

**LEGISLATION
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Priority Legislation for Publication
This Session (Spring 2021)

<u>Title of Bill</u>	<u>Purpose of Bill</u>	<u>Date Pre-Legislative Scrutiny (PLS) took place / Expected Date of Pre-Legislative Scrutiny</u>
<u>Agriculture, Food and the Marine</u>		
Animal Health & Welfare (Prohibition on Fur Farming) 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	Work is underway
<u>Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth</u>		
Child and Family Agency (Amendment) Bill	Amendments to the Child and Family Agency Act 2013 are required to provide for the Minister for Education and Skills to have oversight functions in relation to Tusla's education welfare functions	Heads in preparation
Parents' Leave and Benefit (Amendment) Bill	To amend the Parents' Leave and Benefit Act 2019 to extend the period of parents' leave and benefit and the period in which the leave can be taken and to amend the Adoptive Leave Act 1995 to provide for adoptive leave and benefits for male same sex adoptive couples	Heads approved, PLS still to be determined
<u>Enterprise, Trade and Employment</u>		
Companies (Corporate Enforcement Authority) Bill	To establish the ODCE as an agency, to be known as the Corporate Enforcement Authority and to give effect to some recommendations of the Company Law Review Group in the areas of corporate governance shares and share capital	Heads approved 4 December 2018, PLS is underway
Competition (Amendment) Bill	To provide for the reform of competition enforcement including the transposition of the ECN+ Directive which includes powers for competition authorities to avail of administrative/civil sanctions and leniency/immunity measures.	Work 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 approved on 29th September 2020, PLS has taken place
<u>Environment, Climate and Communications</u>		

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Climate Action and Low Carbon Development (Amendment) Bill	To amend the Climate Action and Low Carbon Development Act 2015 to provide for a significantly strengthened statutory framework for governance of the climate challenge and to ensure continual long-term planning for the realisation of Ireland's 2050 vision, enforcing climate targets and reporting progress on the way	Heads approved on 17th December 2019 & 22nd September 2020, PLS has taken place
<u>Finance</u>		
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 approved on 22nd October 2019, PLS still to be determined
European Stability Mechanism (Amendment) Bill	To give effect to the amendments to the ESM Treaty	Heads in preparation
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
Taxation and Certain Other Matters (International Mutual Assistance) Bill	To transpose elements of the OECD Mutual Convention on Administrative Assistance and the EU/Switzerland Anti-Fraud Agreement	Heads approved
<u>Foreign Affairs</u>		
Maritime Jurisdiction Bill	To update and consolidate the State's maritime jurisdiction legislation	Heads approved 27th May 2019, PLS still to be determined
<u>Health</u>		
Assisted Human Reproduction Bill	To provide a legislative framework for the regulation of assisted human reproduction practices and associated research	Heads approved 3rd October 2017, PLS has taken place

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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 still to be determined
Nursing Home Support Scheme (Amendment) Bill	To give effect to the recommendation of the Fair Deal Review and deliver on the Programme for Government commitment to help ensure the continued viability of family-run farms and businesses, especially for those for whom early succession planning has not been possible and by introducing further safeguards in the Nursing Homes Support Scheme	Heads approved 11th June 2019, PLS has taken place
<u>Housing, Local Government and Heritage</u>		
Affordable Housing Bill	To give legislative effect to the Government's affordable housing policy	Work is underway
Land Development Agency Bill	To establish the Land Development Agency on a primary legislative footing	Revised Heads approved on 20th October 2020, PLS has taken place
Local Government (Directly Elected Mayor - Limerick) Bill	To provide for a Directly Elected Mayor with executive functions in Limerick City & County	Heads in preparation
Maritime Area (Planning) 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 has taken place
Planning and Development and Nature Conservation (Heritage) Functions Bill	To amend the Planning and Development and Wildlife Acts to deal with Mulcreavy and other issues arising as a result of the transfer of Heritage functions to this Department	Heads approved on 28th October 2020, Committee agreed to waive PLS

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<u>Title of Bill</u>	<u>Purpose of Bill</u>	<u>Date Pre-Legislative Scrutiny (PLS) took place / Expected Date of Pre-Legislative Scrutiny</u>
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	Heads approved on 29th September 2020, PLS is underway
<u>Justice</u>		
Criminal Justice (Amendment) 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 (Mutual Recognition of Custodial Sentences) Bill	To provide for a revised system of prisoner transfer within the EU implementing Framework Decision 2008/909/JHA	Heads approved on 21st July 2020, PLS still to be determined
Criminal Justice (Smuggling of Persons) Bill	To implement the Council Directive 2002/90/EC on facilitating unauthorised entry, transit and residence, and to implement EU Framework Decision 2002/946/JHA on the related penal framework and the UN Protocol against smuggling of migrants	Heads approved 27th July, 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
Garda Siochána (Compensation) Bill	To provide for a new scheme for compensation for members of An Garda Siochana maliciously injured in the course of their duties	Heads approved 9th May 2017, Committee agreed to waive PLS
Judicial Appointments Commission Bill	To amend the law in relation to judicial appointments and to establish a Judicial Appointments Commission to make recommendations with regard to judicial appointments	Heads approved 15th December 2020, PLS still to be determined
Private Security Services Amendment Bill	To amend section 2, 3, 33 of the 2004 Private Security Services Act and Repeal Section 4 (4) of the Enforcement of Court Orders Act 1926	Heads approved on 26th November 2019, Committee agreed to waive PLS

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<u>Title of Bill</u>	<u>Purpose of Bill</u>	<u>Date Pre-Legislative Scrutiny (PLS) took place / Expected Date of Pre-Legislative Scrutiny</u>
Sex Offenders (Amendment) Bill	To change the monitoring arrangements for convicted sex offenders, to reduce the period within which they must notify a change in whereabouts, provides for electronic monitoring and retention of photographs and fingerprints, and also provides for limited disclosure of information relating to a sex offender where necessary to avoid a serious risk to public safety	Heads approved 6th June 2018, PLS has taken place
<u>Social Protection</u>		
Social Welfare and Civil Registration (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill	To amend social welfare and civil registration legislation	Heads in preparation
<u>Transport</u>		
Merchant Shipping (Investigation of Marine Casualties) (Amendment) Bill	To amend the Merchant Shipping (Investigation of Marine Casualties) Act 2000 to address issues relating to the Marine Casualty Investigation Board	Heads approved 8th December 2020, PLS still to be determined
Road Traffic (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill	To provide for traffic management on M50, motor insurance database and other road traffic matters as well as provisions relating to e-scooters and scramblers	Heads approved 18th December 2018 & 21st November 2019, PLS still to be determined

Bills that are expected to undergo Pre-Legislative Scrutiny

This Session (Spring 2021)

<u>Title of Bill</u>	<u>Purpose of Bill</u>	<u>Status of Bill</u>
<u>Agriculture, Food and the Marine</u>		
Animal Health & Welfare (Prohibition on Fur Farming) 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	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 resolve some typographical errors in the Act of 2006 and introduce other miscellaneous and technical amendments	Work is underway
<u>Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth</u>		
Certain Institutional Burials (Authorised Interventions) Bill	To provide the statutory basis and framework under which Government may decide to authorise interventions at certain sites where manifestly inappropriate burials have taken place associated with institutions operated by or on behalf of the State or in respect of which the State had clear regulatory or supervisory responsibilities	Heads approved 10th December 2019, PLS still to be determined
Child and Family Agency (Amendment) Bill	Amendments to the Child and Family Agency Act 2013 are required to provide for the Minister for Education and Skills to have oversight functions in relation to Tusla's education welfare functions	Heads in preparation
Parents' Leave and Benefit (Amendment) Bill	To amend the Parents' Leave and Benefit Act 2019 to extend the period of parents' leave and benefit and the period in which the leave can be taken and to amend the Adoptive Leave Act 1995 to provide for adoptive leave and benefits for male same sex adoptive couples	Heads approved, PLS still to be determined
<u>Education</u>		
Dissolution of Caranua Bill	To provide for the dissolution of Caranua	Heads in preparation

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<u>Title of Bill</u>	<u>Purpose of Bill</u>	<u>Status of Bill</u>
<u>Enterprise, Trade and Employment</u>		
Companies (Corporate Enforcement Authority) Bill	To establish the ODCE as an agency, to be known as the Corporate Enforcement Authority and to give effect to some recommendations of the Company Law Review Group in the areas of corporate governance shares and share capital	Heads approved 4 December 2018, PLS is underway
Competition (Amendment) Bill	To provide for the reform of competition enforcement including the transposition of the ECN+ Directive which includes powers for competition authorities to avail of administrative/civil sanctions and leniency/immunity measures.	Work is underway
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
Industrial Development (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill	To provide that IDA Ireland would partner with the Ireland Strategic Investment Fund (ISIF) to commercially develop advance office buildings on IDA-owned lands in regional areas and amendments to the National Standards Authority of Ireland Act 1996	Revised heads in preparation
<u>Environment, Climate and Communications</u>		
Circular Economy Bill	To provide a legislative underpinning for measures promoting the development of the circular economy	Draft heads in preparation
Gas (Amendment) Bill	To provide for the integration of Ervia into Gas Networks Ireland	Draft Heads in preparation

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<u>Title of Bill</u>	<u>Purpose of Bill</u>	<u>Status of Bill</u>
<u>Finance</u>		
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 approved on 22nd October 2019, PLS still to be determined
European Stability Mechanism (Amendment) Bill	To give effect to the amendments to the ESM Treaty	Heads in preparation
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
<u>Foreign Affairs</u>		
Maritime Jurisdiction Bill	To update and consolidate the State's maritime jurisdiction legislation	Heads approved 27th May 2019, PLS still to be determined
<u>Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science</u>		
Higher Education Commission Bill	To replace the Higher Education Authority Act 1971 and revise the functions and governance of the Higher Education Authority and provide for revised functions and governance in the Higher Education sector, it also provides for amendments to various other Acts	Heads in preparation
<u>Health</u>		

Bills that are expected to undergo Pre-Legislative Scrutiny

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<u>Title of Bill</u>	<u>Purpose of Bill</u>	<u>Status of Bill</u>
Disability Services (Transfer of Functions) Bill	To provide the legislative basis for the transfer of policy, functions and funding responsibility relating to specialist community-based disability services from the Minister for Health to the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth	Work is underway
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
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 still to be determined
Public Health (Tobacco and Nicotine Inhaling Products) Bill	To introduce a licensing system for the sale of tobacco and nicotine inhaling products (including e-cigarettes) and other related matters	Heads approved 22nd October 2019, PLS still to be determined
<u>Housing, Local Government and Heritage</u>		
Affordable Housing Bill	To give legislative effect to the Government's affordable housing policy	Work is underway
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	Heads approved 15 th December 2020, 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	Heads in preparation

Bills that are expected to undergo Pre-Legislative Scrutiny

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<u>Title of Bill</u>	<u>Purpose of Bill</u>	<u>Status of Bill</u>
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 provide for reform of judicial review provisions in the Planning and Development Act 2000	Heads approved on 30th October 2019, PLS still to be determined
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
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	Heads approved on 29th September 2020, PLS is underway
Water Services Separation Bill	To provide for the separation of Irish Water from the Ervia Group and related matters	Heads in preparation
<u>Justice</u>		
Criminal Justice (Amendment) 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 (Exploitation of Children in the Commission of Offences) Bill	To criminalise adults who induce or groom children into committing offences	Heads approved 15th December 2020, PLS still to be determined

Bills that are expected to undergo Pre-Legislative Scrutiny

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<u>Title of Bill</u>	<u>Purpose of Bill</u>	<u>Status of Bill</u>
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 (Mutual Recognition of Custodial Sentences) Bill	To provide for a revised system of prisoner transfer within the EU implementing Framework Decision 2008/909/JHA	Heads approved on 21st July 2020, PLS still to be determined
Criminal Justice (Smuggling of Persons) Bill	To implement the Council Directive 2002/90/EC on facilitating unauthorised entry, transit and residence, and to implement EU Framework Decision 2002/946/JHA on the related penal framework and the UN Protocol against smuggling of migrants	Heads approved 27th July, 2020, PLS still to be determined
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 15th September 2020, PLS still to be determined
Family Court Bill	To establish a Family Court as a separate division within the existing court structures	Heads approved on 29th September 2020, PLS still to be determined
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
Hate Crime Bill	To provide for new, aggravated forms of certain criminal offences where they are motivated by prejudice and to repeal and replace the offences in the 1989 Prohibition of Incitement to Hatred Act	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	Heads in preparation

Bills that are expected to undergo Pre-Legislative Scrutiny

This Session (Spring 2021)

<u>Title of Bill</u>	<u>Purpose of Bill</u>	<u>Status of Bill</u>
Judicial Appointments Commission Bill	To amend the law in relation to judicial appointments and to establish a Judicial Appointments Commission to make recommendations with regard to judicial appointments	Heads approved 15th December 2020, PLS still to be determined
Policing and Community Safety Bill	To recognise the role of the Garda Síochána in the prevention of harm and to place a reciprocal obligation on other public service bodies to cooperate with the Garda Síochána, to provide for a coherent governance and oversight framework for policing, to provide a strategic framework at national and local level to enhance community safety, and to strengthen oversight of security legislation	Work is underway
<u>Public Expenditure and Reform</u>		
Protected Disclosures (Amendment) Bill	To transpose the EU Whistleblowing Directive	Heads in preparation
<u>Social Protection</u>		
Social Welfare and Civil Registration (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill	To amend social welfare and civil registration legislation	Heads in preparation
<u>Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media</u>		
Online Safety and Media Regulation Bill	To provide for the establishment of a Media Commission, the dissolution of the Broadcasting Authority of Ireland, a regulatory framework for online safety to tackle the spread and amplification of harmful online content, updates to the regulation of audiovisual media services and the implementation of the revised Audiovisual Media Services Directive	Heads approved on 9th January & 8th December 2020, PLS still to be determined
<u>Transport</u>		

Bills that are expected to undergo Pre-Legislative Scrutiny

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<u>Title of Bill</u>	<u>Purpose of Bill</u>	<u>Status of Bill</u>
Merchant Shipping (Investigation of Marine Casualties) (Amendment) Bill	To amend the Merchant Shipping (Investigation of Marine Casualties) Act 2000 to address issues relating to the Marine Casualty Investigation Board	Heads approved 8th December 2020, PLS still to be determined
Public Transport (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill	To provide for technical amendments to a number of Acts in order to enable the delivery of BusConnects	Heads in preparation
Road Traffic (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill	To provide for traffic management on M50, motor insurance database and other road traffic matters as well as provisions relating to e-scooters and scramblers	Heads approved 18th December 2018 & 21st November 2019, PLS still to be determined

All Other Legislation Report

This Session (Spring 2021)

<u>Title of Bill</u>	<u>Purpose of Bill</u>	<u>Status of Bill</u>
<u>Agriculture, Food and the Marine</u>		
Control of Horses Bill	To modernise and amend the current Control of Horses Act 1996	Preparatory work is underway
<u>Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth</u>		
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
Birth and Early Life Information Bill	To provide access to birth and early life information for persons who are adopted or who otherwise have questions in relation to their origins	Preparatory work is underway
Children (Amendment - Guardian Ad Litem) Bill	The purpose of the Bill is to reform existing ad hoc Guardian ad litem arrangements in child care proceedings (Section 26 of Child Care Act 1991)	Work is underway
Children (Amendment) 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
Disability (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill	To ensure implementation of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities	Revised heads in preparation
Domestic Violence Bill	To provide for paid leave relating to domestic violence as referenced in the Programme for Government	Preparatory work is underway
Health (Amendment) Bill	To amend the Health Act to allow for children or adults with a disability to be placed temporarily in an emergency placement where the life, health or welfare of residents are at serious risk	Preparatory work is underway

All Other Legislation Report

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<u>Title of Bill</u>	<u>Purpose of Bill</u>	<u>Status of Bill</u>
Maternity Protection (Amendment) Bill	To extend the period during which breastfeeding breaks can be taken from 26 weeks to two years.	Preparatory work is underway
Work-life Balance Directive Bill	To increase the participation of women in the labour market and the take-up of family-related leave and flexible working arrangements. It also provides opportunities for workers to be granted leave to care for relatives who need support	Preparatory work is underway
<u>Defence</u>		
Red Cross Bill	To revise the Red Cross Acts and put in place a new legal framework for the Irish Red Cross Society	Revised heads are in preparation
<u>Education</u>		
Education (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill	To make some necessary technical amendments to education legislation	Heads are in preparation
Retention of Records Bill	To preserve the records of the Commission to Inquire into Child Abuse and the Residential Institutes Redress Board	Work is underway
<u>Enterprise, Trade and Employment</u>		
Amendment of the Constitution (Unified Patent Court) Bill	To amend the Constitution in order to allow for Ireland's participation in a Unified Patent Court	
Co-operative Societies Bill	To consolidate and modernise the existing Industrial and Provident Societies legislation and to ensure that an effective legislative framework suitable for the diverse range of organisations using the co-operative model in Ireland is in place	Heads in preparation

All Other Legislation Report

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<u>Title of Bill</u>	<u>Purpose of Bill</u>	<u>Status of Bill</u>
Companies (Amendment) Bill	To provide for a dedicated rescue process for small companies and to make changes to relevant provisions of company law in respect of the rights of employees, as creditors, concerning the liquidation of a company	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
Investment Screening Bill	To develop an Investment Screening Mechanism which will empower the Minister to respond to threats to Ireland's security and public order posed by particular types of foreign investment, and to prevent or mitigate such threats	Heads approved 27th July 2020, PLS still to be determined
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 enhance and reform the role of the Personal Injuries Assessment Board to increase the number of cases which are settled by PIAB without recourse to litigation	Heads in preparation
Statutory Sick Pay Bill	To introduce a statutory sick pay scheme for Ireland	Work is underway
<u>Environment, Climate and Communications</u>		
Aarhus Convention Bill	To consolidate and further Ireland's implementation of the access to justice provisions of the Aarhus Convention	Work is underway
Inland Fisheries (Consolidation) Bill	To consolidate and modernise existing inland fisheries legislation	Work is underway

All Other Legislation Report

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<u>Title of Bill</u>	<u>Purpose of Bill</u>	<u>Status of Bill</u>
<u>Finance</u>		
Bretton Woods Agreements (Amendment) Bill	To facilitate Irelands participation in the IMF's New Arrangements to Borrow and streamline procedures for contributing to IMF Trust Funds	Preparatory work is underway
Central Bank (Amendment) Bill	To introduce the Senior Executive Accountability Regime	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
State Claims Agency Bill	To establish the State Claims Agency (SCA) as a discrete corporate body within the NTMA including establishing an SCA Board with responsibility for all SCA functions	Preparatory work is underway
<u>Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science</u>		
Industrial Training Act (Amendment) Bill	To extend the scope of the Industrial Training Act 1967 to cover certain areas of activity currently excluded from the development of apprenticeships	Work is underway
Licensing of Construction Workers Bill	To provide for the establishment of a statutory licensing system for construction and related activities	Preparatory work is underway
<u>Health</u>		

All Other Legislation Report

This Session (Spring 2021)

<u>Title of Bill</u>	<u>Purpose of Bill</u>	<u>Status of Bill</u>
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
Health (Alteration of Criteria for Eligibility) Bill	To extend eligibility for medical cards in cases of terminal illness	Work is underway
Health (Amendment) (Licensing of Professional Home Support Providers) Bill	To regulate home-support services through the licensing of both public and private providers	Work is underway
Health (Amendment) Bill	To enhance the oversight and regulation of nursing homes	Preparatory work is underway
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
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 to Termination of Pregnancy Services 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, Local Government and Heritage

All Other Legislation Report

This Session (Spring 2021)

<u>Title of Bill</u>	<u>Purpose of Bill</u>	<u>Status of Bill</u>
Building Control (Construction Industry Register Ireland) Bill	To place Construction Industry Register Ireland (CIRI) on a statutory footing and thereby provide in law for the registration of builders, contractors and specialist sub-contractors	Heads approved on 30 May 2017, PLS has taken place
Electoral (Amendment) Bill	To extend the franchise at presidential elections if proposal to amend the Constitution is approved	
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
Housing (Amendment) Bill	To amend the provisions of the 2009 Act which relate to the assessment of a household's eligibility and need for social housing support for the purposes of determining whether the household is qualified for such support, and an appropriate form of such support for that household	Work is underway
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
Planning and Development (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill	To support housing and urban development	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

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Wildlife (Amendment) Bill	To give effect to the proposed reconfiguration of the raised bog Natural Heritage Area network arising from the 2014 Review and to provide for a review of blanket bog Natural Heritage Areas and place a duty on public bodies to promote the conservation of biodiversity	Work is underway
<u>Justice</u>		
Children (Amendment) Bill	To amend the Children Act 2001 to provide for alternative sanctions to fully and partly suspended sentences, including for children who will transition to adulthood while subject to a court-ordered sanction	Heads 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 courts administration and other civil law reform measures including licensing, land and conveyancing, international protection, civil legal aid, legal services regulation	Heads approved 9th January 2020, PLS still to be determined
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	Revised Heads underway
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 (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

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<u>Title of Bill</u>	<u>Purpose of Bill</u>	<u>Status of Bill</u>
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
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 Bill	To provide for a modern approach to the licencing of gambling activities and to establish a gambling regulator	Revised heads underway
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
Interception of Postal Packets and Telecommunications Messages (Regulation) (Amendment) Bill	To amend various pieces of legislation in respect of electronic communications	Revised Heads in preparation

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International Criminal Court (Amendment) Bill	To give effect to the Kampala Amendment to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court in relation to the crime of aggression	Work is underway
Irish Nationality and Citizenship (Amendment) Bill	To provide for amendments to the sexual offences legislation arising from the recommendations of the O'Malley review and the recommendations of the Law Reform Commission in relation to reasonable belief in consent	Heads approved 25th July 2019, PLS still to be determined
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
Sexual Offences Bill	To provide for amendments to the sexual offences legislation arising from the recommendations of the O'Malley review and the recommendations of the Law Reform Commission in relation to reasonable belief in consent	Work is underway
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

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<u>Public Expenditure and Reform</u>		
Civil Service Regulation (Amendment) Bill	To provide that serious disciplinary action up to and including dismissal in the civil service can be assigned below the level of the head of the organisation	Heads approved 11 April 2018, PLS has taken place
<u>Rural and Community Development</u>		
Charities (Amendment) Bill	To make amendments to the Charities Act 2009 which would include accounting, audit and reporting requirements, responsibilities of trustees and the operation of the Register of Charities and other matters	Heads in preparation
Dog Breeding Establishment (Amendment) Bill	To make a number of amendments to the Dog Breeding Establishments Act 2010	Heads in preparation
<u>Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media</u>		
National Cultural Institutions (National Concert Hall) (Amendment) Bill	To give the National Concert Hall legal responsibility for the National Symphony Orchestra	Heads in preparation
<u>Transport</u>		
Horse Drawn Carriages Bill	To repeal the Dublin Carriage Acts 1853-55 and relieve An Garda Síochána of responsibility for the regulation and licensing of horse-drawn carriages in Dublin and asset the power of local authorities, including Dublin City Council, to regulate horse-drawn carriages within their respective functional areas	Preparatory work is underway
International Aviation Agreements Bill	To make legal provision for the Beijing Convention 2010 and the Montreal Protocol 2014 in Ireland	Work is in preparation

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Large Public Service Vehicle Reform Bill	To streamline the procedure for the LPSV licensing framework and to eliminate overlap and duplication within the current LPSV licensing regime	Preliminary work is underway
Merchant Shipping (International Conventions) Bill	To provide for the national implementation of certain International Maritime Conventions, the updating of existing statutes in respect of other conventions and provision of some miscellaneous maritime safety amendments	Heads in preparation
Railway Safety (Amendment) Bill	To amend the statutory limits for concentration of alcohol in blood, urine and breath for a railway safety critical worker and to update procedures for sampling and testing for intoxicants and associated procedures under the Railway Safety Act 2005 and a number of other updating provisions	Heads approved 22th May 2018, PLS has taken place
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

BILLS PUBLISHED

Bills before the Dáil and Seanad (14 in total)

<u>Bills on Dáil Order Paper</u>	
Thirty-Ninth Amendment of the Constitution (Presidential Elections) Bill 2019	Order for Second Stage
Counterfeiting Bill 2020	Order for Second Stage
Public Service Pay Bill 2020	Order for Second Stage
Education (Student and Parent Charter) Bill 2019 [Seanad]	Second Stage
Criminal Justice (Theft and Fraud Offences) (Amendment) Bill 2020 [Seanad]	Second Stage
Broadcasting (Amendment) Bill 2019	Awaiting Committee
Defence Forces (Evidence) Bill 2019	Awaiting Committee
Patient Safety (Notifiable Patient Safety Incidents) Bill 2019	Awaiting Committee
Official Languages (Amendment) Bill 2019	Awaiting Committee
Perjury and Related Offences Bill 2018 [Seanad]	Awaiting Committee
Gender Pay Gap Information Bill 2019	Order for Report
Defence (Amendment) Bill 2020	Order for Report

<u>Bills on Seanad Order Paper</u>	
Personal Insolvency (Amendment) Bill 2020 [Seanad]	Order for Second Stage
Criminal Justice (Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing) (Amendment) Bill 2020	Second Stage

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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
	Civil Law and Criminal Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2020
	Criminal Justice (Enforcement Powers) (Covid-19) Act 2020
	Forestry (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2020
	Regulated Professions (Health and Social Care) (Amendment) Act 2020
	Railway Safety (Reporting And Investigation Of Serious Accidents, Accidents And Incidents Involving Certain Railways) Act 2020
	Residential Tenancies Act 2020
	Commission of Investigation (Mother and Baby Homes and certain related Matters) Records, and another Matter, Act 2020
	Health (Amendment) Act 2020

	Criminal Justice (Mutual Recognition of Decisions on Supervision Measures) Act 2020
	Credit Union Restructuring Board (Dissolution) Act 2020
	Withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the European Union (Consequential Provisions) Act 2020
	Finance (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2020
	Health Insurance (Amendment) Act 2020
	Planning and Development, and Residential Tenancies Act 2020
	Central Mental Hospital (Relocation) Act 2020
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	Finance Act 2020
	Social Welfare Act 2020
	Investment Limited Partnership (Amendment) Act 2020
	Harassment, Harmful Communications and Related Offences Act 2020

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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]

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Finance (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2020 [Seanad]

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Central Mental Hospital (Relocation) Bill 2020

Air Navigation and Transport Bill 2020

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Personal Insolvency (Amendment) Bill 2020 [Seanad]

Counterfeiting Bill 2020

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