

**LEGISLATION
PROGRAMME
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2017**

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Foreword by the Government Chief Whip

In our third Government Legislative Programme since taking office in May 2016 the Partnership Government has set out our legislative priorities for the first half of 2017.

After almost nine months in office and with our first Budget passed, the Government has used this Legislative Programme to focus on delivering a range of commitments in our Programme for a Partnership Government by setting out the Bills prioritised for publication and those scheduled for Pre-Legislative Scrutiny over the coming months.

As a minority Government we will continue to work with all those elected to the Dáil and Seanad at Pre-Legislative Scrutiny Stage, in the Dáil, in Oireachtas Committees and in the Seanad to debate and enact better legislation.

This Government Legislative Programme is divided into a number of sections

- The first sets out the details of 31 Government Bills to be published by July 2017.
- The second sets out the details of 33 Bills to undergo Pre-Legislative Stage in this Session.
- The third sets out the details of 69 Bills each Department plans to introduce in the longer term.
- The fourth sets out the 27 Bills which have already been published and are currently before the Oireachtas, detailing the progress they have so far made.
- The final two sections set out the 18 Acts passed and the 28 Bills published by the current Government since it took office on the 6th May 2016.

Cabinet has prioritised 31 Bills for publication in this Programme including the Affordable Childcare Scheme Bill to provide a single affordable childcare scheme, the Financial Services & Pensions Ombudsman to establish one office dealing with pensions and financial services complaints.

Among a range of Health Bills included in the Government's Legislative Programme are Bills to provide a scheme to make individual payments as a contribution towards transport costs for people with severe disabilities on low incomes, to provide medical cards to all children on Domiciliary Care Allowance, licensing supervised injection facilities and laying the legislative foundation of the New Children's Hospital.

The Government will build on the radical Housing Legislation passed before Christmas with the publication of new legislation to regulate Approved Housing Bodies.

Among the other Bills prioritised for publication over the coming months are a range of Bills from the Department of Jobs, key reforming legislation from the Department of Justice in the area of the Judiciary and the laws on Domestic Violence and significant legislative reform in the area of Sea Fisheries.

These 31 new Government Bills, together with the 27 Government Bills currently before the Oireachtas, will ensure that this Partnership Government will make progress on legislation across a wide range of issues as it enters its second year in office, in the first half of 2017.

The Legislation Programme is broken down into the following listings:

- * Priority Legislation for Publication This Session **(31)**
- * Bills that are expected to undergo Pre-Legislative Scrutiny (PLS) This Session **(33)**
- * All Other Legislation **(69)**
- * Bills currently on the Dáil and Seanad Order Paper **(27)**
- * Bills which were enacted since the Government came to office on 6th May 2016 **(18)**
- * Bills which were published since the Government came to office on 6th May 2016 **(28)**

Priority Legislation for Publication This Session
Spring/Summer 2017

<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>		
Sea Fisheries (Amendment) Bill	To address a Supreme Court judgment that found all fishing by Northern Irish fishing vessels in the 0-6 nautical mile zone of the territorial waters of the State relying on the voisinage arrangements is insufficiently provided for in domestic law	
Sea Fisheries and Maritime Jurisdiction (Amendment) Bill	To provide for a points system for serious fishery infringements of the Common Fisheries Policy as required by Council Regulation 1224/2009, to affirm that fishing quotas are a national resource, resolve some typographical errors in the Act of 2006 and introduce other miscellaneous and technical amendments	PLS still to be determined
<u>Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs</u>		
National Archives (Amendment) Bill	To amend the National Archives Act 1986 to reduce from 30 years to 20 years, under certain circumstances, the requirement to transfer Departmental Records to the National Archives	PLS expected January 2017
<u>Children and Youth Affairs</u>		
Affordable Childcare Scheme Bill	To provide for a single affordable childcare scheme to replace current non-statutory schemes	
<u>Education and Skills</u>		
Retention of Certain Records Bill	To retain the records of the Commission to Inquire into Child Abuse, the Residential Institutions Redress Board and the Residential Institutions Review Committee, to amend the Commission to Inquire into Child Abuse Act 2000 and the Residential Institutions Redress Act 2002	Heads approved 3 March 2015, PLS took place in May 2015
<u>Finance</u>		
Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank Bill	To allow for Ireland's potential membership of the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB)	Heads approved December 2015, PLS still to be determined

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Financial Services and Pensions Ombudsman Bill	To amalgamate the Financial Services Ombudsman and the Pensions Ombudsman and to amend, update and restate the existing legislation to form one office dealing with pensions and financial services complaints	PLS took place on 27th Oct 2016
<u>Foreign Affairs and Trade</u>		
Diplomatic Relations (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill	To revise various legislative provisions in order to update and improve the operation of our diplomatic relations	PLS took place on 10 Nov 2016
<u>Health</u>		
Health (Transport Support) Bill	To provide for a scheme to make individual payments as a contribution towards transport costs to people with severe disabilities on a low income who cannot access public transport	Work is underway
Health (Amendment) Bill	To provide a medical card to all children in respect of whom a Domiciliary Care Allowance payment is made. The Bill will provide a clear entitlement to a defined group of children with a severe disability and significant needs to a medical card	Heads approved December 2016, PLS still to be determined
Health and Social Care Professionals (Amendment) Bill	To provide for registration of physiotherapists/physical therapists and some other technical amendments	Heads approved December 2016
Misuse of Drugs (Supervised Injecting Facilities) Bill	To enable the licensing and establishment of supervised injecting facilities for chronic drug users and to provide for the regulation of such harm reduction facilities	Heads approved in January & December 2015, PLS completed in November 2016
New Children's Hospital Establishment Bill	To establish a statutory body to provide paediatric acute services in Dublin at the new children's hospital, taking over those services currently provided by Our Lady's Hospital Crumlin, Temple Street and the paediatric service at Tallaght Hospital. It will also make amendments relating to the functions of the National Paediatric Hospital Development Board (Establishment) Order	Heads of bill expected early 2017
<u>Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government</u>		

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Housing (Regulation of Approved Housing Bodies) Bill	To provide a regulatory framework for the operation of Approved Housing Bodies, through the establishment of an independent Regulator for AHBs	Heads approved in September 2015, PLS completed in Feb 2016
Maritime Area and Foreshore (Amendment) Bill	To streamline the development consent process for the foreshore including, inter alia, the integration of certain parts of the foreshore consent process (under the Foreshore Act 1933) with the existing on-land planning system	Heads approved in July 2013, PLS completed in February 2014
<u>Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation</u>		
Companies (Statutory Audits) Bill	To further transpose Directive 2014/56/EU and give effect to some elements of the EU Regulation (537/2014)	Heads are currently being drafted
Industrial Development (Amendment) Bill	To address the implications of the Supreme Court judgment in Reid vs IDA and others and ensure that the IDA has the necessary statutory powers to undertake their property functions	Heads approved July 2016, drafting is continuing
Metrology (Amendment) Bill	To transpose Articles 1 & 3 of Directive 2014/32 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 26 February 2014 on the harmonisation of the laws of the Member States relating to the making available on the market of measuring instruments	Heads are currently being drafted
Metrology Act 1996 (Amendment) Bill	To amend section 9 of the Metrology Act 1996 to allow NSAI to appoint external inspectors to undertake metrology inspections under the Act	Work is underway
Non-Automatic Weighing Instruments (NAWI) Bill	To transpose Article 3(3) of Directive 2014/31 of the European Parliament and Council of 26 February 2014 on the harmonisation of the laws of the Member States relating to the making available on the market of Non-Automatic Weighing Instruments (NAWI)	Heads are currently being drafted
<u>Justice and Equality</u>		
Criminal Justice (Corruption) Bill	To replace outdated legislation, meet international commitments to Council of Europe, OECD and UN, and to give effect to some Mahon Tribunal recommendations	PLS completed in 2013, drafting continuing
Criminal Justice (Money Laundering & Terrorist Financing) (Amendment) Bill	To give effect to the 4th EU Money Laundering Directive	PLS still to be determined

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Domestic Violence Bill	To consolidate and reform domestic violence legislation, to include additional protections for victims of domestic violence and to meet the requirements of the Council of Europe Convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence (Istanbul Convention)	Committee reported on PLS in September 2015
Independent Reporting Commission Bill	To provide for the Independent Reporting Commission on paramilitarism in Northern Ireland agreed in the Fresh Start Agreement	PLS still to be determined
Interception of Postal Packets and Telecommunications Messages (Regulation) (Amendment) Bill	To amend various pieces of legislation in respect of electronic communications	Work is underway
Judicial Appointments Bill	To replace the Judicial Appointments Advisory Board with a new Judicial Appointment Commission	Heads expected January 2017
Judicial Council Bill	To promote excellence in the exercise by judges of their judicial functions and to provide effective remedies for complaints about judicial misconduct including lay participation in the investigation of complaints	
Mediation Bill	To promote mediation as a viable, effective and efficient alternation to court proceedings	Heads approved February 2012, PLS has taken place
<u>Public Expenditure and Reform</u>		
Data-Sharing and Governance Bill	To mandate greater data-sharing and data-linking in the public service, to provide a legal mechanism to facilitate lawful data-sharing and data-linking for all public bodies, and to define standards for data governance and security to be followed in any data sharing-or data-linking activities	Heads approved July 2015, PLS still to be determined
<u>Social Protection</u>		
Social Welfare and Pensions Bill	To provide a legal basis within the social welfare code for policy, administrative and operational changes and to provide for amendments to the Pensions Act	Heads expected February 2017, PLS March 2017
<u>Transport Tourism and Sport</u>		
Road Traffic (PRUM Decisions) Bill	To give effect to the PRUM Decisions in respect of the exchange of vehicle ownership details	PLS to be determined

**Bills that are expected to undergo
Pre-Legislative Scrutiny (PLS)**

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<u>Title of Bill</u>	<u>Purpose of Bill</u>	<u>Expected Date of Pre-Legislative Scrutiny</u>
<u>Agriculture Food and the Marine</u>		
Greyhound Industry (Amendment) Bill	To update the 1958 Greyhound Industry Act and ensure that the principles of good governance and regulation are clearly laid down in primary legislation	PLS expected January 2017
Sea Fisheries and Maritime Jurisdiction (Amendment) Bill	To provide for a points system for serious fishery infringements of the Common Fisheries Policy as required by Council Regulation 1224/2009, to affirm that fishing quotas are a national resource, resolve some typographical errors in the Act of 2006 and introduce other miscellaneous and technical amendments	PLS still to be determined
<u>Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs</u>		
National Archives (Amendment) Bill	To amend the National Archives Act 1986 to reduce from 30 years to 20 years, under certain circumstances, the requirement to transfer Departmental Records to the National Archives	PLS expected January 2017
<u>Children and Youth Affairs</u>		
Child Care (Amendment) Bill	To provide for extensive reform of guardian ad litem services in child care proceedings	PLS expected Feb/March 2017
<u>Communications, Climate Action and Environment</u>		
Digital Hub Development Agency (Dissolution) Bill	To dissolve the DHDA, repeal the DHDA Act 2003, and to give effect to the merger between the DHDA and Dublin City Council	Work is underway
Inland Fisheries (Amendment) Bill	To confirm that IFI has the power to prosecute under the Inland Fisheries Act 2010 and the power to prohibit purchase and possession of certain fish	Heads expected shortly
Radiological Protection (Amendment) Bill	To give effect to the transfer of certain functions in the Radiological Protection Act 1991 from the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government to the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment	Heads expected March 2017

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<u>Education and Skills</u>		
Education (Parent and Student Charter) Bill	To amend Section 28 of the Education Act 1998 and to set out the principles that will guide how schools engage with parents and students, to require each school to have a Parent and Student Charter, that the Parent and Student Charter will be based on principles set out in Section 28	Heads approved 11 October 2016, submitted to Committee for PLS
Qualifications and Quality Assurance (Amendment) Bill	To amend the Qualifications and Quality Assurance (Education and Training) Act 2012 to address some issues that have arisen regarding the scope of QQI's responsibilities in relation to recognition of awards and regulation of private and voluntary providers, to ensure adequate protection of enrolled learners where providers discontinue a programme, and to give greater authority to Institutes of Technology to award Level 9 qualifications	Heads are currently being drafted
<u>Finance</u>		
Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank Bill	To allow for Ireland's potential membership of the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB)	Heads approved December 2015, PLS still to be determined
Investment Limited Partnership (Amendment) Bill	To amend certain existing collective investment scheme legislation, the Investment Limited Partnership Act 1994 and the Limited Partnership Act 1907	Heads under preparation, PLS still to be determined
Taxation and Certain Other Matters (International Mutual Assistance) Bill	To transpose elements of the OECD Mutual Convention on Administrative Assistance and the EU/Switzerland Anti-Fraud Agreement	Heads approved February 2014, PLS still to be determined
<u>Health</u>		
Health (Transport Support) Bill	To provide for a scheme to make individual payments as a contribution towards transport costs to people with severe disabilities on a low income who cannot access public transport	Work is underway

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New Children's Hospital Establishment Bill	To establish a statutory body to provide paediatric acute services in Dublin at the new children's hospital, taking over those services currently provided by Our Lady's Hospital Crumlin, Temple Street and the paediatric service at Tallaght Hospital. It will also make amendments relating to the functions of the National Paediatric Hospital Development Board (Establishment) Order	Heads of bill expected early 2017
Patient Safety (Licensing of Healthcare Facilities) Bill	To provide for a mandatory system of licensing for public and private healthcare facilities	Heads of bill are currently being drafted
<u>Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government</u>		
Building Control Bill	To place Construction Industry Register Ireland or CIRI on a statutory footing and thereby provide in law for the registration of builders, contractors and specialist sub-contractors	Heads are in preparation
Commercial Rates Bill	To consolidate and modernise the range of legislation concerning commercial rates levied by local authorities	Heads are currently being prepared
<u>Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation</u>		
Companies (Statutory Audits) Bill	To further transpose Directive 2014/56/EU and give effect to some elements of the EU Regulation (537/2014)	Heads are currently being drafted
Metrology (Amendment) Bill	To transpose Articles 1 & 3 of Directive 2014/32 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 26 February 2014 on the harmonisation of the laws of the Member States relating to the making available on the market of measuring instruments	Heads are currently being drafted
Metrology Act 1996 (Amendment) Bill	To amend section 9 of the Metrology Act 1996 to allow NSAI to appoint external inspectors to undertake metrology inspections under the Act	Work is underway
Non-Automatic Weighing Instruments (NAWI) Bill	To transpose Article 3(3) of Directive 2014/31 of the European Parliament and Council of 26 February 2014 on the harmonisation of the laws of the Member States relating to the making available on the market of Non-Automatic Weighing Instruments (NAWI)	Heads are currently being drafted

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<u>Justice and Equality</u>		
Courts and Civil Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill	To enact provisions relating to electronic courts services and also it includes a wide range of other measures such as amendment of the Bankruptcy and Personal Insolvency Acts	Heads expected early 2017, PLS still to be determined
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	PLS still to be determined
Criminal Justice (Money Laundering & Terrorist Financing) (Amendment) Bill	To give effect to the 4th EU Money Laundering Directive	PLS still to be determined
Data Protection Bill	To transpose the EU Directive 2016/680 and give full effect to the Regulation 2016/679	Heads being finalised, PLS still to be determined
Family Court Bill	To establish a Family Court as a separate division within the existing court structures	PLS still to be determined
Independent Reporting Commission Bill	To provide for the Independent Reporting Commission on paramilitarism in Northern Ireland agreed in the Fresh Start Agreement	PLS still to be determined
International Recovery of Child Support (Hague Convention) Bill	To implement the Hague Convention and the Hague Protocol on International Recovery of Child Support and other forms of family maintenance	Heads under preparation, PLS still to be determined
Judicial Appointments Bill	To replace the Judicial Appointments Advisory Board with a new Judicial Appointment Commission	Heads expected January 2017
Mortgages Special Court Bill / Courts (Mortgage Arrears) Bill	To establish a dedicated new court to sensitively and expeditiously handle mortgage arrears and other personal insolvency cases, including through imposing solutions, including those recommended by the new service. The hearings of this court could be held in private if requested by the debtor	PLS still to be determined
<u>Public Expenditure and Reform</u>		

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Data-Sharing and Governance Bill	To mandate greater data-sharing and data-linking in the public service, to provide a legal mechanism to facilitate lawful data-sharing and data-linking for all public bodies, and to define standards for data governance and security to be followed in any data sharing-or data-linking activities	Heads approved July 2015, PLS still to be determined
<u>Social Protection</u>		
Social Welfare and Pensions Bill	To provide a legal basis within the social welfare code for policy, administrative and operational changes and to provide for amendments to the Pensions Act	Heads expected February 2017, PLS March 2017
<u>Transport Tourism and Sport</u>		
Road Traffic (PRUM Decisions) Bill	To give effect to the PRUM Decisions in respect of the exchange of vehicle ownership details	PLS to be determined

All Other Legislation

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<u>Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs</u>		
National Monuments Bill	To replace in revised form all the existing National Monuments Acts 1930 to 2014 and provide a strengthened and modernised framework for the protection of monuments and archaeological objects	Heads approved and work is proceeding
Official Languages (Amendment) Bill	To amend the Official Languages Act 2003	Heads approved in April 2014 - PLS has taken place
<u>Children and Youth Affairs</u>		
Adoption (Information and Tracing) (No. 2) Bill	To extend the provisions of the Adoption (Information and Tracing) Bill to inter-country adoption	
<u>Communications, Climate Action and Environment</u>		
Aarhus Bill	To update certain provisions further to Ireland's transposition of the Aarhus Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-making and Access to Justice	Work is ongoing
Broadcasting (Amendment) Bill	To amend certain provisions of the Broadcasting Act 2009	Work is underway
Cyber Security Bill	To transpose the Network and Information Security Directive	Work is underway
Foyle Fisheries (Amendment) Bill	To modernise the Foyle Fisheries Act 1952.	
Geothermal Energy Development Bill	To provide a legislative framework for the vesting, licensing and regulation of the development of geothermal energy	Drafting is ongoing
Inland Fisheries (Modernisation & Consolidation) Bill	To modernise and consolidate existing provisions of legislation governing the inland fisheries sector	Work is ongoing
Telecommunications Services (Galway Mayo) Bill	To provide for the assignment to and the acquisition by the Minister of certain rights to land along the Mayo Galway Pipeline for telecommunication services	Work is underway
<u>Defence</u>		
Defence (Amendment) Bill	To revise the Defence Acts in relation to the deployment of military personnel overseas and other matters	Heads are currently under preparation

All Other Legislation

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Defence Forces (Forensic Evidence) Bill	To provide for members of the Military Police to take and use DNA and other forensic samples for the purposes of their investigations, particularly outside the jurisdiction when Defence Force personnel are deployed overseas.	Heads approved on 20 February 2015, Committee decided not to undertake PLS
Red Cross (Amendment) Bill	To repeal the Red Cross Acts and put in place a new legal framework for the Irish Red Cross Society	Work is underway on revising heads
<u>Education and Skills</u>		
Education (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill	To make some necessary technical amendments to education legislation	Work is underway
Higher Education (Reform) Bill	To modernise the legislative framework underpinning the governance and functions of the Higher Education Authority and the governance structures of the universities	Heads are currently being drafted
Universities (Amendment) Bill	To ensure compliance with government guidelines on remuneration, allowances, pensions and staffing numbers in the University sector	Heads approved in October 2012, drafting is underway
<u>Finance</u>		
Central Bank Consolidation Bill	To consolidate the corpus of the Central Bank Acts into one statute	Work is underway
Green Climate Fund Bill	To give effect to Ireland's membership of the UNFCCC Green Climate Fund	Preparatory work is underway
Insurance (Amendment) Bill	To implement the Report of the Review of the Framework for Motor Insurance Compensation in Ireland	Work is underway
<u>Health</u>		
Assisted Human Reproduction Bill	To provide a legislative framework for the regulation of assisted human reproduction practices and associated research	Heads currently being developed
Health & Wellbeing (Calorie Posting and Workplace Wellbeing) Bill	To require food premises to display calories on menus and to require all public sector employers to have and to report on a Health and Wellbeing policy	Heads are currently being drafted

All Other Legislation

<u>Title of Bill</u>	<u>Purpose of Bill</u>	<u>Status of Bill</u>
Health (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill	To amend the Medical Practitioners Act 2007, the Dental Act 1985, the Health and Social Care Professionals Act 2005, the Pharmacy Act 2007, the Nurses and Midwives Act 2011 and the Health Acts 1953 and 2004 to provide for 1) amendments required by the transposition of Directive 2013/55/EU, 2) an appeal against the minor sanctions, 3) action to be taken if a person was prohibited or restricted from practising in another country and 4) amendments in relation to a number of other issues including amendments to the registration of medical practitioners and physiotherapists/physical therapists	Heads approved November 2015 & December 2016
Health Act 2007 (Amendment) Bill	To provide for the extension of the Health Information and Quality Authority's functions to encompass regulation in the area of medical ionising radiation protection	Work is underway
Health Information and Patient Safety Bill	To provide a legislative framework for the better governance of health information and initiatives including data matching and health information resources for use in the health service and support for clinical audit and patient safety notifications. It will also provide for the extension of HIQA's remit to private health service providers	Heads approved November 2015, PLS completed December 2016
Human Tissue Bill	To meet the key recommendation of the Madden Report that no hospital post-mortem may be carried out and no tissue retained after post-mortem without consent. It will also address other matters relating to human tissue including consent arrangements for organ transplantation and anatomical examination purposes	Work on scoping the legislation is being progressed
Public Health (Sale of Tobacco Products and Non-Medicinal Nicotine Delivery Systems) Bill	To provide for inter alia, the 1) retail licensing of tobacco products and Non-Medical Nicotine Delivery Systems, 2) prohibition of the sale of tobacco products from self service vending services, 3) prohibition of the sale of tobacco products by persons under 18 years of age, and 4) prohibition of the sale of non-medicinal nicotine delivery systems by, and to persons under 18 years of age	Work is underway
<u>Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government</u>		
Electoral Commission Bill	To provide for the establishment of an Electoral Commission	Work is underway
Water Environment Bill	To give full effect to the Water Framework Directive, including addressing outstanding infringements	Preliminary work is underway

All Other Legislation

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<u>Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation</u>		
Amendment of the Constitution (Unified Patent Court) Bill	To amend Article 29 of the Constitution to recognise the International Agreement on a Unified Patent Court	Heads approved on 23 July 2014
Copyright and Related Rights (Amendment) (Miscellaneous Intellectual Property) Bill	To introduce a series of amendments to the Copyright and Related Rights Act 2000 aimed at modernising copyright and also to take account of certain exceptions to copyright permitted by Directive 2001/29/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 22 May 2011 on the harmonisation of certain aspects of copyright and related rights in the information society	Heads approved July 2016
Industrial Relations Act 1990 (Amendment) Bill	To provide Garda Representative Associations with access to the States Industrial Relations Institutions	Work is underway
Organisation of Working Time Act 1997 (Amendment) Bill	To amend the Organisation of Working Time Act 1997 (OWTA) to remove the blanket exclusion of An Garda Síochána and members of the Defence Forces from scope of the OWTA and bring them within scope, subject to the application of the derogations permitted by the Working Time Directive	Work is underway
Personal Injuries Assessment Board (Amendment) Bill	To introduce a number of amendments to improve the operation and implementation of the Acts	Heads of bill are being prepared
Protections for employees on insecure, low hour contracts	To implement the policy response to the University of Limerick (UL) Study on Zero Hour Contracts and Low Hour Contracts	Work is underway
<u>Justice and Equality</u>		
Amendment of the Constitution (Removal of Blasphemy) Bill	To provide for a referendum on removing the crime of blasphemy from the Constitution	Preliminary work has commenced
Coroners (Amendment) Bill	To amend the Civil Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2011 which inadvertently made the Minister for Justice responsible for the appointment and payment of the Dublin Coroner	Currently being examined
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	Committee reported on PLS 10 July 2014, drafting continuing
Criminal Justice (Counterfeiting) Bill	To transpose outstanding elements of Directive 2014/62/EU on the protection of the euro and other currencies against counterfeiting by criminal law, and replacing Council Framework Decision 2000/383/JHA	Work is underway

All Other Legislation

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Criminal Justice (Mutual Recognition of Decisions on Supervision Measures) Bill	To give effect to the Council Framework Decision 2009/829/JHA on the application, between Member States of the European Union, of the principle of mutual recognition to decisions on supervision measures as an alternative to provisional detention	Heads approved in June 2014, drafting progressing
Criminal Justice (Mutual Recognition of Probation Judgements and Decisions) Bill	To give effect to the Council Framework Decision 2008/947/JHA on the application of the principle of mutual recognition to judgments and probation decisions with a view to the supervision of probation measures and alternative sanctions	Heads approved in January 2014, drafting progressing
Criminal Justice (Sentencing and Parole) Bill	To establish the Parole Board on a statutory basis, to set out the main principles and purposes of sentencing and to require written reasons for a sentence of imprisonment	Consultations ongoing
Criminal Procedure Bill	To address Council of Europe concerns on delays in criminal cases. It provides for preliminary trial hearings and increased use of videolink hearings for prisoners	Revised heads approved in June 2015 as a result of PLS, work is underway
Criminal Records Information System Bill	To implement 2 EU Council Decisions that provide for exchange of criminal records information between EU member states	Replacement EU measures under negotiation
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 underway
European Arrest Warrant Act (Amendment) Bill	To amend existing European Arrest Warrant and Extradition legislation to give effect to proposals made by a working group (Department / AGO / DPP / CSSO) tasked with drawing up proposals which would improve operation of the EAW/Extradition legislation	Draft heads yet to be prepared
Explosives 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 to be scheduled
Family Leave Bill	To consolidate with amendments all family leave legislation	Work is underway
Gambling Control Bill	To provide a comprehensive new licensing and regulatory framework for gambling. The executive regulatory functions are to be performed by a body within the Department	PLS took place, Work is underway
Garda Síochána (Compensation for Malicious Injuries) Bill	To provide a revised scheme for compensating Gardai maliciously injured in their work	Legal advice is being analysed

All Other Legislation

<u>Title of Bill</u>	<u>Purpose of Bill</u>	<u>Status of Bill</u>
Independent Commission on Information Retrieval Bill	To give effect to the Independent Commission on Information Retrieval as required under the 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	Heads under preparation
Juries Bill	To give effect to Law Reform Commission Report on Juries	Proposals under consideration
Landlord and Tenant Law Reform Bill	To update and streamline the general law relating to landlord and tenant	Heads approved, work is continuing
Non-Fatal Offences against the Person (Amendment) Bill	To ratify aspects of the Istanbul Convention as part of second national strategy on domestic, sexual and gender-based violence and to address the criminal law aspects of the Law Reform Commission's report on Harmful Communications and Digital Safety	Work is underway
Passenger Name Record Bill	To give effect to the Passenger Name Record Directive which must be transposed into law by May 2018. The Directive is a counter terrorist measure which obliges air carriers to provide member states' authorities with PNR data for flights entering or departing from the EU	Preparatory work is underway
Sale of Alcohol Bill	To codify the law relating to the sale and consumption of alcohol	Heads approved April 2012, 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 and some discussion with committee, work is progressing
Táillte Éireann Bill	To merge the Property Registration Authority, the Valuation Office and the Ordnance Survey Office	Heads approved January 2015, bill is progressing
Transfer of Sentenced Persons and Transfer of Execution of Sentences Bill	To implement an EU Framework Decision which provides for transfer of persons between member states where the affected person has not given consent	Heads approved Dec 2013, bill is progressing
<u>Public Expenditure and Reform</u>		
Public Service Management (Amendment) and Civil Service Regulation (Amendment) Bill	To allow greater devolution of management and disciplinary functions	Work is underway
<u>Taoiseach</u>		
National Economic and Social Development Office (Amendment) Bill	To dissolve the NESDO and place the NESC on a statutory footing	Draft Heads under preparation

All Other Legislation

<u>Title of Bill</u>	<u>Purpose of Bill</u>	<u>Status of Bill</u>
<u>Transport Tourism and Sport</u>		
Dublin Transport Authority (Amendment) Bill	To amend section 52 of the Act to reflect commitments entered into under the May 2015 Labour Relations Commission 'terms of settlement'	Work is underway
Irish Aviation Authority (Amendment) Bill	To amend the Irish Aviation Authority Act 1997 to extend the existing powers of the IAA, with regard to its safety regulation function, to recoup costs through fees and charges for its aviation security regulation functions. It will also provide for the recognition of the role of the IAA in compliance monitoring with regard to ICAO Annex 17	Work is underway
Large Public Service Vehicle (LPSV) Bill	To provide for a new regulatory regime for large public service vehicles and to revoke the existing legislative provisions governing such vehicles	Work is underway
Merchant Shipping (International Conventions) Bill	To enable Ireland to become a party to a number of international maritime conventions	Work is underway
Road Safety Authority (Amendment) Bill	To update and strengthen existing provisions and provide vires for publishing details of disqualified drivers	Preparatory work is underway
Road Traffic (Compulsory Motor Insurance) Bill	To give effect to the recommendations arising out of the Motor Insurance Group and other matters arising at EU level	Preparatory work is underway
Road Traffic (Fixed Penalty Notice - Drink Driving) Bill	To amend section 29 of the Road Traffic Act 2010 to allow that all those caught drink driving under the administrative system will receive a mandatory disqualification from driving	Work is underway
Road Traffic (Master Licence Record) Bill	To provide legal vires for Master Licence Record (MLR) project	Preparatory work is underway

Bills on Dáil Order Paper

Criminal Justice (Offences Relating to Information Systems) Bill 2016	Order for Second Stage
National Shared Services Office Bill 2016	Order for Second Stage
Bail (Amendment) Bill 2016	Order for Second Stage
Hallmarking (Amendment) Bill 2016	Order for Second Stage
Communications Regulation (Postal Services) (Amendment) Bill 2016	Order for Second Stage
Disability (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2016	Order for Second Stage
Courts (No. 2) Bill 2016	Order for Second Stage
Criminal Justice (Victims of Crime) Bill 2016	Order for Second Stage
Minerals Development Bill 2015 [Seanad]	Second Stage
Criminal Justice (Suspended Sentences of Imprisonment) Bill 2016 [Seanad]	Second Stage
Competition (Amendment) Bill 2016 [Seanad]	Second Stage
Planning and Development (Amendment) Bill 2016	Second Stage Resumed
Medical Practitioners (Amendment) Bill 2014 [Seanad]	Awaiting Committee
Technological Universities Bill 2015	Awaiting Committee
Public Sector Standards Bill 2015	Awaiting Committee
Education (Admission to Schools) Bill 2016	Awaiting Committee
Criminal Law (Sexual Offences) Bill 2015 [Seanad]	Order for Report
Wildlife (Amendment) Bill 2016	Order for Report
Companies (Accounting) Bill 2016	Order for Report

Bills on Seanad Order Paper

Civil Liability (Amendment) Bill 2017 [Seanad]	Order for Second Stage
Adoption (Information and Tracing) Bill 2016 [Seanad]	Order for Second Stage
Health (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2016	Second Stage
Adoption (Amendment) Bill 2016	Second Stage
Public Health (Alcohol) Bill 2015 [Seanad]	Committee Stage
Heritage Bill 2016 [Seanad]	Committee Stage
Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict (Hague Convention) Bill 2016 [Seanad]	Committee Stage
Knowledge Development Box (Certification of Inventions) Bill 2016 [Seanad]	Committee Stage

Bills Enacted

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	Electoral (Amendment) Act 2016
	Health (Amendment) Act 2016
	Water Services (Amendment) Act 2016
	Commission of Investigation (Irish Bank Resolution Corporation) Act 2016
	Misuse of Drugs (Amendment) Act 2016
	Paternity Leave and Benefit Act 2016
	Proceeds of Crime (Amendment) Act 2016
	Energy Act 2016
	Finance (Certain European Union and Intergovernmental Obligations) Act 2016
	National Tourism Development Authority (Amendment) Act 2016
	Social Welfare Act 2016
	Appropriation Act 2016
	Planning and Development (Housing) and Residential Tenancies Act 2016
	Finance Act 2016
	Health Insurance (Amendment) Act 2016
	Statute Law Revision Act 2016
	Road Traffic Act 2016
	Courts Act 2016

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Health (Amendment) Bill 2016 [Seanad]

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

Social Welfare Bill 2016

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

Health Insurance (Amendment) Bill 2016

Adoption (Information and Tracing) Bill 2016 [Seanad]

Bail (Amendment) Bill 2016

Appropriation Bill 2016

Hallmarking (Amendment) Bill 2016

Communications Regulation (Postal Services) (Amendment) Bill 2016

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