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New Government Legislation Programme: Industry & Sector Breakdown

Spring 2022

The Government Legislation Programme for the Spring 2022 session has been published. The Cabinet has approved 44 bills for priority publication. Priority legislation includes the Work-Life Balance Bill, the Gambling Regulation Bill, the Central Bank (Individual Accountability Framework) Bill, and the Planning and Development (Substitute Consent) Bill.

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ASSET MANAGEMENT & INVESTMENT FUNDS

Bill	Purpose	Status
Protected Disclosures (Amendment) Bill	To transpose the EU Whistleblowing Directive. See our briefing for further details.	Heads of bill approved. Pre-legislative scrutiny has taken place. (Priority)
Central Bank (Individual Accountability Framework) Bill	To introduce an Individual Accountability Framework including Senior Executive Accountability Regime (SEAR). See our briefing for further details.	Heads of Bill approved. Pre-legislative scrutiny is ongoing. (Priority)
Limited Partnership Bill	To modernise the Limited Partnership Act 1907 which is concerned with the registration of limited partnerships.	Heads of bill being prepared.
Companies (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill	To provide for miscellaneous amendments to the Companies Act 2014.	Heads of bill being prepared.

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AVIATION & TRANSPORT

Bill	Purpose	Status
Road Traffic and Roads 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. See our briefing for more details.	At Committee Stage. (Dáil)
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 and to amend the definition of 'Safety Convention' in the Merchant Shipping Safety (Convention) Act 1952.	Heads of bill approved. Pre-legislative scrutiny has taken place. (Priority)
Merchant Shipping (International Conventions) Bill	To provide for the national implementation of certain International Maritime Conventions, the updating of statutes in respect of other conventions and provision of some miscellaneous maritime safety matters.	Work is underway.
Marine Casualty Investigation Bill	To implement recommendations from the review of marine casualty investigation structures in Ireland	Work is underway.
Air Navigation and Transport (International Aviation Agreements) (Amendment) Bill	To make legal provision for the Beijing Convention 2010 and the Montreal Protocol 2014 in Ireland.	Heads of bill being prepared.
Air Navigation and Transport Bill	To facilitate reform of safety and economic regulatory oversight of the aviation sector in Ireland by merging the Safety Regulation side of the Irish Aviation Authority (IAA) with the Commission for Aviation Regulation (CAR) to create a standalone aviation regulator.	At Committee Stage. (Seanad)

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BANKING & FINANCE

Bill	Purpose	Status
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.	At Committee Stage. (Dáil)
Central Bank (Individual Accountability Framework) Bill	To introduce an Individual Accountability Framework including Senior Executive Accountability Regime (SEAR). See our briefing for further details.	Heads of Bill approved. Pre-legislative scrutiny is ongoing. (Priority)
Personal Insolvency (Amendment No. 2) Bill	To update aspects of personal insolvency legislation, following statutory review of the Personal Insolvency Acts.	Heads of bill being prepared.
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 of bill being prepared.
Limited Partnership Bill	To modernise the Limited Partnership Act 1907 which is concerned with the registration of limited partnerships.	Heads of bill being prepared.
Credit Review Service Bill	To put the Credit Review Office on a statutory footing.	Heads of bill approved. Pre-legislative scrutiny to be determined.

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CORPORATE

Bill	Purpose	Status
Competition (Amendment) Bill	To provide for the reform of competition enforcement including the transposition of the ECN+ Directive (Directive (EU)2019/1) which includes powers for competition authorities to avail of administrative or civil sanctions and leniency and immunity.	Heads of bill approved. Pre-legislative scrutiny has taken place. (Priority)
Protected Disclosures (Amendment) Bill	To transpose the EU Whistleblowing Directive. See our briefing for further details.	Heads of bill approved. Pre-legislative scrutiny has taken place. (Priority)
Industrial Development (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill	To provide that IDA would partner with the Ireland Strategic Investment Fund preparation (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 of bill being prepared.
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 of bill approved. Pre-legislative scrutiny has taken place.
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 of bill approved. Pre-legislative scrutiny waived. (Priority)

Bill	Purpose	Status
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 of bill approved. Pre-legislative scrutiny has taken place. (Priority)
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 of bill being prepared.
Companies (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill	To provide for miscellaneous amendments to the Companies Act 2014.	Heads of bill being prepared.
Limited Partnership Bill	To modernise the Limited Partnership Act 1907 which is concerned with the registration of limited partnerships.	Heads of bill being prepared.
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 of bill being prepared.

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EMPLOYMENT & PENSIONS

Bill	Purpose	Status
Protection of Employment (Collective Redundancies) (Amendment) Bill	To introduce reforms to enhance the rights of employees in the context of collective redundancies following insolvency within the protection of Employment Act 1977.	Work is underway
Sick Leave Bill	To introduce a statutory sick pay scheme. See our briefing for more details.	Heads of bill approved. Pre-legislative scrutiny has taken place. (Priority)
Registration of Trade Unions Bill	To modernise and consolidate the existing legislation in respect of the registration requirements for trade unions.	Work is underway.
Work-life Balance 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.	Work is underway. (Priority)
Maternity Protection (Amendment) Bill	To extend the period during which breastfeeding breaks can be taken from 26 weeks to two years.	Work is ongoing.
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 of bill approved. Pre-legislative scrutiny completed.

Bill	Purpose	Status
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 of bill approved. Pre-legislative scrutiny has taken place. (Priority)
Licensing System for Construction and Related Activities Safety Training Bill	To provide for the establishment of a statutory licensing system for construction and related activities.	Heads of bill being prepared.
Payment of Wages (Amendment) (Tips and Gratuities) Bill	To place tips and gratuities, but not service charges, outside the scope of an employee's contractual wages.	At First Stage. (Seanad)
Redundancy Payments (Amendment) Bill	To introduce a reckonable service payment as a COVID mitigation measure.	Order for Second Stage. (Dáil)
Right to Request Remote Work Bill	To introduce the right to request remote work.	Heads of bill being prepared. (Priority)
Protected Disclosures (Amendment) Bill	To transpose the EU Whistleblowing Directive. See our briefing for further details.	Heads of bill approved. Pre-legislative scrutiny has taken place. (Priority)
Transposition of EU Directive 2019/1152 on Transparent and Predictable Working Conditions	To ensure that all workers have the right to more complete information on the essential aspects of the work, the right to seek additional employment, with a ban on exclusivity clauses, and the right to more predictable working schedules.	Work is underway.

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ENERGY & NATURAL RESOURCES

Bill	Purpose	Status
Water Environment (Abstractions and Certain Impoundments) Bill	To provide for a risk-based approach to the regulation of abstractions and underpins the establishment of a national register of water abstractions.	Heads of bill approved. Pre-legislative scrutiny has taken place. (Priority)
Inland Fisheries (Consolidation) Bill	To modernise and consolidate existing inland fisheries legislation.	Work is underway.
Gas (Amendment) Bill	To provide for the integration of Ervia into Gas Networks Ireland.	Heads of bill being prepared.

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ENVIRONMENT & PLANNING

Bill	Purpose	Status
Water Environment (Abstractions and Certain Impoundments) Bill	To provide for a risk-based approach to the regulation of abstractions and underpins the establishment of a national register of water abstractions.	Heads of bill approved. Pre-legislative scrutiny has taken place. (Priority)
Circular Economy Bill	To provide a legislative underpinning for measures promoting the development of the circular economy.	Heads of bill approved. Pre-legislative scrutiny has taken place. (Priority)
Regulation of Providers of Building Works Bill	To place Construction Industry Register Ireland (CIRI) on a statutory footing and thereby provide in law for the registration of buildings, contractors and specialist sub-contractors.	Order for Second Stage. (Dáil)
Monuments and 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.	Heads of bill approved. Pre-legislative scrutiny ongoing.
Aarhus Convention Bill	To consolidate and further Ireland's implementation of the access to justice provisions of the Aarhus Convention.	Heads of bill being prepared.
Planning and Development Bill	To review and replace the Planning and Development Act 2000 with a consolidated Bill improving the clarity and structure of the current code.	Work is underway.

Bill	Purpose	Status
Planning and Development (Judicial Review) Bill	To provide for reform of judicial review provisions in the Planning and Development Act 2000.	Heads of bill approved. Pre-legislative scrutiny to be determined.
Planning and Development (Substitute Consent) Bill	To amend the Planning and Development Act 2000 to streamline the substitute consent provisions in the Act.	Heads of bill approved. Pre-legislative scrutiny has taken place. (Priority)
Land Value Sharing and Urban Development Zones Bill	To amend the Planning and Development Act 2000 to introduce new provisions to deal with land value sharing and urban development zones reflected in Housing for All.	Heads of bill approved. Pre-legislative scrutiny to be determined.
Electricity Costs (Domestic Electricity Account Holders) Emergency Measures Bill	To establish a scheme for the payment of an Electricity Costs Emergency Benefit Payment to domestic electricity account holders to be funded by moneys provided by the Oireachtas, having regard to the exceptional rise in global energy prices.	Heads of bill approved. Pre-legislative scrutiny to be determined. (Priority)

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FINANCIAL REGULATION

Bill	Purpose	Status
Consumer Credit (Amendment) Bill	To restrict the total cost of credit on moneylending loans.	Heads of Bill approved. Pre-legislative scrutiny completed. (Priority)
Consumer Protection (Regulation of Retail Credit and Credit Servicing Firms) Bill 2021	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.	At Committee Stage. (Dáil)
Central Bank (Individual Accountability Framework) Bill	To introduce an Individual Accountability Framework including Senior Executive Accountability Regime (SEAR). See our briefing for further details.	Heads of Bill approved. Pre-legislative scrutiny is ongoing. (Priority)
Credit Union Interest on Loans Bill	To increase the maximum monthly interest rate on credit union loans from 1% to 2%.	Heads of bill approved. Pre-legislative scrutiny waived.
Credit Review Service Bill	To put the Credit Review Office on a statutory footing.	Heads of Bill approved. Pre-legislative scrutiny to be determined.
Bretton Woods Agreements (Amendment) Bill	To facilitate Irelands participation in the IMF's New Arrangements to Borrow and to streamline procedures for contributing to IMF Trust Funds.	Heads of Bill approved. Pre-legislative scrutiny waived. (Priority)

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HEALTHCARE & LIFE SCIENCES

Bill	Purpose	Status
Assisted Decision-Making (Capacity) (Amendment) Bill	To amend the Assisted Decision-making (Capacity) Act 2015	Heads of bill approved. Pre-legislative scrutiny to be determined (Priority)
Assisted Human Reproduction Bill	To provide a legislative framework for the regulation of assisted human reproduction practices and association research.	Heads of bill approved. Pre-legislative scrutiny has taken place. (Priority)
Human Tissue (Transportation, 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 of bill approved. Pre-legislative scrutiny waived. (Priority)
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. (Priority)
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 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 amend the Children and Family Relationships Act 2015.	Heads of bill approved. Pre-legislative scrutiny has taken place.

Bill	Purpose	Status
Health (Amendment) Bill	To enhance the oversight and regulation of nursing homes through the provision of increased enforcement powers for the Chief Inspector of Social Services in relation to nursing homes.	Heads of bill being prepared.
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 of bill approved. Pre-legislative scrutiny waived.
Regulated Professions (Health and Social Care) (Amendment) Bill	To make a number of amendments to uncommenced provisions of the Regulated Professions (Health and Social Care) (Amendment) Act 2020.	Work is underway.
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 of bill approved. Pre-legislative scrutiny has taken place. (Priority)
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.	Heads of bill approved. Pre-legislative scrutiny ongoing.

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INSURANCE & REINSURANCE

Bill	Purpose	Status
Central Bank (Individual Accountability Framework) Bill	To introduce an Individual Accountability Framework including Senior Executive Accountability Regime (SEAR). See our briefing for further details.	Heads of Bill approved. Pre-legislative scrutiny is ongoing. (Priority)
Insurance (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill	To address a number of insurance related issues. See our briefing for further details.	Heads of bill approved. Pre-legislative scrutiny is ongoing. (Priority)
Road Traffic and Roads 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. See our briefing for more details.	At Committee Stage. (Dáil)

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INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY, TECHNOLOGY & DATA PROTECTION

Bill	Purpose	Status
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.
Interception of Postal Packets and Telecommunications Messages (Regulation) (Amendment) Bill	To amend various pieces of legislation in respect of electronic communications.	Work is underway.
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 of bill approved. Pre-legislative scrutiny has taken place.
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.
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 audio-visual media services and the implementation of the revised Audio-visual Media Services Directive.	At First Stage. (Seanad)

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LITIGATION & DISPUTE RESOLUTION

Bill	Purpose	Status
Personal Insolvency (Amendment) (No.2) Bill 2020	To update aspects of personal insolvency legislation, following statutory review of Personal Insolvency Acts.	Heads of bill in preparation.
Judicial Appointments Commission Bill	To amend the law in relation to judicial appointments and to establish a Judicial Appointment Commission to make recommendations with regard to judicial appointments.	Heads of bill approved. Pre-legislative scrutiny has taken place. (Priority)
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, civil legal aid, legal services regulation.	Heads of bill approved. Pre-legislative scrutiny has taken place. (Priority)
Protected Disclosures (Amendment) Bill	To transpose the EU Whistleblowing Directive. See our briefing for further details.	Heads of bill approved. Pre-legislative scrutiny has taken place. (Priority)
Personal Injuries Resolution Board 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 of bill being prepared.
European Convention on Human Rights (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.	Heads of bill approved. Pre-legislative scrutiny waived. (Priority)

Bill	Purpose	Status
Defamation (Amendment) Bill	To update aspects of defamation law, following statutory review of the Defamation Act 2009.	Heads of bill being prepared.
Family Court Bill	To establish a Family Court as a separate division within the existing court structures.	Heads of bill approved. Pre-legislative scrutiny waived. (Priority)
Sale of Alcohol Bill	To codify the law relating to the sale and consumption of alcohol	Revised Heads of bill being prepared.
Regulation of Lobbying (Amendment) Bill	To amend the Regulation of Lobbying Act 2015 to improve the operation and functionality of the Lobbying Register; strengthen the existing legislation and its enforcement; and make failure to comply with the post term employment restrictions set out in Section 22 a relevant contravention and offence under the Act.	Work is underway. (Priority)
Representative Actions for the Protection of the Collective Interests of Consumers Bill	To put in place a system for consumers to participate in a collective claim against a trader whose behaviour has breached their consumer rights. See our briefing here .	Work is underway.

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REAL ESTATE & CONSTRUCTION

Bill	Purpose	Status
Planning and Development (Substitute Consent) Bill	To amend the Planning and Development Act 2000 to streamline the substitute consent provisions in the Act.	Heads of bill approved. Pre-legislative scrutiny has taken place. (Priority)
Regulation of Providers of Building Works Bill	To place Construction Industry Register Ireland (CIRI) on a statutory footing and thereby provide in law for the registration of buildings, contractors and specialist sub-contractors.	Order for Second Stage. (Dáil)
Táilte Éireann Bill	To provide for the establishment of Táilte Éireann, a single body incorporating the Property Registration Authority, Ordnance Survey Ireland, the Commissioner of Valuation and Boundary Surveyor.	Heads of bill approved. Pre-legislative scrutiny has taken place. (Priority)
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 of bill being prepared.
Planning and Development (Judicial Review) Bill	To provide for reform of judicial review provisions in the Planning and Development Act 2000.	Heads of bill approved. Pre-legislative scrutiny still to be determined.
Defective Concrete Blocks Remediation Bill	To provide for a new Defective Concrete Blocks scheme which will provide grants to eligible owners of Mica and Pyrite homes	Work is underway. (Priority)

Bill	Purpose	Status
Land Value Sharing and Urban Development Zones Bill	To amend the Planning and Development Act 2000 to introduce new provisions to deal with land value sharing and urban development zones reflected in Housing for All.	Heads of bill approved. Pre-legislative scrutiny to be determined.
Planning and Development Bill	To review and replace the Planning and Development Act 2000 with a consolidated Bill improving the clarity and structure of current code.	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.	Heads of bill being prepared.
Licensing System for Construction and Related Activities Safety Training Bill	To provide for the establishment of a statutory licensing system for construction and related activities.	Heads of bill being prepared.

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RETAIL, LEISURE & AGRIBUSINESS

Bill	Purpose	Status
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 of bill approved. Pre-legislative scrutiny to be determined.
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 of bill approved. Pre-legislative scrutiny has taken place. (Priority)
Sale of Alcohol Bill	To codify the law relating to the sale and consumption of alcohol.	Revised Heads of bill being prepared.
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 of bill approved. Pre-legislative scrutiny has taken place. (Priority)
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 of bill approved. Pre-legislative scrutiny has taken place.
Manufacture, Sale and Use of Fertiliser Bill	To make provisions for the control of the manufacture and sale of fertiliser products including provision for market surveillance measures and provides for collection of information on fertiliser sales at point of retail at individual farm level.	Preparatory work is underway.

Bill	Purpose	Status
Agriculture and Food Supply Chain (Market Transparency) Bill	To establish a new authority called the National Food Ombudsman to enforce the Unfair Trading Practices (UTP) Directive and to have a specific role in analysing and reporting on price and market data in Ireland.	Preparatory work is underway. (Priority)
Electricity Costs (Domestic Electricity Account Holders) Emergency Measures Bill	To establish a scheme for the payment of an Electricity Costs Emergency Benefit Payment to domestic electricity account holders to be funded by moneys provided by the Oireachtas, having regard to the exceptional rise in global energy prices.	Heads of bill approved. Pre-legislative scrutiny to be determined. (Priority)

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SPORTS

Bill	Purpose	Status
Gambling Regulation Bill	To provide for a modern approach to the licencing of gambling activities and to establish a gambling regulator.	Heads of bill approved. Pre-legislative scrutiny to be determined. (Priority)

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TAX

Bill	Purpose	Status
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 of bill approved. Pre-legislative scrutiny waived.
Finance (Covid-19 and Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill	To give legislative effect to some of the actions recently agreed by the Government to support businesses that continue to be affected by the effects of the COVID 19 pandemic and relevant public health restrictions (these include amendments to EWSS, CRSS and tax debt warehousing scheme), and other related matters	Work is underway

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TELECOMS & MEDIA

Bill	Purpose	Status
Broadcasting (Amendment) Bill 2019	To amend the Broadcasting Act 2009.	At Committee Stage. (Dáil)
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 audio visual media services and the implementation of the revised Audiovisual Media Services Directive (Directive (EU) 2018/1808).	At First Stage. (Seanad)
Interception of Postal Packets and Telecommunications Messages (Regulation) (Amendment) Bill	To amend various pieces of legislation in respect of electronic communications.	Work is underway.
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 of bill approved. Pre-legislative scrutiny has taken place.
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 of bill approved. Pre-legislative scrutiny has taken place. (Priority)
Communications Regulation (Enforcement) Bill	To update the civil and criminal enforcement regime for the Commission for Communications Regulation, to introduce new consumer protection measures for consumers of electronic communications services and amend Part 2, 3 and 5 of the Communications Regulation Act 2002.	Heads of bill approved. Pre-legislative scrutiny to be determined.

Bill	Purpose	Status
Defamation (Amendment) Bill	To update aspects of defamation law, following statutory review of the Defamation Act 2009.	Heads of bill being prepared.

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