

SECTION A

Bills expected to be published during the Summer Session

Agriculture Fisheries and Food

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| 1 | Veterinary Practice (Amendment) Bill | To enable the Minister to make regulations providing that specified procedures carried out on animals are not restricted to registered veterinary practitioners or registered veterinary nurses and to make a number of technical improvements to the Act in light of experience of operation |
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Communications Energy and Natural Resources

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| 2 | Energy (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill | To provide a legal framework in primary legislation for the placing of energy efficiency obligations on energy suppliers and distributors and to provide for miscellaneous amendments to energy legislation |
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Community Equality and Gaeltacht Affairs

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| 3 | Dormant Accounts (Amendment) Bill | To provide for the exercise by the Minister of certain functions relating to the Dormant Accounts Fund, to provide for the dissolution of the Dormant Accounts Board, to amend the Dormant Accounts Act 2001 and to provide for related matters |
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Education and Skills

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| 4 | Qualifications and Quality Assurance (Education and Training) Bill | To replace the Qualifications (Education and Training) Act 1999 in order to amalgamate the National Qualifications Authority of Ireland, the Higher Education and Training Awards Council and the Further Education and Training Awards Council. The new organisation will also take responsibility for the external quality assurance review of the universities, a function which is currently performed by the Irish Universities Quality Board and the Higher Education Authority |
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Enterprise Trade and Innovation

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| 5 | Patents (Amendment) Bill | To allow for the ratification of the London Agreement on the Application of Article 65 of the European Patent Convention |
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Environment Heritage and Local Government

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| 6 | Electoral (Amendment) (Political Funding) Bill | To amend the electoral acts so as to implement political funding commitments set out in the Programme for Government |
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- 7 **Electoral Commission Bill** To establish a new Electoral Commission to subsume the functions of existing bodies and the Department of the Environment and also to introduce a statutory register of lobbyists, and rules concerning the practice of lobbying
- 8 **Local Government Services Corporate Bodies (Amendment) Bill** To remove any legal doubt as to the constitutionality of any new body established under the 1971 Act and to facilitate the re-organisation, merger or abolition of State agencies as referred to and recommended in the Report "Transforming Public Services", Budget 2009 and the Report of the Special Group on Public Service Numbers and Expenditure Programmes

Finance

- 9 **Betting (Amendment) Bill** To amend the Betting Act 1931 with the object of bringing remote betting (including betting exchanges) within the existing regulatory framework and to make some incidental amendments generally to bookmakers' licensing arrangements
- 10 **Central Bank (Supervision and Enforcement) Bill** To provide for the enhancement of financial regulation, expanding the supervisory and enforcement powers of the Central Bank
- 11 **Finance (No. 2) Bill** To give legislative form to the taxation measures envisaged in the "Jobs Fund" as stated in the Programme for National Recovery. It will also provide for necessary taxation changes as a result of the Civil Partnership Act 2010
- 12 **Fiscal Responsibility Bill** To provide a statutory basis for a range of fiscal policy and expenditure management reforms
- 13 **Ministers and Secretaries (Amendment) Bill** To provide for the establishment of a Department of Public Expenditure and Reform and for the establishment of the Department of Children and Youth Affairs
- 14 **Public Service Pensions (Single Scheme) Bill** To provide a new single pension scheme for new entrants to the public service and for related matters

Justice and Equality

- 15 **Courts (Enforcement of Maintenance and Appointment of Taxing Master) Bill** To provide for better enforcement of maintenance and the qualifications for appointment of a Taxing Master
- 16 **Criminal Justice Bill** To amend the criminal law to improve certain procedural matters and strengthen Garda investigative powers in relation to white collar crime
- 17 **European Arrest Warrant (Extension) and Extradition (Amendment) Bill** To give effect to the terms of the Report of the Extradition Law Review Group and to the EU-Norway/Iceland agreement on surrender. To enable ratification of the protocols to the 1957 Convention on Extradition
- 18 **Spent Convictions Bill** To provide that in the case of convicted persons whose sentence is below a specific threshold (6 months imprisonment or a fine), they may, under certain circumstances, withhold details of the conviction

Social Protection

- 19 **Social Welfare and Pensions Bill** To provide for change to the Social Welfare Code required under the IMF/EU MoU, to make outstanding Budget 2011 changes to PRSI and to make changes to the Pensions Act 1990

Transport Tourism and Sport

- 20 **National Tourism Development Authority (Amendment) Bill** To amend Section 24 (2) of the National Tourism Development Authority Act 2003 to increase the aggregate level of moneys provided by the Oireachtas in relation to expenditure on capital projects

SECTION B

Bills in respect of which heads have been agreed and texts are being drafted

	<u>Title of Bill</u>	<u>Purpose of Bill</u>	<u>Status of Bill</u>
<u>Agriculture Fisheries and Food</u>			
21	Animal Health and Welfare Bill	To consolidate and update existing legislation in the areas of animal health and welfare, including the repeal of several extant statutes, the responsibility for the welfare of all animals within the Department and to ban fur farming	Publication Expected - Not possible to indicate at this stage
22	Forestry Bill	To reform and update the legislative framework relating to forestry in order to support the development of a modern forestry sector, which enshrines the principles of sustainable forest management and protection of the environment	Publication Expected - Late 2011
<u>Communications Energy and Natural Resources</u>			
23	Geothermal Energy Development Bill	To provide a legislative framework for the vesting, licensing and regulation of the development of geothermal energy	Publication Expected - Late 2011
24	Minerals Development Bill	To modernise and consolidate all mineral development legislation	Publication Expected - Late 2011
<u>Defence</u>			
25	Defence (Amendment) (Discipline) Bill	To modernise offences against Military Law as laid down in Chapter II of Part V of the Defence Act 1954	Publication Expected - Early 2012
<u>Enterprise Trade and Innovation</u>			
26	Companies Consolidation and Reform Bill	To bring greater clarification to the companies code and to modernise Irish company law through the consolidation of the existing 15 Company Law Acts, other regulations and case law.	Publication Expected - Mid 2012
<u>Environment Heritage and Local Government</u>			
27	Environmental Liability Bill	To effect full transposition of the Environmental Liability Directive including some of the discretionary provisions therein	Publication Expected - Late 2011
28	Monuments Bill	To consolidate, update and improve the legislative code governing the protection and regulation of the national archaeological heritage	Publication Expected - Mid 2012

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29	Noise Nuisance Bill	To extend and improve the powers available to Enforcement authorities to prevent, reduce or abate noise nuisances, in particular noise from continuously sounding alarms	Publication Expected - Not possible to indicate at this stage
<u>Finance</u>			
30	Customs Bill	To consolidate and modernise national legislation relating to the administration of Customs by a single piece of legislation	Publication Expected - Late 2011
<u>Health and Children</u>			
31	Health Information Bill	To provide a legislative framework for the better governance of health information so as to enhance individual patient care and safety and achieve wider health service goals and to provide for a streamlined structure for multi site health research ethics approval	Publication Expected - Late 2011
<u>Justice and Equality</u>			
32	Civil Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill	To provide for a range of civil law matters in relation to the courts and other matters	Publication Expected - Late 2011
33	Criminal Justice (Cybercrime) Bill	To enable ratification of the Council of Europe Convention on Cybercrime and the transposition of the EU Framework Decision on Attacks Against Information Systems	Publication Expected - Early 2012
34	Criminal Justice (Forensic Evidence and DNA Database System) Bill	To provide for the establishment of a DNA database and related matters	Publication Expected - Late 2011
35	Criminal Justice (Legal Aid) Bill	To provide for amendment of the Criminal Justice (Legal Aid) Act 1962	Publication Expected - Late 2011
36	Criminal Justice (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill	To provide for a range of amendments to earlier legislation	Publication Expected - Late 2011
37	Criminal Justice (Mutual Assistance) (Amendment) Bill	To give effect to a number of EU Framework Decisions	Publication Expected - Late 2011
38	Explosives Bill	To repeal the Explosives Act 1875 and replace it with a modern statutory framework for the control of the manufacture, storage, importation and supply of explosives	Publication Expected - Late 2011
39	Judicial Council Bill	To provide effective remedies for complaints about judicial misbehaviour including lay participation in the investigation of complaints	Publication Expected - Late 2011

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	<u>Title of Bill</u>	<u>Purpose of Bill</u>	<u>Status of Bill</u>
40	Mental Capacity Bill	To reform the law on mental capacity, taking into account the Law Reform Commission's Report on Vulnerable Adults and the law	Publication Expected - Late 2011
41	Sale of Alcohol Bill	To codify the law relating to the sale and consumption of alcohol	Publication Expected - Late 2011

SECTION C

Bills in respect of which heads have yet to be approved by Government

	<u>Title of Bill</u>	<u>Purpose of Bill</u>	<u>Status of Bill</u>
<u>Agriculture Fisheries and Food</u>			
42	Sea Fisheries and Maritime Jurisdiction (Amendment) Bill	To provide for a penalty points system for skippers of fishing vessels found to have infringed the Common Fisheries Policy	Publication Expected - Not possible to indicate at this stage
<u>Arts and Culture (Departmental Title to Change)</u>			
43	Heritage Fund (Amendment) Bill	To provide for allocations to the Heritage Fund in future years and to give effect to changes in the governance procedures	Publication Expected - Not possible to indicate at this stage
44	Irish Film Board (Amendment) Bill	To amend Section 10 of the Irish Film Board Act 1980 to increase from €200m to €300m the maximum of the aggregate amount of any investments, loans, grants or moneys provided by the Irish Film Board towards the cost of making films	Publication Expected - 2011
<u>Communications Energy and Natural Resources</u>			
45	Broadcasting (Implementation of Financial Provisions) Bill	To give legal effect to the Budget 2011 decision to reallocate €10m of TV Licence Receipts from RTE to TG4, to cap the amount paid to the Department of Communications, Energy and Natural Resources by the Department of Social Protection in respect of free television licences at 2010 levels and to make the Broadcasting Funding Scheme Archiving Scheme provisions compatible with State Aid rules	Publication Expected - 2011
46	Common Arrangements for Gas Bill	To underpin arrangements for the establishment of an all-island natural gas market	Publication Expected - 2012
47	Electricity (Transmission Assets) Bill	To allow for the unbundling of the electricity transmission system assets and to establish EirGrid in primary legislation	Publication Expected - 2011
48	Gas Storage Bill	To provide a regulatory framework for offshore gas storage projects	Publication Expected - 2012
49	Inland Fisheries (Consolidation) Bill	To modernise and consolidate existing provisions of legislation governing the inland fisheries sector	Publication Expected - 2012
<u>Community Equality and Gaeltacht Affairs</u>			
50	Gaeltacht Bill	To establish Údarás na Gaeilge agus na Gaeltachta and to repeal existing Údarás na Gaeltachta legislation and to define the status of Gaeltacht areas based on linguistic criteria	Publication Expected - 2012

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<u>Defence</u>			
51	Defence (Amendment) Bill	To expand eligibility criteria and selection for the posts of Military Judge and Director of Military Prosecutions in the Permanent Defence Forces and to provide for an alternative judge to perform any of the functions where the military judge is unavailable.	Publication Expected - 2011
<u>Education and Skills</u>			
52	Education (Amendment) Bill	To amend the Education Act 1998 and the Teaching Council Act 2001	Publication Expected - 2011
53	Residential Institutions Statutory Fund Bill	To provide for the establishment of a Statutory Fund to support the needs of survivors of residential institutional child abuse and for other education and welfare purposes and to provide for related matters	Publication Expected - 2011
<u>Enterprise Trade and Innovation</u>			
54	Collective Investment Schemes Consolidation Bill	To consolidate and update collective investment schemes legislation	Publication Expected - 2012
55	Consumer and Competition Bill	To amalgamate the National Consumer Agency and the Competition Authority and to give effect to other changes to competition and consumer law including making provision for a statutory code of conduct for the grocery goods sector	Publication Expected - Not possible to indicate at this stage
56	Control of Exports (Amendment) Bill	To transpose Directive 2009/43 simplifying the terms and conditions of transfers of defence related products within the community	Publication Expected - Not possible to indicate at this stage
57	Industrial and Provident Societies and Friendly Societies (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill	To introduce a number of regulatory improvements for co-operative societies and to make certain other changes	Publication Expected - Not possible to indicate at this stage
58	Industrial Development (Science Foundation Ireland) Amendment Bill	To extend the functions of Science Foundation Ireland to enable it to provide funding for activities not encompassed within its existing remit	Publication Expected - 2011
59	Trade Marks (Amendment) Bill	To amend the Trade Marks Act 1996 to allow Ireland to accede to the Singapore Treaty on the Law of Trademarks	Publication Expected - Not possible to indicate at this stage
<u>Environment Heritage and Local Government</u>			
60	Climate Change Bill	To provide certainty on Government policy and a clear pathway for emission reductions	Publication Expected - 2012

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61	Electoral (Amendment) (Constituency Commission) Bill	To amend the terms of reference for a constituency commission to provide for a report on Dáil constituencies to be made based on a reduced number of TDs in Dáil Éireann	Publication Expected - 2011
62	Planning and Development (Foreshores) Bill	To provide for the integration of the foreshore consent process under the Foreshores Acts with the existing onland planning system	Publication Expected - 2011
63	Residential Tenancies (Amendment) Bill	To make provision for amendments to the Residential Tenancies Acts 2004 and 2009 with an overall emphasis on streamlining and simplifying the Acts and reducing delays in the Private Residential Tenancies Board. The bill will also amalgamate the PRTB and the Rent Tribunal	Publication Expected - 2011
64	Water Services (Amendment) Bill	To establish a system for inspecting and monitoring the performance of septic tanks and other on-site waste water treatment systems	Publication Expected - 2011
<u>Finance</u>			
65	Central Bank (Consolidation) Bill	To consolidate the body of legislation relating to the Central Bank into a single statute	Publication Expected - 2011
66	Financial Services (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill	To transfer ministerial responsibility for building societies from the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government to the Minister for Finance	Publication Expected - 2011
67	Freedom of Information (Amendment) Bill	To amend the Freedom of Information legislation in line with the Programme for Government commitments	Publication Expected - 2011
<u>Health and Children</u>			
68	Children (Establishment of Child Welfare and Protection Agency) Bill	To establish a Child Welfare and Protection Agency for the delivery of child welfare and protection services	Publication Expected - Not possible to indicate at this stage
69	Children First Bill	To implement the Programme for Government commitment related to 'Children First'	Publication Expected - Not possible to indicate at this stage
70	Health (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill	To provide for subsuming the Opticians Board into the Health and Social Care Professionals Council	Publication Expected - 2011
71	Health and Social Care Professionals (Amendment) Bill	To amend the 2005 Act to change the current provisions regarding the professional membership of the HSCPC and to make other technical amendments	Publication Expected - 2012
72	Health Insurance (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill	To provide for a new risk equalisation scheme for health insurance	Publication Expected - 2011

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73	Human Tissue Bill	To meet the key recommendation of the Madden Report that no hospital post-mortem may be carried out and no tissue retained without authorisation. It will also put in place a legal framework for organ donation from the deceased and for the granting of consent from living donors for the donation of tissue and organs for transplantation and research	Publication Expected - Not possible to indicate at this stage
74	Licensing of Healthcare Facilities Bill	To provide for a mandatory system of licensing for public and private healthcare facilities	Publication Expected - Not possible to indicate at this stage
75	Medical Practitioners (Amendment) Bill	To make it mandatory for registration purposes for doctors to have clinical indemnity/insurance and to make a number of amendments to the 2007 Act	Publication Expected - Not possible to indicate at this stage
76	Mental Health (Amendment) Bill	To provide technical amendments to the Mental Health Act 2001 which are necessary to correct drafting errors in the Act, or mandated by court rulings, or are desirable in the interest of clarity	Publication Expected - 2011
77	National Vetting Bureau Bill	To provide a statutory basis for the vetting of applicants for employment and employees, including vetting to identify, in particular, information relating to the endangerment, sexual exploitation or sexual abuse, or risk thereof, to children and vulnerable adults. The bill will provide for the establishment of a National Vetting Bureau for the collection and exchange of both 'hard' and 'soft' information for vetting purposes	Publication Expected - Not possible to indicate at this stage
78	Pricing and Supply of Medicines Bill	To empower the Minister to introduce a system of Reference Pricing and Generic Substitution for drugs prescribed under the GMS and community drug schemes	Publication Expected - 2011
79	Public Health (Alcohol Labelling Provisions) Bill	To provide for the inclusion of health advice/warnings on alcohol drink containers (bottles, cans) and on promotional materials. This includes advice on the dangers of consuming alcohol in pregnancy	Publication Expected - Not possible to indicate at this stage
80	Public Health (Sunbeds) Bill	To introduce a number of measures to regulate the use of sunbeds including a prohibition of their use by those under 18 years of age	Publication Expected - 2011
81	Public Health (Tobacco) (Amendment) Bill	To provide enabling provision for combined text and photo warnings on tobacco products	Publication Expected - 2011
<u>Justice and Equality</u>			
82	Bail Bill	To consolidate and amend the bail laws	Publication Expected - Not possible to indicate at this stage

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83	Courts (Consolidation and Reform) Bill	To provide for implementation of recommendations of the Law Reform Commission	Publication Expected - 2012
84	Criminal Justice (Fines Act 2010) (Amendment) Bill	To provide for attachment of earnings and social welfare payments as an alternative to imprisonment for people who refuse to pay	Publication Expected - Not possible to indicate at this stage
85	Criminal Justice (Proceeds of Crime) Bill	To strengthen the powers of CAB in relation to forfeiting the proceeds of crime	Publication Expected - Not possible to indicate at this stage
86	Criminal Justice Corruption (Consolidation) Bill	To consolidate all of the legislation currently cited as the Prevention of Corruption Acts 1889 - 2005 in a single statute	Publication Expected - Not possible to indicate at this stage
87	Criminal Justice Europol (Amendment) Bill	To amend the Europol Act 1997	Publication Expected - 2011
88	Criminal Law (Sexual Offences) Bill	To implement recommendations in the Second Interim Report on the Constitutional Amendment on children and protect vulnerable persons against sexual exploitation and abuse	Publication Expected - 2011
89	Family Law Bill	To make provision for pension adjustments in the context of separation agreements and certain other reforms in family law	Publication Expected - Not possible to indicate at this stage
90	Landlord and Tenant Bill	To reform and consolidate the general law on landlords and tenants	Publication Expected - 2012
91	Legal Services Bill	To provide for a regulation of the legal professions and to give effect to the Report of the Competition Authority and the Report of the Legal Costs Working Group	Publication Expected - 2011
92	Mediation and Conciliation Bill	To provide for implementation of recommendations of the Law Reform Commission	Publication Expected - 2012
93	Official Secrets Act (Amendment) Bill	To amend the Official Secrets Act to reflect the Programme for Government commitments	Publication Expected - 2011
94	Personal Insolvency Bill	To provide for a new framework for settlement and enforcement of debt and for personal insolvency	Publication Expected - 2012
95	Probation Service Bill	To provide a modern statement of the law governing the role and use of the Probation Services in the Criminal Justice System and to give effect to EU Framework Decision 2008/947/JHA	Publication Expected - Not possible to indicate at this stage
96	Trusts Bill	To reform and consolidate the general law relating to trustees so as to deal better with and protect trust assets	Publication Expected - 2012

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97	UN Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (OPCAT) Bill	To give legislative effect to the OPCAT, strengthen Prisons Inspectorate and put Council of Europe inspection regime on a statutory footing	Publication Expected - Not possible to indicate at this stage
98	Whistleblowers Bill	To provide legislation in relation to whistleblowers	Publication Expected - Not possible to indicate at this stage
<u>Social Protection</u>			
99	Civil Registration (Amendment) Bill	To validate Embassy marriages/civil partnerships, deal with marriages of convenience and make certain other changes to the Civil Registration Act 2004	Publication Expected - Not possible to indicate at this stage
<u>Transport Tourism and Sport</u>			
100	Clamping Regulation Bill	To regulate clamping of motor vehicles	Publication Expected - 2011
101	Merchant Shipping (Registration of Ships) Bill	To amend and restate the law relating to the registration of vessels	Publication Expected - 2012
102	Merchant Shipping Consolidation Bill	To consolidate and update merchant shipping provisions since 1894	Publication Expected - Not possible to indicate at this stage
103	Road Traffic (No. 2) Bill	To consolidate driving licencing legislation and to provide for Graduated Driving Licences	Publication Expected - 2011
104	Road Transport Bill	To implement new European Regulations governing road transport operator licensing, and to replace the existing Road Transport Acts with modern updated legislation	Publication Expected - 2011
105	Transport Infrastructure Ireland Bill	To make legislative provision for the merger of the National Roads Authority and the Rail Procurement Agency	Publication Expected - Not possible to indicate at this stage

SECTION D

Bills before the Dáil and Seanad

Bills on Dáil Order Paper

	Environment (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2011	Order for Second Stage
	Criminal Justice (Community Service) (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill 2011	Order for Second Stage
	Construction Contracts Bill 2010 [Seanad]	Second Stage
	Communications Regulation (Postal Services) Bill 2010 [Seanad]	Second Stage (resumed)
	Mental Health (Amendment) Bill 2008 [Seanad]	Second Stage
	Property Services (Regulation) Bill 2009 [Seanad]	Awaiting Committee
	Immigration, Residence and Protection Bill 2010	Awaiting Committee
	Criminal Law (Defence and the Dwelling) Bill 2010	Awaiting Committee
	Road Traffic Bill 2011 [Seanad]	Awaiting Committee
	Tribunals of Inquiry Bill 2005	Order for Report
	Nurses and Midwives Bill 2010	Order for Report
	Biological Weapons Bill 2010	Order for Report
	Child Care (Amendment) Bill 2009 [Seanad]	Report Stage

Bills on Seanad Order Paper

	Privacy Bill 2006 [Seanad]	Order for Second Stage
	Criminal Justice (Female Genital Mutilation) Bill 2011 [Seanad]	Order for Second Stage
	Jurisdiction of Courts and Enforcement of Judgements (Amendment) Bill 2011 [Seanad]	Order for Second Stage
	Central Bank and Credit Institutions (Resolution) Bill 2011 [Seanad]	Order for Second Stage
	Climate Change Response Bill 2010 [Seanad]	Second Stage Resumed
	Ombudsman (Amendment) Bill 2008	Second Stage
	Coroners Bill 2007 [Seanad]	Committee Stage
	Welfare of Greyhounds Bill 2010 [Seanad]	Committee Stage

SECTION E

Bills Enacted since Government came to Office on 9 March 2011 (0)

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Bills Published since Government came to Office on 9 March, 2011

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SECTION F

Criminal Justice (Community Service) (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill 2011