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Legislation for Priority Publication Summer Session 2025

Title of Bill	Purpose of Bill	Status of Bill
Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth		
Child Care (Amendment) Bill	The purpose of this Bill is to revise the Child Care Act 1991 to reflect best practice developments in the sphere of child welfare and protection services which have evolved in the previous 30 years since enactment and to update legislation in light of the Constitutional recognition of children as individual rights holders.	Pre-legislative scrutiny completed in June 2023. Work is ongoing.
Department of Defence		
Defence (Amendment) Bill	The Bill will provide for the removal of the existing requirement regarding the 'Triple Lock' in relation to the despatch of the Defence Forces for service outside the State as part of an International Force. It also includes amendments to the Defence Acts to provide for the suspension in certain circumstances of a member of the Defence Forces and associated matters. It also sets out an amendment to the Courts-Martial Appeals Act 1983 to specify the timeframe for the submission of an appeal from a court-martial to the Court of Appeal.	Heads of Bill approved in March 2025.
Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment		
Copyright and Related Rights (Amendment) Bill	The Bill encompasses the necessary amendments to the Copyright and Related Rights Act 2000 (as amended) following a judgement by the Court of Justice of the European Union in September 2020 and subsequent High Court judgement in February 2021.	Heads of Bill approved in July 2024.

Protection of Employees (Employers' Insolvency) (Amendment) Bill	To update the legislation governing the protection of employees during their employer's insolvency. The Bill will address a 2018 Supreme Court judgement by fully transposing Article 2(1) of Directive 2008/94/EC and will incorporate technical amendments to improve the operation of the Protection of Employees (Employers' Insolvency) Act 1984.	Pre-legislative scrutiny completed in October 2024.
Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications		
Air Pollution (Amendment) Bill	To provide for necessary updates to the Air Pollution Act (1987) to support enhanced enforcement and the implementation of the Clean Air Strategy.	Heads of Bill approved in April 2024.
Environment (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill	To enable the Environmental Protection Agency to be more efficient and effective in its determinations by providing a streamlined approach for decision-making and shortening the period for final determinations of industrial emission, integrated pollution control and waste licences of the Agency. The Bill will also include some further minor miscellaneous provisions under the Circular Economy and Miscellaneous Provisions Act 2022.	Pre-legislative scrutiny completed in July 2024.
Gas Safety (Amendment) Bill	The legislation is for a number of specific amendments to the existing Electricity Regulation Act 1999, focused on ensuring that third party operators of Liquid Petroleum Gas networks are fully incorporated into the Commission for Regulation of Utilities' regulatory regime.	Pre-legislative scrutiny completed in March 2024.
National Cyber Security Bill	The Bill will transpose the Directive (EU) 2022/2555 of the European Parliament and of the Council of December 2022 on measures for a high common level of cybersecurity across the Union. It will also incorporate provisions to establish the National Cyber Security Centre on a statutory basis and provide for related matters including clarity around its mandate and role and in relation to other actors in the cyber area.	Heads of Bill approved in July 2024.

Department of Finance		
Local Property Tax Bill	To amend the Finance (Local Property Tax) Act 2012, to amend the Taxes Consolidation Act 1997, and to provide for related matters.	Heads in preparation.
Conclusion of IBRC Special Liquidation and Dissolution of NAMA Bill	To effect the conclusion of the Irish Bank Resolution Corporation (IBRC) Special Liquidation and the dissolution of the National Asset Management Agency (NAMA) by the end of 2025. To implement appropriate arrangements to manage any remaining residual activity of both entities following the respective conclusion of their work mandates, including through the creation of a new Resolution Unit within the NTMA to manage any remaining residual activity from 2026 onwards.	Pre-legislative scrutiny is ongoing.
Department of Health		
Health (Amendment) Bill	To amend the Health Act 2004 to provide for changes to corporate and service planning processes amongst other provisions. It includes new requirements on the HSE Board and CEO in regard to appropriate systems, procedures and practices to exercise the highest standards of prudent and effective financial and budgetary management and that proposals for corrective action are put in place where expenditure levels have been exceeded.	Heads of Bill approved in February 2021. Work is ongoing.
Health (Assisted Human Reproduction) (Amendment) Bill	To address issues related to parentage and citizenship arising from the use of fertility clinics abroad by Irish residents and Irish citizens living abroad, in addition to seeking to bring forward other required amendments to the Health (Assisted Human Reproduction) Act 2024.	Heads of Bill approved in October 2024.
Health (Amendment) (Licensing of Professional Home Support Providers) Bill	A regulatory framework comprising of primary legislation for the licensing of home support providers, secondary legislation in the form of regulations, and HIQA national standards with the aim of ensuring that all service users are provided with high quality care.	Pre-legislative scrutiny completed in October 2024.

Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage		
Marine Protected Area Bill	Bill to provide for the designation and effective management of Marine Protected Areas in the Irish maritime area.	Work is ongoing.
Apartment and Duplex Defects Remediation Bill	The Bill puts in place a statutory scheme to establish supports for the remediation of fire safety, structural safety and water ingress defects in purpose-built apartment buildings, including duplexes, constructed between 1991 and 2013.	Heads of Bill approved in September 2024.
Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill	Amendments and additions to the Housing Acts in respect of social housing eligibility, specifically, making statutory arrangements for residency requirements; and amendments to the Building Control Acts.	Pre-legislative scrutiny completed in May 2024.
Electoral Reform (Amendment) Bill	To provide for amendments to the Electoral Reform Act 2022 to: 1) ensure that Part 4 of the Act aligns with the Regulation of the European Union relating to Political Advertising. 2) ensure that Part 5 of the Act complies with EU Law. 3) provide for other necessary miscellaneous amendments to the Electoral Acts.	Heads of Bill approved in June 2024. Work is ongoing.
Department of Justice		
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.	Work is ongoing.
Proceeds of Crime (Amendment) Bill	To provide for reduction in time before disposal orders may be made, appointment of receivers and other enhancements to the confiscation regime.	Pre-legislative scrutiny completed in May 2024.

Garda Síochána (Recording Devices) (Amendment) Bill	To provide for retrospective searching of images which are legally in the possession of An Garda Síochána through the safe and ethical use of facial recognition technology in limited circumstances only and in relation to specific serious offences which are subject to a penalty on conviction of up to life imprisonment.	Pre-legislative scrutiny was completed in February 2024. Work is ongoing.
Garda Síochána (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 ongoing.
Department of Public Expenditure, NDP Delivery and Reform		
Civil Service Regulation and Public Service Management (Amendment) and Miscellaneous Provisions Bill	The main purpose is to amend the Civil Service Regulation Acts 1956–2005 and the Public Service Management Act 1997 to provide that disciplinary action up to and including dismissal in the Civil Service can be assigned below the level of the head of the organisation (Appropriate Authority) and other miscellaneous amendments to modernise the legislation based on the General Scheme, including the establishment of a Senior Post Remuneration Committee and certain terms and conditions for Secretaries General.	Work is ongoing.
Department of Transport		
Railway Safety (Amendment Bill)	To amend the statutory limits for concentration of alcohol in blood, urine and breath for a railway safety critical worker and to update procedures for sampling and testing of workers for intoxicants (alcohol, drugs) and associated procedures under the Railway Safety Act 2005. In addition, there are proposals for some updates to other provisions in the Act including some relating to functions of the Commission for Railway Regulation and an amendment of the Public Transport Regulation Act 2009.	Work is ongoing.

Legislation for Priority Drafting Summer Session 2025

Title of Bill	Purpose of Bill	Status of Bill
Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine		
The Animal Health and Welfare (Amendment) Bill	To amend the Animal Health and Welfare Act 2013 to provide for the extension of costs of detention of seized animals, to amend the rules for search warrants, to extend the period for summary proceedings, and to amend the matters in relation to which the Minister may make animal health and welfare regulations.	Heads in preparation.
Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth		
Equality and Family Leaves (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill	A Bill providing for amendments to the Employment Equality and Equal Status Acts, arising from a review of the Equality legislation. This Bill will also provide for Surrogacy Leave and leave for pregnancy loss.	Revised Heads in preparation.
Prohibition of Conversion Practices Bill	To advance legislation to ban conversion practices.	Heads in preparation.
Department of Defence		
Defence (Amendment) (No.2) Bill	To amend the Defence Acts to revise the Command-and-Control structures of the Defence Forces and make other necessary changes to the Defence Acts.	Heads in preparation.
Department of Education		
Education (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill	Legislation to make some necessary technical amendments to education legislation.	Heads in preparation.

Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment		
The Data Bill	The overarching purpose of the Bill is to support innovation and economic growth. It creates a harmonised framework on fair access and use of data and clarifies who can create value from data and under which conditions. The Bill will designate the National Competent Authorities responsible for implementing and enforcing the EU regulation and will provide for penalties for non-compliance. It will also provide for a levy in respect of the Commission for Communications Regulation's regulatory role.	Heads in preparation.
Co-operative Societies Bill	The proposed legislation aims to place the co-operative model on a more favourable and clearer legal basis, thereby creating a level playing field with companies and encouraging the consideration of the co-operative model as an attractive formation option for entrepreneurs.	Work is ongoing.
Short-Term Letting and Tourism Bill*	The draft Bill provides for new regulatory controls requiring short-term and holiday lets to register with Fáilte Ireland with a view to ensuring that houses are used to best effect in areas of housing need. Additionally, the Bill provides for implementing measures necessary to give effect to the Short-Term Rental Regulation (EU) 2024/1028.	Revised Heads of Bill approved in April 2025.
Department of Environment, Climate and Communications		
Heat (Networks and Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill	To establish a regulatory model for district heating that ensures consumer protection and the delivery of a vibrant district heating industry, and to mandate all Public Sector buildings and facilities to connect to district heating where it is available and is technically and economically feasible.	Heads of Bill approved in October 2024.
Strategic Gas Emergency Reserve (Amendment) Bill	To amend Gas Networks Ireland functions and introduce the required regulatory framework, to support a state-led strategic gas emergency reserve.	Heads in preparation.

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Department of Finance		
Finance Bill	To give legislative form to taxation proposals in Budget 2026. It will also contain provisions which are consequential on the Budget measures and a number of other changes to the taxation code.	Heads in preparation.
Finance (Tax Appeals and Fiscal Responsibility) Bill	To amend the Finance (Tax Appeals) Act 2015; to make provision for different grades of Appeal Commissioners; to amend the Taxes Consolidation Act 1997 to revise the law concerning the making of appeals in matters of taxation; to amend the Fiscal Responsibility Act 2012; and to provide for related matters.	Heads of Bill approved in June 2024.
Department of Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science		
National Training Fund (Amendment) Bill	To widen the scope of the National Training Fund Act 2000 beyond the specific purposes currently included in the Act. In particular, to enable the allocation of the National Training Fund for critical priorities, research and development, core funding for higher education institutions and constructing educational facilities.	Heads in preparation.
Department of Health		
Regulated Professions (Health and Social Care) (Amendment) Bill	To amend the Health and Social Care Professionals Act 2005, the Medical Practitioners Act 2007, the Dentists Act 1985, and the Nurses and Midwives Act 2011. These amendments are intended to enable agreed Departmental policy on advanced practice for HSCPs, and on Fitness to Practise, as well as creating other internal operating efficiencies to support the regulators in fulfilling their public protection objectives.	Heads of Bill approved in September 2024.
Public Health (Nicotine Inhaling Products) Bill	Regulation of nicotine inhaling products such as e-cigarettes.	Heads of Bill approved in September 2024.

Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage		
Remediation of Dwellings damaged by the Use of Defective Concrete Blocks (Amendment) Bill	Amendments to the Remediation of Dwellings damaged by the Use of Defective Concrete Blocks Act 2022 to provide for maximum grant payable under the Scheme and the associated square metre grant rates.	Heads in preparation.
Energy Performance of Buildings Bill	To transpose the Energy Performance of Buildings Directive (EU/2024/1275).	Heads in preparation.
Short-Term Letting and Tourism Bill*	The draft Bill provides for new regulatory controls requiring short-term and holiday lets to register with Fáilte Ireland with a view to ensuring that houses are used to best effect in areas of housing need. Additionally, the Bill provides for implementing measures necessary to give effect to the Short-Term Rental Regulation (EU) 2024/1028.	Revised Heads of Bill approved in April 2025.
Department of Justice		
Inspection of Places of Detention Bill	To provide for inspection of all places of detention in the Justice area including prisons, Garda stations, and courts. The Bill also provides for the appointment and functions of the Chief Inspector of Places of Detention. Enactment will enable ratification of the Optional Protocol on the Convention of Torture.	Pre-legislative scrutiny completed in March 2023. Work is ongoing.
Criminal Justice (Protection, Preservation of and Access to Data on Information Systems) Bill	To give effect to a number of the provisions of the Budapest Convention on Cybercrime, the EU e-Evidence Regulation ((EU) 2021/784) and the EU Terrorist Content Online Regulation ((EU) 2021/784)	Pre-legislative scrutiny completed in March 2024.
Life Sentences Bill	The proposed Bill will allow judges to recommend a minimum period to be served in custody before a person is released on parole, reflecting the circumstances of the case. The recommendation will go to the minimum period which should be served and will not give rise to a presumption towards release on its expiry.	Heads of Bill approved in July 2024.

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Violation of Restrictive Measures Bill	Bill to transpose EU Directive 2024/1226 on the definition of criminal offences and penalties for the violation of Union restrictive measures (sanctions).	Heads of Bill approved in March 2025.
International Protection Bill	To implement the EU Migration and Asylum Pact.	Heads of Bill approved in April 2025.
Department of Public Expenditure, NDP Delivery and Reform		
Ethics in Public Office Bill	Reform and consolidation of the Ethics in Public Office legislation.	Heads in preparation.
Arterial Drainage (Amendment) Bill	To transfer responsibility for the assessment and confirmation of flood relief schemes under the Arterial Drainage Act to an appropriate body.	Heads in preparation.
Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media		
Media Regulation Bill	To transpose the European Media Freedom Act (EMFA). In particular, the Bill will amend the media merger regime under the Competition Act, establish rules in relation to transparency of state advertising and assign a number of functions required by EMFA, primarily to the media regulator, Coimisiún na Meán.	Heads in preparation.
Broadcasting (Amendment) Bill	To reform the legislative basis for the corporate governance of RTÉ and TG4, including assigning the C&AG as auditor of RTÉ and strengthening the role and duties of the RTÉ board, in line with the recommendations of the Expert Advisory Committee on Governance and Culture in RTÉ. Also to enhance the system of assessing the performance of RTÉ and TG4, and to provide for the establishment of a statutory media fund in line with the recommendations of the Future of Media Commission.	Additional Heads of Bill approved in April 2025.

Department of Transport		
National Vehicle and Driver File Bill	This Bill incorporates the previously separate Roads Bill and contains five main elements: - Strengthening of General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) for access to vehicle and driver data; - abolition of the requirement to display a motor tax disc; - removal of end date of declarations of non-use of a motor vehicle; - amendment of provisions relating to variation of speed limits, and; - providing a legislative basis so that local authorities, in their role as road authorities, may request, receive, and process road collision data.	Additional Heads of Bill approved in April 2025.
Dublin Transport Authority (Amendment) Bill	This Bill is an amendment to section 44 of the Dublin Transport Authority Act 2008 to enable the National Transport Authority to provide public transport infrastructure in the regional cities, as it can currently in the Greater Dublin Area.	Heads in preparation.

All Other Legislation Summer Session 2025

Title of Bill	Purpose of Bill	Status of Bill
Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine		
Fishery Harbour Centres Amendment Bill	To amend the Fishery Harbour Centres Act 1968 for the purpose of subsuming the current receipts and payments funding mechanism into the Department's Vote, setting aside the need for a separate financial Account. This follows the recommendations of a high-level working group (Financial Reporting and Financial Management Review Group) tasked with the examination of the report of the Comptroller and Auditor General's 2014 report on financial management and reporting in the Fishery Harbour Centres.	Heads in preparation.
Fisheries (Aquaculture) (Amendment) Bill	To amend the Fisheries (Amendment) Act 1997 in order to update, modernise and streamline aquaculture licencing in the State; to bring the 1997 Act into compliance with EU legislation (including the Birds and Habitats Directives); to delete section 19A(4) on foot of public commitments and repeated commitments to the EU Commission.	Heads in preparation.
Control of Horses Bill	To simplify and modernise the Control of Horses Act 1996, ensuring a cohesive national approach to enforcement powers around detention, notice and release of stray horses seized by local authorities, and related issues.	Heads in preparation.
Veterinary Practice (Amendment) Bill	To amend and update the Veterinary Practice Act 2005, as amended, which governs the regulation of the practice of Veterinary Medicine.	Heads in preparation.
EU Deforestation Regulation Bill	To give effect in Irish law to the provisions of the EU Deforestation Regulation 23/1115 which entered into force on 28 June 2023 and will enter into application from 30 December 2025.	Heads in preparation.
Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth		
Pay Transparency Bill	A Bill to transpose the EU Pay Transparency Directive.	Heads in preparation.

Department of Education		
Education (Amendment) Bill	To amend the 1998 Education Act in relation to examinations.	Work is underway.
Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment		
Industrial Development (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill	The primary purpose of the Bill is to amend the Industrial Development Act 1986 to strengthen IDA and Enterprise Ireland's provision of environmental protection aid grants and consultancy grants. It will also provide that IDA Ireland be permitted to establish jointly owned Designated Activity Companies (DACs) to develop industrial and commercial property and infrastructure. This Bill also contains additional amendments in respect of Enterprise Ireland and the Health and Safety Authority and technical enabling amendments to the Dangerous Substances Act 1972 and the Chemicals Act 2008.	Heads of Bill approved in February 2025.
Miscellaneous Provisions (Registration of Limited Partnerships and Business Names) Bill	This Bill will reform the Limited Partnerships Act 1907 and the Registration of Business Names Act 1963, strengthening Ireland's regulatory framework and responding to concerns raised in relation to the transparency of Limited Partnerships.	Heads of Bill approved in July 2024.
Registration of Trade Unions Bill	The purpose of the Bill is to modernise and consolidate the existing legislation regarding the registration requirements for trade unions.	Heads in preparation.
Regulation of Artificial Intelligence Bill	The purpose of the Bill is to give full effect to EU Regulation 2024/1689 laying down harmonized rules on artificial intelligence (Artificial Intelligence Act). The Bill will enable the designated National Competent Authorities responsible for implementing and enforcing the EU regulation to cooperate and will provide for penalties for non-compliance. It will also provide for a lead authority to coordinate the other authorities and to deliver a number of centralised functions.	Heads in preparation.

Department of Environment, Climate and Communications		
Digital Hub Development Agency (Dissolution) Bill	To put in place the legislation required to give effect to the Government Decision in April 2021 which approved the dissolution of the Digital Hub Development Agency and the transfer of its lands to the Land Development Agency.	Heads in preparation.
Miscellaneous Provisions as relating to the Digital Hub Development Agency (Dissolution) Bill	Assigning Eircode operations to a new entity to operate in an open data environment as a Service of General Economic Interest (SGEI). Legislative amendments required to the Communications Regulation (Postal Services) Act 2011 as amended.	Work is underway.
Communications Regulation and Digital Hub Development Agency (Amendment) Bill	To address the use of in-contract price increase clauses by electronic communications service providers to increase prices.	Heads in preparation.
Gigabit Infrastructure Bill	To provide national standing for several provisions of Regulation (EU) 2024/1309 (Gigabit Infrastructure Act) including to designate a Dispute Settlement Body and to provide for exemptions to certain provisions.	Work is underway.
Bord na Móna Statutory Borrowing Limit Increase Bill	To increase Bord na Móna's borrowing limit to €1.5bn by amending section 22(1) of the Turf Development Act 1998.	Work is underway.
Aarhus Legal Costs Bill	To extend the revised legal costs provisions of Part 9 of the Planning & Development Act 2024 to over twenty other environmental consent regimes in order to ensure a consistency of approach in all planning and environment consents.	Work is ongoing.

Department of Finance		
Finance (International Financial Institutions) Bill	A Bill to: 1) Put in place the legislative authority for the Minister for Finance and Central Bank of Ireland to contribute to the IMF Resilience and Sustainability Trust (RST) using a portion of Irelands allocation of IMF Special Drawing Rights (SDRs); 2) Provide a government guarantee to the Central Bank of Ireland for the purpose of contributing to the IMF RST using Ireland's portion of allocation of SDRs; 3) Miscellaneous administrative amendments relating to Ireland's membership of international financial institutions.	Heads in preparation.
Asset Covered Securities (Amendment) Bill	To amend the Asset Covered Securities Act 2001 to facilitate the issuance of asset covered securities (covered bonds) either by specialist covered bond subsidiary entities under a specialist banking model (the "SBM") or from non-specialist credit institutions operating under a universal banking model (the "UBM") and related matters.	Heads in preparation.
Restrictive Measures Bill	To create a mechanism by which persons would be obliged to adhere to the asset freezing requirements of certain UN Security Council Resolutions in the period prior to their incorporation in an EU legislative act, i.e. a 'bridging measure', in order to meet Ireland's international obligations and prevent sanctions evasion.	Heads in preparation.

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, providing for mutual assistance or to the relevant provisions thereof: -The Convention on Mutual Administrative Assistance in Tax Matters done at Strasbourg in January 1988 and amended by the Protocol done at Paris in May 2010. -Titles I, II and IV of the Co-operation Agreement between the European Community and its Member States and the Swiss Confederation to combat fraud and any other illegal activity to the detriment of their financial interests, done at Luxembourg in October 2004.	Work is ongoing.
Department of Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science		
Grangegorman Development Agency (Amendment) Bill	To amend Section 9 of the Grangegorman Development Act 2005 to allow the Grangegorman Development Agency carry out additional functions.	Heads in preparation.
Department of Health		
Protection of Liberty Safeguards Bill	To provide procedural safeguards to ensure that people who cannot consent to their care arrangements in relevant facilities are not unlawfully deprived of their liberty.	Work is ongoing.
The Patient Safety (Licensing) Bill	The Bill will, for the first time, introduce a licensing requirement for all hospitals, public and private, and certain designated high-risk activities in the community.	Work is ongoing.
Dentists (Amendment) Bill	To introduce a statutory basis for mandatory CPD for dentists, to make explicit the powers available to the Dental Council to evaluate all registerable programmes of training, and other technical amendments.	Work is underway.
Northern Ireland (Planned Healthcare Scheme) Bill	To introduce a statutory scheme enabling persons resident in the State to access and be reimbursed for private healthcare in Northern Ireland by the HSE, provided such healthcare is publicly available within Ireland.	Work is ongoing.

National Research Ethics Bill (NREC) Bill	The purpose of this bill is to provide a legislative framework for National Research Ethics Committees (NREC) operating in key areas of health research.	Work is ongoing.
Health (Adult Safeguarding) Bill	To underpin a planned national policy on adult safeguarding in the health and social care sector.	Work is ongoing.
Health (Pharmacy and Prescribing) Bill	Revision of elements of the Pharmacy Act 2007 to update some provisions and enable the Pharmaceutical Society of Ireland to streamline some functions (e.g. fitness to practice processes). Subject to further legal advice, to update provisions of the Pharmacy Act, the Misuse of Drugs Act and the Irish Medicines Board Act to better support the department's eHealth strategy.	Work is ongoing.
Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage		
Local Government (Amendment) Bill	To amend the Local Government Act 2001 to legislate for reforms arising from commitments in the Programme for Government and other miscellaneous local government matters; and to amend the Mayor of Limerick Act following a review of the legislation after 3 years, if necessary.	Work is underway.
Fire Services Bill	Legislation to consolidate and update the Fire Services Act.	Work is ongoing.
Building Standards Regulatory Authority Bill	To establish a Building Standards Regulatory Authority to strengthen the oversight role of the State in respect of the design and construction of buildings and the marketing and use of construction products.	Heads in preparation.
Wildlife (Amendment) Bill	A Bill to update the Wildlife Acts as part of a general review of wildlife legislation.	Work is ongoing.
Department of Justice		
Guardianship of Infants (Amendment) Bill	To amend the Guardianship of Infants Act 1964 to remove guardianship rights from those convicted of killing their partners or a parent of their child in line with the Programme for Government.	Heads of Bill approved in April 2025.

Criminal Justice (International Cooperation Office) Bill	To provide for the establishment of a new criminal justice sector entity incorporating regulatory and competent authority functions to fulfil Ireland's obligations under the e-Evidence Regulation and the Legal Representative (Directive 2023/1544).	Heads in preparation.
Criminal Injuries Compensation Bill	Bill to place the Criminal Injuries Compensation Scheme on a statutory basis.	Heads in preparation.
Children (Amendment) Bill	To amend the Children Act 2001 to provide for alternative sanctions to fully and partly suspended sentences, including for children who will transition to adulthood while subject to a court-ordered sanction.	Heads of Bill approved in July 2024.
Civil Reform Bill	To give effect to recommendations arising from the Review of the Administration of Civil Justice (Kelly Review).	Work is ongoing.
Criminal Justice (International Cooperation) (Amendment) Bill	To amend the Criminal Justice (International Cooperation) Act 2019 to facilitate assistance to the UK Omagh Bombing Inquiry.	Work is ongoing.
Communications (Retention of Data) Bill	To replace the Communications (Retention of Data) Act 2011 to reflect advances in technology and consolidate the law on retention of and access to data for national security and prevention of crime purposes.	Work is ongoing.
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.	Work is ongoing.
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.	Pre-legislative scrutiny was completed in December 2023. Work is ongoing.
Criminal Justice (Passenger Name Record) Bill	To comply with an EU Council commitment to extend the EU Passenger Name Record Directive to internal EU flights.	Work is ongoing.

Criminal Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill	To provide for various procedural reforms and efficiencies in the criminal justice system, including digitalisation of court documents (including warrants) and major expansion of power to conduct criminal proceedings remotely.	Heads in preparation.
Criminal Justice (Disregard of Certain Convictions related to Consensual Sexual Activity) Bill	To establish an application-based scheme to enable the disregard of certain historical convictions relating to consensual and primarily same-sex sexual activity.	Heads in preparation.
European Public Prosecutor's Office Bill	To make the necessary legislative changes to enable Ireland to participate in the European Public Prosecutor's Office Regulation.	Work is ongoing.
Interception of Postal Packets and Telecommunications Messages (Regulation) (Amendment) Bill	To amend various pieces of legislation in respect of electronic communications.	Work is ongoing.
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 ongoing.
Intoxicating Liquor Bill	Condensed Bill to introduce certain key reforms from the Sale of Alcohol Bill 2022.	Work is ongoing.
Irish Prison Service Bill	To establish the Irish Prison Service on a statutory basis with defined functions, and to provide for enhanced governance and oversight structures including a board and an audit committee.	Pre-legislative scrutiny was completed in December 2023. Work is ongoing.
Personal Insolvency (Amendment) Bill	To update aspects of personal insolvency legislation, following statutory review of Personal Insolvency Acts.	Work is ongoing.
Criminal Justice (Public Order) (Amendment) Bill	To make the necessary legislative changes to enable An Garda Síochána to direct the removal of face coverings during public order incidents.	Work is ongoing.

Property Services Regulation (Amendment) Bill	To update aspects of the Property Services (Regulation) Act 2011 related to property services in the State by service providers established in other EU Member States and those in the UK to ensure compliance with Directive 2006/123/EC – the EU Services Directive, and European Directive 2005/36/EC – Professional Qualifications Directive and the EU-UK Trade and Cooperation Agreement.	Work is ongoing.
Coroners Bill	Bill to reform, update, amend, consolidate and extend the law relating to coroners, coroners' investigations and inquests. To provide for the establishment of an independent coronial agency to employ salaried coroners.	Work is ongoing.
Department of Public Expenditure, NDP Delivery and Reform		
Freedom of Information (Amendment) Bill	Update to the Freedom of Information legislation arising from the review of the current Act.	Work is ongoing.
Department of Social Protection		
Social Welfare (Budget) Bill	To give legislative effect to measures announced on Budget Day.	Work is underway.
Department of Transport		
Road Safety Authority (Amendment) Bill	To amend and update the existing Road Safety Authority (RSA) legislation. This will include setting out clear functions for the RSA going forward. Additionally, this will involve incorporating the recommendations that come from the recent conclusion of the RSA review. It is expected the legislative work necessary for the review recommendations will be guided by a Departmental Implementation Group.	Work is ongoing.
Vehicle Roadworthiness Bill	To merge provisions for periodic roadworthiness inspections into a single Act and to update the existing provisions governing roadworthiness testing.	Work is ongoing.
Taxi Regulation (Amendment) Bill	To provide for amendments to the Consolidated Taxi Regulation Acts 2013 – 2016.	Heads in preparation.

Air Navigation and Transport (International Aviation Agreements) Bill	The purpose of the Bill is to provide for the offences contained within three international aviation treaties in Irish legislation – The Beijing Convention 2010, the Montreal Protocol 2014 and the Beijing Protocol 2010 – in advance of ratification.	Heads in preparation.
Merchant Shipping (International Conventions) Bill	The purpose of the Bill is to provide a legislative basis to enable the implementation of certain International Maritime Conventions at national level; to provide for the updating of existing legislation in respect of some other international maritime conventions that are already in force in the State; and to make provision for some additional miscellaneous maritime safety amendments. The conventions in the Bill concern safety standards, training and working conditions for fishing vessels and personnel (fishers), ship recycling and the removal of maritime wreck.	Heads in preparation.
LPSV (Large Public Service Vehicles) Reform Bill	To ensure an effective licensing and regulatory framework for the LPSV sector.	Heads in preparation.
Horse-Drawn Carriages Bill	Repeal the Dublin Carriage Acts 1853-55 and relieve An Garda Síochána of responsibility for the regulation and licencing of horse-drawn carriages in Dublin; and assert the power of local authorities, including Dublin City Council, to regulate horse-drawn carriages within their respective functional areas.	Work is ongoing.

Bills currently on the Dáil and Seanad Order Paper, as of 28 April 2025

Order Paper Bills	**As of 28 April 2025**
Bills on Dáil Order Paper	**Stage**
Employment (Contractual Retirement Ages) Bill 2025	Committee Stage
Social Welfare (Bereaved Partner's Pension) Bill 2025	Committee Stage
Statute Law Revision Bill 2024	Committee Stage
Credit Review Bill 2024	Committee Stage
Health Information Bill 2024	Committee Stage
Mental Health Bill 2024	Committee Stage
Defamation (Amendment) Bill 2024	Committee Stage
Údarás na Gaeltachta (Amendment) Bill 2024	Committee Stage
Education (Student and Parent Charter) Bill 2019	Committee Stage
Supports for Survivors of Residential Institutional Abuse Bill 2024	Order for Report
Construction Safety Licensing Bill 2023	Order for Report
Bills on Seanad Order Paper	**Stage**
Finance (Provision of Access to Cash Infrastructure) Bill 2024	Order for Second Stage
Microenterprise Loan Fund (Amendment) Bill 2024	Order for Second Stage
Forty-first Amendment of the Constitution (Agreement on a Unified Patent Court) Bill 2024	Committee Stage

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