**LEGISLATION**

**PROGRAMME**

**AUTUMN SESSION 2020**

**Office of the Government Chief Whip**

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| **Priority Legislation for Publication** | | |
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| **Autumn Session 2020** | | |
| **Title of Bill** | **Purpose of Bill** | **Status of Bill** |
| Agriculture, Food and the Marine | | |
| Agriculture Appeals (Amendment) Bill | To align the forestry licencing and appeals processes with similar processes elsewhere | Heads approved on 27th July 2020 |
| Business, Enterprise & Innovation | | |
| 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 |
| Children and Youth Affairs | | |
| 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 15th September 2020, PLS still to be determined |
| Communications, Climate Action and Environment | | |
| Climate Action (Amendment) Bill | To amend the Climate Action and Low Carbon Development Act 2015 in line with governance proposals in the Cilmate Action Plan 2019 and legislative commitments in the Programme for Government | Heads approved on 17th December 2019, PLS to be determined |
| Employment Affairs & Social Protection | | |
| Social Welfare Bill | To implement provisions to be announced in Budget 2021 |  |
| Finance | | |
| 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 |
| Foreign Affairs and Trade | | |
| 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 |
| Health | | |
| 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 |
| 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 |
| Housing, Planning and Local Government | | |
| 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 Mulcreevy 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 rising from a recent Supreme Court case | Heads in preparation |
| Justice and Equality | | |
| 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 |
| Public Expenditure and Reform | | |
| Appropriation Bill | To give statutory effect to individual Estimates as passed by the Dail |  |
| Transport, Tourism and Sport | | |
| 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 |
| 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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| **Autumn Session 2020** | | |
| **Title of Bill** | **Purpose of Bill** | **Status of Bill** |
| Agriculture, Food and the Marine | | |
| 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 |
| Business, Enterprise & Innovation | | |
| 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 |
| 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 |
| Children and Youth Affairs | | |
| 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 15th September 2020, PLS still to be determined |
| Communications, Climate Action and Environment | | |
| 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 |
| Culture, Heritage & the Gaeltacht | | |
| 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 |
| Education | | |
| Residential Institutions Statutory Fund (Dissolution) Bill | To provide for the dissolution of Caranua | Heads expected shortly |
| Finance | | |
| 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 |
| 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 |
| Foreign Affairs and Trade | | |
| Maritime Jurisdiction Bill | To consolidate and update the State's maritime jurisdiction legislation | Heads approved 27th May 2019, PLS still to be determined |
| Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science | | |
| 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 |
| Health | | |
| 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 |
| 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 |
| Housing, Planning and Local Government | | |
| 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 |
| 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 Mulcreevy 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 |
| 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 rising 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 |
| Justice and Equality | | |
| 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 |
| 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 Siochána, 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 |
| Public Expenditure and Reform | | |
| 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 |
| Transport, Tourism and Sport | | |
| 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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| **Autumn Session 2020** | | |
| **Title of Bill** | **Purpose of Bill** | **Status of Bill** |
| Agriculture, Food and the Marine | | |
| 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 |
| Business, Enterprise & Innovation | | |
| 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 |
| 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 |
| Children and Youth Affairs | | |
| 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 |
| Communications, Climate Action aind Environment | | |
| 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 |
| 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 |
| Culture, Heritage & the Gaeltacht | | |
| National Cultural Institutions (National Concert Hall) (Amendment) Bill | To give the National Concert Hall legal responsibility for the National Symphony Orchestra | Heads in preparation |
| Defence | | |
| 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 |
| Education | | |
| 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 |
| Employment Affairs & Social Protection | | |
| 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 |  |
| Finance | | |
| Bretton Woods Agreements (Amendment) Bill | To facilitate Irelands 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 |
| 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 |
| Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science | | |
| 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 |
| 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 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 |
| 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 |
| Housing, Planning and Local Government | | |
| 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 |
| Justice and Equality | | |
| 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 |
| 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 15th September 2020, PLS still to be determined |
| 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 15th 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 |
| 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 |
| 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 |
| 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 |
| Public Expenditure and Reform | | |
| 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 |
| Rural and Community Development | | |
| 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 |
| Transport, Tourism and Sport | | |
| Horse Drawn Carriages Bill | To repeal the Dublin Carriage Acts 1853-55 and relieve An Garda Siochana 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 |
| 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)**

| **Bills on Dáil Order Paper** | | |
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|  | 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** |
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|  | Gender Pay Gap Information Bill 2019 | **Order for Report** |

| **Bills on Seanad Order Paper** | | |
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|  | 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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| **Bills Enacted** | |
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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 |
|  | Ministers and Secretaries and Ministerial, Parliamentary, Judicial and Court Offices (Amendment) Act 2020 |
|  | Social Welfare (COVID-19) (Amendment) Act 2020 |
|  | Civi Law and Criminal Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2020 |
|  | Criminal Justice (Enforcement Powers) (Covid-19) Act 2020 |