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# GNÓ POIBLÍ Public Business

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**1.** An Bille fá Chomhaontuithe um Scéimeanna Ráthaíochta Iasachta (Corparáid Baincéireachta Straitéiseach na hÉireann), 2021 [*Dáil*] – An Dara Céim.

Loan Guarantee Schemes Agreements (Strategic Banking Corporation of Ireland) Bill 2021 [Dáil] – Second Stage.

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**2.** Ráitis maidir le Cúrsaí Cosanta. Statements on Defence Matters.

Tíolactha:

Presented:

**3.** An Bille um Thithíocht Inacmhainne, 2021 – Ordú don Dara Céim. Affordable Housing Bill 2021 – Order for Second Stage.

Bille dá ngairtear Acht do dhéanamh socrú maidir le teaghaisí a sholáthar lena ndíol faoi shocruithe ceannaigh teaghaise inacmhainne; do dhéanamh socrú maidir le húdaráis tithíochta do sholáthar cúnamh airgeadais chun teaghaisí a cheannach faoi shocruithe ceannaigh teaghaise inacmhainne; do dhéanamh socrú chun go gcuirfear teaghaisí ar fáil ar bhonn cíos costais; do dhéanamh socrú chun go gcuirfear maoiniú ar fáil chun teaghaisí a cheannach de réir scéim cothromais chomhroinnte; dá chumasú d'údaráis tithíochta fógra a thabhairt don phobal agus measúnú a dhéanamh ar incháilitheacht agus ar thosaíocht i ndáil le teaghaisí arna soláthar ag an nGníomhaireacht um Fhorbairt

Bill entitled an Act to provide for the provision of dwellings for the purpose of sale affordable dwelling purchase arrangements; to provide for the provision by housing authorities of financial assistance to purchase dwellings under affordable dwelling arrangements; to provide dwellings to be made available on a cost rental basis; to provide for funding to be made available for the purchase of dwellings in accordance with a scheme of shared equity; to enable housing authorities to notify the public and assess eligibility and priority in relation to dwellings provided by the Land Development Agency; to amend the Housing Finance Agency Act 1981, the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1997, the Planning and Development Act 2000, the Housing Talún: do leasú an Achta um Ghníomhaireacht Airgeadais do Thithe, 1981. Acht na dTithe (Forálacha Ilghnéitheacha), 1997, an Achta um Pleanáil agus Forbairt, 2000, Acht na dTithe (Forálacha Ilghnéitheacha), 2009 Acht dTithe (Forálacha agus na Ilghnéitheacha), 2014; agus do dhéanamh socrú i dtaobh nithe gaolmhara.

(Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2009 and the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2014; and to provide for related matters.

- Senator Regina Doherty.

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- **4.** (*l*) An Bille um Nós Imeachta Coiriúil, 2021 [*Dáil*] An Coiste (*alt* 6, *atógáil*).
  - (a) Criminal Procedure Bill 2021 [Dáil] Committee (section 6, resumed).

Tíolactha:

Presented:

**5.** Bille an Gharda Síochána (Cúiteamh), 2021 – Ordú don Dara Céim. Garda Síochána (Compensation) Bill 2021 – Order for Second Stage.

Bille dá ngairtear Acht do bhunú córas a bheidh le cur in ionad an chórais dá bhforáiltear faoi Achtanna an Gharda Síochána (Cúiteamh), 1941 go 2003 d'fhonn socrú a dhéanamh chun cúiteamh a dheonú as airgead poiblí i leith díobhálacha pearsanta (lena n-áirítear díobhálacha is cúis le bás) a rinneadh do chomhalta reatha nó d'iarchomhalta den Gharda Síochána mar thoradh theagmhas mailíseach; chun na críche sin agus chun críoch gaolmhar, do dhéanamh tAcht um Bord Measúnaithe an Díobhálacha Pearsanta, 2003 a chur chun feidhme, fara modhnuithe, agus a leasú, agus do leasú achtacháin eile; d'aisghairm an Achta Gárda Síochána (Cúiteamh), 1941 agus an Achta Gárda Síochána (Cúiteamh) (Leasú), 1945; agus do dhéanamh socrú i dtaobh nithe gaolmhara.

Bill entitled an Act to establish a system to replace the system provided for under the Garda Síochána (Compensation) Acts 1941 to 2003 in order to provide for the granting out of public moneys of compensation for personal injuries (including injuries causing death) that were inflicted on a current or former member of the Garda Síochána as a result of a malicious incident; for that and related purposes to apply with modifications and to amend the Personal Injuries Assessment Board Act 2003, and to amend other enactments; to repeal the Garda Síochána (Compensation) Act 1941 and the Garda Síochána (Compensation) (Amendment) Act 1945; and to provide for related matters.

- Senator Regina Doherty.

Tíolactha:

Presented:

**6.** An Bille um Dhlínse Mhuirí, 2021 – Ordú don Dara Céim. Maritime Jurisdiction Bill 2021 – Order for Second Stage.

Bille dá ngairtear Acht do dhéanamh socrú i leith dhlínse mhuirí an Stáit agus, chun na críche sin, do thabhairt éifeacht d'fhorálacha áirithe de Choinbhinsiún na Bill entitled an Act to make provision in respect of the maritime jurisdiction of the State and for that purpose to give effect to certain provisions of the United Nations Convention Náisiún Aontaithe maidir le Dlí na Farraige, a rinneadh i mBá Montego an 10 Nollaig 1982; do dhéanamh socrú maidir le hailt 2 agus 3 den Acht um an Scairbh Ilchríochach, 1968 agus le Cuid 3 den Acht Iascaigh Mhara agus Dlínse Muirí, 2006 a aisghairm; agus do dhéanamh socrú i dtaobh nithe gaolmhara.

on the Law of the Sea, done at Montego Bay on 10 December 1982; to provide for the repeal of sections 2 and 3 of the Continental Shelf Act 1968 and Part 3 of the Sea-Fisheries and Maritime Jurisdiction Act 2006; and to provide for related matters.

- Senator Regina Doherty.

**7.** An Bille um Sheirbhísí Slándála Príobháidí (Leasú), 2021 [*Dáil*] – An Dara Céim. Private Security Services (Amendment) Bill 2021 [*Dáil*] – Second Stage.

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**8.** An Bille um Pleanáil agus Forbairt, Oidhreacht agus Craolachán (Leasú), 2021 [*Dáil*] – An Dara Céim.

Planning and Development, Heritage and Broadcasting (Amendment) Bill 2021 [Dáil] – Second Stage.

9. Ráitis maidir le coinneáil an Uas. Richard O'Halloran sa tSín. Statements on the detention of Mr. Richard O'Halloran in China.

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**10.** 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*).

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**11.** Ráitis maidir le Ag Climatise - An Plean Oibre Náisiúnta Aeir agus Aeráide don Earnáil Talmhaíochta (*atógáil*).

Statements on Ag Climatise - The National Climate and Air Roadmap for the Agriculture Sector (*resumed*).

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**12.** Ráitis maidir le Gnó agus Covid-19 (*atógáil*). Statements on Business and Covid-19 (*resumed*).

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**13.** Ráitis maidir le Deimhniú Glas Digiteach na hEorpa (*atógáil*). Statements on the European Digital Green Certificate (*resumed*).

Tugadh Isteach:

Introduced:

14. An Bille um Pá Íosta Náisiúnta (Intéirnigh a Íoc), 2021 – An Chéad Chéim.

National Minimum Wage (Payment of Interns) Bill 2021 – First Stage.

Bille dá ngairtear Acht do dhéanamh socrú maidir leis an bpá íosta náisiúnta a íoc le daoine áirithe a bheidh ag obair mar Bill entitled an Act to provide for the payment of the national minimum wage to certain persons doing work as interns or on intéirnigh nó ag gabháil do thaithí oibre; chun na críche sin, do leasú an Achta um Pá Íosta Náisiúnta, 2000; agus do dhéanamh socrú i dtaobh nithe gaolmhara.

work experience; for that purpose to amend the National Minimum Wage Act 2000; and to provide for related matters.

- Senators Marie Sherlock, Ivana Bacik, Annie Hoey, Rebecca Moynihan, Mark Wall.

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Tugadh Isteach:

Introduced:

**15.** An Bille um Chionta Neamh-Mharfacha in aghaidh an Duine (Leasú) (Stalcaireacht), 2021 – An Chéad Chéim.

Non-Fatal Offences Against the Person (Amendment) (Stalking) Bill 2021 – First Stage.

Bille dá ngairtear Acht do dhéanamh socrú maidir le cion sonrach arb éard é stalcaireacht mar chineál forthromaithe ciaptha arb é a phríomhthréith teagmháil gan iarraidh a dhéantar arís agus arís eile agus a tharlaíonn mar thoradh ar ghreamú nó dúghabháil, agus ar cúis é le scaoll a chur san íospartach, anó a chur air nó uirthi nó díobháil a dhéanamh dó nó di.

Bill entitled an Act to provide for a specific offence of stalking as an aggravated form of harassment characterised by repeated, unwanted contact that occurs as a result of fixation or obsession and causes alarm, distress or harm to the victim.

– Senators Lisa Chambers, Mary Fitzpatrick, Erin McGreehan.

**16.** 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.

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17. 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.

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

- Senator Paddy Burke.

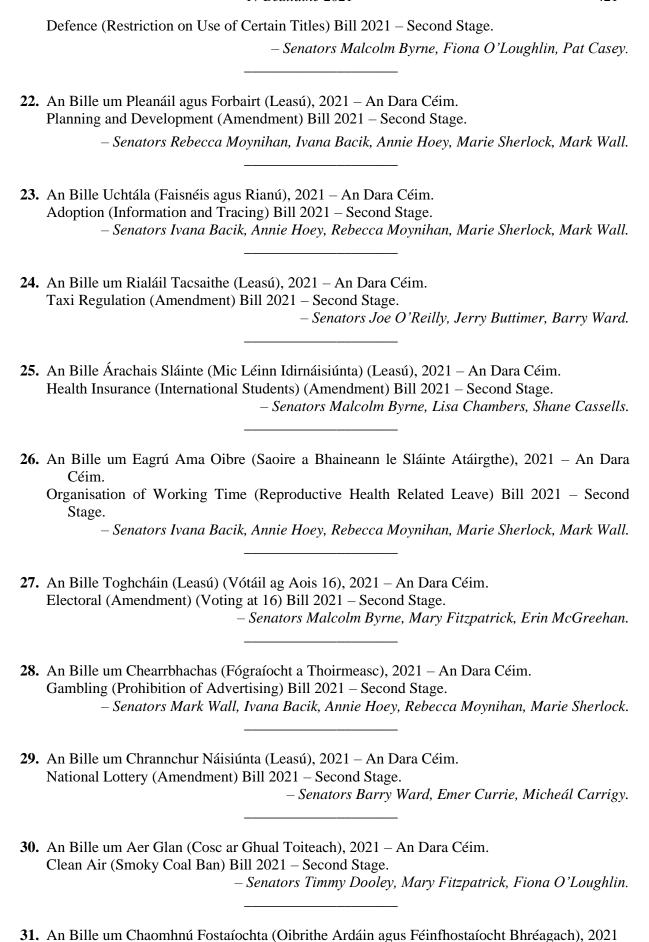
**19.** An Bille um Tháirgí Míosta (Soláthar Saor in Aisce), 2021 – An Dara Céim. Period Products (Free Provision) Bill 2021 – Second Stage.

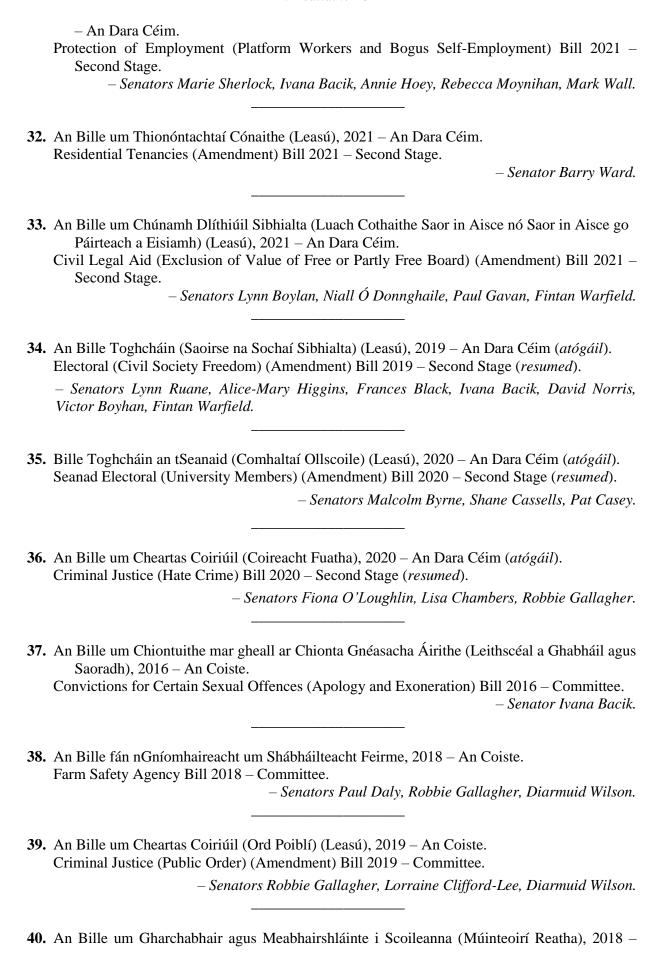
- Senators Rebecca Moynihan, Ivana Bacik, Annie Hoey, Marie Sherlock, Mark Wall.

**20.** 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.

21. An Bille Cosanta (Srian le Teidil Áirithe a Úsáid), 2021 – An Dara Céim.





	An Coiste. First Aid and Mental Health in Schools (Existing Teachers) Bill 2018 – Committee.  — Senators Robbie Gallagher, Diarmuid Wilson.
41.	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.
42.	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.
43.	An Bille um Údaráis Phoiblí agus Gnóthais Fóntais (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.
44.	An Bille um Inscne a Aithint (Leasú), 2017 – An Coiste.  Gender Recognition (Amendment) Bill 2017 – Committee.  – Senators Fintan Warfield, David Norris.
45.	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.
46.	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.
47.	Bille na nAltraí Foghlama (Pá), 2021 – An Coiste.  Student Nurses (Pay) Bill 2021 – Committee.  – Senators Annie Hoey, Ivana Bacik, Rebecca Moynihan, Marie Sherlock, Mark Wall.

**48.** An Bille um Aosaigh a Chosaint, 2017 – An Coiste.

Adult Safeguarding Bill 2017 – Committee.

– Senators Lorraine Clifford-Lee, Frances Black, Alice-Mary Higgins, Jerry Buttimer, Victor Boyhan, Lynn Ruane, Ivana Bacik.

49.	An Bille um Threalamh Tarrthála Beatha, 2017 – An Coiste.  Life Saving Equipment Bill 2017 – Committee.  — Senators Paul Daly, Robbie Gallagher, Diarmuid Wilson.  ———————————————————————————————————
50.	Bille Toghcháin an tSeanaid (Leasú), 2015 – An Coiste. Seanad Electoral (Amendment) Bill 2015 – Committee.  – Senators Diarmuid Wilson, Mark Daly, Denis O'Donovan, Ned O'Sullivan.
51.	An Bille Rialtais Áitiúil (TCI a Úsáid le linn Cionta a Ionchúiseamh), 2021 – An Coiste.  Local Government (Use of CCTV in Prosecution of Offences) Bill 2021 – Committee.  – Senators Mark Wall, Ivana Bacik, Annie Hoey, Rebecca Moynihan, Marie Sherlock.
52.	An Bille Toghcháin (Leasú) (Vótáil ag Aois 16), 2016 – An Coiste.  Electoral (Amendment) (Voting at 16) Bill 2016 – Committee.  — Senators Fintan Warfield, Lynn Ruane.
53.	<ul> <li>(1) Bille Náisiúntachta agus Saoránachta Éireann (Eadóirsiú Mionaoiseach a Rugadh in Éirinn), 2018 – An Coiste (alt 2, atógáil).</li> <li>(a) Irish Nationality and Citizenship (Naturalisation of Minors Born in Ireland) Bill 2018 – Committee (section 2, resumed).</li> <li>– Senator Ivana Bacik.</li> </ul>
54.	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.
55.	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.
	riscint: tion:
56.	"Go dtabharfaidh Seanad Éireann That Seanad Éireann shall take note of the Report of the Joint Committee on Agriculture and the Marine entitled 'Issues 'Saincheisteanna a bhfuil tionchar acu ar Earnáil na Foraoiseachta in Éirinn', ar leagadh cóipeanna di faoi bhráid Sheanad Éireann on 2nd March, 2021."

Senator Regina Doherty.[4th March, 2021]

Tairiscint:
Motion:

57. "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.

That 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 March, 2021]

Tairiscint:
Motion:

58. "Go dtabharfaidh Seanad Éireann dá aire an Tuarascáil ón gComhchoiste um Ghnóthaí Eachtracha agus Cosaint dar teideal 'Tuarascáil maidir le Vacsaíní Covid-19 a Dháileadh ar Thíortha atá i mBéal Forbartha', ar leagadh cóipeanna di faoi bhráid Sheanad Éireann an 5 Márta 2021.

That Seanad Éireann shall take note of the Report of the Joint Committee on Foreign Affairs and Defence entitled 'Report on the Distribution of Covid-19 Vaccines to Developing Countries', copies of which were laid before Seanad Éireann on 5<sup>th</sup> March, 2021."

Senator Regina Doherty.[11th March, 2021]

Tairiscint: Motion:

59. "Go dtabharfaidh Seanad Éireann 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.

That Seanad Éireann shall take note of 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 March, 2021]

Tairiscint: Motion:

60. "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

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." cóipeanna di faoi bhráid Sheanad Éireann an 20 Eanáir 2021.

<ul> <li>Senator Regina Doherty.</li> </ul>
[21st April, 2021]

**61.** 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 Eireann:

- 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 Saíochta agus Oideachais Cultural and Educational Panel

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# 2. "That Seanad Éireann:

- notes that the student profile of those studying medicine and law in our universities continues to be dominated by those from more affluent socio-economic backgrounds;
- further notes that there are perceived and actual barriers to the medical and legal professions for those from less affluent socio-economic backgrounds;
- calls for an examination of the barriers to entry into the medical and legal professions to be undertaken by the Department for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science, in conjunction with the Higher Education Authority and the relevant professional bodies, and that a report outlining suggested methods to ensure greater opportunities for access be presented before Seanad Éireann within six months."
  - Senators Malcolm Byrne, Lisa Chambers, Seán Kyne, John McGahon, Fintan Warfield.

[10th March, 2021]

An Rolla Oibreachais Labour Panel

- 3. "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]

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**62.** 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]

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, 35<sup>th</sup> 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]

#### 6. "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.

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#### 7. "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, Mary Fitzpatrick, Barry Ward.

[9th February, 2021]

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# 8. "That Seanad Éireann:

# acknowledges that:

- Ireland recognises the contribution young people make to our society, including working and 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;
- 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 have:
  - not been able to avail of the full student experience either in second or third level education;
  - not been able to meet in each other's homes;
  - been denied their usual rites of passage, have not been able to engage in youth and sports activities, they have no social outlet;
- 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;

#### notes that:

year on year since the establishment of the Department it has received increased funding; we welcome the increase of €5 million in funding for youth services in Budget 2021, bringing the annual investment to €70 million in funding for youth services nationwide, to benefit youth organisations and their work supporting young people throughout the country;

- the Department of Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science has taken extremely positive actions in the support of third level students including the welcome introduction of a €15 million fund to assist third level students access technology including laptops and devices, the doubling of the Student Assistance Fund; the €5 million increased funding for mental health support; the SUSI rebate and the provisions for Traveller students at risk of dropping out of third level education;
- that the Department of Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science established a new group, chaired by the USI, to examine how we can improve student well-being at this time;

#### calls on the Government to:

- recognise the unique challenges affecting our country's youth;
- recognises the impact of this pandemic on our youth at all education levels;
- 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, Paddy Burke, Jerry Buttimer, Maria Byrne, Micheál Carrigy, Martin Conway, John Cummins, Emer Currie, Aisling Dolan, Tim Lombard, John McGahon, Joe O'Reilly, Barry Ward.

[11th May, 2021

#### Leasuithe:

#### Amendments:

- 1. After the third paragraph under "calls on the Government to:" to insert the following paragraph:"
- "- 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.

[11th May, 2021]

- 2. To insert the following paragraph after "calls on the Government to:"
- "- 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 2021, and to lay a report before Seanad Éireann on such implementation no later than 1st October, 2021;"
  - Senators Victor Boyhan, Michael McDowell, Gerard Craughwell.

[13th May, 2021]

- 3. To insert the following paragraph after "calls on the Government to:"
- "- address as a matter of urgency the current waiting list of 2,551 referrals for all Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS), noting the increase in referrals to CAMHS during 2020, the 66% increase in hospital admissions for eating disorders during 2020 compared to the previous year, and to allocate adequate and targeted

resourcing for the service;"

- Senators Victor Boyhan, Michael McDowell, Gerard Craughwell.

[13th May, 2021]

- 4. To insert the following paragraphs after "calls on the Government to:"
- "- acknowledge that 112,000 fewer 15-34 year olds were in paid work in the final quarter of 2020 than a year earlier;
- take immediate action on the increased youth unemployment figures as set out in 'Poverty, Income Inequality and Living Standards in Ireland' an ESRI report due to be published on 14th May, 2021;"

- Senators Victor Boyhan, Michael McDowell, Gerard Craughwell.

[13th May, 2021]

- 5. To insert the following paragraphs after "calls on the Government to:"
- "- increase investment in youth work services to meet the needs of a growing youth population, noting that funding for youth work is still 8.5% below 2008 levels, and to invest an additional €10 million to assist voluntary youth organisations to support young people, particularly the most vulnerable as we emerge from the pandemic;
- amend the National Minimum Wage Act 2000 to end sub-minimum rates of pay for those who have attained the age of 16 and those who are entering their first two years of employment;
- restore the full rate of Jobseeker's Allowance to all those aged 18-24 years;
- reform the Student Universal Support Ireland (SUSI) grant scheme, taking into account the real cost of living, with a view to providing meaningful support to students on lower incomes and expand eligibility to more hard pressed students and families to pursue higher education;
- immediately reduce the student contribution charge with the aim of abolishing all thirdlevel, Post Leaving Certificate (PLC) and apprenticeship fees;"
  - Senators Fintan Warfield, Niall Ó Donnghaile, Lynn Boylan, Paul Gavan.

[13th May, 2021]

- 6. After the second paragraph under "calls on the Government to:" to insert the following paragraph:
- "- , in recognition of the detrimental impact that this pandemic has had on the psychosocial development of young people, to create an annual scheme that would give young people free access to engage in a variety of pursuits with a social dimension be they educational, sporting or recreational in nature, and that this scheme would be particularly focused on all young people in second level education, YouthReach, Eductaional Training Boards and Third-Level Institutions:"

	,	<ul> <li>Senators Sharon Keogan, Michael McDowell.</li> </ul>
		[13th May, 2021]
63.	An Seanad a chur ar athló.	
	Adjournment of the Seanad.	

# BILLÍ AR SIÚL AGUS GNÓ ATÁ ORDAITHE

Bills in Progress and Business Ordered

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

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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.

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

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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.

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Dé Sathairn, 26 Márta, 2022 Saturday, 26th March, 2022

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An Bille um Cháilíocht i Sainfháil Phoiblí (Conarthaí a Ullmhú agus Critéir Dhámhachtana), 2021 — Ordaíodh é a léamh an dara huair an 26 Márta 2022.

Quality in Public Procurement (Contract Preparation and Award Criteria) Bill 2021 – Ordered to be read a second time on 26th March, 2022.

- Senators Alice-Mary Higgins, Lynn Ruane, Frances Black, Eileen Flynn.

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.

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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.

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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.

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

An Bille um Chosaint Idirnáisiúnta (Athaontú Teaghlaigh) (Leasú), 2017. International Protection (Family Reunification) (Amendment) Bill 2017.

An Bille um Ghníomhaíocht Eacnamaíoch a Rialú (Críocha faoi Fhorghabháil), 2018. Control of Economic Activity (Occupied Territories) Bill 2018.

An Bille um Neamhord Speictream an Uathachais, 2017. Autism Spectrum Disorder Bill 2017.

An Bille um Dhócmhainneacht Phearsanta (Leasú), 2020. Personal Insolvency (Amendment) Bill 2020.

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An Bille Oideachais (Ardteistiméireacht 2021) (Gráid Chreidiúnaithe), 2021. Education (Leaving Certificate 2021) (Accredited Grades) Bill 2021.

# SCRÍBHINNÍ A LEAGADH FAOI BHRÁID NA dTITHE DOCUMENTS LAID BEFORE THE HOUSES<sup>1</sup>

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

Na Rialacháin Leasa Shóisialaigh (Ranníocaí Comhdhlúite agus Inárachaitheacht) (Leasú) (Uimh. 1) (Ioncam Ináirithe), 2021 (I.R. Uimh. 234 de 2021).

Social Welfare (Consolidated Contributions and Insurability) (Amendment) (No. 1) (Reckonable Income) Regulations 2021 (S.I. No. 234 of 2021).

An tOrdú um an Acht Comhdhlúite Cánach Breisluacha, 2010 (alt 46(5)), 2021 (I.R. Uimh. 228 de 2021). (D) Value-Added Tax Consolidation Act 2010 (section 46(5)) Order 2021 (S.I. No. 228 of 2021). (D)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> 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.

Rialacháin an Aontais Eorpaigh (Bearta Sriantacha i leith ISIL (Da'esh) agus Al-Qaeda agus daoine nádúrtha agus dlítheanacha, eintitis nó comhlachtaí a bhaineann leo), 2021 (I.R. Uimh. 223 de 2021).

Rialacháin an Aontais Eorpaigh (Bearta Sriantacha i leith Mhaenmar/Bhurma), 2021 (I.R. Uimh. 224 de 2018).

Rialacháin an Aontais Eorpaigh (Bearta Sriantacha i leith na hIaráice) (Uimh. 3), 2021 (I.R. Uimh. 225 de 2021).

Rialacháin an Aontais Eorpaigh (Bearta Sriantacha i leith na Libia) (Uimh. 2), 2021 (I.R. Uimh. 226 de 2021).

Na Rialacháin um Rialú Foirgníochta (Fógraí Tosaigh Feidhme) (Atosú Foirgníochta), 2021 (I.R. Uimh. 214 de 2021).

Na Rialacháin um Rialú Foirgníochta (Fógraí Tosaigh Feidhme) (Foirgníocht Tithíochta agus Seirbhísí Cúraim Leanaí), 2021 (I.R. Uimh. 156 de 2021).

Na Rialacháin um Thrácht ar Bhóithre (Teagascóirí Tiomána a Cheadúnú) (Tréimhse Bailíochta Ceadúnais a Leathnú), 2021 (I.R. Uimh. 215 de 2021).

Na Rialacháin um an Acht Sláinte, 1947 (Alt 31A - Srianta Sealadacha) (Covid-19) (Uimh. 2), 2021 (I.R. Uimh. 217 de 2021).

Na Rialacháin um an Acht Sláinte, 1947 (Alt 31A (6A)) (Covid-19) (Uimh. 2), 2021 (I.R. Uimh. 218 de 2021).

Na Rialacháin um an Acht Sláinte, 1947 (Fógra Íocaíochta Seasta agus Forálacha maidir le hÓcáidí I dTeaghaisí) (Covid-19) (Uimh. 2), 2021 (I.R. Uimh. 219 de 2021).

European Union (Restrictive Measures concerning ISIL (Da'esh) and Al-Qaeda and natural and legal persons, entities or bodies associated with them) Regulations 2021 (S.I. No. 223 of 2021).

European Union (Restrictive Measures in respect of Myanmar/Burma) Regulations 2021 (S.I. No. 224 of 2021).

European Union (Restrictive Measures concerning Iraq) (No. 3) Regulations 2021. (S.I. No. 225 of 2021).

European Union (Restrictive Measures concerning Libya) (No. 2) Regulations 2021 (S.I. No. 226 of 2021).

Building Control (Commencement Notices) (Construction Resumption) Regulations 2021 (S.I. No. 214 of 2021).

Building Control (Commencement Notices) (Residential and Childcare Services Construction) Regulations 2021 (S.I. No. 156 of 2021).

Road Traffic (Driving Instructor Licensing) (Extension of Period of Validity of Licence) Regulations 2021 (S.I. No. 215 of 2021).

Health Act 1947 (Section 31A - Temporary Restrictions) (Covid-19) (No. 2) Regulations 2021 (S.I. No. 217 of 2021).

Health Act 1947 (Section 31A (6A)) (Covid-19) (No. 2) Regulations 2021 (S.I. No. 218 of 2021).

Health Act 1947 (Fixed Payment Notice and Dwelling Event Provisions) (Covid-19) (No.2) Regulations 2021 (S.I. No. 219 of 2021).