider a once-off capital investment fund for the further modernisation of the post office network to enable the widespread provision of banking services in rural and disadvantaged urban areas, most of which have been completely abandoned by the current banking model;
- ensure that the provision of all over-the-counter services relating to Government Departments must be tendered for on the basis of both social and economic grounds, to include rural Ireland in any future growth;
- ensure that all business previously identified by Grant Thornton, the former Oireachtas Joint Committee on Transport and Communications and the Post Office Network Business Development Group must be implemented;
- establish a working group to identify the potential for local post offices to act as hubs to facilitate other services such as health, transport, agriculture, etc., and to act as a one-stop-shop for Government services as committed to in the Programme for Government;
- strongly consider committing funds, while the above measures are being implemented, to ensure no more downward pay reviews to post offices which will make them uneconomical and have the effect of closure by a thousand cuts;
- ensure that a five-year holding plan will be put in place while these changes are being implemented or there will be no network left to salvage; and
- recommends that An Post be invited before the Joint Committee on Transport and Communications Networks to outline their plan for the future of the post office network.”

– *Senators David Norris, Victor Boyhan, Gerard Craughwell, Sharon Keogan, Michael McDowell, Rónán Mullen, Frances Black.*

[25th November, 2020]

8. “That Seanad Éireann:

- condemns the unlawful and protracted detention of Richard O’Halloran, a citizen of Ireland, in the People’s Republic of China;

and calls on:

- the Chinese authorities to release him immediately; and
 - the Irish Government to raise in every appropriate venue, including the United Nations and the European Union, its demand for his immediate release.”
- *Senators Michael McDowell, Gerard Craughwell, Victor Boyhan, Sharon Keogan, Rónán Mullen, David Norris, Lynn Ruane, Eileen Flynn, Ivana Bacik, Annie Hoey, Rebecca Moynihan, Marie Sherlock, Mark Wall, Vincent P. Martin, Mary Seery Kearney, Malcolm Byrne, Lynn Boylan, Paul Gavan, Niall Ó Donnghaile, Fintan Warfield, Frances Black, Diarmuid Wilson.*

[9th February, 2021]

9. “That Seanad Éireann:

- supports the recent Government launch of the National Remote Work Strategy by the Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment;

acknowledges:

- the transformative impact remote working can have on the workforce and communities;
- the difficulties people have faced working from home under emergency Covid-19 restrictions;
- the progress already made by recent Governments, including investment in co-working spaces, a network of hubs like DigiWest, along the Atlantic Economic Corridor, broadband connection points, the National Broadband Plan, Broadband Officers, remote jobs, community infrastructure, training opportunities and building local remote working communities, through the work of the Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment, the Department of Rural and Community Development, Enterprise Ireland, IDA Ireland, Local Authorities, Údarás na Gaeltachta, Grow Remote, and the Western Development Commission;
- sár-obair atá déanta ag Údarás na Gaeltachta chun Gréasán nuálaíochta agus digiteacha a bhunú trasna na Gaeltachta agus na hOileáin Gaeltachta cois cósta;

and calls on the Government to:

- deliver on the actions contained within the strategy, including to:

- mandate public sector employers, colleges, and other public bodies to move to 20 percent home and remote working in 2021;
 - review the treatment of remote working for the purposes of tax and expenditure in the next Budget;
 - provide employers and employees with ongoing up-to-date guidance on remote work;
 - explore how the National Broadband Plan can be accelerated;
 - map, invest and grow the network of remote working hubs across Ireland;
 - legislate for the right to request remote working;
 - develop a code of practice for the right to disconnect;
 - develop national data on the incidence and frequency of remote work;
 - identify a set of appropriate economic metrics to track the impact of remote work; and
 - promote remote work amongst businesses, including skills, training and best practice;
 - firmly establish equal opportunities as the cornerstone of the strategy;
 - make remote work visible in the job creation sector and support remote job creation in communities all over Ireland;
 - develop and fund remote work community infrastructure like childcare and sustainable transport as well as broadband and remote working hubs;
 - prioritise the impact and potential of remote work in local and national planning strategies, including forthcoming County and City Development Plans, the Rural Strategy, National Economic Plan and the National Development Plan;
 - assist individuals, communities and companies through the remote work cultural transformation; and
 - build a remote work ecosystem.”
- *Senators Emer Currie, Regina Doherty, Garret Ahearn, Paddy Burke, Jerry Buttimer, Micheál Carrigy, Martin Conway, John Cummins, Aisling Dolan, Seán Kyne, Tim Lombard, John McGahon, Joe O'Reilly, Mary Seery Kearney, Barry Ward.*

[9th February, 2021]

10. “That Seanad Eireann:

acknowledges:

- the increased workload of city and county councillors since the passing of the Local

Government Reform Act 2014, and the subsequent restructuring of local government in Ireland;

- the willingness of councillors to take on additional duties, travel further across their constituencies and to fully engage with the reform process;
- the number of representations made by city and county councillors to members of the Oireachtas since 2014, to have their representational payment increased to reflect the substantial expansion in workload;
- the representations made by the Association of Irish Local Government (AILG) and the Local Authority Members Association (LAMA) to the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage on their behalf;

notes:

- the promises made by three successive Governments to address the issue of councillors' representational payments;
- the issue of councillors' pay has been the topic of several motions and debates during the 24th, 25th and now the 26th Seanad;
- the publication in June 2020, of the Independent Review of the Role and Remuneration of Local Authority Elected Members by Sara Moorhead SC;
- the recommendation in the Moorhead report that councillors pay be increased by €8,000 a year;
- that the Programme for Government includes a commitment to the full implementation of the Moorhead report;

regrets:

- that no further progress has been made on councillors pay since the Minister of State with responsibility for Planning and Local Government, Deputy Peter Burke, presented proposals to the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform last year;

calls on the Government to:

- act on its commitment in the Programme for Government to increase councillors' pay;
- provide an update on the status of the recommendations of the Moorhead report since proposals were sent to the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform, Deputy Michael McGrath;
- confirm when the proposed increase of €8,000 per annum will be added to councillors' salaries; and
- outline when the other proposals recommended in the Moorhead Report will be implemented."

– *Senators Gerard Craughwell, Victor Boyhan.*
[11th February, 2021]

11. “That Seanad Éireann:

notes that:

- the private rental sector is dysfunctional with ever increasing rents and decreasing standards;
- the average State-wide rent now stands at €1,414 per month and the average new rent in Dublin city is €1,951, €1,370 in Galway city, €1,452 in Cork city, €1,265 in Limerick city and €1,067 in Waterford city - an annual increase of 0.9% State-wide;
- too many working people cannot access secure or affordable accommodation, and too many young people are forced to reside with parents and relatives;
- renters do not have the same protections as those who can afford to own their own home;
- Government policy favours subsidy to big developers and institutional landlords over local authorities and approved housing bodies;
- investment funds pay virtually no tax but charge sky-high rents;
- despite being banned, there are still planning applications lodged for over 2,000 co-living spaces;
- co-living remains an entirely unsuitable housing model and is a threat to the fight against Covid-19;
- public health experts have warned that sub-standard and overcrowded private rental accommodation poses a significant risk to the continued spread of Covid-19;
- sub-standard and overcrowded properties continue to be advertised on letting sites such as daft.ie and rent.ie, with floorspace well below 29 metres squared - the minimum area recommended by the Co-Living/Shared Accommodation Report, published by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage in October 2020;
- short term lets without adequate planning permission continue to be advertised on platforms such as Airbnb;
- local authorities do not have the capacity or resources to fully assess and inspect private rental properties and therefore cannot be effective in ensuring compliance with standards;
- in the first nine months of 2020, 87 per cent of properties in Dublin city were deemed on a first inspection to be non-compliant with the standards;

calls on the Government to:

- enact legislation to immediately ban rent increases for three years;

- give renters a break by allowing renters to claim up to one month's rent back in tax credits;
- state clearly what is meant by affordable rent and who will be eligible for the proposed cost rental housing scheme;
- resource local authorities and approved housing bodies to deliver affordable cost rental homes at a scale that would cost between €700 and €900 per month depending on the size of a property;
- urgently legislate for tenancies of indefinite duration, as promised in the Programme for Government, to provide tenants with more security;
- publish a plan to deal with the disorderly exit of accidental and semi-professional landlords from the rental market;
- adequately fund local authorities to ensure that 25 per cent of all private rental properties are inspected once a year so that renters can be sure that their accommodation is safe;
- immediately enact the Property Services (Advertisement of Unfit Lettings) (Amendment) Bill 2019, debated in the Seanad in April 2019;
- publish the results of the six-month survey of issues surrounding the advertisement of unfit rental lettings as promised in 2019; and
- immediately amend and update the minimum standards as set out in section 65 of the Housing Act, 1966, and provide for robust penalties for breaches relating to overcrowding."

– *Senators Fintan Warfield, Lynn Boylan, Paul Gavan, Niall Ó Donnghaile.*

[11th February, 2021]

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

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

Dé Luain, 15 Feabhra, 2021
Monday, 15th February, 2021

An Bille um Tháirgí Míosta a Sholáthar Saor in Aisce, 2021 – An Coiste.
Free Provision of Period Products Bill 2021 – Committee.

– *Senators Lorraine Clifford-Lee, Catherine Ardagh, Mary Fitzpatrick.*

An Bille um Cheartas Coiriúil (Sciúradh Airgid agus Maoiniú Sceimhlitheoireachta) (Leasú), 2020
[*Dáil*] – An Tuarascáil.
Criminal Justice (Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing) (Amendment) Bill 2020 [*Dáil*] –

Report Stage.

An Bille um Nós Imeachta Coiriúil agus Nithe Gaolmhara, 2021 – An Dara Céim.
Criminal Procedure and Related Matters Bill 2021 – Second Stage.

– *Senators Barry Ward, Mary Seery Kearney, Martin Conway.*

Déardaoin, 30 Meán Fómhair, 2021
Thursday, 30th September, 2021

An Bille fá Choiste Comhairleach Náisiúnta um Braitheoireacht, 2020 – Ordaíodh é a léamh an dara huair an 30 Meán Fómhair 2021.

National Screening Advisory Committee Bill 2020 – Ordered to be read a second time on 30th September, 2021.

– *Senators David Norris, Victor Boyhan, Gerard P. Craughwell.*

Dé hAoine, 31 Nollaig, 2021
Friday, 31st December, 2021

An Bille um an Seanad, 2020 – Ordaíodh é a léamh an dara huair an 31 Nollaig 2021.

Seanad Bill 2020 – Ordered to be read a second time on 31st December, 2021.

– *Senators Michael McDowell, Gerard Craughwell, Alice-Mary Higgins.*

BILLÍ SEANAID SA DÁIL
Seanad Bills with the Dáil

An Bille um Chultúr agus Stair an Lucht Siúil san Oideachas, 2018.
Traveller Culture and History in Education Bill 2018.

An Bille fá Choimisiún na hÉireann um Chearta an Duine agus Comhionannas (Faisnéis faoin Difríocht Pá idir na hInscní), 2017.

Irish Human Rights and Equality Commission (Gender Pay Gap Information) Bill 2017.

An Bille um Pá Íosta Náisiúnta (Séisíní Fostaithe a Chosaint), 2017.
National Minimum Wage (Protection of Employee Tips) Bill 2017.

An Bille Oideachais (Cairt Mac Léinn agus Tuismitheoirí), 2019.
Education (Student and Parent Charter) Bill 2019.

An Bille um Mionnú Éithigh agus Cionta Gaolmhara, 2018.
Perjury and Related Offences Bill 2018.

An Bille um Cheartas Coiriúil (Cionta Gadaíochta agus Calaoise) (Leasú), 2020.
Criminal Justice (Theft and Fraud Offences) (Amendment) Bill 2020.

SCRÍBHINNÍ A LEAGADH FAOI BHRÁID NA dTITHE
DOCUMENTS LAID BEFORE THE HOUSES¹

Reachtúil:	Statutory:
Tairiscint Ceadaithe ag Teastáil	Requiring Motion of Approval
Níl aon scríbhinn á leagan faoin gCatagóir seo	None
In-neamhnithe le Tairiscint	Open to Motion to Annul
Rialacháin an Aontais Eorpaigh (Bearta Srianacha i gcoinne Sáruithe agus Treascairtí ar Chearta an Duine), 2021 (I.R. Uimh. 48 de 2021).	European Union (Restrictive Measures against Serious Human Rights Violations and Abuses) Regulations 2021 (S.I. No. 48 of 2021).
Rialacháin an Aontais Eorpaigh (Údarú Onnmhairithe i gcomhair Vacsaíní COVID-19), 2021 (I.R. Uimh. 49 de 2021).	European Union (COVID-19 Vaccines Export Authorisation) Regulations 2021 (S.I. No. 49 of 2021).
Na Rialacháin um Chúram Leanaí (Leanaí a Shuíomh faoi Chúram Altrama) (Bearta Éigeandála ar Mhaithe le Leas an Phobail – Covid-19) (Leasú), 2021 (I.R. Uimh. 41 de 2021).	Child Care (Placement of Children in Foster Care) (Emergency Measures in the Public Interest - Covid-19) (Amendment) Regulations 2021 (S.I. No. 41 of 2021).
Na Rialacháin um Chúram Leanaí (Leanaí a Shuíomh le Gaolta) (Bearta Éigeandála ar Mhaithe le Leas an Phobail – Covid-19) (Leasú), 2021 (I.R. Uimh. 42 de 2021).	Child Care (Placement of Children with Relatives) (Emergency Measures in the Public Interest - Covid-19) (Amendment) Regulations 2021 (S.I. No. 42 of 2021).
Rialacháin an Aontais Eorpaigh (Bearta Srianacha i leith na Somáile), 2021 (I.R. Uimh. 46 de 2021).	European Union (Restrictive Measures concerning Somalia) Regulations 2021 (S.I. No. 46 of 2021).
Rialacháin an Aontais Eorpaigh (Bearta Srianacha i leith na hIaráice), 2021 (I.R. Uimh. 47 de 2021).	European Union (Restrictive Measures concerning Iraq) Regulations 2021 (S.I. No. 47 of 2021).
An tOrdú Talmhaíochta, Bia agus Mara (Feidhmeanna Aire a Tharmligean), 2021 (I.R. Uimh. 40 de 2021).	Agriculture, Food and the Marine (Delegation of Ministerial Functions) Order 2021 (S.I. No. 40 of 2021).
Na Rialacháin um Tháirgí Íocshláinte (Oideasú agus Rialú Soláthair) (Leasú) (Uimh. 3), 2021 (I.R. Uimh. 43 de 2021).	Medicinal Products (Prescription and Control of Supply) (Amendment) (No. 3) Regulations 2021 (S.I. No. 43 of 2021).

¹ I gcás nach leagtar scríbhinn ach faoi bhráid aon Teach amháin, cuirfear (D) – Dáil nó (S) – Seanad ina diaidh dá réir sin.
Where a document is laid before one House only it will be appended with (D) – Dáil or (S) – Seanad accordingly.

Na Rialacháin um an Acht Sláinte, 1947 (Alt 31A – Sriantha Sealadacha) (Covid-19) (Sriantha ar Thaisteal chuig an Stát ó Stáit Áirithe) (Uimh. 4) (Leasú), 2021 (I.R. Uimh. 44 de 2021).

Health Act 1947 (Section 31A - Temporary Restrictions) (Covid-19) (Restrictions upon Travel to the State from Certain States) (No. 4) Regulations 2021 (S.I. No. 44 of 2021).

Na Rialacháin um an Acht Sláinte, 1947 (Alt 31A – Ceanglais Shealadacha) (Foirm Aimsithe Paisinéirí Covid-19), 2021 (I.R. Uimh. 45 de 2021).

Health Act 1947 (Section 31A - Temporary Requirements) (Covid-19 Passenger Locator Form) Regulations 2021 (S.I. No. 45 of 2021).
