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10.30 a.m.

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GNÓ POIBLÍ Public Business

1. (1) An Bille chun Onnmhairí a Rialú, 2023 [Dáil] – An Coiste.

(a) Control of Exports Bill 2023 [Dáil] – Committee.

2. (*l*) Bille na hOidhreachta Stairiúla agus Seandálaíochta agus Forálacha Ilghnéitheacha, 2023 *athraithe ό* Bille na hOidhreachta Stairiúla agus Seandálaíochta, 2023 [*Bille Seanaid arna leasú ag an Dáil*] – An Tuarascáil.

(a) Historic and Archaeological Heritage and Miscellaneous Provisions Bill 2023 *changed from* Historic and Archaeological Heritage Bill 2023 [Seanad Bill amended by the Dáil] – Report Stage.

Tairiscint: Motion:

"Go gcomhthoilíonn Seanad Éireann, **3.** de bhun fho-alt 2° d'alt 2 d'Airteagal 25 den Bhunreacht, leis an Rialtas in achainí chun an Uachtaráin go gcuirfidh sé a lámh le Bille na hOidhreachta Stairiúla agus Seandálaíochta Forálacha agus Ilghnéitheacha, 2023 athraithe ó Bille na hOidhreachta Stairiúla agus Seandálaíochta, 2023 ar dháta is luaithe ná an cúigiú lá tar éis an dáta a thairgfear an Bille dó.

That, pursuant to subsection 2° of section 2 of Article 25 of the Constitution, Seanad Éireann concurs with the Government in a request to the President to sign the Historic and Archaeological Heritage and Miscellaneous Provisions Bill 2023 *changed from* Historic and Archaeological Heritage Bill 2023 on a date which is earlier than the fifth day after the date on which the Bill shall have been presented to him."

Senator Lisa Chambers.[5th October, 2023]

4. An Bille um Scagadh Idirbheart Tríú Tíortha, 2022 [*Dáil*] – An Dara Céim. Screening of Third Country Transactions Bill 2022 [*Dáil*] – Second Stage.

5. An Bille um Barántas Gabhála Eorpach (Leasú), 2022 [Dáil] – An Coiste.

	European Arrest Warrant (Amendment) Bill 2022 [Dáil] – Committee.
6.	Bille na gCúirteanna Teaghlaigh, 2022 – An Coiste. Family Courts Bill 2022 – Committee.
7.	An Bille um Cheartas Coiriúil (Gríosú chun Foréigin nó Fuatha agus Cionta Fuatha), 2022 [Dáil] – An Coiste. Criminal Justice (Incitement to Violence or Hatred and Hate Offences) Bill 2022 [Dáil] – Committee.
8.	Bille an Gharda Síochána (Feistí Taifeadta), 2022 [<i>Dáil</i>] – An Coiste. Garda Síochána (Recording Devices) Bill 2022 [<i>Dáil</i>] – Committee.
9.	An Bille um Póilíneacht, Slándáil agus Sábháilteacht Pobail, 2023 [<i>Dáil</i>] – An Coiste. Policing, Security and Community Safety Bill 2023 [<i>Dáil</i>] – Committee.
10.	Ráitis maidir le coinneáil an Uas. Richard O'Halloran sa tSín. Statements on the detention of Mr. Richard O'Halloran in China.
11.	Ráitis maidir le Cúrsaí Cosanta. Statements on Defence Matters.
12.	Ráitis maidir le freagairt na Roinne Coimirce Sóisialaí do Covid-19 (<i>atógáil</i>). Statements on the Department of Social Protection's response to Covid-19 (<i>resumed</i>).
13.	Ráitis maidir le Ag Climatise - An Plean Oibre Náisiúnta Aeir agus Aeráide don Earnáil Talmhaíochta (<i>atógáil</i>). Statements on Ag Climatise - The National Climate and Air Roadmap for the Agriculture Sector (<i>resumed</i>).
14.	Ráitis maidir le Gnó agus Covid-19 (atógáil). Statements on Business and Covid-19 (resumed).
15.	Ráitis maidir le Deimhniú Glas Digiteach na hEorpa (atógáil). Statements on the European Digital Green Certificate (resumed).
16.	Ráitis maidir le Tithíocht do Chách – Plean Tithíochta Nua d'Éirinn (<i>atógáil</i>). Statements on Housing for All – a New Housing Plan for Ireland (<i>resumed</i>).

Tugadh	Isteach:
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Introduced:

17. An Bille um Chúnamh Dlíthiúil Sibhialta (Seirbhísí Idirghabhála le haghaidh Díospóidí idir Comharsana), 2023 – An Chéad Chéim.

Civil Legal Aid (Neighbours' Dispute Mediation Services) Bill 2023 – First Stage.

Bille dá ngairtear Acht do leasú agus do leathnú an Achta um Chúnamh Dlíthiúil Sibhialta, 1995 agus do dhéanamh socrú i dtaobh nithe gaolmhara. Bill entitled an Act to amend and extend the Civil Legal Aid Act 1995 and to provide for related matters.

- Senator Micheál Carrigy.

18. 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.

19. 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.

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

- Senator Paddy Burke.

21. An Bille um Tháirgí Míosta (Soláthar Saor in Aisce), 2021 – An Dara Céim.

Period Products (Free Provision) Bill 2021 – Second Stage.

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

22. 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.

23. An Bille Uchtála (Faisnéis agus Rianú), 2021 – An Dara Céim.

Adoption (Information and Tracing) Bill 2021 – Second Stage.

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

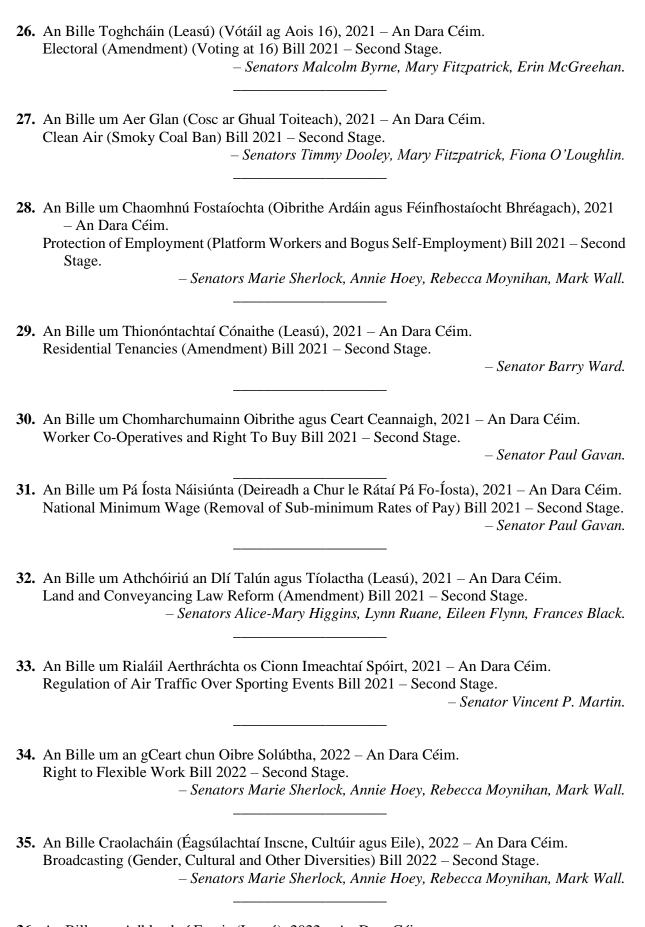
24. An Bille um Rialáil Tacsaithe (Leasú), 2021 – An Dara Céim.

Taxi Regulation (Amendment) Bill 2021 – Second Stage.

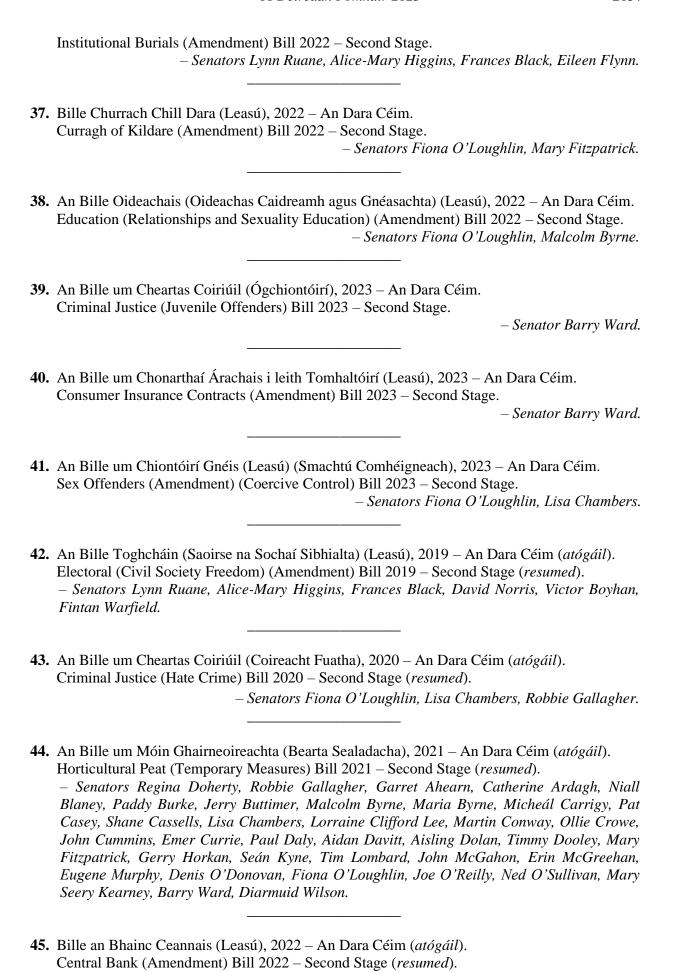
- Senators Joe O'Reilly, Jerry Buttimer, Barry Ward.

25. An Bille Árachais Sláinte (Mic Léinn Idirnáisiúnta) (Leasú), 2021 – An Dara Céim. Health Insurance (International Students) (Amendment) Bill 2021 – Second Stage.

— Senators Malcolm Byrne, Lisa Chambers, Shane Cassells.



36. An Bille um Adhlacthaí Forais (Leasú), 2022 – An Dara Céim.



- Senators Catherine Ardagh, Jerry Buttimer.

Leasú ar an Tairiscint don Dara Léamh: Amendment to Motion for Second Reading:

- 1. To delete all words after "That" and substitute the following:
 - "Seanad Eireann resolves that the *Central Bank (Amendment) Bill 2022* be deemed to be read a second time this day twelve months, to allow for further consideration of the Bill, which requires further detailed consideration as the issue of a 'Right to be Forgotten' for cancer survivors in financial services is complex and sensitive, and is also currently subject to examination at the EU level."

- Senator Regina Doherty. [16th November, 2022]

46. An Bille fá Choiste Comhairleach Náisiúnta um Braitheoireacht, 2020 – Ordú don Choiste. National Screening Advisory Committee Bill 2020 – Order for Committee.

- Senators David Norris, Victor Boyhan, Gerard P. Craughwell.

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- **47.** An Bille um an Seanad, 2020 Ordú don Choiste.

Seanad Bill 2020 – Order for Committee.

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

48. An Bille um Chlárú Uachtanna, 2021 – Ordú don Choiste.

Registration of Wills Bill 2021 – Order for Committee.

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

49. An Bille um Chur ar Taispeáint Póstaer Toghcháin agus Vótaíochta agus Fógrán Eile a Rialáil, 2022 – Ordú don Choiste.

Regulation of Display of Electoral and Polling Posters and Other Advertisements Bill 2022 – Order for Committee.

– Senator Pauline O'Reilly, Róisín Garvey, Vincent P. Martin.

50. An Bille um Chiontuithe mar gheall ar Chionta Gnéasacha Áirithe (Leithscéal a Ghabháil agus Saoradh), 2016 – An Coiste.

 $Convictions \ for \ Certain \ Sexual \ Offences \ (Apology \ and \ Exoneration) \ Bill \ 2016-Committee.$

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

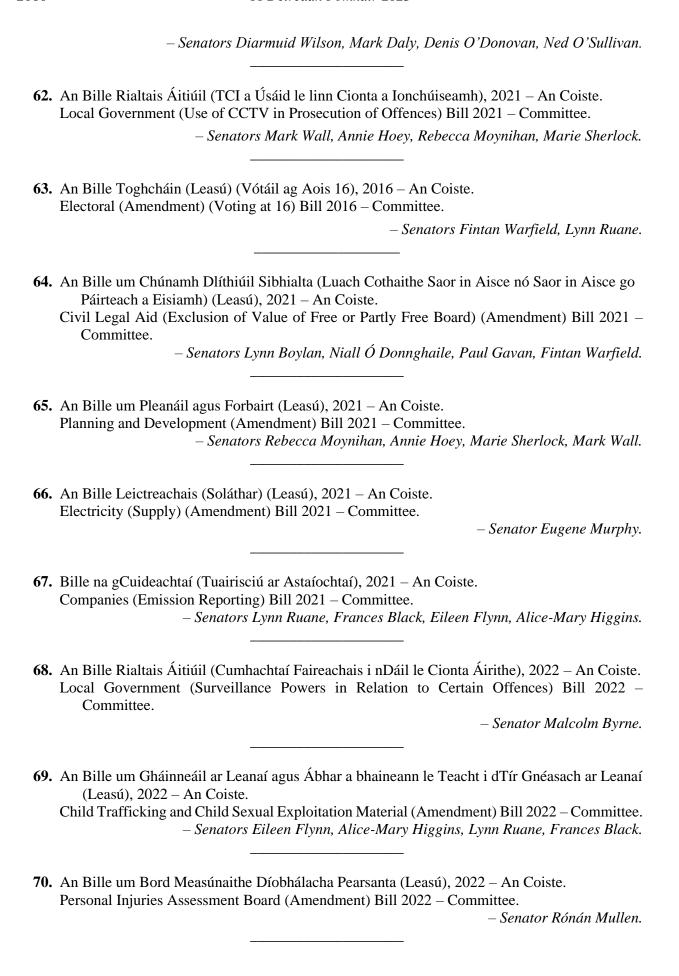
Farm Safety Agency Bill 2018 – Committee.

- Senators Paul Daly, Robbie Gallagher, Diarmuid Wilson.

52. 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.





71.	An Bille Cróinéirí (Socrú maidir le Roghnóireacht Giúiré) (Leasú), 2022 – An Coiste. Coroners (Provision for Jury Selection) (Amendment) Bill 2022 – Committee.
	– Senators Lynn Boylan, Paul Gavan, Fintan Warfield.
72.	An Bille um Chearrbhachas (Fógraíocht a Thoirmeasc), 2021 – An Coiste. Gambling (Prohibition of Advertising) Bill 2021 – Committee. – Senators Mark Wall, Annie Hoey, Rebecca Moynihan, Marie Sherlock.
73.	An Bille Cosanta (Srian le Teidil Áirithe a Úsáid), 2021 – An Coiste. Defence (Restriction on Use of Certain Titles) Bill 2021 – Committee. — Senators Malcolm Byrne, Fiona O'Loughlin, Pat Casey. ———————————————————————————————————
74.	An Bille um Pá Íosta Náisiúnta (Intéirnigh a Íoc), 2022 – An Coiste. National Minimum Wage (Payment of Interns) Bill 2022 – Committee. – Senators Marie Sherlock, Annie Hoey, Rebecca Moynihan, Mark Wall.
75.	An Bille um Pleanáil agus Forbairt (Cosaint Oidhreachta Tógtha), 2022 – An Coiste. Planning and Development (Built Heritage Protection) Bill 2022 – Committee. – Senators David Norris, Michael McDowell, Victor Boyhan, Gerard P. Craughwell, Sharon Keogan, Rónán Mullen, Tom Clonan.
76.	An Bille um Chlárú Sibhialta (Leasú) (Deimhniú Beatha), 2022 – An Coiste. Civil Registration (Amendment) (Certificate of Life) Bill 2022 – Committee. — Senators Regina Doherty, Mary Seery Kearney. ———————————————————————————————————
77.	An Bille um Fhoréigean Baile (Leasú), 2023 – An Coiste. Domestic Violence (Amendment) Bill 2023 – Committee. – Senators Vincent P. Martin, Róisín Garvey, Pauline O'Reilly, Mary Seery Kearney, David Norris, Michael McDowell, Marie Sherlock, Annie Hoey, Rebecca Moynihan, Mark Wall, Tom Clonan, Victor Boyhan.
78.	An Bille um Fhaisnéis faoi Luach Saothair agus um Thrédhearcacht Pá, 2023 – An Coiste. Remuneration Information and Pay Transparency Bill 2023 – Committee. — Senators Catherine Ardagh, Ollie Crowe. ———————————————————————————————————
	An Bille um Dhliteanas Sibhialta (Scoileanna), 2023 – An Coiste. Civil Liability (Schools) Bill 2023 – Committee. – Senators Rónán Mullen, Tom Clonan, Victor Boyhan, Gerard P. Craughwell, Sharon Keogan.
	An Bille um Ghníomhú Aeráide agus um Bithéagsúlacht (Mandáidí Eagraíochtaí Áirithe), 2023 – An Coiste. Climate Action and Biodiversity (Mandates of Certain Organisations) Bill 2023 – Committee. — Senators Alice-Mary Higgins, Lynn Ruane, Frances Black, Eileen Flynn.

81. Bille Ghradam an Uachtaráin, 2023 – An Coiste. Gradam an Uachtaráin Bill 2023 - Committee. – Senators Sharon Keogan, Gerard P. Craughwell, Tom Clonan, Rónán Mullen, Victor Boyhan. **82.** An Bille um Chosc ar Tháirgí Nua a Dhumpáil, 2022 – An Coiste. Ban on Dumping New Products Bill 2022 – Committee. – Senators Lynn Boylan, Niall Ó Donnghaile, Paul Gavan, Fintan Warfield. 83. An Bille um Míchumas (Forálacha Ilghnéitheacha), 2023 – An Coiste. Disability (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2023 – Committee. – Senators Tom Clonan, Fintan Warfield, Lynn Boylan, Niall Ó Donnghaile, Paul Gavan, Lynn Ruane, Alice-Mary Higgins, Victor Boyhan, Michael McDowell, Sharon Keogan, David Norris, Rónán Mullen, Gerard P. Craughwell, Vincent P. Martin, Marie Sherlock, Annie Hoey, Mark Wall, Frances Black and Eileen Flynn. **84.** (1) Bille Náisiúntachta agus Saoránachta Éireann (Eadóirsiú Mionaoiseach a Rugadh in Éirinn), 2018 – An Coiste (alt 2, atógáil). (a) Irish Nationality and Citizenship (Naturalisation of Minors Born in Ireland) Bill 2018 – Committee (section 2, resumed). **85.** (*l*) An Bille um Cheartas Coiriúil (Ord Poiblí) (Leasú), 2019 – An Coiste (*alt* 1, *atógáil*). (a) Criminal Justice (Public Order) (Amendment) Bill 2019 – Committee (section 1, resumed). - Senators Robbie Gallagher, Lorraine Clifford Lee, Diarmuid Wilson. 86. (1) An Bille um Eagrú Ama Oibre (Saoire a Bhaineann le Sláinte Atáirgthe), 2021 – An Coiste (alt 1, atógáil). (a) Organisation of Working Time (Reproductive Health Related Leave) Bill 2021 – Committee (section 1, resumed). - Senators Annie Hoey, Rebecca Moynihan, Marie Sherlock, Mark Wall. **87.** An Bille um Threalamh Tarrthála Beatha, 2017 – An Coiste (alt 1, atógáil). Life Saving Equipment Bill 2017 – Committee (section 1, resumed). - Senators Paul Daly, Robbie Gallagher, Diarmuid Wilson. 88. (1) Bille Toghcháin an tSeanaid (Comhaltaí Ollscoile) (Leasú), 2020 – An Coiste (atógáil, leasú (a) Seanad Electoral (University Members) (Amendment) Bill 2020 – Committee (resumed, amendment 4). - Senators Malcolm Byrne, Shane Cassells, Pat Casey.

Non-Fatal Offences against the Person (Amendment) (Spiking) Bill 2023 – Committee (resumed, section 2).

89. An Bille um Chionta Neamh-Mharfacha in aghaidh an Duine (Leasú) (Spíceáil), 2023 – An

Coiste (atógáil, alt 2).

- Senators Regina Doherty, Garret Ahearn, Paddy Burke, Maria Byrne, Micheál Carrigy, John Cummins, Emer Currie, Aisling Dolan, Seán Kyne, Tim Lombard, John McGahon, Joe O'Reilly, Mary Seery Kearney, Barry Ward.

90. An Bille um Shláinte agus Leas Ainmhithe (Madraí), 2022 – An Coiste (*alt* 1, *atógáil*). Animal Health and Welfare (Dogs) Bill 2022 – Committee (*section* 1, *resumed*).

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

91. An Bille um Pleanáil agus Forbairt (Grianphainéil le haghaidh Foirgnimh Phoiblí, Scoileanna, Teaghaisí agus Áitribh Eile) (Leasú), 2021 – An Tuarascáil.

Planning and Development (Solar Panels for Public Buildings, Schools, Homes and Other Premises) (Amendment) Bill 2021 – Report Stage.

– Senators Pauline O'Reilly, Róisín Garvey, Vincent P. Martin.

92. An Bille um Chomhionannas Fostaíochta (Leasú) (Comhaontuithe Neamhnochta), 2021 – An Tuarascáil.

Employment Equality (Amendment) (Non-Disclosure Agreements) Bill 2021 – Report Stage.

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

93. An Bille um Chrannchur Náisiúnta (Leasú), 2021 – An Tuarascáil.

National Lottery (Amendment) Bill 2021 – Report Stage.

- Senators Barry Ward, Emer Currie, Micheál Carrigy.

94. An Bille um an mBeach Mheala Dhúchasach Éireannach a Chosaint, 2021 – An Tuarascáil. Protection of the Native Irish Honey Bee Bill 2021 – Report Stage.

– Senators Vincent P. Martin, Erin McGreehan, Róisín Garvey, Mary Seery Kearney, Lynn Boylan, Niall Ó Donnghaile, David Norris, Alice-Mary Higgins, Gerard P. Craughwell, Paul Gavan, Fintan Warfield, Mark Wall.

Tairiscint:

Motion:

95. "Go dtugann Seanad Éireann dá aire an Tuarascáil ón gComhchoiste um Leanaí, Comhionannas, Míchumas, Lánpháirtíocht agus Óige dar teideal 'Obair Óige sa Todhchaí', ar leagadh cóipeanna di faoi bhráid Sheanad Éireann an 10 Iúil 2023.

That Seanad Éireann notes the Report of the Joint Committee on Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth entitled 'The Future of Youth Work', copies of which were laid before Seanad Éireann on 10th July, 2023."

Senator Lisa Chambers.

[12th July, 2023]

Tairiscint:

Motion:

96. "Go dtabharfaidh Seanad Éireann dá aire an Tuarascáil ón gComhchoiste um

That Seanad Éireann shall take note of the Report of the Joint Committee on

Oideachas, Breisoideachas agus Ardoideachas, Taighde, Nuálaíocht agus Eolaíocht dar teideal 'Tuarascáil maidir leis an nGrinnscrúdú Réamhreachtach ar an mBille um Thaighde agus Nuálaíocht, 2023', ar leagadh cóipeanna di faoi bhráid Seanad Éireann an 12 Iúil 2023.

Education, Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science entitled, 'Report on Pre Legislative Scrutiny of the Research and Innovation Bill, 2023', copies of which were laid before Seanad Éireann on 12th July, 2023."

- Senator Lisa Chambers. [18th July, 2023]

Tairiscint: Motion:

97. "Go dtabharfaidh Seanad Éireann dá aire an Tuarascáil ón gComhchoiste um Oideachas, Breisoideachas agus Ardoideachas, Taighde, Nuálaíocht agus Eolaíocht dar teideal 'An Eolaíocht, an Teicneolaíocht, an Innealtóireacht agus an Mhatamaitic (ETIM) sa Todhchaí i gcóras oideachais na hÉireann', ar leagadh cóipeanna di faoi bhráid Seanad Éireann an 17 Iúil 2023.

That Seanad Éireann shall take note of the Report of the Joint Committee on Education, Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science entitled, 'The Future of Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM) in Irish Education', copies of which were laid before Seanad Éireann on 17th July, 2023."

Senator Lisa Chambers.[18th July, 2023]

Tairiscint: Motion:

98. "Go dtabharfaidh Seanad Éireann dá aire an Tuarascáil ón gComhchoiste um Uathachas dar teideal "An Tuarascáil Deiridh ón gComhchoiste um Uathachas", ar leagadh cóipeanna di faoi bhráid Sheanad Éireann an 14 Meitheamh 2023. That Seanad Éireann shall take note of the Report of the Joint Committee on Autism entitled "Final Report of the Joint Committee on Autism", copies of which were laid before Seanad Éireann on 14th June, 2023."

Senator Lisa Chambers.[15th August, 2023]

Tairiscint: Motion:

99. "Go dtabharfaidh Seanad Éireann dá aire an Tuarascáil ón gComhchoiste um Thalmhaíocht, Bia agus Muir dar teideal 'Priacail Tuile ag Loch Fuinseann', ar leagadh cóipeanna di faoi bhráid Sheanad Éireann an 8 Nollaig 2022. That Seanad Éireann shall take note of the Report of the Joint Committee on Agriculture, Food and the Marine entitled 'Flooding Risks at Lough Funshinagh', copies of which were laid before Seanad Éireann on 8th December, 2022."

Senator Lisa Chambers.[26th September, 2023]

Tairiscint:
Motion:

100. "Go dtabharfaidh Seanad Éireann dá aire an Tuarascáil ón gComhchoiste um Thalmhaíocht, Bia agus Muir dar teideal 'Tionchar Timpeallachta ag Astaíochtaí Tionscail Áitiúla i gCaisleán an Chomair, Contae Chill Chainnigh', ar leagadh cóip di faoi bhráid Seanad Éireann an 11 Bealtaine 2023.

That Seanad Éireann shall take note of the Report of the Joint Committee on Agriculture, Food and the Marine entitled 'Environmental Impact of Local Industrial Emissions in Castlecomer, Co. Kilkenny', copies of which were laid before Seanad Éireann on 11th May, 2023."

Senator Lisa Chambers.[26th September, 2023]

Tairiscint: Motion:

101. "Go dtabharfaidh Seanad Éireann dá aire an Tuarascáil ón gComhchoiste um Thalmhaíocht, Bia agus Muir dar teideal 'Saincheisteanna a Imríonn Tionchar ar Leas Madraí in Éirinn', ar leagadh cóipeanna di faoi bhráid Sheanad Éireann an 13 Deireadh Fómhair 2022.

That Seanad Éireann shall take note of the Report of the Joint Committee on Agriculture, Food and the Marine entitled 'Issues impacting Dog Welfare in Ireland', copies of which were laid before Seanad Éireann on 13th October, 2022."

Senator Lisa Chambers[26th September, 2023]

Tairiscint: Motion:

102. "Go dtabharfaidh Seanad Éireann dá aire an Tuarascáil ó Choiste Comhairliúcháin Phoiblí an tSeanaid dar teideal 'Todhchaí Bhunreachtúil Oileán na hÉireann, *Tuarascáil Eatramhach*', ar leagadh cóipeanna di faoi bhráid Sheanad Éireann an 14 Nollaig 2022.

That Seanad Éireann shall take note of the Report of the Seanad Public Consultation Committee entitled 'The Constitutional Future of the Island of Ireland *Interim Report*', copies of which were laid before Seanad Éireann on 14th December, 2022."

- Senator Mark Daly Chairperson of the Seanad Public Consultation Committee. [26th September, 2023]

[20th September

Tairiscint: Motion:

103. "Go dtabharfaidh Seanad Éireann dá aire an Tuarascáil ón gComhchoiste um Dhlí agus Ceart dar teideal 'Tuarascáil maidir le Dídean do Mhná agus Tearmainn ó Fhoréigean Baile', That Seanad Éireann shall take note of the Report of the Joint Committee on Justice entitled 'Report on Women's Shelters and Domestic Abuse Refuges', copies of which ar leagadh cóipeanna di faoi bhráid Sheanad Éireann an 21 Meán Fómhair 2022. were laid before Seanad Éireann on 21st September, 2022."

Senator Lisa Chambers.[26th September, 2023]

Tairiscint: Motion:

104. "Go dtabharfaidh Seanad Éireann dá aire an Tuarascáil ón gComhchoiste um Dhlí agus Ceart dar teideal 'Tuarascáil maidir le Saoirse Shibhialta le linn Phaindéim COVID-19', ar leagadh cóipeanna di faoi bhráid Sheanad Éireann an 28 Meán Fómhair 2021.

That Seanad Éireann shall take note of the Report of the Joint Committee on Justice entitled 'Report on Civil Liberties during the COVID-19 Pandemic', copies of which were laid before Seanad Éireann on 28th September, 2021."

Senator Lisa Chambers.[26th September, 2023]

Tairiscint: Motion:

105. "Go dtabharfaidh Seanad Éireann dá aire an Tuarascáil ón gComhchoiste um Dhlí agus Ceart dar teideal 'Tuarascáil maidir le Cúirteanna agus Tithe Cúirte', ar leagadh cóipeanna di faoi bhráid Sheanad Éireann an 14 Iúil 2022.

That Seanad Éireann shall take note of the Report of the Joint Committee on Justice entitled 'Report on Courts and Courthouses', copies of which were laid before Seanad Éireann on 14th July, 2022."

Senator Lisa Chambers.[26th September, 2023]

Tairiscint: Motion:

106. "Go dtabharfaidh Seanad Éireann dá aire an Tuarascáil ón gComhchoiste um Dhlí agus Ceart dar teideal 'Tuarascáil ar chruinniú an 27 Aibreán 2021 maidir leis an ábhar arb é an Rialachán Ginearálta maidir le Cosaint Sonraí é', ar leagadh cóipeanna di faoi bhráid Sheanad Éireann an 22 Iúil 2021.

That Seanad Éireann shall take note of the Report of the Joint Committee on Justice entitled 'Report on meeting on 27th April 2021 on the topic of GDPR', copies of which were laid before Seanad Éireann on 22nd July, 2021."

Senator Lisa Chambers.[26th September, 2023]

Tairiscint: Motion:

107. "Go dtabharfaidh Seanad Éireann dá aire an Tuarascáil ón gComhchoiste um Dhlí agus Ceart dar teideal 'Tuarascáil maidir le Scrúdú ar Oibriú na Seirbhíse Cróinéara', ar leagadh cóipeanna di faoi bhráid Sheanad Éireann an 17 Feabhra 2023. That Seanad Éireann shall take note of the Report of the Joint Committee on Justice entitled 'Report on an Examination of the Operation of the Coroner's Service', copies of which were laid before Seanad Éireann on 17th February, 2023."

Senator Lisa Chambers.[26th September, 2023]

Tairiscint: Motion:

"Go 108. dtabharfaidh Seanad Éireann aire Tuarascáil dá an ón gComhchoiste um Dhlí agus Ceart dar teideal 'Tuarascáil maidir le Deiseanna Athshlánúcháin laistigh den Chóras Príosún a Scrúdú', ar leagadh cóipeanna di faoi bhráid Sheanad Éireann an 31 Bealtaine 2023.

That Seanad Éireann shall take note of the Report of the Joint Committee on Justice entitled 'Report on an Examination of Rehabilitative Opportunities within the Prison System', copies of which were laid before Seanad Éireann on 31st May, 2023."

Senator Lisa Chambers.[26th September, 2023]

Tairiscint:
Motion:

109. "Go dtabharfaidh Seanad Éireann dá aire an Tuarascáil ón gComhchoiste um Dhlí agus Ceart dar teideal 'Tuarascáil maidir leis an nGrinnscrúdú Réamhreachtach ar Scéim Ghinearálta Bhille an Gharda Síochána (Cumhachtaí)', ar leagadh cóipeanna di faoi bhráid Sheanad Éireann an 1 Meitheamh 2022.

That Seanad Éireann shall take note of the Report of the Joint Committee on Justice entitled 'Report on Pre-Legislative Scrutiny of the General Scheme of the Garda Síochána (Powers) Bill', copies of which were laid before Seanad Éireann on 1st June, 2022."

Senator Lisa Chambers[26th September, 2023]

Tairiscint: Motion:

110. "Go dtabharfaidh Seanad Éireann dá aire an Tuarascáil ón gComhchoiste um Dhlí agus Ceart dar teideal 'Tuarascáil maidir leis an nGrinnscrúdú Réamhreachtach ar Scéim Ghinearálta an Bhille um Dhíol Alcóil, 2022', ar leagadh cóipeanna di faoi bhráid Sheanad Éireann an 2 Márta 2023.

That Seanad Éireann shall take note of the Report of the Joint Committee on Justice entitled 'Report on Pre-Legislative Scrutiny of the General Scheme of the Sale of Alcohol Bill 2022', copies of which were laid before Seanad Éireann on 2nd March, 2023."

- Senator Lisa Chambers.

[26th September, 2023]

Tairiscint: Motion:

111. "Go dtabharfaidh Seanad Éireann dá aire an Tuarascáil ón gComhchoiste um Dhlí agus Ceart dar teideal 'Tuarascáil maidir leis an nGrinnscrúdú Réamhreachtach ar Scéim Ghinearálta an Bhille um Cheartas Coiriúil (Cionta Gnéasacha agus Gáinneáil ar Dhaoine), 2022', ar leagadh cóipeanna di faoi bhráid Sheanad Éireann an 8 Márta 2023.

That Seanad Éireann shall take note of the Report of the Joint Committee on Justice entitled 'Report on Pre-Legislative Scrutiny of the General Scheme of the Criminal Justice (Sexual Offences and Human Trafficking) Bill 2022', copies of which were laid before Seanad Éireann on 8th March, 2023."

Senator Lisa Chambers.[26th September, 2023]

Tairiscint:
Motion:

112. "Go dtabharfaidh Seanad Éireann dá aire an Tuarascáil ón gComhchoiste um Dhlí agus Ceart dar teideal 'Tuarascáil maidir leis an nGrinnscrúdú Réamhreachtach ar Scéim Ghinearálta an Bhille um Áiteanna Coinneála a Iniúchadh, 2022', ar leagadh cóipeanna di faoi bhráid Sheanad Éireann an 8 Márta 2023.

That Seanad Éireann shall take note of the Report of the Joint Committee on Justice entitled 'Report on Pre-Legislative Scrutiny of the General Scheme of the Inspection of Places of Detention Bill 2022', copies of which were laid before Seanad Éireann on 8th March, 2023."

Senator Lisa Chambers.[26th September, 2023]

Tairiscint:
Motion:

113. "Go dtabharfaidh Seanad Éireann dá aire an Tuarascáil ón gComhchoiste um Dhlí agus Ceart dar teideal 'Tuarascáil maidir le Mionlaigh a bhíonn ag plé leis an gCóras Ceartais', ar leagadh cóipeanna di faoi bhráid Sheanad Éireann an 14 Nollaig 2022.

That Seanad Éireann shall take note of the Report of the Joint Committee on Justice entitled 'Report on Minorities Engaging with the Justice System', copies of which were laid before Seanad Éireann on 14th December, 2022."

Senator Lisa Chambers.[26th September, 2023]

Tairiscint: Motion:

114. "Go dtabharfaidh Seanad Éireann dá aire an Tuarascáil ón gComhchoiste um

That Seanad Éireann shall take note of the Report of the Joint Committee on Justice Dhlí agus Ceart dar teideal 'Tuarascáil maidir le Scrúdú ar an gCur Chuige Reatha maidir le Smachtbhannaí as Sealbhú Méideanna Áirithe Drugaí chun Úsáide Pearsanta', ar leagadh cóipeanna di faoi bhráid Sheanad Éireann an 14 Nollaig 2022.

entitled 'Report on an Examination of the Present Approach to Sanctions for Possession of Certain Amounts of Drugs for Personal Use', copies of which were laid before Seanad Éireann on 14th December, 2022."

Senator Lisa Chambers.[26th September, 2023]

Tairiscint:
Motion:

115. "Go dtugann Seanad Éireann dá aire an Tuarascáil ón gComhchoiste um Oideachas, Breisoideachas agus Ardoideachas, Taighde, Nuálaíocht agus Eolaíocht dar teideal 'Mic Léinn ó Thuaidh agus ó Dheas a Rollú san Oideachas Treasach', ar leagadh cóipeanna di faoi bhráid Sheanad Éireann an 13 Iúil 2022.

That Seanad Éireann notes the Report of the Joint Committee on Education, Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science entitled 'North South Student Enrolment in Tertiary Education', copies of which were laid before Seanad Éireann on 13th July, 2022."

Senator Lisa Chambers.[26th September, 2023]

Tairiscint: Motion:

116. "Go dtugann Seanad Éireann dá aire an Tuarascáil ón gComhchoiste um Oideachas, Breisoideachas agus Ardoideachas, Taighde, Nuálaíocht agus Eolaíocht dar teideal 'Maoiniú an Ard-Oideachais sa Todhchaí', ar leagadh cóipeanna di faoi bhráid Sheanad Éireann an 6 Iúil 2022.

That Seanad Éireann notes the Report of the Joint Committee on Education, Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science entitled, 'Future Funding of Higher Education', copies of which were laid before Seanad Éireann on 6th July, 2022."

Senator Lisa Chambers.[26th September, 2023]

Tairiscint:
Motion:

117. "Go dtugann Seanad Éireann dá aire an Tuarascáil ón gComhchoiste um Oideachas, Breisoideachas agus Ardoideachas, Taighde, Nuálaíocht agus Eolaíocht dar teideal 'An Ardteistiméireacht a Athchóiriú: an Gá atá le Sraith Shinsearach Nua', ar leagadh

That Seanad Éireann notes the Report of the Joint Committee on Education, Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science entitled 'Leaving Certificate Reform: the Need for a New Senior Cycle', copies of which were laid before Seanad Éireann on 11th May, 2022."

cóipeanna di faoi bhráid Sheanad Éireann an 11 Bealtaine 2022.

Senator Lisa Chambers.[26th September, 2023]

Tairiscint:
Motion:

118. "Go dtugann Seanad Éireann dá aire an Tuarascáil ón gComhchoiste um Oideachas, Breisoideachas agus Ardoideachas, Taighde, Nuálaíocht agus Eolaíocht dar teideal 'Oideachas agus Tacaíochtaí a Sholáthar do Dhaltaí Asáitithe ón Úcráin', ar leagadh cóipeanna di faoi bhráid Sheanad Éireann an 6 Iúil 2022.

That Seanad Éireann notes the Report of the Joint Committee on Education, Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science entitled 'Education and Supports Provision for Displaced Ukrainian Students', copies of which were laid before Seanad Éireann on 6th July, 2022."

Senator Lisa Chambers[26th September, 2023]

Tairiscint: Motion:

119. "Go dtugann Seanad Éireann dá aire an Tuarascáil ón gComhchoiste um Oideachas, Breisoideachas agus Ardoideachas, Taighde, Nuálaíocht agus Eolaíocht dar teideal 'Bulaíocht ar Scoil agus an Tionchar atá aici ar Mheabhair-Shláinte', ar leagadh cóipeanna di faoi bhráid Sheanad Éireann an 23 Lúnasa 2021.

That Seanad Éireann notes the Report of the Joint Committee on Education, Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science entitled 'School Bullying and the Impact on Mental Health', copies of which were laid before Seanad Éireann on 23rd August, 2021."

Senator Lisa Chambers[26th September, 2023]

Tairiscint: Motion:

120. "Go dtugann Seanad Éireann dá aire an Tuarascáil ón gComhchoiste um Chomhshaol agus Gníomhú ar son na hAeráide dar teideal 'Tuarascáil ar an mBithéagsúlacht', ar leagadh cóipeanna di faoi bhráid Sheanad Éireann an 17 Samhain 2022.

That Seanad Éireann notes the Report of the Joint Committee on Environment and Climate Action entitled 'Report on Biodiversity', copies of which were laid before Seanad Éireann on 17th November, 2022."

Senator Lisa Chambers.[26th September, 2023]

Tairiscint:

Motion:

121. "Go dtugann Seanad Éireann dá aire an Tuarascáil ón gComhchoiste um Chomhshaol agus Gníomhú ar son na hAeráide dar teideal 'Tuarascáil maidir le hAstaíochtaí san Earnáil Iompair a Laghdú de 51% faoi 2030', ar leagadh cóipeanna di faoi bhráid Sheanad Éireann an 11 Meitheamh 2021.

That Seanad Éireann notes the Report of the Joint Committee on Environment and Climate Action entitled 'Report on Reducing Emissions in the Transport Sector by 51% by 2030', copies of which were laid before Seanad Éireann on 11th June, 2021."

Senator Lisa Chambers[26th September, 2023]

Tairiscint:
Motion:

122. "Go dtabharfaidh Seanad Éireann dá aire an Tuarascáil ón gComhchoiste um Thurasóireacht, Cultúr, Ealaíona, Spórt agus Meáin dar teideal 'Timpeallacht Oibre Shábháilte, ina bhfuil Meas ar Dhaoine, sna hEalaíona', ar leagadh cóipeanna di faoi bhráid Sheanad Éireann an 21 Meán Fómhair 2022.

That Seanad Éireann shall take note of the Report of the Joint Committee on Tourism, Culture, Arts, Sport and Media entitled 'A Safe and Respectful Working Environment in the Arts', copies of which were laid before Seanad Éireann on 21st September, 2022."

Senator Lisa Chambers.[26th September, 2023]

Tairiscint:
Motion:

123. "Go dtabharfaidh Seanad Éireann dá aire an Tuarascáil ón gComhchoiste um Thurasóireacht, Cultúr, Ealaíona, Spórt agus Meán dar teideal 'Deireadh a chur leis an Drochíde a Thugtar do Réiteoirí, d'Oifigigh agus d'Imreoirí sa Spórt', ar leagadh cóipeanna di faoi bhráid Sheanad Éireann an 28 Meitheamh 2022.

That Seanad Éireann shall take note of the Report of the Joint Committee on Tourism, Culture, Arts, Sport and Media entitled 'The Elimination of Abuse Directed Toward Referees, Officials, and Players in Sport', copies of which were laid before Seanad Éireann on 28th June, 2022."

Senator Lisa Chambers.[26th September, 2023]

Tairiscint: Motion:

124. "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

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." cóipeanna di faoi bhráid Sheanad Éireann an 9 Nollaig 2020.

Senator Lisa Chambers.[26th September, 2023]

Tairiscint: Motion:

125. "Go dtabharfaidh Seanad Éireann dá aire an Tuarascáil ón gComhchoiste um Dhlí agus Ceart dar teideal 'Tuarascáil maidir leis an nGrinnscrúdú Réamhreachtach ar Scéim Ghinearálta an Bhille um Chlúmhilleadh (Leasú)', ar leagadh cóipeanna di faoi bhráid Sheanad Éireann an 27 Meán Fómhair 2023.

That Seanad Éireann shall take note of the Report of the Joint Committee on Justice entitled 'Report on Pre-Legislative Scrutiny of the General Scheme of the Defamation (Amendment) Bill', copies of which were laid before Seanad Éireann on 27th September, 2023."

Senator Lisa Chambers.[27th September, 2023]

Tairiscint: Motion:

126. "Go dtabharfaidh Seanad Éireann dá aire an Tuarascáil ón gComhchoiste um Dhlí agus Ceart dar teideal 'Tuarascáil maidir le Forfheidhmiú Orduithe Cúirte a bhaineann le Cothabháil Linbh, Rochtain ar Leanbh agus Coimeád Linbh', ar leagadh cóipeanna di faoi bhráid Sheanad Éireann an 5 Iúil 2023.

That Seanad Éireann shall take note of the Report of the Joint Committee on Justice entitled 'Report on Enforcement of Court Orders relating to Child Maintenance, Access and Custody', copies of which were laid before Seanad Éireann on 5th July, 2023."

Senator Lisa Chambers.[5th October, 2023]

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

An Rolla Saíochta agus Oideachais Cultural and Educational Panel

1. "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, 2023]

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, 2022]

3. "That Seanad Éireann calls on the Government to set out its strategy on the future of work post-pandemic."

- Senators Robbie Gallagher, Pat Casey, Shane Cassells, Gerard Craughwell, John Cummins, Paul Gavan, Joe O'Reilly, Pauline O'Reilly, Ned O'Sullivan, Marie Sherlock.

[17th December, 2022]

An Rolla Riaracháin Administrative Panel

- 4. "That Seanad Éireann explore the opportunity for AILG and LAMA to work in partnership with their counterparts NILGA and NAC in Northern Ireland on specific themes."
 - Senators Fiona O'Loughlin, Diarmuid Wilson, Garret Ahearn, Martin Conway, Rebecca Moynihan, Niall Ó Donnghaile.

[26th September, 2023]

128.	Tairiscintí nach ón Rialtas: Non-Government Motions:	
	Non-Government Motions.	

1. "That Seanad Éireann:

notes that:

- in the early years of Irish statehood two institutions, ACC and ICC, were set up in recognition of the importance of financial services to facilitate the growth of our agricultural and industrial sectors;
- ACC and ICC were allowed to become part of larger private commercial banks and now have ceased to exist as all foreign owned retail banks have left or are leaving the Irish market;
- Ulster Bank has one million current accounts including 70,000 commercial accounts and 301,000 deposit accounts, KBC has over 300,000 current accounts. All these

accounts will have to be closed within the next 12 months, with most requiring new accounts to be opened elsewhere;

- Irish mortgage rates are the second highest in the Eurozone after Greece and double the currency bloc's average rate;
- banks regularly blame the increased capital charge for the higher mortgage rate, but a Goodbody Stockbrokers' analysis in July 2021 found the real difference is in the banks' operating costs compared to their EU counterparts;
- the report on Local Public Banking in Ireland and the Indecon Report both concluded there was no economic case for a public bank in Ireland but were based on a much different banking landscape than currently exists;

recognises that:

- the choices of individuals and companies are now severely limited regarding the provision of basic financial services especially with local access;
- both personal and business consumers are paying over the odds on their mortgages and loans with only the prospect of increased interest rates going forward;
- reliance of our remaining financial institutions on online solutions actively discriminates against certain cohorts of the population;
- credit unions have limited scope to provide financial services to business customers e.g. personal current accounts only, and lack the expertise to fully serve this important sector; credit unions are not banks and do not want to be banks;
- the lack of availability of, and appetite for, credit by our SMEs, is constraining the growth of our economy as these are the backbone of the economy and provide the vast majority of employment;

acknowledges that:

- the Banking Review has commenced and is due to report by end of November 2022;
- separately, the review of the credit union movement is due to be completed imminently, members of the Government openly talk of the credit unions filling the gap left by Ulster Bank and KBC thus pre-empting the conclusions of this review along with the Banking Review;

and calls on the Government to:

take immediate action, using the expertise available to it, to design and implement a
comprehensive public bank system that makes full use of the remaining local financial
services infrastructure to deliver a banking service that serves our local communities
and businesses."

2. "That Seanad Éireann:

notes that:

- CERN is one of the leading scientific research organisations globally;
- Ireland is one of the few European Countries not in membership;

welcomes:

- the announcement by the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science, that he intends to bring a paper to Government setting out Ireland's intention to apply for membership;

calls on:

- the Government to proceed with Ireland's membership of CERN;
- the Department of Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science to develop, in conjunction with our universities, research agencies and interested parties, a strategy to support our membership and to ensure that Ireland can both contribute to and gain from our membership."
- Senators Malcolm Byrne, Catherine Ardagh, Niall Blaney, Pat Casey, Shane Cassells, Lisa Chambers, Lorraine Clifford-Lee, Ollie Crowe, Paul Daly, Aidan Davitt, Timmy Dooley, Mary Fitzpatrick, Robbie Gallagher, Gerry Horkan, Erin McGreehan, Eugene Murphy, Denis O'Donovan, Fiona O'Loughlin, Ned O'Sullivan, Diarmuid Wilson.

[24th November, 2022]

- 3. "That Seanad Éireann supports the freedom and liberties of Taiwan and condemns the use or threats of any force to unify China with Taiwan or any attempt to isolate the people and government of Taiwan from any humanitarian bodies."
 - Senators Victor Boyhan, Michael McDowell, Tom Clonan, Gerard P. Craughwell, Sharon Keogan, Rónán Mullen.

[13th February, 2023]

- 4. "That Seanad Éireann reaffirms its opposition to the barbaric treatment of the Uyghur people and calls on the People's Republic of China to grant meaningful and unfettered access to Xinjiang for humanitarian workers, journalists, independent observers including the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights and relevant special procedure mandate holders."
 - Senators Victor Boyhan, Michael McDowell, Tom Clonan, Gerard P. Craughwell, Sharon Keogan, Rónán Mullen, David Norris.

[13th February, 2023]

- 5. "That Seanad Éireann reaffirms its outright condemnation and revulsion in respect of the Russian invasion of Ukraine and calls on the Russian Federation to remove its armed forces from all Ukrainian territory."
 - Senators Victor Boyhan, Michael McDowell, Tom Clonan, Gerard P. Craughwell, Sharon Keogan, Rónán Mullen, David Norris.

[13th February, 2023]

- 6. "That Seanad Éireann calls on Israel to halt immediately all building of illegal settlements in Palestinian territories, to respect the religious status quo in Jerusalem, and calls on the Irish Government to support legislation to end Irish trade with Israeli businesses that operate in the occupied settlements."
 - Senators Victor Boyhan, Michael McDowell, Tom Clonan, Gerard P. Craughwell, Sharon Keogan, David Norris.

[13th February, 2023]

7. "That Seanad Éireann:

- condemns the imprisonment of Mr. Bernard Phelan, a citizen of Ireland, in Mashhad, Iran since 3rd October, 2022; and
- calls on:
 - the Iranian authorities to release him immediately; and
 - on 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, Victor Boyhan, Sharon Keogan, Gerard P. Craughwell, David Norris, Tom Clonan, Rónán Mullen.

[24th March, 2023]

8. "That Seanad Éireann:

acknowledges that:

- Ireland has promised to fully ratify the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities as per the Programme for Government;
- the National Disability Authority and the Disability Stakeholder Group have recently published reports that show Irish Government Departments are failing to make sufficient progress to meet the minimum requirements for disabled Irish citizens, as set out by the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNCRPD);
- disability services for children are in failure countrywide, with a crisis in the recruitment and retention of physiotherapists, speech therapists and occupational therapists;
- tens of thousands of Irish children remain on waiting lists, denied the necessary therapeutic interventions within the critical windows of opportunity with their age and development; this delayed, mostly absent, treatment leads to many young people being denied their full potential;
- on Tuesday, 9th May, 2023, the Minister for Finance responded to a question regarding the budget targets by saying that in 2023, his Department was forecasting a general Government surplus of €10 billion; next year the budget surplus is expected to increase to €16.2 billion;

- on average, people with disabilities live with a permanent cost of living crisis; the Department's own 'Cost of Disability in Ireland Report', published in 2021, shows the extra cost in Ireland of being disabled ranges from €9,000 to €11,000;
- this is before a disabled citizen pays rent or tries to feed themselves; the current Disability Allowance is €11,440 a year, and barely meets this additional cost of disability itself;
- over 100,000 disabled citizens live below the poverty line;
- the Minister for Social Protection, Deputy Heather Humphreys, proposes to target disabled citizens for 'medical assessments' to 'categorise' their disability into three levels, each revolving around a 'capacity to work';
- on Wednesday, 20th September, 2023, Minister Humphreys met with disability support groups before publishing a Green Paper on Disability Reform, saying the following:
 - 'people who are not able to work will get a higher payment rate. The proposed higher rate is the same as the State Pension Contributory rate which is currently €265.30 a week;
 - people in the lowest tier with the highest capacity to work will receive a payment of €220 a week and will be provided supports to find training and employment opportunities suited to their needs;
 - people with a more limited capacity to work will be placed in the middle tier and their payment will be half-way between tier 1 and tier 3. They will be offered appropriate employment supports and services.';
- Ireland is currently the only country in the European Union that does not provide a legal right for a person to access all the supports listed in an assessment of need or equivalent document;
- many people with disabilities nationwide are not getting the supports they are entitled to; therefore, the support people in tier 2 and tier 3 will actually get is not clear; they might even get no support at all;

notes that:

- the reforms proposed by the Government are similar to the Work Capability Assessment introduced as an UK austerity measure in 2008; the results of that policy were as follows:
 - as part of these work-for-benefits schemes, a French company called Atos Healthcare was contracted to assess people to see if they were entitled to disability payments; this was aimed at reducing the number of people receiving benefits;
 - multiple deaths were reported to the Department of Work and Pensions; doctors at Atos even said that checks were being done too quickly and that the system was biased towards declaring people fit for work;

- there was a surge in suicide among disabled citizens in England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland, with some cancer patients forced to stop treatment to work for benefits; one double-lung and heart transplant patient was deemed fit to work and died nine days later;
- Atos bosses even admitted that 50 per cent of the people they were assessing could end up destitute;
- Whistle-blowers in Atos came forward and GPs united to try and shut down the programme;
- Atos eventually made a £500 million settlement to the Department of Work and Pensions;
- due to the failures of the Work Capability Assessment more broadly, there is discussion within the UK Conservative Party about reforming it;
- this system has been brought thoroughly into disrepute and earlier this year the Westminster Work and Pensions Committee stated that there was a 'pervasive lack of trust' in the assessment system;
- funds that could be spent on providing supports for people with disabilities will instead be spent on conducting assessments to see which tier they fall into;
- supports are not being provided to people who can work, such as interpreters in the
 workplace for members of the deaf community; similarly, supports are not being
 provided to people on the autism spectrum;
- it is completely inconsistent with the Government's current, and expensive, PR campaign titled 'Disability Rights are Human Rights';
- it is inconsistent with the Programme for Government: Our Shared Future, which states that the Government has ratified the UN Convention on the Right of Persons with Disabilities, which it has not, and that the Government will empower people to choose the supports that most meet their needs;
- it is inconsistent with the UN Convention on the Right of Persons with Disabilities;

calls on:

- the Minister for Social Protection and other members of Government to:
 - immediately stop the proposals listed in the Green Paper on Disability Reform;
 - forthwith ensure that the Disability Allowance be made a universal, non-means-tested payment;
 - raise the Disability Allowance to the level of the PUP payment to take over 100,000 disabled citizens out of abject poverty;
 - ratify all protocols of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities within the lifetime of this Government."

 Senators Tom Clonan, Victor Boyhan, Sharon Keogan, David Norris, Lynn Ruane, Frances Black, Eileen Flynn, Rónán Mullen.

[5th October, 2023]

Leasú:

Amendment:

1. To delete all words after "That Seanad Éireann:" and substitute the following:

"notes that:

- the Minister for Social Protection has published a Green Paper on Reform of Disability Income Support payments for public consultation to provide an opportunity for disabled people and disabled people's representative organisations an opportunity to input to the shape of future reforms to welfare payments for people with disabilities;
- the Green Paper is a consultation paper only that outlines one possible approach to achieving the aim of higher payments and better employment supports;
- the proposals contained in it are intended to inform discussion, debate and to seek ideas for improved or alternative proposals to address the issues, and that the feedback received will help to design and develop a new model of income supports for the Government to consider;
- under the proposals in the Green Paper, nobody who is currently in receipt of long-term disability payments will be moved off a disability payment;
- there is no proposal to reduce anybody's payment under the Green Paper; rather it proposes significant increases in payments for those with the greatest need;
- the Green Paper's objective is to insulate disabled people who cannot work from poverty, by providing them with higher weekly payment rates and to provide more targeted employment supports for those who want to work;
- the Cost of Disability Report, published in 2021, following extensive consultation with disabled people, recommended that the levels of disability payments and allowances should be changed to reflect the very different costs of disability by severity and type of disability;
- the Cost of Disability Report also recommended that a high priority should be given to facilitate an increase in employment opportunities for individuals with disabilities;
- the proposals in the Green Paper will assist Ireland in meeting the requirements of Articles 27 and 28 of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities regarding access to employment and an adequate standard of living;

further notes:

- the Government has taken, and is taking, a number of measures to improve outcomes for people with disabilities, including through:
 - paying a Disability Support Grant in 2022 and again this year;

- increasing the basic rate of payment from €203 when it took office to €232 per week in Budget 2024;
- introducing a fast-track return to disability payments for people with a disability who take up but cannot sustain employment;
- introducing changes to allow people who leave a disability payment to retain their medical card;
- increasing the income disregards for Disability Allowance payments;
- expanding and increasing the funding of the EmployAbility Service;
- introducing an early engagement model to support people with disabilities access training and employment;
- increasing the period of time for which Domiciliary Care Allowance is paid while a child is in hospital or post-bereavement;
- increasing the Carer's Support Grant;
- increasing income thresholds for Carer's Allowance recipients;
- funding and publishing research on costs of disability;
- reducing waiting days for Illness Benefit payments and introducing statutory sick pay;
- increasing payments under the Treatment Benefits scheme for access to hearing aids;
- notwithstanding these significant supports, disabled people continue to experience higher poverty risks, high costs of disability and low employment participation and it is clear that more needs to be done."

 Senator Lisa Chambers.
[10th October, 2023]

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

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

Dé hAoine, 20 Deireadh Fómhair, 2023 Friday, 20th October, 2023

An Bille Sláinte (Atáirgeadh Daonna Cuidithe), 2023 – An Coiste. Health (Assisted Human Reproduction) Bill 2023 – Committee.

- Senators Catherine Ardagh, Fiona O'Loughlin.

Déardaoin, 26 Deireadh Fómhair, 2023 Thursday, 26th October, 2023
An Bille Leasa Shóisialaigh (Pinsean Comhchónaitheora Mharthanaigh), 2021 — Ordaíodh é a léamh an dara huair an 26 Deireadh Fómhair 2023. Social Welfare (Surviving Cohabitant's Pension) Bill 2021 — Ordered to be read a second time on 26th October, 2023.
– Senators Mark Wall, Annie Hoey, Rebecca Moynihan, Marie Sherlock.
Dé hAoine, 26 Eanáir, 2024 Friday, 26th January, 2024
An Bille um Áiteanna Cónaithe Príobháideacha a Chosaint (Ar Phicéadú Spriocdhírithe), 2021 — Ordaíodh é a léamh an dara huair an 26 Eanáir 2024. Protection of Private Residences (Against Targeted Picketing) Bill 2021— Ordered to be read a
second time on 26th January, 2024. - Senators Malcolm Byrne, Fiona O'Loughlin.
Dé hAoine, 3 Bealtaine, 2024 Friday, 3rd May, 2024
An Bille um Pá Íosta Náisiúnta (Printísigh a Áireamh), 2023 — Ordaíodh é a léamh an dara huair an 3 Bealtaine 2024. National Minimum Wage (Inclusion of Apprentices) Bill 2023 — Ordered to be read a second time on 3rd May, 2024. — Senators Marie Sherlock, Mark Wall, Annie Hoey, Rebecca Moynihan.
Dé hAoine, 5 Iúil, 2024 Friday, 5th July, 2024
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Níl aon scríbhinn á leagan faoin gCatagóir seo None

In-neamhnithe le Tairiscint Open to Motion to Annul

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