LEGISLATION PROGRAMME SPRING/SUMMER SESSION 2018

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Priority Legislation for Publication

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Title of Bill	Purpose of Bill	Date Pre-Legislative Scrutiny (PLS) took place / Expected Date of Pre-Legislative Scrutiny
Agriculture Food and the Marine		
Greyhound Industry (Amendment) Bill	To update the 1958 Greyhound Industry Act and ensure that the principles of good governance and regulation are clearly laid down in primary legislation	Heads approved March 2017, PLS has taken place
Business, Enterprise & Innovation		
Copyright and Related Rights (Amendment) (Miscellaneous Intellectual Property) Bill	To adopt certain recommendations made by the Copyright Review Committee to modernise the Irish copyright and related rights regime, and provide for other necessary changes identified across the range of intellectual property issues	Heads approved July 2016, Committee decided that PLS is not required
Industrial Relations (Amendment) Bill	To amend the 1990 Act to give the Garda Siochana Representative Associations access to the States industrial relations institutions, the Workplace Relations Commisson and the Labour Court	Heads approved 26th September 2017, PLS still to be determined
Personal Injuries Assessment Board (Amendment) Bill	To introduce a number of amendments to improve the operation and implementation of the Acts	Heads approved 27th June 2017, Committee decided that PLS is not required

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Title of Bill	Purpose of Bill	Date Pre-Legislative Scrutiny (PLS) took place / Expected Date of Pre-Legislative Scrutiny
Children and Youth Affairs		
Child Care (Amendment) Bill	To provide for reform of existing ad hoc Guardian ad litem arrangements in child care proceedings	Heads approved 17th January 2017, PLS has taken place
Communications, Climate Action and Environment		
Broadcasting (Amendment) Bill	To amend the Broadcasting Act 2009	Heads approved 9th May 2017, PLS 11th July & 3rd Oct 2017, PLS to be finalised
National Broadband Plan (Access to Infrastructure) Bill	To provide terms and conditions for access to critical physical infrastructure for purposes of the National Broadband Plan	Heads in preparation, PLS still to be determined
Radiological Protection (Amendment) Bill	To complete the transfer of radiological related issues to the Minister	Heads approved 11th April 2017
Telecommunications Services (Galway Mayo) Bill	To provide for the assignment to and the acquisition by the Minister of certain rights to land along the Mayo Galway Pipeline for telecommunication services	Heads approved on 13th July 2016, Committee decided that PLS is not required
Culture, Heritage & the Gaeltacht		

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Title of Bill	Purpose of Bill	Date Pre-Legislative Scrutiny (PLS) took place / Expected Date of Pre-Legislative Scrutiny
Official Languages (Amendment) Bill	To give effect to amendments arising from the review of the Official Languages Act 2003 and other related matters	Heads approved in May 2017, PLS has commenced
Defence		
Defence Forces (Forensic Evidence) Bill	To provide for members of the Military Police to take and use DNA and other forensic samples for the purposes of their investigations, particularly outside the jurisdiction when Defence Force personnel are deployed overseas.	Heads approved on 20 February 2015, Committee decided that PLS is not required
Education and Skills		
Education (Parent and Student Charter) Bill	To provide for a Student and Parent Charter in every school	Heads approved 11th October 2016, PLS concluded
Qualifications and Quality Assurance (Amendment) Bill	To amend the Qualifications and Quality Assurance (Education and Training) Act 2012 to address some issues that have arisen regarding the scope of QQI's responsibilities in relation to recognition of awards and regulation of private and voluntary providers, to ensure adequate protection of enrolled learners where providers discontinue a programme, and to give greater authority to Institutes of Technology to award Level 9 qualifications	Heads approved 9th May 2017, Committee decided that PLS is not required

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Title of Bill	Purpose of Bill	Date Pre-Legislative Scrutiny (PLS) took place / Expected Date of Pre-Legislative Scrutiny
Retention of Certain 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	Heads approved 3 March 2015, PLS took place in May 2015
Finance		
African Development Bank Bill	To allow for Ireland's potential membership of the African Development Bank	Heads approved 24th November 2017
Central Bank (National Claims Information Database) Bill	To provide powers to the Central Bank to maintain a database to carry out statistical analysis of movements in insurance claims costs/trends	Heads approved 19th December 2017, PLS still to be determined
Home Building Finance Ireland Bill	To establish a new dedicated institution, Home Building Finance Ireland which will lend to residential housing developers on commercial, market equivalent terms and conditions.	Work is underway, PLS still to be determined
Insurance (Amendment) Bill	To amend the Insurance Act 1964 in order to implement the recommendations of the Review of the Framework for Motor Insurance Compensation in Ireland Report	Heads approved 5th July 2017, PLS still to be determined

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Title of Bill	Purpose of Bill	Date Pre-Legislative Scrutiny (PLS) took place / Expected Date of Pre-Legislative Scrutiny
Market in Financial Instruments Bill	This bill is part of the transposition of the Market in Financial Instruments Directive II into national law	Heads approved 21st July & 7th November 2017, Committee decided that PLS is not required
National Treasury Management Agency (Amendment) Bill	To establish a contingency reserve / Rainy Day Fund to help strengthen the resilience of and maintain sound public finances	Heads are in preparation, PLS still to be determined
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 February 2014, Committee decided that PLS is not required
Health		
Amendment of the Constitution (Repeal the Eighth) Bill	To provide for a referendum to repeal the Eighth Amendment	Work is underway

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Title of Bill	Purpose of Bill	Date Pre-Legislative Scrutiny (PLS) took place / Expected Date of Pre-Legislative Scrutiny
Children's Health Bill	To establish a statutory body to provide paediatric acute services in Dublin at the new children's hospital, taking over those services currently provided by Our Lady's Hospital Crumlin, Temple Street and the paediatric service at Tallaght Hospital. It will also make amendments relating to the functions of the National Paediatric Hospital Development Board (Establishment) Order	Heads approved 25th July 2017, PLS took place on 25 Oct 2017
Health (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill	To amend the Health Act 2004 to provide for a Board for the HSE	
Health (Amendment) Bill	To provide persons in receipt of a Carer's Allowance with access to free GP services	Heads expected shortly
Health (Transport Support) Bill	To provide for a scheme to make individual payments as a contribution towards transport costs to people with severe disabilities on a low income who cannot access public transport	Work is underway, PLS still to be determined
Health and Social Care Professionals (Amendment) Bill	To amend the Health and Social Care Professionals Act 2005 to provide that a registration board has the legal base / must accept a decision on qualification recognition taken previously by or on behalf of the State	Heads in preparation

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Title of Bill	Purpose of Bill	Date Pre-Legislative Scrutiny (PLS) took place / Expected Date of Pre-Legislative Scrutiny
Regulated Health Professions (Amendment) Bill	To amend the Medical Practitioners Act 2007, the Dental Act 1985, the Heatlh and Social Care Professionals Act 2005, the Pharmacy Act 2007, the Nurses and Midwives Act 2011 and the Health Acts 1953 and 2004 to provide for 1) amendments required by the transposition of Directive 2013/55/EU, 2) an appeal against the minor sanctions, 3) action to be taken if a person was prohibited or restricted from practising in another country and 4) amendments in relation to a number of other issues including amendments to the registration of medical practitioners	Heads approved November 2015 & December 2016
Housing, Planning and Local Government		
Commercial Rates Bill	To consolidate and modernise commercial rates legislation	Heads approved 11th April, 2017, Committee decided that PLS is not required
Housing (Regulation of Approved Housing Bodies) Bill	To provide a regulatory framework for the operation of Approved Housing Bodies, through the establishment of an independent Regulator for AHBs	Heads approved in September 2015, PLS completed in Feb 2016
Local Government Bill	To provide for alteration of the boundary between Cork City and County and to provide for the holding of a plebiscite on the concept of Directly Elected Mayors in Ireland	Heads in preparation, PLS still to be determined

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Title of Bill	Purpose of Bill	Date Pre-Legislative Scrutiny (PLS) took place / Expected Date of Pre-Legislative Scrutiny
Residential Tenancies (Amendment) Bill	To provide for further protections to tenants' rights in receivership situations, to provide initial enforcement powers to the RTB, particularly around enforcement of RPZ provisions, and to establish prior notification of the RTB for a notice of termination to be valid	Heads in preparation, PLS still to be determined
Justice and Equality		
Amendment of the Constitution (Removal of Blasphemy) Bill	To provide for a referendum on removing the crime of blasphemy from the Constitution	Heads in preparation
Amendment of the Constitution (Women in the Home) Bill	To amend Article 41.2.1 of the Constitution	Work is underway
Communications (Retention of Data) 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
Coroners (Amendment) Bill	To introduce compulsory reporting, post mortem and inquests re: maternal deaths and to update and strengthen the statutory powers currently available to coroners on reporting, post mortem and inquest of unnatural deaths	Heads approved on 23rd May 2017
Courts & Land Conveyancing (Amendment) Bill	To provide for matters relating to mortgage repossession proceedings and related court matters. This Bill will also contain provisions related to those proposed in the 'Keeping people in their Homes' Private Members Bill	Heads in preparation

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Criminal Justice (International Co-operation) Bill	To provide for measures relating to the taking of evidence to enhance co-operation with historical, troubles-related Coroner's inquests and other historical inquiry mechanisms in Northern Ireland	Heads approved 21 November 2017, Committee decided that PLS is not required
Criminal Justice (Money Laundering & Terrorist Financing) (Amendment) Bill	To give effect to the 4th EU Money Laundering Directive	Heads approved on 20th December 2016, Joint Committee decided that PLS is not required
Criminal Law (Sexual Offences) Bill	To provide for presumptive minimum sentences for repeat sexual offenders and to correct an anomaly with respect to the penalties for incest	Work is underway, PLS still to be determined
Criminal Procedure Bill	To address Council of Europe concerns on delays in criminal cases. It provides for preliminary trial hearings and increased use of videolink hearings for prisoners	Revised heads approved in June 2015, PLS completed
Criminal Records Information System Bill	To implement 2 EU Council Decisions that provide for exchange of criminal records information between EU member states	Heads approved, PLS still to be determined
Data Protection Bill	To transpose the EU Directive 2016/680 and give full effect to the Regulation 2016/679	Heads approved on 9th May 2017, PLS completed July 2017

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Title of Bill	Purpose of Bill	Date Pre-Legislative Scrutiny (PLS) took place / Expected Date of Pre-Legislative Scrutiny
Gender Pay Gap (Wage Transparency) Bill	To establish a mandatory reporting obligation on companies to report on gender pay differences in their companies	Preparatory work will begin shortly
Sex Offenders (Amendment) Bill	To update the Sex Offenders Act 2001 in light of the 2010 Review into the management of sex offenders	Work is underway, PLS still to be determined
Public Expenditure and Reform		
Data-Sharing and Governance Bill	To mandate greater data-sharing and data-linking in the public service, to provide a legal mechanism to facilitate lawful data-sharing and data-linking for all public bodies, and to define standards for data governance and security to be followed in any data sharing-or data-linking activities	Heads approved, PLS has taken place
Public Service Superannuation (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Amendment) Bill	To allow for an increase to age 70 in the current compulsory retirement age for civil and public servants recruited before 1 April 2004 and for the potential additional service arising from these changes to be pensionable, subject to a maximum of 40 years service	Heads approved 5th December 2017, PLS still to be determined
Transport Tourism and Sport		
Railway Safety Regulation Bill	To amend sections 9 and 10 of the Railway Safety Act 2005	Heads in preparation, PLS still to be determined

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Vehicle Registration Data (Automated Searching and Exchange) Bill	To provide for sharing of vehicle registration data with EU Member States in accordance with EU Prum Decisions	Heads approved 11th July 2017

Bills that are expected to undergo Pre-Legislative Scrutiny

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Title of Bill	Purpose of Bill	Expected Date of Pre-Legislative Scrutiny
Business, Enterprise & Innovation		
Industrial Relations (Amendment) Bill	To amend the 1990 Act to give the Garda Siochana Representative Associations access to the States industrial relations institutions, the Workplace Relations Commisson and the Labour Court	Heads approved 26th September 2017, PLS still to be determined
Communications, Climate Action and Environment		
Broadcasting (Amendment) Bill	To amend the Broadcasting Act 2009	Heads approved 9th May 2017, PLS 11th July & 3rd Oct 2017, PLS to be finalised
National Broadband Plan (Access to Infrastructure) Bill	To provide terms and conditions for access to critical physical infrastructure for purposes of the National Broadband Plan	Heads in preparation, PLS still to be determined
Culture, Heritage & the Gaeltacht		
Official Languages (Amendment) Bill	To give effect to amendments arising from the review of the Official Languages Act 2003 and other related matters	Heads approved in May 2017, PLS has commenced
Finance		

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African Development Bank Bill	To allow for Ireland's potential membership of the African Development Bank	Heads approved 24th November 2017
Central Bank (National Claims Information Database) Bill	To provide powers to the Central Bank to maintain a database to carry out statistical analysis of movements in insurance claims costs/trends	Heads approved 19th December 2017, PLS still to be determined
Credit Union Restructuring Board Dissolution Bill	To dissolve the Credit Union Restructuring Board and to transfer its assets and liabilities (if any) to the Minister for Finance	Heads approved 5th December 2017, PLS to be determined
Home Building Finance Ireland Bill	To establish a new dedicated institution, Home Building Finance Ireland which will lend to residential housing developers on commercial, market equivalent terms and conditions.	Work is underway, PLS still to be determined
Insurance (Amendment) Bill	To amend the Insurance Act 1964 in order to implement the recommendations of the Review of the Framework for Motor Insurance Compensation in Ireland Report	Heads approved 5th July 2017, PLS still to be determined
Investment Limited Partnership and Irish Collective Asset-management Vehicle (Amendment) Bill	To support the development of the private equity fund industry by making Ireland a more attractive domicile for such funds. This objective has also been included in the IFS 2020 Action Plans 2016 and 2017 which commits to developing amendments to the Investment Limited Partnership Act 1994 to make the structure more attractive to fund managers	Heads approved 18th July 2017, PLS still to be determined

Bills that are expected to undergo Pre-Legislative Scrutiny

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Title of Bill	Purpose of Bill	Expected Date of Pre-Legislative Scrutiny
National Treasury Management Agency (Amendment) Bill	To establish a contingency reserve / Rainy Day Fund to help strengthen the resilience of and maintain sound public finances	Heads are in preparation, PLS still to be determined
Health		
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 expected shortly
Health (Transport Support) Bill	To provide for a scheme to make individual payments as a contribution towards transport costs to people with severe disabilities on a low income who cannot access public transport	Work is underway, PLS still to be determined
Patient Safety Licensing Bill	To provide for a mandatory system of licensing for public and private healthcare facilities	Heads approved on 12th December 2017, PLS still to be determined
Housing, Planning and Local Government		
Local Government Bill	To provide for alteration of the boundary between Cork City and County and to provide for the holding of a plebiscite on the concept of Directly Elected Mayors in Ireland	Heads in preparation, PLS still to be determined

Bills that are expected to undergo Pre-Legislative Scrutiny

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Title of Bill	Purpose of Bill	Expected Date of Pre-Legislative Scrutiny
Residential Tenancies (Amendment) Bill	To provide for further protections to tenants' rights in receivership situations, to provide initial enforcement powers to the RTB, particularly around enforcement of RPZ provisions, and to establish prior notification of the RTB for a notice of termination to be valid	Heads in preparation, PLS still to be determined
Residential Tenancies and Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill	To replace current system of registration of tenancies with a new system of annual registration, to require the RTB to define the benchmark rents for property types in RPZs, and facilitate the development of a new regulatory/licensing system for short term lettings and to provide for a number of housing policy reforms.	Work is underway, PLS still to be determined
Water Environment (Abstractions) Bill	To regulate and establish a national register of water abstractions in order to ensure compliance with the requirements of the EU Water Framework Directive	Preparatory work is underway, PLS still to be determined
Justice and Equality		
Amendment of the Constitution (Removal of Blasphemy) Bill	To provide for a referendum on removing the crime of blasphemy from the Constitution	Heads in preparation
Amendment of the Constitution (Women in the Home) Bill	To amend Article 41.2.1 of the Constitution	Work is underway
Coroners (Amendment) Bill	To introduce compulsory reporting, post mortem and inquests re: maternal deaths and to update and strengthen the statutory powers currently available to coroners on reporting, post mortem and inquest of unnatural deaths	Heads approved on 23rd May 2017

Bills that are expected to undergo Pre-Legislative Scrutiny

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Title of Bill	Purpose of Bill	Expected Date of Pre-Legislative Scrutiny
Courts & Land Conveyancing (Amendment) Bill	To provide for matters relating to mortgage repossession proceedings and related court matters. This Bill will also contain provisions related to those proposed in the 'Keeping people in their Homes' Private Members Bill	Heads in preparation
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	Work is underway, PLS still to be determined
Criminal Justice (Istanbul Convention) Bill	To give effect to the extra-territorial provisions in the Council of Europe Convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence	Heads in preparation, PLS still to be determined
Criminal Law (Sexual Offences) Bill	To provide for presumptive minimum sentences for repeat sexual offenders and to correct an anomaly with respect to the penalties for incest	Work is underway, PLS still to be determined
Family Court Bill	To establish a Family Court as a separate division within the existing court structures	Heads being prepared, PLS still to be determined
Gender Pay Gap (Wage Transparency) Bill	To establish a mandatory reporting obligation on companies to report on gender pay differences in their companies	Preparatory work will begin shortly
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, PLS still to be determined

Bills that are expected to undergo Pre-Legislative Scrutiny

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Title of Bill	Purpose of Bill	Expected Date of Pre-Legislative Scrutiny
Interception of Postal Packets and Telecommunications Messages (Regulation) (Amendment) Bill	To amend various pieces of legislation in respect of electronic communications	Heads approved 5th July 2016, PLS still to be determined
Sex Offenders (Amendment) Bill	To update the Sex Offenders Act 2001 in light of the 2010 Review into the management of sex offenders	Work is underway, PLS still to be determined
Public Expenditure and Reform		
Public Service Superannuation (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Amendment) Bill	To allow for an increase to age 70 in the current compulsory retirement age for civil and public servants recruited before 1 April 2004 and for the potential additional service arising from these changes to be pensionable, subject to a maximum of 40 years service	Heads approved 5th December 2017, PLS still to be determined
Transport Tourism and Sport		
Dublin Transport Authority (Amendment) Bill	To amend Section 52 of the DTA Act 2008	Work is underway, PLS still to be determined
Railway Safety Regulation Bill	To amend sections 9 and 10 of the Railway Safety Act 2005	Heads in preparation, PLS still to be determined

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Title of Bill	Purpose of Bill	Status of Bill
Agriculture Food and the Marine		
Fishery Harbour Centre (Rates and Charges) Order Bill	To set the price for services and facilities at the six state-owned Fishery Harbour Centres.	Work is underway
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 affirm that fishing quotas are a national resource, resolve some typographical errors in the Act of 2006 and introduce other miscellaneous and technical amendments	Heads are currently under preparation
Business, Enterprise & Innovation		
Amendment of the Constitution (Unified Patent Court) Bill	To amend Article 29 of the Constitution to recognise the International Agreement on a Unified Patent Court	Heads approved on 23 July 2014
Companies (Enforcement) Bill	To amend the provisions of the Companies Act 2014 with respect to the structure of the Office of the Director of Corporate Enforcement with a view to establishing a new independent agency to investigate breaches of company law	Heads in preparation
Metrology Act 1996 (Amendment) Bill	To amend section 9 of the Metrology Act 1996 to allow the National Standards Authority of Ireland (NSAI) to appoint external inspectors to undertake metrology inspections under the Act	Work is underway
Children and Youth Affairs		

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Title of Bill	Purpose of Bill	Status of Bill
Adoption (Information and Tracing) (No. 2) Bill	To provide for an information and tracing service for a person who has been the subject of an inter country adoption	Work is underway
Communications, Climate Action and Environment		
Aarhus 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
Access to Central Treasury Funds (National Oil Reserves Agency) Bill	To amend the NTMA Act 2000 to include the National Oil Reserves Agency (NORA) among the statutory bodies to whom the NTMA may provide treasury services, including loans and deposits	Work is underway
Communications Management (Agency) Bill	To provide for a single entity to manage the State's commercial communications contracts including the National Broadband Plan Contract(s), act as a centre of expertise in relation to the State's commercial activities in communications and undertake additional functions in relation to implementation of policy	Heads in preparation, PLS still to be determined
Communications Regulation (Amendment) Bill	To confer certain additional powers on the Commission for Communications Regulation in connection with the National Broadband Plan	Draft Heads in preparation
Cyber Security Bill	To provide general powers to the Minister in respect of Cyber Security	Preliminary work is underway
Digital Hub Development Agency (Dissolution) Bill	To dissolve the DHDA, repeal the DHDA Act 2003, and to give effect to the merger between the DHDA and Dublin City Council	Draft Heads in preparation

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Title of Bill	Purpose of Bill	Status of Bill
Geothermal Energy Development Bill	To provide a legislative framework for the vesting, licensing and regulation of the development of geothermal energy	Heads approved and drafting is continuing
Inland Fisheries (Consolidation) Bill	To modernise and consolidate existing provisions of legislation governing the inland fisheries sector	Draft heads are in preparation
Culture, Heritage & the Gaeltacht		
Monuments and Archaeological Heritage Bill	To replace in revised form all the existing National Monuments Acts 1930 to 2014 and provide a strengthened and modernised framework for the protection of monuments and archaeological objects	Heads approved, drafting is continuing
Defence		
Defence (Amendment) Bill	To revise the Defence Acts in relation to the deployment of military personnel overseas and other matters	Heads are in preparation
Red Cross (Amendment) Bill	To repeal the Red Cross Acts and put in place a new legal framework for the Irish Red Cross Society	Revised heads are in preparation
Education and Skills		
Education (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill	To make some necessary technical amendments to education legislation	Heads in preparation
Higher Education (Reform) Bill	To modernise the legislative framework underpinning the governance and functions of the Higher Education Authority and the governance structures of the universities	Heads in preparation

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Universities (Amendment) Bill	To ensure compliance with government guidelines on remuneration, allowances, pensions and staffing numbers in the University sector	Work is underway
Employment Affairs & Social Protection		
Organisation of Working Time Act 1997 (Amendment) Bill	To amend the Organisation of Working Time Act 1997 (OWTA) to remove the blanket exclusion of An Garda Siochana and members of the Defence Forces from scope of the OWTA and bring them within scope, subject to the application of the derogations permitted by the Working Time Directive	Work is underway
Social Welfare Bill	To provide a legal basis within the social welfare code for policy, administrative and operational changes	
Finance		
Central Bank Consolidation Bill	To consolidate the corpus of the Central Bank Acts into one statute	Work is underway
Health		
Dental Bill	To replace the Dental Act 1985 and modernise the regulation of dentists and alllied dental professionals.	Work is underway
Health & Wellbeing (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	Heads are in preparation
Health (Adult Safeguarding) Bill	To underpin a new national health sector policy on safeguarding vulnerable adults who are at risk of abuse	Preparatory work is underway

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Health Information and Patient Safety Bill	To provide a legislative framework for the better governance of health information and initiatives including data matching and health information resources for use in the health service and support for clinical audit and patient safety notifications. It will also provide for the extension of HIQA's remit to private health service providers	Heads approved November 2015, PLS completed December 2016
Human Tissue Bill	To deal with post-mortem practice and procedures, anatomical examination and importation and public display. It will also provide for family consent and an opt-out register for organ donation	Heads are in preparation
Mental Health (Amendment) Bill	To give effect to recommendations of an Expert Group Review on mental health legislation	Draft heads are in preparation
Public Health (Sale of Tobacco Products & Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems) Bill	To provide for inter alia, the 1) retail licensing of tobacco products and Non-Medical Nicotine Delivery Systems, 2) prohibition of the sale of tobacco products from self service vending services, 3) prohibition of the sale of tobacco products by persons under 18 years of age, and 4) prohibition of the sale of non-medicinal nicotine delivery systems by, and to persons under 18 years of age	Work is underway
Housing, Planning and Local Government		
Amendment of the Constitution (Extending the Franchise at Presidential Elections) Bill	To amend the Constitution to extend the franchise at Presidential Elections	Preparatory work is underway
Amendment of the Constitution (Voting at 16) Bill	To amend the Constitution to reduce the voting age to 16	Preparatory work is underway

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Title of Bill	Purpose of Bill	Status of Bill
Building Control Bill	To place Construction Industry Register Ireland or CIRI on a statutory footing and thereby provide in law for the registration of builders, contractors and specialist sub-contractors	Heads approved 30th May 2017, PLS has taken place
Electoral Commission Bill	To provide for the establishment of an Electoral Commission	Work is underway
Maritime Area and Foreshore (Amendment) Bill	To streamline the development consent process for the foreshore including, inter alia, the integration of certain parts of the foreshore consent process (under the Foreshore Act 1933) with the existing on-land planning system	Heads approved in July 2013, PLS completed in February 2014
Microbeads Bill	To prohibit the use of plastic microbeads in cosmetics and detergents	Draft Heads are in preparation
Tailte Eireann Bill	To provide for the establishment of Tailte Eireann, for the dissolution of the Property Registration Authority and Ordnance Survey Ireland and to transfer the functions of both bodies to Tailte Eireann, and to provide for the establishment of the offices of the Registrar of Deeds and Title and the Chief State Surveyor, and to make provision in respect of the Commissioner of Valuation	Work is underway
Justice and Equality		
Courts and Civil Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill	To enact provisions relating to electronic courts services and it also includes a wide range of other measures such as amendment of the Bankruptcy and Personal Insolvency Acts	Heads approved on 11th July 2017, Committee decided PLS is not required

All Other Legislation Report

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Title of Bill	Purpose of Bill	Status of Bill
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 completed July 2014
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 (Mutual Recognition of Decisions on Supervision Measures) Bill	To give effect to the Council Framework Decision 2009/829/JHA on the application, between Member States of the European Union, of the principle of mutual recognition to decisions on supervision measures as an alternative to provisional detention	Heads approved in June 2014, drafting is continuing
Criminal Justice (Mutual Recognition of Probation Judgements and Decisions) Bill	To give effect to the Council Framework Decision 2008/947/JHA on the application of the principle of mutual recognition to judgments and probation decisions with a view to the supervision of probation measures and alternative sanctions	Heads approved in January 2014, drafting is continuing
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 travel for the purpose of committing a terrorist offence, facilitating travel for terrorism and receiving training for terrorism	Preparatory work is underway

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Title of Bill	Purpose of Bill	Status of Bill
Criminal Justice (Theft and Fraud Offences) (Amendment) Bill	To transpose EU Directive 2017/1371 on the fight against fraud to the Union's financial interests by means of criminal law	Preparatory work is underway
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
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
Explosives Act 1875 (Section 5 Amendment) Bill	To amend section 5 of the 1875 Act to allow small quantities of very low hazard pyrotechnics such as party poppers or blank cartridges for power tools for retail sale to be stored on retail premises	Heads yet to be prepared
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
Family Leave Bill	To consolidate with amendments all family leave legislation	Work is underway
Firearms Assessment and Appeals Authority Bill	To provide a structure for assessing what firearms should be licensable and for a non-judicial appeals system for licensing refusals	Consultations ongoing
Gambling Control Bill	To provide a comprehensive new licensing and regulatory framework for gambling. The executive regulatory functions are to be performed by a body within the Department	Work is underway

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Garda Siochana (Amendment) Bill	To amend Part 4 of the Garda Siochana Act 2005 which relates to complaints and investigations by the Garda Siochana Ombudsman Commission	Work is underway
Garda Siochána (Compensation) Bill	To provide a revised scheme for compensating Gardai maliciously injured in their work	Further heads approved on 9th May 2017, Joint Committee decided that PLS is not required
Inspection of Places of Detention Bill	To provide for inspection of all places of detention in the Justice area - prisons, Garda stations, courts	Heads under preparation
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	Preparatory work is underway
International Recovery of Child Support (Hague Convention) Bill	To implement the Hague Convention and the Hague Protocol on International Recovery of Child Support and other forms of family maintenance	Heads in preparation
Juries Bill	To give effect to Law Reform Commission Report on Juries	Proposals under consideration
Landlord and Tenant Law Reform Bill	To update and streamline the general law relating to landlord and tenant	Heads approved, work is continuing
Non-Fatal Offences against the Person (Amendment) Bill	To address the criminal law aspects of the Law Reform Commission's report on Harmful Communications	Heads in preparation

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Sale of Alcohol Bill	To codify the law relating to the sale and consumption of alcohol	Heads approved , work is underway
Transfer of Sentenced Persons and Transfer of Execution of Sentences Bill	To implement an EU Framework Decision which provides for transfer of persons between member states where the affected person has not given consent	Heads approved, work is continuing
Public Expenditure and Reform		
Civil Service Regulation (Amendment) and Public Service Management (Amendment) Bill	To allow greater devolution of management and disciplinary functions in the Civil Service	Heads are in preparation
Rural & Community Development		
Occupiers Liability Act 1995 (Amendment) Bill	To amend the Act in order to clarify certain aspects in the context of recent cases and to introduce the foundation principles for an Indemnity Scheme for landowners on Irish Uplands in respect of potential litigation by recreational users	Preparatory work is underway
Taoiseach		
National Economic and Social Development Office (Amendment) Bill	To dissolve the NESDO and place the NESC on a statutory footing	Heads are in preparation
Transport Tourism and Sport		
Aviation Regulation (Amendment) Bill	To amend the regulation of airport charges in Ireland	Heads in preparation

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Aviation Regulatory Reform Bill	To facilitate reform of the overall provision of safety and economic regulatory oversight of the aviation sector in Ireland	Heads in preparation
Irish Aviation Authority (Amendment) Bill	To amend the Irish Aviation Authority Act 1997 to extend the existing powers of the IAA, with regard to its safety regulation function, to recoup costs through fees and charges for its aviation security regulation functions. It will also provide for the recognition of the role of the IAA in compliance monitoring with regard to ICAO Annex 17	Heads approved 13th September 2017, PLS taken on 22nd November 2017
Large Public Service Vehicles Bill	To provide for a new regulatory regime for large public service vehicles	Preparatory work underway
Master Licence Record Bill	To link vehicle and driver records as one interconnected file	Work is underway
Merchant Shipping (International Conventions) Bill	To provide a framework to enable Ireland to become a party to and implement a number of international maritime conventions and to update existing legislative provisions to take account of amendments to other maritime conventions	Heads in preparation
Noise Related Operating Restrictions at Dublin Airport Bill	To facilitate the introduction of noise-related operating restrictions at Dublin Airport and to give full effect and implementation to the provisions of EU Regulatino 598/2014	Work is underway
Road Safety Authority (Amendment) Bill	To update and strengthen the powers of the RSA	Preparatory work is underway
Road Traffic (Compulsory Motor Insurance) Bill	To revise and consolidate legislation on compulsory motor insurance	Preparatory work is underway

Bills before the Dáil and Seanad (23 in total)

Bills on Dáil Order Paper		
	Companies (Statutory Audits) Bill 2017	Order for Second Stage
	Employment (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2017	Order for Second Stage
	Childcare Support Bill 2017	Order for Second Stage
	Industrial Development (Amendment) Act 2017	Order for Second Stage
	Public Health (Alcohol) Bill 2015 [Seanad]	Second Stage
	Road Traffic (Amendment) Bill 2017	Second Stage Resumed
	Domestic Violence Bill 2017 [Seanad]	Committee Stage
	Judicial Appointments Commission Bill 2017	Committee Stage
	Public Sector Standards Bill 2015	Committee Stage
	Heritage Bill 2016 [Seanad]	Committee Stage
	Disability (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2016	Committee Stage
	Social Welfare, Pensions and Civil Registration Bill 2017	Committee Stage
	Criminal Justice (Corruption Offences) Bill 2017	Committee Stage
	Education (Admission to Schools) Bill 2016	Order for Report
	Wildlife (Amendment) Bill 2016	Order for Report
	Hallmarking (Amendment) Bill 2016	Order for Report
	National Archives (Amendment) Bill 2017	Order for Report
	Technological Universities Bill 2015	Report Stage Resumed
	Planning and Development (Amendment) Bill 2016	Report Stage Resumed

Bills on Seanad Order Paper

	Adoption (Information and Tracing) Bill 2016 [Seanad]	Committee Stage
	Sea Fisheries (Amendment) Bill 2017 [Seanad]	Committee Stage
	Judicial Council Bill 2017 [Seanad]	Committee Stage
	Mental Health (Amendment) Bill 2017	Committee Stage

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	Electoral (Amendment) Act 2016
	Health (Amendment) Act 2016
	Water Services (Amendment) Act 2016
	Commission of Investigation (Irish Bank Resolution Corporation) Act 2016
	Misuse of Drugs (Amendment) Act 2016
	Paternity Leave and Benefit Act 2016
	Proceeds of Crime (Amendment) Act 2016
	Energy Act 2016
	Finance (Certain European Union and Intergovernmental Obligations) Act 2016
	National Tourism Development Authority (Amendment) Act 2016
	Social Welfare Act 2016
	Appropriation Act 2016

	Planning and Development (Housing) and Residential Tenancies Act 2016
	Finance Act 2016
	Health Insurance (Amendment) Act 2016
	Statute Law Revision Act 2016
	Road Traffic Act 2016
	Courts Act 2016
	Health (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2017
	Criminal Law (Sexual Offences) Act 2017
	Communications Regulation (Postal Services) (Amendment) Act 2017
	Criminal Justice (Suspended Sentences of Imprisonment) Act 2017
	Heatlh (Amendment) Act 2017
	Knowledge Development Box (Certification of Inventions) Act 2017
	Misuse of Drugs (Supervised Injecting Facilities) Act 2017
	Companies (Accounting) Act 2017
	Courts Act 2017
	Medical Practitioners (Amendment) Act 2017
	Criminal Justice (Offences Relating to Information Systems) Act 2017

	Companies (Amendment) Act 2017
	Competition (Amendment) Act 2017
	Criminal Justice Act 2017
	Inland Fisheries (Amendment) Act 2017
	Petroleum and Other Minerals Development (Prohibition of Onshore Hydraulic Fracturing) Act 2017
	Rugby World Cup 2023 Act 2017
	Adoption (Amendment) Act 2017
	Ministers and Secretaries (Amendment) Act 2017
	Planning and Development (Amendment) Act 2017
	Central Bank and Financial Services Authority of Ireland (Amendment) Act 2017
	Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank Act 2017
	Financial Services and Pensions Ombudsman Act 2017
	Independent Reporting Commission Act 2017
	Minerals Development Act 2017
	National Shared Services Office Act 2017
	Mediation Act 2017
	Criminal Justice (Victims of Crime) Act 2017

	Water Services Act 2017
	Civil Liability (Amendment) Act 2017
	Legal Metrology (Measuring Instruments) Act 2017
	Health and Social Care Professionals (Amendment) Act 2017
	Diplomatic Relations (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2017
	Public Service Pay and Pensions Act 2017
	Appropriation Act 2017
	Health Insurance (Amendment) Act 2017
	Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict (Hague Convention) Act 2017
	Electoral (Amendment) (Dail Constituencies) Act 2017
	Social Welfare Act 2017
	Irish Sign Language Act 2017
	Finance Act 2017

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Adoption (Amendment) Bill 2016

Water Services (Amendment) Bill 2016

Paternity Leave and Benefit Bill 2016

Misuse of Drugs (Amendment) Bill 2016 [Seanad]

Proceeds of Crime (Amendment) Bill 2016 [Seanad]

Commission of Investigation (Irish Bank Resolution Corporation) Bill 2016

Education (Admission to Schools) Bill 2016

Electoral (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill 2016

Health (Amendment) Bill 2016 [Seanad]

Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict (Hague Convention) Bill 2016 [Seanad]

Criminal Justice (Suspended Sentences of Imprisonment) 2016 [Seanad]

Wildlife (Amendment) Bill 2016

Companies (Accounting) Bill 2016

Finance Bill 2016

Courts Bill 2016

Knowledge Development Box (Certification of Inventions) Bill 2016 [Seanad]

Social Welfare Bill 2016

Planning and Development (Housing) and Residential Tenancies Bill 2016 [Seanad]

Health Insurance (Amendment) Bill 2016

Adoption (Information and Tracing) Bill 2016 [Seanad]

Bail (Amendment) Bill 2016

Appropriation Bill 2016

Hallmarking (Amendment) Bill 2016

Communications Regulation (Postal Services) (Amendment) Bill 2016

Disability (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill

Courts (No. 2) Bill 2016

Criminal Justice (Victims of Crime) Bill 2016

Civil Liability (Amendment) Bill 2017

Domestic Violence Bill 2017 [Seanad]

Misuse of Drugs (Supervised Injecting Facilities) Bill 2017

Sea Fisheries (Amendment) Bill 2017 [Seanad]

Mediation Bill 2017

Health (Amendment) Bill 2017

Diplomatic Relations (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2017

Inland Fisheries (Amendment) Bill 2017

Companies (Amendment) Bill 2017 [Seanad]

Financial Services and Pensions Ombudsman Bill 2017

Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank Bill 2017

Judicial Appointments Commission Bill 2017

Judicial Council Bill 2017 [Sseanad]

Health and Social Care Professionals (Amendment) Bill 2017

Independent Reporting Commission Bill 2017

Rugby World Cup (2023) Bill 2017

Legal Metrology (Measuring Instruments) Bill 2017

Planning and Development (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill 2017

Social Welfare, Pensions and Civil Registration Bill 2017

Ministers and Secretaries (Amendment) Bill 2017

Road Traffic (Amendment) Bill 2017

National Archives (Amendment) Bill 2017

Water Services Bill 2017

Finance Bill 2017

Criminal Justice (Corruption Offences) Bill 2017

Companies (Statutory Audits) Bill 2017

Public Service Pay and Pensions Bill 2017

Social Welfare Bill 2017

Health Insurance (Amendment) Bill 2017 [Seanad]

Electoral (Amendment) Dáil Constituencies) Bill 2017

Employment (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2017

Appropriation Bill 2017

Childcare Support Bill 2017

Industrial Development (Amendment) Bill 2018