

**LEGISLATION
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Priority Legislation for Publication

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<u>Title of Bill</u>	<u>Purpose of Bill</u>	<u>Status of Bill</u>
<u>Agriculture, Food and the Marine</u>		
Agriculture Appeals (Amendment) Bill	To align the forestry licencing and appeals processes with similar processes elsewhere	Heads approved on 27th July 2020
<u>Business, Enterprise & Innovation</u>		
Companies (Corporate Enforcement Authority) Bill	To establish the ODCE as an agency, to be known as the Corporate Enforcement Authority and to give effect to some recommendations of the Company Law Review Group in the areas of corporate governance shares and share capital	Heads approved 4 December 2018, PLS is underway
Sale of Tickets (Cultural, Entertainment, Recreational and Sporting Events) Bill	To prohibit the resale of tickets for events in designated venues for a price exceeding their original sale price	Heads in preparation
<u>Children and Youth Affairs</u>		
Preservation and Transfer of Specified Records of Commission (Mother and Baby Homes) and Certain Related Matters Bill	To protect and preserve data in a specific database and its related source records for the purposes of current information and tracing services and pending the future establishment of a comprehensive legal framework for access to such records by relevant parties. A related purpose of the legislation is to provide for the preservation of all records of the Commission which are transferred to the Minister as part of its archive	Heads approved on 15 th September 2020, PLS still to be determined
<u>Communications, Climate Action and Environment</u>		
Climate Action (Amendment) Bill	To amend the Climate Action and Low Carbon Development Act 2015 in line with governance proposals in the Climate Action Plan 2019 and legislative commitments in the Programme for Government	Heads approved on 17th December 2019, PLS to be determined
<u>Employment Affairs & Social Protection</u>		
Social Welfare Bill	To implement provisions to be announced in Budget 2021	

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<u>Title of Bill</u>	<u>Purpose of Bill</u>	<u>Status of Bill</u>
<u>Finance</u>		
Credit Union (COVID-19) (Amendment) Bill	To allow credit unions, for a time-bound period, to conduct virtual Annual General Meetings/Special General Meetings which provide access for remote attendees and the option of electronic voting, and to provide credit unions with the option of availing of proxy voting on a permanent basis	Heads in preparation
Finance Bill	To give statutory effect to Budget Day decisions and to make other changes to tax law	
Investment Limited Partnership (Amendment) Bill	To align the anti-money laundering standards across all Irish funds vehicles, modernise the Investment Limited Partnership structure and to make amendments to the Irish Collective Asset-management Vehicle Act to improve its functioning	Heads approved, Committee agreed to waive PLS
Taxation and Certain Other Matters (International Mutual Assistance) Bill	To transpose elements of the OECD Mutual Convention on Administrative Assistance and the EU/Switzerland Anti-Fraud Agreement	Heads approved
<u>Foreign Affairs and Trade</u>		
Maritime Jurisdiction Bill	To consolidate and update the State's maritime jurisdiction legislation	Heads approved 27th May 2019, PLS still to be determined
Withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the European Union (Consequential Provisions) Bill	To provide for the legislative needs that will arise at the end of the Brexit transition period	Work is underway
<u>Health</u>		
Central Mental Hospital (Relocation) Bill	To provide a lawful basis for the relocation of the Central Mental Hospital from Dundrum to Portrane	Heads approved 15th May 2020, PLS still to be determined
Health Act 1947 (Amendment) Bill	To amend the Health Act 1947 to provide for a more tiered set of penalties than currently provided for under Section 31A of that Act for Covid-19 issues	Heads in preparation

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Health Insurance (Amendment) Bill	To provide for revised risk equalisation credits and corresponding stamp duty levies to apply to health insurance policies and some technical amendments to the Health Insurance Acts 1994 – 2019	Heads in preparation, PLS still to be determined
Nursing Home Support Scheme (Amendment) Bill	To give effect to the recommendation of the Fair Deal Review and deliver on the Programme for Government commitment to help ensure the continued viability of family-run farms and businesses, especially for those for whom early succession planning has not been possible and by introducing further safeguards in the Nursing Homes Support Scheme	Heads approved 11th June 2019, PLS has taken place
<u>Housing, Planning and Local Government</u>		
Affordable Housing Bill	To give legislative effect to the Government's affordable housing policy	Heads in preparation
Heritage Bill	To amend the Planning and Development and Wildlife Acts to deal with Mulcreavy and other issues arising as a result of the transfer of Heritage functions to this Department	Heads in preparation
Land Development Agency Bill	To establish the Land Development Agency on a primary legislative footing	Revised heads in preparation, PLS has taken place
Marine Planning and Development Management Bill	To establish a new marine planning system, underpinned by a statutory Marine Planning Policy Statement, guided by the National Marine Planning Framework, providing a development management regime for Ireland's maritime area	Heads approved on 17th July & 17th December 2019, PLS still to be determined
Planning and Development (Amendment) Bill	To introduce 'use it or lose it' provisions to facilitate speedier activation of planning permissions and delivery of housing supply and to provide further emergency powers to protect the integrity of the planning system, in the event of a need for further Covid-19 restrictions and potentially to address issues of substitute consent arising from a recent Supreme Court case	Heads in preparation
<u>Justice and Equality</u>		

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<u>Title of Bill</u>	<u>Purpose of Bill</u>	<u>Status of Bill</u>
Criminal Justice (Counterfeiting) Bill	To transpose outstanding elements of Directive 2014/62/EU on the protection of the euro and other currencies against counterfeiting by criminal law, and replacing Council Framework Decision 2000/383/JHA	Heads approved on 17th July 2019, Committee agreed to waive PLS
Criminal Justice (Repeal of certain provisions of the Firearms and Misuse of Drugs Acts) Bill	To provide for the repeal of the mandatory minimum sentences for second or subsequent firearms/misuse of drugs offences	Heads approved 22nd May 2020, PLS still to be determined
Criminal Procedure Bill	To provide for measures to reduce delay and improve efficiency in procedural aspects of criminal trials, including by introducing preliminary trial hearings	Heads approved 1st April 2014 & 9th June 2015, PLS has taken place
Personal Insolvency (Amendment) (No. 1) Bill	To make a small number of key Covid related amendments	Heads in preparation
<u>Public Expenditure and Reform</u>		
Appropriation Bill	To give statutory effect to individual Estimates as passed by the Dail	
<u>Transport, Tourism and Sport</u>		
Air Navigation and Transport Bill	To facilitate reform of safety and economic regulatory oversight of the aviation sector in Ireland by merging the Safety Regulation side of the Irish Aviation Authority (IAA) with the Commission for Aviation Regulation (CAR) to create a standalone aviation regulator. The for-profit air navigation side of the IAA will become a separate commercial agency. It will also amend the regulation of airport charges in Ireland, strengthening regulation, governance and enforcement	Heads approved 18th June 2019, PLS has taken place
Merchant Shipping (Investigation of Marine Casualties) (Amendment) Bill	To amend the Merchant Shipping (Investigation of Marine Casualties) Act 2000 to address issues relating to the Marine Casualty Investigation Board	Heads in preparation

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Railway Safety (Amendment) Bill	To provide necessary statutory powers for the Railway Accident Investigation Unit (RAIU)	Heads expected shortly
Road Traffic (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill	To provide for a variety of road safety-related matters including the Motor Third Party Liability Database, Master Licence Record, traffic management on the M50 and others	Heads approved 18th December 2018 & 21st November 2019, PLS still to be determined

Bills that are expected to undergo Pre-Legislative Scrutiny (PLS)

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<u>Title of Bill</u>	<u>Purpose of Bill</u>	<u>Status of Bill</u>
<u>Agriculture, Food and the Marine</u>		
Agriculture Appeals (Amendment) Bill	To align the forestry licencing and appeals processes with similar processes elsewhere	Heads approved on 27th July 2020
Sea Fisheries and Maritime Jurisdiction (Amendment) Bill	To provide for the EU points system for serious fishery infringements of the Common Fisheries Policy as required by Council Regulation 1224/2009, to resolve some typographical errors in the Act of 2006 and introduce other miscellaneous and technical amendments	Work is underway
<u>Business, Enterprise & Innovation</u>		
Companies (Corporate Enforcement Authority) Bill	To establish the ODCE as an agency, to be known as the Corporate Enforcement Authority and to give effect to some recommendations of the Company Law Review Group in the areas of corporate governance shares and share capital	Heads approved 4 December 2018, PLS is underway
Competition (Amendment) Bill	To provide for the reform of competition enforcement including the transposition of the ECN+ Directive which includes powers for competition authorities to avail of administrative/civil sanctions and leniency/immunity measures.	Heads in preparation
Consumer Rights Bill	To give effect to EU Directive 770/2019 on consumer contracts for the supply of digital content and digital services, EU Directive 771/2019 on consumer contracts for the sale of goods, and to update and consolidate the statutory provisions on consumer rights and remedies in relation to contracts for the supply of non digital services, unfair contract terms, and information and cancellation rights	Heads in preparation

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<u>Title of Bill</u>	<u>Purpose of Bill</u>	<u>Status of Bill</u>
Control of Exports Bill	To repeal and replace the Control of Exports Act 2008 and to ensure that Ireland has a comprehensive and robust framework for regulating the export of controlled goods,	Heads approved on 4th August 2020, PLS still to be determined
Employment Permits (Consolidation and Amendment) Bill	To consolidate the Employment Permits Acts, and to make certain amendments to modernise the employment permits system and increase its responsiveness	Heads approved 25th July 2019, PLS still to be determined
Sale of Tickets (Cultural, Entertainment, Recreational and Sporting Events) Bill	To prohibit the resale of tickets for events in designated venues for a price exceeding their original sale price	Heads in preparation
<u>Children and Youth Affairs</u>		
Certain Institutional Burials (Authorised Interventions) Bill	To provide the statutory basis and framework under which Government may decide to authorise interventions at certain sites where manifestly inappropriate burials have taken place associated with institutions operated by or on behalf of the State or in respect of which the State had clear regulatory or supervisory responsibilities	Heads approved 10th December 2019, PLS still to be determined
Preservation and Transfer of Specified Records of Commission (Mother and Baby Homes) and Certain Related Matters Bill	To protect and preserve data in a specific database and its related source records for the purposes of current information and tracing services and pending the future establishment of a comprehensive legal framework for access to such records by relevant parties. A related purpose of the legislation is to provide for the preservation of all records of the Commission which are transferred to the Minister as part of its archive	Heads approved on 15 th September 2020, PLS still to be determined
<u>Communications, Climate Action and Environment</u>		

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<u>Title of Bill</u>	<u>Purpose of Bill</u>	<u>Status of Bill</u>
Climate Action (Amendment) Bill	To amend the Climate Action and Low Carbon Development Act 2015 in line with governance proposals in the Climate Action Plan 2019 and legislative commitments in the Programme for Government	Heads approved on 17th December 2019, PLS to be determined
<u>Culture, Heritage & the Gaeltacht</u>		
Online Safety and Media Regulation Bill	To provide for the establishment of a Media Commission, the dissolution of the Broadcasting Authority of Ireland, a regulatory framework for online safety to tackle the spread and amplification of harmful online content, updates to the regulation of audiovisual media services and the implementation of the revised Audiovisual Media Services Directive	Further heads in preparation
<u>Education</u>		
Residential Institutions Statutory Fund (Dissolution) Bill	To provide for the dissolution of Caranua	Heads expected shortly
<u>Finance</u>		
Central Bank (Amendment) Bill	To support the advancement of an improved culture in the Irish Financial System through greater accountability in the regulated sector	Work is underway
Consumer Protection (Regulation of Retail Credit Firms) Bill	To ensure that any person or firm which provides credit, hire purchase, PCPs, consumer hire agreements to relevant persons will be required to be authorised as a 'retail credit firm' by the Central Bank unless they are already subject to such Central Bank authorisation	Heads expected shortly

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Credit Union (COVID-19) (Amendment) Bill	To allow credit unions, for a time-bound period, to conduct virtual Annual General Meetings/Special General Meetings which provide access for remote attendees and the option of electronic voting, and to provide credit unions with the option of availing of proxy voting on a permanent basis	Heads in preparation
European Stability Mechanism (Amendment) Bill	To give effect to the amendments to the ESM Treaty	Heads in preparation
<u>Foreign Affairs and Trade</u>		
Maritime Jurisdiction Bill	To consolidate and update the State's maritime jurisdiction legislation	Heads approved 27th May 2019, PLS still to be determined
<u>Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science</u>		
Higher Education Commission Bill	To replace the Higher Education Authority Act 1971 and revise the functions and governance of the Higher Education Authority and provide for revised functions and governance in the Higher Education sector, it also provides for amendments to various other Acts	Heads in preparation
<u>Health</u>		
Central Mental Hospital (Relocation) Bill	To provide a lawful basis for the relocation of the Central Mental Hospital from Dundrum to Portrane	Heads approved 15th May 2020, PLS still to be determined

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<u>Title of Bill</u>	<u>Purpose of Bill</u>	<u>Status of Bill</u>
Health Act 1947 (Amendment) Bill	To amend the Health Act 1947 to provide for a more tiered set of penalties than currently provided for under Section 31A of that Act for Covid-19 issues	Heads in preparation
Health Bill	To amend the Health Act 2004 to provide for changes to corporate and service planning processes for the HSE and further Board and CEO functions, to amend the National Cancer Registry Board (Establishment) Order 1991 to increase Board membership and to provide vires for certain payments	Heads in preparation
Health Insurance (Amendment) Bill	To provide for revised risk equalisation credits and corresponding stamp duty levies to apply to health insurance policies and some technical amendments to the Health Insurance Acts 1994 – 2019	Heads in preparation, PLS still to be determined
Public Health (Tobacco and Nicotine Inhaling Products) Bill	To introduce a licensing system for the sale of tobacco and nicotine inhaling products (including e-cigarettes) and other related matters	Heads approved 22nd October 2019, PLS still to be determined
<u>Housing, Planning and Local Government</u>		
Affordable Housing Bill	To give legislative effect to the Government's affordable housing policy	Heads in preparation
Electoral (Reform) Bill	To establish a statutory, independent electoral commission, to provide for the modernisation of the registration of electors, to regulate online political advertising during election period and to bring forward proposals aimed at assisting with the holding of electoral events where Covid-19 type restrictions are in place	Work is underway

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<u>Title of Bill</u>	<u>Purpose of Bill</u>	<u>Status of Bill</u>
Emergency Management and Fire and Public Safety Bill	To underpin current established emergency management practice at national and local level, to consolidate and update the Fire Services Acts 1981 & 2003, to revise and enhance the legislative approach to safety at funfairs and to amend the legislation dealing with the licensing of indoor events	Heads in preparation
Heritage Bill	To amend the Planning and Development and Wildlife Acts to deal with Mulcreavy and other issues arising as a result of the transfer of Heritage functions to this Department	Heads in preparation
Housing and Planning and Development (Amendment) Bill	To provide for reform of judicial review provisions in the Planning and Development Act 2000 and certain other amendments to planning and housing legislation, including in relation to tenant purchase	Heads approved on 30th October 2019, PLS still to be determined
Local Government (Directly Elected Mayor - Limerick) Bill	To provide for a Directly Elected Mayor with executive functions in Limerick City & County	Work is underway
Marine Planning and Development Management Bill	To establish a new marine planning system, underpinned by a statutory Marine Planning Policy Statement, guided by the National Marine Planning Framework, providing a development management regime for Ireland's maritime area	Heads approved on 17th July & 17th December 2019, PLS still to be determined
Monuments & Archaeological Heritage Bill	To replace and modernise the National Monuments Acts 1930 to 2014 and related enactments going back to the 19th century, to establish a new Register of Monuments to replace multiple systems for monument protection and an integrated and streamlined licensing system for activities regulated under the bill	Work is continuing, PLS still to be determined

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<u>Title of Bill</u>	<u>Purpose of Bill</u>	<u>Status of Bill</u>
Planning and Development (Amendment) Bill	To introduce 'use it or lose it' provisions to facilitate speedier activation of planning permissions and delivery of housing supply and to provide further emergency powers to protect the integrity of the planning system, in the event of a need for further Covid-19 restrictions and potentially to address issues of substitute consent arising from a recent Supreme Court case	Heads in preparation
Tailte Eireann Bill	To provide for the establishment of Tailte Eireann, a single body incorporating Ordnance Survey Ireland, Commissioner of Valuation, Boundary Surveyor and the Property Registration Authority	Heads in preparation
Urban Area Committees Bill	To establish Urban Area Committees in cross boundary situations, to oversee the preparation of cross boundary joint Local Area Plans	Heads in preparation
Water Environment (Abstractions) Bill	To provide for a risk-based approach to the regulation of abstractions and underpins the establishment of a national register of water abstractions greater than 25 cubic meters per day in order to ensure compliance with the requirements of the EU Water Framework Directive	Revised heads in preparation, PLS still to be determined
<u>Justice and Equality</u>		
Criminal Justice (Exploitation of Children) Bill	To criminalise the grooming and use of children in the commission of offences	Heads in preparation
Criminal Justice (Mutual Recognition of Custodial Sentences) Bill	To transpose Framework Decision 2008/909/JHA on the application of the principle of mutual recognition to judgments in criminal matters imposing custodial sentences or measures involving deprivation of liberty for the purpose of their enforcement in the European Union	Heads approved on 21st July 2020, PLS still to be determined

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<u>Title of Bill</u>	<u>Purpose of Bill</u>	<u>Status of Bill</u>
Criminal Justice (Repeal of certain provisions of the Firearms and Misuse of Drugs Acts) Bill	To provide for the repeal of the mandatory minimum sentences for second or subsequent firearms/misuse of drugs offences	Heads approved 22nd May 2020, PLS still to be determined
Criminal Justice (Smuggling of Persons) Bill	To combat the smuggling of persons to comply with EU Directive 2002/90/JHA, EU Framework Decision 2002/946/JHA and a protocol of the UN Convention against transnational organised crime	Heads approved 27th July, 2020, PLS still to be determined
Family Court Bill	To establish a Family Court as a separate division within the existing court structures	Heads in preparation
Garda Síochána (Digital Recording) Bill	To provide for use of Body Worn Cameras and Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) by An Garda Síochána and related matters	Heads in preparation
Judicial Appointments Commission Bill	To legislate for the establishment of a Judicial Appointments Commission Bill	Heads in preparation
Personal Insolvency (Amendment) (No. 1) Bill	To make a small number of key Covid related amendments	Heads in preparation
Policing and Community Safety Bill	To recognise the role of the Garda Síochána in the prevention of harm and to place a reciprocal obligation on other public service bodies to cooperate with the Garda Síochána, to provide for a coherent governance and oversight framework for policing, to provide a strategic framework at national and local level to enhance community safety, and to strengthen oversight of security legislation	Work is underway
<u>Public Expenditure and Reform</u>		

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<u>Title of Bill</u>	<u>Purpose of Bill</u>	<u>Status of Bill</u>
Protected Disclosures (Amendment) Bill	To provide amendments to the Protected Disclosures Act 2014 to transpose the EU Whistleblowing Directive	Heads in preparation, PLS still to be determined
<u>Transport, Tourism and Sport</u>		
Merchant Shipping (Investigation of Marine Casualties) (Amendment) Bill	To amend the Merchant Shipping (Investigation of Marine Casualties) Act 2000 to address issues relating to the Marine Casualty Investigation Board	Heads in preparation
Public Transport (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill	To provide for technical amendments to a number of Acts in order to enable the delivery of BusConnects	Heads expected shortly
Railway Safety (Amendment) Bill	To provide necessary statutory powers for the Railway Accident Investigation Unit (RAIU)	Heads expected shortly
Road Traffic (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill	To provide for a variety of road safety-related matters including the Motor Third Party Liability Database, Master Licence Record, traffic management on the M50 and others	Heads approved 18th December 2018 & 21st November 2019, PLS still to be determined

All Other Legislation Report

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<u>Title of Bill</u>	<u>Purpose of Bill</u>	<u>Status of Bill</u>
<u>Agriculture, Food and the Marine</u>		
Animal Health & Welfare (Amendment) Bill	To give effect to the Programme for Government commitment to introduce legislation to give effect to the announced ban on fur farming in the State	Preparatory work is underway
Control of Horses Bill	To modernise and amend the current Control of Horses Act 1996	Preparatory work is underway
<u>Business, Enterprise & Innovation</u>		
Amendment of the Constitution (Unified Patent Court) Bill	To amend the Constitution in order to allow for Ireland's participation in a Unified Patent Court	
Co-operative Societies Bill	To consolidate and modernise the existing Industrial and Provident Societies legislation and to ensure that an effective legislative framework suitable for the diverse range of organisations using the co-operative model in Ireland is in place	Heads in preparation
Industrial Development (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill	To provide that IDA Ireland would be permitted to establish and participate in corporate partnerships, with the sole purpose of developing critical industrial and commercial property in regional locations	Revised heads in preparation
Limited Partnership Bill	To modernise the Limited Partnership Act 1907 which is concerned with the registration of Limited Partnerships	Heads in preparation
Personal Injuries Assessment Board (Amendment) Bill	To amend the Personal Injuries Assessment Board Act 2003 in light of the impact of COVID-19	Heads in preparation

All Other Legislation Report

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<u>Title of Bill</u>	<u>Purpose of Bill</u>	<u>Status of Bill</u>
Registration of Business Names Bill	To modernise the Registration of Business Names Act 1963 in order to properly serve the function of transparency	Heads in preparation
Registration of Trade Unions Bill	To modernise and consolidate the existing legislation in respect of the registration requirements for trade unions	Heads in preparation
Screening of Investment into Ireland Bill	To put in place a framework for screening foreign direct investments into Ireland from third countries	Work is underway
<u>Children and Youth Affairs</u>		
Child Care (Amendment) Bill	To reform the law in relation to Guardians ad litem	Work is underway
Children (Amendment) (Alternatives to Suspended Sentences) Bill	To strengthen provisions relating to deferment, detention and supervision orders and community sanctions provided for in the Children Act 2001	Work is underway
Children (Amendment) (Sentence Remission) Bill	To allow for the provision of remission of 25% of sentence, where sentence period is 4 weeks or greater, for children who are detained by the Courts to Oberstown Children Detention Campus	Work is underway
<u>Communications, Climate Action and Environment</u>		
Aarhus Convention Bill	To update certain provisions further to Ireland's transposition of the Aarhus Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-making and Access to Justice	Work is underway

All Other Legislation Report

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<u>Title of Bill</u>	<u>Purpose of Bill</u>	<u>Status of Bill</u>
Gas (Amendment) Bill	To provide for amendments to various Gas Acts in respect of the separation of Irish Water from Ervia and restructuring of Ervia and GNI as a consequence	Draft Heads in preparation
Inland Fisheries (Consolidation) Bill	To consolidate and modernise existing inland fisheries legislation	Work is underway
Waste Management (Circular Economy) Bill	To implement legislation provisions in the Waste Action Plan for a Circular economy	Draft heads in preparation
<u>Culture, Heritage & the Gaeltacht</u>		
National Cultural Institutions (National Concert Hall) (Amendment) Bill	To give the National Concert Hall legal responsibility for the National Symphony Orchestra	Heads in preparation
<u>Defence</u>		
Red Cross Bill	To revise the Red Cross Acts and put in place a new legal framework for the Irish Red Cross Society	Revised heads are in preparation
<u>Education</u>		
Education (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill	To make some necessary technical amendments to education legislation	Heads are in preparation
Retention of Records Bill	To retain the records of the Commission to Inquire into Child Abuse, the Residential Institutions Redress Board and the Residential Institutions Review Committee, to amend the Commission to Inquire into Child Abuse Act 2000 and the Residential Institutions Redress Act 2002	Work is underway

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<u>Title of Bill</u>	<u>Purpose of Bill</u>	<u>Status of Bill</u>
<u>Employment Affairs & Social Protection</u>		
Adoptive Benefit Bill	To amend the Social Welfare Acts regarding adoptive benefit around entitlement for male same-sex couples	
Parent's Benefit Bill	To amend the Social Welfare Acts regarding the extension of paid parental leave so that benefit can be paid	
<u>Finance</u>		
Bretton Woods Agreements (Amendment) Bill	To facilitate Ireland's participation in the IMF's New Arrangements to Borrow	Preparatory work is underway
Credit Review Bill	To put S.I. 127 2010 that established the Credit Review Office on a statutory footing	Work is underway
Credit Union Interest on Loans Bill	To increase the maximum monthly interest rate on credit union loans and to allow for that maximum rate to be adjusted in future by Ministerial Order	Heads approved on 11th June 2019, Committee agreed to waive PLS
EU Restrictive Measures Bill	To create Ministerial authority to add SIs giving effect to EU regulations on 'restrictive measures' to the lists of designated SIs and enactments	Work is underway
Finance (Local Property Tax) (Amendment) Bill	To amend the Finance (Local Property Tax) Act 2012 to give effect to proposals for the reform of the LPT in light of the review of the 2019 Interdepartmental Report	Work is underway

All Other Legislation Report

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<u>Title of Bill</u>	<u>Purpose of Bill</u>	<u>Status of Bill</u>
State Claims Agency Bill	To establish the State Claims Agency (SCA) as a discrete corporate body within the NTMA including establishing an SCA Board with responsibility for all SCA functions.	Preparatory work is underway
<u>Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science</u>		
Industrial Training Act (Amendment) Bill	To extend the scope of the Industrial Training Act 1967 to cover certain areas of activity currently excluded from the development of apprenticeships	Work is underway
Licensing of Construction Workers Bill	To provide for the establishment of a statutory licensing system for construction and related activities	Preparatory work is underway
<u>Health</u>		
Assisted Human Reproduction Bill	To provide a legislative framework for the regulation of assisted human reproduction practices and associated research	Heads approved 3rd October 2017, PLS has taken place
Health (Adult Safeguarding) Bill	To underpin a planned national health sector policy on safeguarding vulnerable or at-risk adults in the context of their interactions with the health sector	Preparatory work is underway
Human Tissue (Transplantation, Post-Mortem, Anatomical Examination and Public Display) Bill	To deal with organ donation and transplantation in respect of both deceased and living donors, an opt-out system of consent for deceased organ donation, post-mortem practices and procedures, anatomical examination/education and training and public display of bodies after death	Heads approved on 1st May 2019, PLS has taken place

All Other Legislation Report

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<u>Title of Bill</u>	<u>Purpose of Bill</u>	<u>Status of Bill</u>
Mental Health (Amendment) Bill	To amend the Mental Health Act 2001 to give effect to recommendations of an Expert Group Review on mental health legislation	Final Heads in preparation
National Research Ethics Committees Bill	To reform and modernise the current research ethics committee (REC) framework in Ireland by providing for the establishment of National RECs in key areas of health research	Heads approved 25th July 2019, Committee agreed to waive PLS
Patient Safety Licensing Bill	To provide for a mandatory system of licensing for public and private healthcare facilities	Heads approved 12th December 2017, PLS has taken place
Protection of Liberty Safeguards Bill	To provide legislative clarity on the issue of deprivation of liberty safeguards	Heads in preparation
Public Health (Calorie Posting and Workplace Wellbeing) Bill	To require food premises to display calories on menus and to require all public sector employers to have and to report on a Health and Wellbeing policy	Preparatory work is underway
Safe Access Bill	To ensure safe access to premises at which termination of pregnancy services may be provided	Preparatory work is underway
Support for Irish Survivors of Thalidomide Bill	To provide a package of health and personal social services and other supports to survivors of thalidomide on a statutory basis	Work is underway
<u>Housing, Planning and Local Government</u>		

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<u>Title of Bill</u>	<u>Purpose of Bill</u>	<u>Status of Bill</u>
Building Control (Construction Industry Register Ireland) Bill	To place Construction Industry Register Ireland (CIRI) on a statutory footing and thereby provide in law for the registration of builders, contractors and specialist sub-contractors	Heads approved on 30 May 2017, PLS has taken place
Electoral (Amendment) Bill	To extend the franchise at presidential elections if proposal to amend the Constitution is approved	
Housing and Residential Tenancies Bill	To strengthen the statutory framework for the enforcement of the overcrowding provisions of the Housing Act 1966 and to amend the Residential Tenancies Act 2004 to further enhance tenancy protections, particularly during receivership, provide tenancies of indefinite duration and define a deposit	Heads in preparation
Wildlife (Amendment) Bill	To give effect to the proposed reconfiguration of the raised bog Natural Heritage Area network arising from the 2014 Review and to provide for a review of blanket bog Natural Heritage Areas and place a duty on public bodies to promote the conservation of biodiversity	Work is underway
<u>Justice and Equality</u>		
Adoptive Leave (Amendment) Bill	To amend the Adoptive Leave Act 1995 to provide for adoptive leave and benefit for male same sex adoptive couples	Heads approved on 22nd October 2019, PLS still to be determined
Amendment of the Constitution (Role of Women) Bill	To amend Article 41.2.1 of the Constitution	Heads approved 5th July 2018, PLS has taken place

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<u>Title of Bill</u>	<u>Purpose of Bill</u>	<u>Status of Bill</u>
Assisted Decision-Making (Capacity) (Amendment) Bill	To amend the Assisted Decision-Making (Capacity) Act 2015	Heads in preparation
Communications (Data, Retention and Disclosure) Bill	To revise and replace the Communications (Retention of Data) Act 2011 in light of European Court of Justice judgments	Heads approved 10th February 2015 & 3rd October 2017. PLS has taken place
Courts and Civil Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill	To enact provisions relating to electronic courts services, courts administration and other civil law reform measures including licensing, land and conveyancing, international protection, civil legal aid, legal services regulation	Revised Heads in preparation
Criminal Justice (Community Sanctions) Bill	To provide a modern statement of the law governing community sanctions and the role of the Probation Service in the criminal justice system	Heads approved on 4th February 2014, PLS has taken place
Criminal Justice (Legal Aid) Bill	To update and strengthen the system of granting of criminal legal aid and to transfer the responsibility for the administration of the main scheme and ad-hoc schemes to the Legal Aid Board	Heads in preparation
Criminal Justice (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill	To provide for an increase in the penalty for conspiracy to murder from 10 years to life imprisonment and other miscellaneous matters	Heads approved on 15 th September 2020, PLS still to be determined

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Criminal Justice (Passenger Name Record) Bill	To comply with an EU Council commitment to extend to internal EU flights the requirements of EU Directive 2016/681 on the use of passenger name record data for the prevention, detection, investigation and prosecution of terrorist offences and serious crime, and provide for related matters	Work is underway
Criminal Justice (Terrorist Offences) Bill	To give effect to EU Directive 2017/541 on combating terrorism which is directed at the foreign terrorist fighter phenomenon and includes offences of travelling to commit a terrorist offence, facilitating travel to commit a terrorist offence and receiving training for terrorism	Heads approved on 15 th September 2020, PLS still to be determined
Cybercrime Bill	To give effect to those provisions of the Council of Europe Convention on Cybercrime 2001 not already provided for in national law in order to enable ratification of the Convention	Preparatory work is underway
Defamation (Amendment) Bill	To update aspects of defamation law, following statutory review of the Defamation Act 2009	Work is underway
Disability (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill	To ensure implementation of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities	Revised heads in preparation
European Arrest Warrant Act (Amendment) Bill	To amend existing European Arrest Warrant and Extradition legislation to give effect to proposals made by a working group (Department / AGO / DPP / CSSO) tasked with drawing up proposals which would improve operation of the EAW/Extradition legislation	Draft heads yet to be prepared
European Convention on Human Rights (Compensation for delays in Court proceedings) Bill	To provide for statutory compensation for breach of Article 6 of the European Convention on Human Rights - right to a fair trial within a reasonable time	Revised heads underway, PLS has taken place

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Explosives Bill	To repeal the Explosives Act 1875 and replace it with a modern statutory framework for the control of the manufacture, storage, importation, transport and supply of explosives	Heads approved, PLS still to be determined
Gambling Control Bill	To establish a gambling regulator	Revised heads underway
Garda Siochána (Compensation) Bill	To provide for a new scheme for compensation for members of An Garda Siochána maliciously injured in the course of their duties	Heads approved 9th May 2017, Committee agreed to waive PLS
Hate Crime and Hate Speech Bill	To repeal the Prohibition of Incitement to Hatred Act 1989, to provide for new and aggravated offences and to provide for a new offence of incitement	Heads in preparation
Independent Commission on Information Retrieval Bill	To establish the cross-border Independent Commission on Information Retrieval (ICIR) in Irish law as part of the Government's obligations under the 2014 Stormont House Agreement	Heads in preparation
Inspection of Places of Detention Bill	To provide for inspection of all places of detention in the Justice area - prisons, Garda stations, courts. The bill will also provide for the appointment and functions of the Chief Inspector of Prisons and it will also enable ratification of OPCAT	Heads in preparation
Interception of Postal Packets and Telecommunications Messages (Regulation) (Amendment) Bill	To amend various pieces of legislation in respect of electronic communications	Revised Heads in preparation

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International Criminal Court (Amendment) Bill	To give effect to the Kampala Amendment to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court in relation to the crime of aggression	Work is underway
Irish Nationality and Citizenship (Amendment) Bill	To make provision in relation to the continuous residence condition for naturalisation set out in section 15 of the Irish Nationality and Citizenship Act 1956	Heads approved 25th July 2019, PLS still to be determined
Parent's Leave and Benefit (Amendment) Bill	To amend the Parent's Leave and Benefit Act 2019 to extend the period of parent's leave and benefit and the period in which the leave can be taken	Heads in preparation
Personal Insolvency (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill	To update aspects of personal insolvency legislation, following statutory review of Personal Insolvency Acts	Work is underway
Police Powers Bill	To codify police powers of search, arrest and detention and procedural rights of suspects through rationalising and modernising those powers to take into account developments in modern technology to provide clarity and transparency	Work is underway
Property Services Regulation (Amendment) Bill	To revise the Property Services Regulation Act 2011 in the light of the Services Directive 2006/123/EC and Recognition of Professional Qualifications Directive 2005/36/EC and related ECJ jurisprudence following an EU-PILOT query	Draft heads in preparation
Sale of Alcohol Bill	To codify the law relating to the sale and consumption of alcohol	Heads approved, work is underway
Sex Offenders (Amendment) Bill	To update the Sex Offenders Act 2001 in light of the 2010 Review into the management of sex offenders	Heads approved 6th June 2018, PLS has taken place

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Transfer of Sentenced Persons (Amendment) Bill	To make technical amendments to legislation following a number of Supreme Court decisions	Heads approved 19th February 2019, Committee decided PLS is not required
<u>Public Expenditure and Reform</u>		
Civil Service Regulation (Amendment) Bill	To provide that serious disciplinary action up to and including dismissal in the civil service can be assigned below the level of the head of the organisation	Heads approved 11 April 2018, PLS has taken place
<u>Rural and Community Development</u>		
Charities (Amendment) Bill	To make amendments to the Charities Act 2009 which would include accounting, audit and reporting requirements, responsibilities of trustees and the operation of the Register of Charities	Heads expected shortly
Dog Breeding Establishment (Amendment) Bill	To make a number of amendments to the Dog Breeding Establishments Act 2010	Heads in preparation
<u>Transport, Tourism and Sport</u>		
Horse Drawn Carriages Bill	To repeal the Dublin Carriage Acts 1853-55 and relieve An Garda Síochána of responsibility for the regulation and licensing of horse-drawn carriages in Dublin and asset the power of local authorities, including Dublin City Council, to regulate horse-drawn carriages within their respective functional areas	Preparatory work is underway
International Aviation Agreements Bill	To implement the Beijing Convention and Montreal Protocol	Work is in preparation

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Large Public Service Vehicle Reform Bill	To streamline the procedure for the LPSV licensing framework and to eliminate overlap and duplication within the current LPSV licensing regime	Preliminary work is underway
Merchant Shipping (International Conventions) Bill	To provide for the national implementation of certain International Maritime Conventions, the updating of statutes in respect of other conventions and provision of some miscellaneous maritime safety matters	Heads in preparation
Railway Safety (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill	To provide for necessary amendments and updating of the Railway Safety Act 2005	Work is underway
Road Safety Authority (Amendment) Bill	To amend the Road Safety Authority Act 2006 to update existing and add new provisions	Preliminary work underway
Taxi Regulation (Amendment) (Rickshaw) Bill	To regulate pedicabs to provide for improved public safety and enhanced passenger experience as a result of the wide ranging concerns raised by multiple stakeholders including the public in relation to rickshaws carrying persons for reward	Heads approved 6th November 2018, PLS has taken place
Vehicle Roadworthiness Bill	To consolidate the National Car Test (NCT) and Commercial Vehicle Roadworthiness Test (CVRT) into a single instrument	Work is underway

Bills before the Dáil and Seanad (14 in total)

<u>Bills on Dáil Order Paper</u>	
Thirty-Ninth Amendment of the Constitution (Presidential Elections) Bill 2019	Order for Second Stage
Official Languages (Amendment) Bill 2019	Order for Second Stage
Criminal Justice (Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing) (Amendment) Bill 2020	Order for Second Stage
Education (Student and Parent Charter) Bill 2019 [Seanad]	Second Stage
Defence (Amendment) Bill 2020	Second Stage (resumed)
Broadcasting (Amendment) Bill 2019	At Committee Stage
Criminal Justice (Mutual Recognition of Decisions on Supervision Measures) Bill 2019 [Seanad]	At Committee Stage
Defence Forces (Evidence) Bill 2019	At Committee Stage
Patient Safety (Notifiable Patient Safety Incidents) Bill 2019	At Committee Stage
Perjury and Related Offences Bill 2018 [Seanad]	At Committee Stage
Gender Pay Gap Information Bill 2019	Order for Report

<u>Bills on Seanad Order Paper</u>	
Criminal Justice (Theft and Fraud Offences) (Amendment) Bill 2020 [Seanad]	Order for Second Stage
Credit Union Restructuring Board (Dissolution) Bill 2019	Second Stage
Regulated Professions (Health and Social Care) (Amendment) Bill 2019	Order for Report

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Health (General Practitioner Service and Alteration of Criteria for Eligibility) Bill 2020

Financial Provisions (Covid-19) Bill 2020

Credit Guarantee (Amendment) Bill 2020

Social Welfare (Covid-19) (Amendment) Bill 2020

Ministers and Secretaries and Ministerial, Parliamentary, Judicial and Court Offices
(Amendment) Bill 2020

Residential Tenancies and Valuation Bill 2020

Companies (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Covid-19) Bill 2020 [Seanad]

Financial Provisions (Covid-19) (No. 2) Bill 2020

Civil and Criminal Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2020 [Seanad]

Criminal Justice (Enforcement Powers) (Covid-19) Bill 2020

Criminal Justice (Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing) (Amendment) Bill 2020

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	Microenterprise Loan Fund (Amendment) Act 2020
	Financial Provisions (COVID-19) Act 2020
	Credit Guarantee (Amendment) Act 2020
	National Oil Reserves Agency (Amendment) and Provision of Central Treasury Services Act 2020
	Companies (Miscellaneous Provisions) (COVID-19) Act 2020
	Financial Provisions (COVID-19) (No. 2) Act 2020
	Residential Tenancies and Valuation Act 2020
	Health (General Practitioner Service and Alteration of Criteria for Eligibility) Act 2020
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