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GNÓ POIBLÍ
Public Business

Tairiscint:
Motion:

1. “Go ndéanann Seanad Éireann, á thabhairt dá aire go ndearna an Rialtas, an 21 Aibreán 2026, Lee Komito Uas. agus Ross Frenett Uas. a ainmniú lena gceapadh ag an Uachtarán chun bheith ina ngnáthchomhaltaí den Choimisiún Toghcháin, a mholadh go ndéanfaidh an tUachtarán, de bhun alt 9(9) den Acht um Athchóiriú Toghcháin, 2022, Lee Komito Uas. agus Ross Frenett Uas. a cheapadh chun bheith ina ngnáthchomhaltaí den Choimisiún Toghcháin.

That Seanad Éireann, noting that on 21st April, 2026, the Government nominated Mr. Lee Komito and Mr. Ross Frenett for appointment by the President to be ordinary members of *An Coimisiún Toghcháin*, recommends that, pursuant to section 9(9) of the Electoral Reform Act 2022, Mr. Lee Komito and Mr. Ross Frenett be appointed by the President to be ordinary members of *An Coimisiún Toghcháin*.”

– *Senator Fiona O’Loughlin.*
[21st May, 2026]

2. Aitheasc do Sheanad Éireann ó CPEnna a ionadaíonn do Thoghlaigh an Láir Tíre—an Iarthuaiscirt de Pharlaimint na hEorpa.
 Address to Seanad Éireann by MEPs representing the European Parliament Midlands-North-West Constituency.
3. Bille an Gharda Síochána (Feistí Taifeadta) (Leasú), 2025 [*Dáil*] – An Dara Céim.
 Garda Síochána (Recording Devices) (Amendment) Bill 2025 [*Dáil*] – Second Stage.
4. (l) An Bille Eadrána (Leasú), 2025 [*Dáil*] – An Coiste (*alt 2, atógáil*).
 (a) Arbitration (Amendment) Bill 2025 [*Dáil*] – Committee (*section 2, resumed*).
5. An Bille um Cheartas Coiriúil (Cionta Sceimhlitheoireachta) (Leasú), 2025 [*Dáil*] – An Dara Céim.
 Criminal Justice (Terrorist Offences) (Amendment) Bill 2025 [*Dáil*] – Second Stage.

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6. An Bille Sláinte (Leasú) (Soláthraithe Tacaíochta Baile), 2025 [*Dáil*] – An Dara Céim.
Health (Amendment) (Home Support Providers) Bill 2025 [*Dáil*] – Second Stage.
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7. An Bille um an Aonú Leasú is Daichead ar an mBunreacht (An Comhaontú maidir le Cúirt Aontaithe um Paitinní), 2024 [*Dáil*] – An Coiste.
Forty-first Amendment of the Constitution (Agreement on a Unified Patent Court) Bill 2024 [*Dáil*] – Committee.
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8. An Bille um Fháltas ó Choireacht agus Nithe Gaolmhara, 2025 [*Dáil*] – An Coiste.
Proceeds of Crime and Related Matters Bill 2025 [*Dáil*] – Committee.
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9. An Bille Sláinte Poiblí (Galtoitíní Aonúsáide), 2025 [*Dáil*] – An Coiste.
Public Health (Single-Use Vapes) Bill 2025 [*Dáil*] – Committee.
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10. An Bille um Bonneagar Ríthábhachtach, 2026 [*Dáil*] – An Coiste.
Critical Infrastructure Bill 2026 [*Dáil*] – Committee.
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11. (l) Bille an Gharda Síochána (Cumhachtaí), 2026 – An Coiste (*leasú 6, atógáil*).
(a) Garda Síochána (Powers) Bill 2026 – Committee (*amendment 6, resumed*).
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Tugadh Isteach:

Introduced:

12. An Bille um Thoirmeasc ar Chórais Arm Uathrialaitheacha Mharfacha, 2026 – An Chéad Chéim.

Prohibition of Lethal Autonomous Weapons Systems Bill 2026 – First Stage.

Bille dá ngairtear Acht do thabhairt éifeacht do thoirmeasc ar chórais arm uathrialaitheacha a úsáid, a stoccharnadh, a tháirgeadh, a aistriú, a fhorbairt agus ar infheistíocht a dhéanamh iontu.

Bill entitled an Act to give effect to the prohibition of the use, stockpiling, production, transfer, development and investment in autonomous weapons systems.

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

Tugadh Isteach:

Introduced:

13. An Bille Aerloingseoireachta agus Aeriompair (Leasú), 2026 – An Chéad Chéim.
Air Navigation and Transport (Amendment) Bill 2026 – First Stage.

Bille dá ngairtear Acht do leasú an Achta Aerloingseoireachta agus Aeriompair, 1946 chun tuilleadh éifeachta a thabhairt don Choinbhinsiún ar Eitlíocht Shibhialta Idirnáisiúnta a osclaíodh lena shíniú in Chicago an 7 Nollaig 1946; agus do dhéanamh socrú i dtaobh nithe

Bill entitled an Act to amend the Air Navigation and Transport Act 1946 for the purpose of giving further effect to the Convention on International Civil Aviation opened for signature at Chicago on 7 December 1946; and to provide for related matters.

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– *Senators Patricia Stephenson, Nessa Cosgrove, Alice-Mary Higgins, Lynn Ruane, Frances Black, Eileen Flynn.*

- 14.** An Bille Toghcháin (Saoirse na Sochaí Sibhialta) (Leasú), 2019 – An Dara Céim.
Electoral (Civil Society Freedom) (Amendment) Bill 2019 – Second Stage.
– *Senators Lynn Ruane, Alice-Mary Higgins, Frances Black, Victor Boyhan.*
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- 15.** 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, Michael McDowell, Gerard P. Craughwell, Victor Boyhan.*
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- 16.** An Bille um Pá Íosta Náisiúnta (Pá Leordhóthanach chun Maireachtála), 2024 – An Dara Céim.
National Minimum Wage (Adequate Wages for Living) Bill 2024 – Second Stage.
– *Senators Alice-Mary Higgins, Lynn Ruane, Eileen Flynn, Frances Black.*
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- 17.** An Bille um Fhoréigean Baile (Leasú) (Uimh. 3), 2024 – An Dara Céim.
Domestic Violence (Amendment) (No. 3) Bill 2024 – Second Stage.
– *Senator Tom Clonan.*
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- 18.** An Bille um Aer Glan (Cosc ar Ghual Toiteach), 2021 – An Dara Céim.
Clean Air (Smoky Coal Ban) Bill 2021 – Second Stage.
– *Senators Mary Fitzpatrick, Fiona O’Loughlin.*
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- 19.** An Bille Sláinte (Saoire Áirithe a Iarchur), 2024 – An Dara Céim.
Health (Postponement of Certain Leave) Bill 2024 – Second Stage.
– *Senators Paul Daly, Mary Fitzpatrick.*
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- 20.** An Bille um Móin Ghairneoireachta (Bearta Sealadacha), 2021 – An Dara Céim.
Horticultural Peat (Temporary Measures) Bill 2021 – Second Stage.
– *Senators Robbie Gallagher, Garret Ahearn, Niall Blaney, Maria Byrne, Pat Casey, Lorraine Clifford-Lee, Martin Conway, Ollie Crowe, Paul Daly, Aidan Davitt, Mary Fitzpatrick, Fiona O’Loughlin, Joe O’Reilly, Diarmuid Wilson.*
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- 21.** An Bille um Pleanáil agus Forbairt (Córais Stórála Fuinnimh i gCeallraí Suite), 2024 – An Dara Céim.
Planning and Development (Stationary Battery Energy Storage Systems) Bill 2024 – Second Stage.
– *Senators Robbie Gallagher, Martin Conway, Tom Clonan, Diarmuid Wilson.*
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- 22.** An Bille um Pleanáil agus Forbairt (Tithíocht Phoiblí a Sholáthar), 2026 – An Dara Céim.
Planning and Development (Provision of Public Housing) Bill 2026 – Second Stage.

– *Senators Chris Andrews, Maria McCormack, Joanne Collins, Pauline Tully, Conor Murphy, Nicole Ryan.*

- 23.** An Bille um Chothabháil Linbh, 2026 – An Dara Céim.
Child Maintenance Bill 2026 – Second Stage.
– *Senators Lynn Ruane, Alice-Mary Higgins, Eileen Flynn, Frances Black, Patricia Stephenson, Nessa Cosgrove, Laura Harmon, Maria McCormack, Pauline Tully, Nicole Ryan, Joanne Collins, Sharon Keogan, Sarah O'Reilly.*
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- 24.** An Bille um an Seanad, 2020 – Ordú don Choiste.
Seanad Bill 2020 – Order for Committee.
– *Senators Michael McDowell, Gerard P. Craughwell, Alice-Mary Higgins.*
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- 25.** An Bille Toghcháin (Leasú) (Vótáil ag Aois 16), 2021 – Ordú don Choiste.
Electoral (Amendment) (Voting at 16) Bill 2021 – Order for Committee.
– *Senator Mary Fitzpatrick.*
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- 26.** An Bille Parúil (Aighní Speisialta), 2024 – Ordú don Choiste.
Parole (Special Advocates) Bill 2024 – Order for Committee.
– *Senators Lynn Ruane, Alice-Mary Higgins, Frances Black, Eileen Flynn.*
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- 27.** An Bille Leictreachais (Soláthar) (Leasú) (Uimh. 2), 2025 – Ordú don Choiste.
Electricity (Supply) (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill 2025 – Order for Committee.
– *Senators Anne Rabbitte, Paul Daly.*
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- 28.** An Bille um Chomhionannas (Forálacha Ilghnéitheacha), 2025 – Ordú don Choiste.
Equality (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2025 – Order for Committee.
– *Senators Chris Andrews, Nicole Ryan, Conor Murphy, Joanne Collins, Pauline Tully, Maria McCormack.*
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- 29.** Bille na gCuideachtaí (Tuairisciú ar Astaíochtaí), 2021 – An Coiste.
Companies (Emission Reporting) Bill 2021 – Committee.
– *Senators Lynn Ruane, Frances Black, Eileen Flynn, Alice-Mary Higgins.*
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- 30.** An Bille um Aosaigh a Chosaint, 2017 – An Coiste.
Adult Safeguarding Bill 2017 – Committee.
– *Senators Lorraine Clifford-Lee, Frances Black, Alice-Mary Higgins, Victor Boyhan, Lynn Ruane.*
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- 31.** 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.*
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32. An Bille um Rannpháirtíocht Phobail (Míchumas) (Forálacha Ilghnéitheacha), 2019 – An Coiste.
Community Participation (Disability) (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2019 – Committee.
– *Senators Lynn Ruane, Frances Black, Victor Boyhan, Alice-Mary Higgins.*
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33. An Bille fán nGníomhaireacht um Shábháilteacht Feirme, 2018 – An Coiste.
Farm Safety Agency Bill 2018 – Committee.
– *Senators Paul Daly, Robbie Gallagher, Diarmuid Wilson.*
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34. An Bille um Threalamh Tarrthála Beatha, 2017 – An Coiste.
Life Saving Equipment Bill 2017 – Committee.
– *Senators Paul Daly, Robbie Gallagher, Diarmuid Wilson.*
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35. An Bille um Fhoréigean Baile (Leasú) (Uimh. 2), 2024 – An Coiste.
Domestic Violence (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill 2024 – Committee.
– *Senators Fiona O’Loughlin, Tom Clonan, Gerard P. Craughwell, Lynn Ruane, Alice-Mary Higgins, Frances Black, Robbie Gallagher, Sharon Keogan.*
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36. An Bille um Shláinte agus Leas Ainmhithe (Madraí), 2022 – An Coiste.
Animal Health and Welfare (Dogs) Bill 2022 – Committee.
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37. 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.*
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38. An Bille um Gharchabhair agus Meabhairshláinte i Scoileanna (Múinteoirí Reatha), 2018 – An Coiste.
First Aid and Mental Health in Schools (Existing Teachers) Bill 2018 – Committee.
– *Senators Robbie Gallagher, Diarmuid Wilson.*
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39. 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.*
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40. 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, Mary Fitzpatrick.*
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41. Bille Toghcháin an tSeanaid (Leasú), 2015 – An Coiste.
Seanad Electoral (Amendment) Bill 2015 – Committee.
– *Senators Diarmuid Wilson, Mark Daly.*
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42. An Bille Cosanta (Srian le Teidil Áirithe a Úsáid), 2021 – An Coiste.
Defence (Restriction on Use of Certain Titles) Bill 2021 – Committee.
– *Senators Fiona O’Loughlin, Pat Casey.*
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43. An Bille um Fhaisnéis faoi Luach Saothair agus um Thrédhearcacht Pá, 2023 – An Coiste.
Remuneration Information and Pay Transparency Bill 2023 – Committee.
– *Senator Ollie Crowe.*
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44. An Bille Sláinte (Atáirgeadh Daonna Cuidithe), 2023 – An Coiste.
Health (Assisted Human Reproduction) Bill 2023 – Committee.
– *Senator Fiona O’Loughlin.*
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45. An Bille um Chiontóirí Gnéis (Leasú) (Smachtú Comhéigneach), 2023 – An Coiste.
Sex Offenders (Amendment) (Coercive Control) Bill 2023 – Committee.
– *Senator Fiona O’Loughlin.*
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46. An Bille um Rialú Madraí (Forálacha Ilghnéitheacha), 2024 – An Coiste.
Control of Dogs (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2024 – Committee.
– *Senators Robbie Gallagher, Diarmuid Wilson.*
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47. Bille Churrach Chill Dara (Leasú), 2022 – An Coiste.
Curragh of Kildare (Amendment) Bill 2022 – Committee.
– *Senators Fiona O’Loughlin, Mary Fitzpatrick.*
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48. An Bille um Cheartas Coiriúil (Ord Poiblí) (Leasú), 2019 – An Coiste.
Criminal Justice (Public Order) (Amendment) Bill 2019 – Committee.
– *Senators Robbie Gallagher, Lorraine Clifford-Lee, Diarmuid Wilson.*
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49. Bille Toghcháin an tSeanaid (Comhaltaí Ollscoile) (Leasú), 2020 – An Coiste.
Seanad Electoral (University Members) (Amendment) Bill 2020 – Committee.
– *Senator Pat Casey.*
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50. An Bille um Thoirmeasc ar Fhógraíocht nó ar Thathant chun críche Gnéis i gcomhair Cíosa, 2025 – An Coiste.
Prohibition of Advertising or Importuning Sex for Rent Bill 2025 – Committee.
– *Senators Laura Harmon, Nessa Cosgrove, Malcolm Noonan, Patricia Stephenson.*
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51. An Bille um Oibríthe Miondíola a Chosaint, 2025 – An Coiste.
Protection of Retail Workers Bill 2025 – Committee.
– *Senators Mary Fitzpatrick, Joe Flaherty, Anne Rabbitte, Teresa Costello.*
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52. An Bille Oideachais (Saoire i leith Díobhálacha), 2025 – An Coiste.

Education (Leave for Injuries) Bill 2025 – Committee.

– *Senators Nessa Cosgrove, Laura Harmon, Malcolm Noonan, Patricia Stephenson.*

53. An Bille um Cheartas Coiriúil (Cionta Gadaíochta agus Calaoise) (Leasú) (Trealamh Oibre), 2026 – An Coiste.

Criminal Justice (Theft and Fraud Offences) (Amendment) (Work Equipment) Bill 2026 – Committee.

– *Senators P.J. Murphy, Mark Duffy, Mike Kennelly.*

54. An Bille um Chosc ar Tháirgí Nua a Dhumpáil, 2022 – An Tuarascáil.

Ban on Dumping New Products Bill 2022 – Report Stage.

55. An Bille um Chionta Neamh-Mharfacha in aghaidh an Duine (Leasú), 2024 – An Tuarascáil.

Non-Fatal Offences Against the Person (Amendment) Bill 2024 – Report Stage.

– *Senator Fiona O’Loughlin.*

56. An Bille um Fhoréigean Baile (Leasú), 2024 – An Tuarascáil.

Domestic Violence (Amendment) Bill 2024 – Report Stage.

– *Senator Tom Clonan.*

Tairiscint:

Motion:

57. “Go gceadaíonn Seanad Éireann an tOrdú seo a leanas ina dhréacht:

An tOrdú fán Acht um Leasúchán ar Theaghaisí a nDearnadh Damáiste dóibh mar gheall ar Úsáid Bloc Coincréite Lochtach, 2022 (Comhairle Contae na Mí a Shainainmniú) (Codanna de Limistéar Riaracháin), 2026,

ar leagadh cóip de ina dhréacht faoi bhráid Sheanad Éireann an 2 Aibreán 2026.

That Seanad Éireann approves the following Order in draft:

Remediation of Dwellings Damaged by the Use of Defective Concrete Blocks Act 2022 (Designation of Meath County Council) (Parts of Administrative Area) Order 2026,

a copy of which has been laid in draft form before Seanad Éireann on 2nd April, 2026.”

– *Senator Fiona O’Loughlin.*

[24th April, 2026]

Tairiscint:

Motion:

58. “Go dtabharfaidh Seanad Éireann dá aire an Tuarascáil ón gComhchoiste um Breisoideachas agus Ardoideachas, Taighde, Nuálaíocht agus Eolaíocht dar teideal ‘Printíseachtaí’, ar leagadh

That Seanad Éireann shall take note of the Report of the Joint Committee on Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science entitled ‘Apprenticeships’, copies

cóipeanna di faoi bhráid Sheanad Éireann an 25 Feabhra 2026.

of which were laid before Seanad Éireann on 25th February, 2026.”

– *Senator Fiona O’Loughlin.*
[4th March, 2026]

Tairiscint:

Motion:

59. “Go dtabharfaidh Seanad Éireann dá aire an Tuarascáil ón gComhchoiste um Oideachas agus Óige dar teideal ‘Tuarascáil maidir le Tionchair Chlár na mBéilí Scoile a Mheasúnú’, ar leagadh cóipeanna di faoi bhráid Sheanad Éireann an 26 Márta 2026.

That Seanad Éireann shall take note of the Report of the Joint Committee on Education and Youth entitled ‘Report on Evaluating the Impacts of the School Meals Programme’, copies of which were laid before Seanad Éireann on 26th March, 2026.”

– *Senator Fiona O’Loughlin.*
[30th March, 2026]

Tairiscint:

Motion:

60. “Go dtabharfaidh Seanad Éireann dá aire an Tuarascáil ón gComhchoiste um Intleacht Shaorga dar teideal ‘An Chéad Tuarascáil Eatramhach’, ar leagadh cóipeanna di faoi bhráid Sheanad Éireann an 12 Nollaig 2025.

That Seanad Éireann shall take note of the Report of the Joint Committee on Artificial Intelligence entitled ‘First interim Report’, copies of which were laid before Seanad Éireann on 12th December, 2025.”

– *Senator Fiona O’Loughlin.*
[14th April, 2026]

Tairiscint:

Motion:

61. “Go dtabharfaidh Seanad Éireann dá aire an Tuarascáil ón gComhchoiste um Ealaíona, Meáin, Cumarsáid, Cultúr agus Spórt dar teideal ‘Tuarascáil maidir leis an nGrinnscrúdú Réamhrechtach ar Scéim Ghinearálta athleasaithe an Bhille Craolacháin (Leasú)’, ar leagadh cóipeanna di faoi bhráid Sheanad Éireann an 17 Meán Fómhair 2025.

That Seanad Éireann shall take note of the Report of the Joint Committee on Arts, Media, Communications, Culture and Sport entitled ‘Report on Pre-Legislative Scrutiny of the revised General Scheme of the Broadcasting (Amendment) Bill’, copies of which were laid before Seanad Éireann on 17th September, 2025.”

– *Senator Fiona O’Loughlin.*
[21st April, 2026]

Tairiscint:

Motion:

62. “Go dtabharfaidh Seanad Éireann dá aire an Tuarascáil ón gComhchoiste um Ealaíona, Meáin, Cumarsáid, Cultúr agus Spórt dar teideal ‘Ardáin ar líne a rialáil, agus tacaí chun feabhas a chur ar shábháilteacht agus rannpháirtíocht ar líne’, ar leagadh cóipeanna di faoi bhráid Sheanad Éireann an 13 Bealtaine 2026.

That Seanad Éireann shall take note of the Report of the Joint Committee on Arts, Media, Communications, Culture and Sport entitled ‘Regulation of online platforms, and supports to improve online safety and participation’, copies of which were laid before Seanad Éireann on 13th May, 2026.”

– *Senator Fiona O’Loughlin.*
[13th May, 2026]

Tairiscint:

Motion:

63. “Go dtabharfaidh Seanad Éireann dá aire an Tuarascáil ón gComhchoiste um Iascach agus Gnóthaí Muirí dar teideal ‘Tuarascáil maidir le Cosaint Iascaigh Mhara’, ar leagadh cóipeanna di faoi bhráid Seanad Éireann an 26 Bealtaine 2026.

That Seanad Éireann shall take note of the Report of the Joint Committee on Fisheries and Maritime Affairs entitled ‘Report on Sea-Fisheries Protection’, copies of which were laid before Seanad Éireann on 26th May, 2026.”

– *Senator Fiona O’Loughlin.*
[26th May, 2026]

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

1. “That Seanad Éireann:

notes with extreme concern that:

- 7,062 eviction notices were issued to tenants from January to March this year, up 51 per cent on the same period in 2025;
- new private rents have hit their highest level in 25 years with the rate of rent inflation at the highest since records began;

further notes that:

- for three consecutive quarters, the number of eviction notices has increased dramatically, 38 per cent in Q3 2025 and 41 per cent in Q4 2025;
- statewide, market rents have jumped 7.8 per cent in the first quarter of this year to €2,176 a month for a two-bed apartment, costing €26,000 a year;
- in Dublin, new rents are up 7 per cent, with a two-bed apartment now costing €2,536 a month and €30,000 a year in rent;
- in Galway City, rents have increased by a staggering 18 per cent with a two-bed apartment costing €2,290 per month and more than €27,000 a year in rent;

- in Cork City, rents have increased by 13 per cent, in Limerick City they are up by 9.7 per cent, and in Waterford City they are up by 7.6 per cent;
- this dramatic surge in market rents is a direct consequence of the Government's decision to allow landlords to reset rents between tenancies;
- these trends are the direct result of Government policy and will lead to increased displacement of tenants, increased rents and increased homelessness;
- the Government continues to miss its social and affordable housing targets, targets that were too low to begin with, and too few private for-purchase homes are being built or coming to the market;

resolves that:

- Fianna Fáil and Fine Gael's housing policy continues to make the housing crisis worse and, in particular, is failing renters;

calls on Government to:

- introduce an emergency ban on rent increases and no-fault evictions;
- cut private rents by putting a full month's rent back into every private renter's pocket;
- oppose rent increases for council tenants, those in receipt of Housing Assistance Payments, Rental Accommodation Scheme payments and cost rental tenants; and
- introduce a radical reset of housing policy as set out by the Housing Commission and to increase and accelerate the delivery of social, affordable and private for-purchase homes."

– *Senators Chris Andrews, Joanne Collins, Maria McCormack, Conor Murphy, Nicole Ryan, Pauline Tully.*

[22nd May, 2026]

Leasú:

Amendment:

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

“notes that:

- the Government is fully committed to tackling high rents and ensuring an increase in the supply of affordable high-quality rental accommodation through continued significant capital investment including cost rental and other means and in a manner that respects the security of tenure for renters by ensuring equity and fairness for landlords and tenants;
- comprehensive reviews of the private rental market and of the rent pressure zones (RPZs) rent control system were undertaken in 2024 and 2025, which assessed the rental market generally, the operation of RPZs since their introduction, their impact on the market and relevant stakeholders, the retention of landlords and attracting new investment;

- the modifications to rent controls were informed by the findings of the Housing Agency's Review of Rent Pressure Zones and Consideration of Potential Policy Options. The review involved engagement with a broad range of stakeholders, including representatives of landlord and tenant advocacy groups, academics, investors and the Residential Tenancies Board (RTB);
- it recommended a modification of rent controls and also recommended that landlords be allowed to reset rents to market levels between tenancies, while providing for stronger tenant protections to guard against economic evictions;
- the review indicated that the provision to reset rent between tenancies may see some rent inflation, but that this is expected to moderate as new supply comes on-stream;
- online platforms measure rent asking prices, which tend to be higher than the actual rents paid;
- there is consistently a variance between online platform asking prices and the RTB rent index of actual rents paid in new tenancies; online advertising is not the sole mechanism for letting to tenants;
- the Rent Index report published by the RTB is the most accurate and authoritative rent report of its kind on the private rental sector in Ireland;
- compared to other market monitoring reports produced for the Irish rental sector the RTB Rent Index has the considerable benefit of being based on regulatory data covering all new tenancy registrations, regardless of how the property was advertised for rent;
- the most recent Rent Index report, released by the RTB on 14th May, 2026 in respect of Q4 2025, shows that nationally, standardised average market rents continue to rise for new and existing tenancies; the rate of new tenancy rent increases has been relatively stable for the last six quarters at a national level, although the trends do vary across regions; a 5 per cent yearly increase was reported nationwide;
- the standardised average rent for new tenancies in Q4 2025 is €1,755 nationally, €2,232 in Dublin, and €1,437 per month outside Dublin;
- the standard average rent for a two-bedroom apartment in a new tenancy stood at €1,792 nationwide, a 4.4 per cent yearly increase, but a 0.8 per cent decrease compared to Q3 2025;
- in Dublin, the standard average rent for a two-bedroom apartment in a new tenancy was €2,315, up 3.9 per cent from last year, but down 2.6 per cent on a quarterly basis;
- the Residential Tenancies (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2026 came into effect on 1st March, 2026, introducing a new national rent control for all tenancies, which limits rent increases to inflation as measured by the Consumer Price Index (CPI) up to a maximum of 2 per cent; for new build apartments and student-specific accommodation, however, rent increases are capped at the level of inflation (CPI) only; these changes were introduced to promote greater investment in the rental market and to increase the supply of rental properties; the Act also provides significant improvements in security of tenure for renters;

- while February saw a sharp increase in Notices of Terminations (NoTs), the RTB confirmed that the trend is moderating, with an 18 per cent increase for March compared to March 2025 but a 39 per cent decrease from February 2026;
- to offer greater protection to tenants, rolling six-year tenancies of minimum duration (TMD) apply for new tenancies created for the first time between parties on or after 1st March, 2026; this means a new tenancy that continues for six months becomes a tenancy of unlimited duration, with rolling six year TMDs, providing real security of tenure for tenants;
- nationally, registered private tenancies rose by 2.44 per cent annually to 246,477 in Q1 2026;
- the number of private landlords rose by 1.3 per cent annually to 105,847, indicating increased participation in the rental market; there is no exodus of landlords from the market, and the rental sector continues to show resilience;
- prevention of homelessness in the first instance is an absolute priority; there are many prevention initiatives already underway in the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage and across Government; this includes the provision of social and affordable housing, Housing Assistance Payment (HAP) and homeless HAP, and tenancy protection legislation;
- in order to ensure a fully aligned all-of-Government approach, the Programme for Government includes a commitment to a holistic, cross-departmental approach to homelessness prevention; work has commenced on developing a national Homelessness Prevention Framework to ensure all possible measures are being taken across Government to prevent homelessness; it is intended that this framework will be in place later on in the year;
- addressing family homelessness is another key priority for Government; the new housing plan includes a commitment to develop a dedicated Child and Family Homelessness Action Plan; this will bring together key stakeholders to drive the continued focus on preventing children and families entering emergency accommodation, providing enhanced supports for children experiencing homelessness, as well as measures to accelerate exits and reduce the time spent by children and their families in homeless emergency accommodation;
- delivering Homes, Building Communities recognises that the rental market is an important element of a well-functioning housing system; it contains a suite of measures to support domestic and international investment in the delivery of new rental properties, in particular the supply of new apartments;
- Ireland is facing a shortage of rental homes, especially apartments; recent reforms to the rental market aim to encourage investment and development, which will encourage the building of new rental apartments, help slow down rent increases and moderate rent levels over time;
- the Government has significantly increased resources allocated to the RTB to meet the demands of a modern rental sector;
- further Government measures introduced to support renters include the increase in the tax credit for renters under Budget 2025 to a maximum of €1,000 for each renter in a

household; Budget 2026 extends the Rent Tax Credit, which was due to expire at the end of 2025, for a further three years, to the end of 2028;

- the increase in the thresholds for access to cost rental homes, which was increased from €53,000 net to €66,000 net in Dublin and €59,000 outside Dublin, in July 2023;

Seanad Éireann acknowledges that increased supply is key to meeting demand and moderating the pent-up pressures in the private rental sector and welcomes that:

- there has been an unprecedented level of delivery of new-build social homes, with 2025 representing the largest number of new-build social homes constructed since the foundation of the State;
- the new housing plan Delivering Homes, Building Communities is focused on putting in place the conditions to enable delivery of a minimum of 300,000 new homes between 2025 and 2030;
- the plan includes a commitment to deliver 72,000 social homes and provide 90,000 affordable supports to help people secure a home of their own;
- it seeks to significantly accelerate delivery of new homes by focusing on activating land and creating the optimal environment to encourage housing activity – including regulatory reform, tax incentives and the largest ever capital investment in the history of the State, with €275 billion invested in infrastructure over ten years through the National Development Plan;
- to accelerate future supply, Budget 2026 included a suite of taxation measures aimed at stimulating the supply of new apartments including a reduced VAT rate and an enhanced Corporation Tax deduction for apartment construction costs;
- the revised National Planning Framework, published in April 2025, is a major step forward in this regard, and will help increase capacity and accelerate home building across the country;

recognises that considerable progress has been made, including that:

- almost 149,000 new homes have been delivered over the past five years; this compares with 83,267 in the previous five-year period and just 29,217 in the five years before that;
- a total of 36,284 new dwellings were completed in 2025 – an increase of 20 per cent year on year;
- the unprecedented level of investment the Government has committed will bring about a very significant scale-up in the delivery of housing over the coming years, address the needs of the most vulnerable in our communities, make buying and renting homes more affordable and support the development of villages, town and cities across the country;
- the delivery of 300,000 homes by 2030 that will, however, require an estimated €20 billion in development finance each year, a significant portion of which will need to come from investment by the private sector to support home ownership and a well-functioning private rental market; and

agrees that continued implementation of Delivering Homes and Building Communities represents the most appropriate response to deal with the housing challenges which Ireland is now facing.”

– *Senator Fiona O’Loughlin.*
[26th May, 2026]

2. “That Seanad Éireann:

- expresses its deepest concern regarding several measures by the Israeli Government, including executive decisions, military decisions and laws adopted by the Knesset, that contravene human rights and violate international law and international humanitarian law;
- deplores the fact that direct calls for the Government of Israel to fully comply with its international and moral obligations, and to revert those measures, have been ignored;
- accepts the need of the European Union (EU) to uphold its moral and political responsibility, and to defend the very core values that have underpinned the European project since its foundation;
- agrees that respect for human rights must remain a fundamental pillar and guiding principle of all our actions and of all EU relationships with partners;
- believes that the European Union can no longer remain silent or inactive in the face of such breaches; and

condemns:

- the shocking treatment of EU citizens from the Sumud Flotilla, illegally detained by Israeli Defence Forces in international waters;
- the unacceptable behaviour of Israeli Minister Itamar Ben-Gvir who has posted videos of their mistreatment on social media; and

recognises that the recent approval of the death penalty by the Israeli Parliament is:

- a grave violation of fundamental human rights;
- a step backwards in Israel’s commitment to democratic principles;
- a violation of Article 2 of the EU-Israel Association Agreement;
- an additional step in the systematic persecution, oppression, violence and discrimination exerted against the Palestinian population; and

further recognises that:

- conditions in Gaza are unbearable, marked by continuous violations of the ceasefire agreement and the clearly insufficient entry of humanitarian aid into the Gaza Strip;

- the situation in the West Bank is rapidly deteriorating, with escalating violence against Palestinians;
- radical settlers are acting with absolute impunity, and alongside ongoing military operations by the Israel Defense Forces, resulting in the intolerable deaths of innocent civilians;
- statements by extremist Ministers of the Israeli Government are inciting dangerous levels of violence;
- the ongoing expansion of Israeli illegal settlements in the West Bank is a deliberate attempt to undermine the viability of the two-state solution, a policy to which the EU is committed, and to secure the long-term security of the region;
- recurrent attacks against religious freedom and its exercise by Muslims and Christians are challenging the traditional status quo of the Holy Land;
- the interception of civilian vessels by Israeli forces and the illegal detention and treatment of those onboard are the latest examples of a pattern of behaviour that has seen Israel's growing disregard for international norms and its failure to meet its obligations under international law;
- these developments are causing unacceptable human suffering, undermining the implementation of the two-state solution and threatening the viability of the Palestinian state;
- the military operations being carried out with absolute disregard for international law and international humanitarian law, are destroying civilian infrastructure and forcing Lebanese citizens to leave their homes with no prospect of coming back, and must stop immediately;
- more than 1.2 million people have already been forced to leave their homes, according to the United Nations, further aggravating the humanitarian crisis;
- statements by Israeli authorities, announcing the intentions of occupying the Lebanese territory south of the Litani River, and to obliterate the houses of the Lebanese civil population is a flagrant violation of international law; and

understands that:

- the European Union cannot continue with a 'business as usual' approach to Israel, when it behaves in a way that is so fundamentally at odds with our basic principles and values as a Union;
- there has been a clear assessment by the European External Action Service that Israel is not in line with its obligations under Article 2 of the EU-Israel Association Agreement; and

calls for:

- the suspension of the EU-Israel Association Agreement.”
- *Senators Fiona O'Loughlin, Niall Blaney, Pat Casey, Lorraine Clifford-Lee, Alison Comyn, Teresa Costello, Ollie Crowe, Shane Curley, Paul Daly, Aidan Davitt, Mary Fitzpatrick, Joe*

Flaherty, Robbie Gallagher, Imelda Goldsboro, Margaret Murphy O'Mahony, Anne Rabbitte, Dee Ryan, Diarmuid Wilson.

[22nd May, 2026]

Leasuithe:

Amendments:

1. After "further recognises that:" to insert the following paragraph:

“- given the requirement for unanimity or qualified majority at EU level, and the longstanding unwillingness for certain EU member states to respond appropriately, it is essential that Ireland and other likeminded EU Member States take all possible actions at the national level and this should include, but is not limited to, implementing without any further delay a full and comprehensive ban on all trade with the illegal Israeli settlements, in line with Ireland’s clear obligations under international law, as set out in the Advisory Opinion of the ICJ delivered on July 2024;”

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

[26th May, 2026]

2. After "condemns:" to insert the following paragraph:

“- the unwillingness of the EU to take meaningful economic or political steps to hold Israel to account for its genocidal actions, and the complicity of many European states in Israel’s illegal actions in Gaza, the West Bank and Lebanon;”

– *Senators Chris Andrews, Joanne Collins, Maria McCormack, Conor Murphy, Nicole Ryan, Pauline Tully.*

[26th May, 2026]

3. After "calls for:" to insert the following paragraph:

“- the Irish Government to take decisive action to punish Israel for its failure to comply with its international and moral obligations, including but not limited to, implementing a ban on all economic activity with illegal Israeli settlements, prohibiting the use of Irish airspace for the transit of weapons bound for Israel, and suspending cultural and sporting links with Israel such as the UEFA Nations League fixtures scheduled for later this year;”

– *Senators Chris Andrews, Joanne Collins, Maria McCormack, Conor Murphy, Nicole Ryan, Pauline Tully.*

[26th May, 2026]

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

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

Déardaoin, 28 Bealtaine, 2026
Thursday, 28th May, 2026

An Bille um Fhoirgnimh Thréigthe agus um Athbheochan Foirgneamh, 2025 – Ordaíodh é a léamh an dara huair an 28 Bealtaine 2026.

Dereliction and Building Regeneration Bill 2025 – Ordered to be read a second time on 28th May, 2026.

– *Senators Malcolm Noonan, Nessa Cosgrove, Laura Harmon, Patricia Stephenson.*

Déardaoin, 9 Iúil, 2026
Thursday, 9th July, 2026

An Bille um Chailliúint Toirchis (Forálacha Ilghnéitheacha), 2025 – Ordaíodh é a léamh an dara huair an 9 Iúil 2026.

Pregnancy Loss (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2025 – Ordered to be read a second time on 9th July, 2026.

– *Senators Nicole Ryan, Joanne Collins, Pauline Tully, Chris Andrews, Maria McCormack, Conor Murphy.*

Déardaoin, 22 Deireadh Fómhair, 2026
Thursday, 22nd October, 2026

An Bille um Fhoréigean Baile (Scéim Saorthaistil), 2025 – Ordaíodh é a léamh an dara huair an 22 Deireadh Fómhair 2026.

Domestic Violence (Free Travel Scheme) Bill 2025 – Ordered to be read a second time on 22nd October, 2026.

– *Senators Patricia Stephenson, Laura Harmon, Nessa Cosgrove, Malcolm Noonan.*

Dé Sathairn, 14 Samhain, 2026
Saturday, 14th November, 2026

An Bille Sláinte Poiblí (Srian le Deochanna Spreagthacha a Dhíol le Leanáí), 2025 – Ordaíodh é a léamh an dara huair an 14 Samhain 2026.

Public Health (Restriction on Sale of Stimulant Drinks to Children) Bill 2025 – Ordered to be read a second time on 14th November, 2026.

– *Senators Sharon Keogan, Sarah O'Reilly, Diarmuid Wilson, Rónán Mullen.*

Déardaoin, 10 Nollaig, 2026
Thursday, 10th December, 2026

An Bille Rialtais Áitiúil (Tacaíocht do Chomhaltai Tofa), 2024 – Ordaíodh é a léamh an dara huair an 10 Nollaig 2026.

Local Government (Support for Elected Members) Bill 2024 – Ordered to be read a second time on 10th December, 2026.

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

Dé hAoine, 25 Nollaig, 2026

Friday, 25th December, 2026

An Bille um Míchumas (Buiséid Phearsantaithe), 2024 – Ordaíodh é a léamh an dara huair an 25 Nollaig 2026.

Disability (Personalised Budgets) Bill 2024 – Ordered to be read a second time on 25th December, 2026.

– *Senators Tom Clonan, Victor Boyhan, Michael McDowell, Rónán Mullen, Fiona O'Loughlin, Robbie Gallagher, Pat Casey, Ollie Crowe, Aidan Davitt, Nikki Bradley.*

Dé Céadaoin, 11 Lúnasa, 2027

Wednesday, 11th August, 2027

An Bille um Chosaint Mháithreachais (Méala ar Bhás Linbh) (Leasú), 2026 – Ordaíodh é a léamh an dara huair an 11 Lúnasa 2027.

Maternity Protection (Child Bereavement) (Amendment) Bill 2026 – Ordered to be read a second time on 11th August, 2027.

– *Senators Nicole Ryan, Pauline Tully, Maria McCormack, Joanne Collins, Conor Murphy, Chris Andrews.*

BILLÍ SEANAID SA DÁIL

Seanad Bills with the Dáil

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

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

An Bille um Cheartas Coiriúil (Tréimhsí Athshlánúcháin), 2018.
Criminal Justice (Rehabilitative Periods) Bill 2018.

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

An Bille um Chionta Neamh-Mharfacha in aghaidh an Duine (Leasú) (Spíceáil), 2023.
Non-Fatal Offences against the Person (Amendment) (Spiking) Bill 2023.

An Bille um Eagrú Ama Oibre (Saoire a Bhaineann le Sláinte Atáirgthe), 2021.
Organisation of Working Time (Reproductive Health Related Leave) Bill 2021.

An Bille um Áiteanna Cónaithe Príobháideacha a Chosaint (Ar Phicéadú Spríocdhírith), 2021.
Protection of Private Residences (Against Targeted Picketing) Bill 2021.

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

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

An Bille um Chionta Neamh-Mharfacha in aghaidh an Duine (Leasú) (Stalcaireacht), 2021.
Non-Fatal Offences Against the Person (Amendment) (Stalking) Bill 2021.

An Bille Sláinte (Seirbhísí Cóireála Scolóise), 2024.
Health (Scoliosis Treatment Services) Bill 2024.

An Bille um Míchumas (Forálacha Ilghnéitheacha), 2023.
Disability (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2023.

An Bille um Thruailliú Aeir (Leasú), 2025.
Air Pollution (Amendment) Bill 2025.

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

Reachtúil:	Statutory:
Tairiscint Ceadaithe ag Teastáil	Requiring Motion of Approval
Níl aon scríbhinn á leagan faoin gCatagóir seo	None
In-neamhnithe le Tairiscint	Open to Motion to Annul
Níl aon scríbhinn á leagan faoin gCatagóir seo	None

¹ I gcás nach leagtar scríbhinn ach faoi bhráid aon Teach amháin, cuirfear (D) – Dáil nó (S) – Seanad ina diaidh dá réir sin.
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