



NEW GOVERNMENT LEGISLATION PROGRAMME: INDUSTRY & SECTOR SPECIFIC BREAKDOWN

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The second Government Legislation Programme of the new Partnership Government has been published. The Cabinet has approved 25 new Bills for publication. 21 Bills are already before the Oireachtas and over 70 proposed Bills are being considered. A relevant selection of these Bills and proposals is set out below, by industry or sector. Keep an eye on our website for further updates.

A new pre-legislative stage for Bills was recently introduced, which means that Oireachtas committees can now review the heads of Bills prior to the publication of the Bill itself. The committees can consult with relevant stakeholders and provide input to the Minister in question while the Bill is still being drafted.

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ASSET MANAGEMENT & INVESTMENT FUNDS

Bill	Purpose	Status
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.	Work is underway
Criminal Justice (Money Laundering & Terrorist Financing) (Amendment) Bill	To give effect to the 4 th EU Money Laundering Directive, which, amongst other things requires the disclosure of beneficial ownership of shares in Irish companies. This must be transposed into Irish law by June 2017.	Pre-legislative scrutiny as soon as possible
Statutory Audits Bill	To transpose certain provisions in the EU Audit Directive 2014/56/EU and the EU Regulation (537/2014) which are not capable of being transposed by way of the European Union (Statutory Audits) Regulations 2016.	Heads of bill expected shortly

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AVIATION & TRANSPORT

Bill	Purpose	Status
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 and to recoup costs through fees and charges for its aviation security regulation functions. To give powers and allow the IAA to set the level and manner of aviation security charges, and the requirement for consultation with regulated entities in that regard. It will also provide for the recognition of the role of the IAA in compliance monitoring with regard to ICAO Annex 17 (prevention and suppression of all acts of unlawful interference against civil aviation on a worldwide basis).	Work is underway
Passenger Name Record Bill	To give effect to the Passenger Name Record (PNR) 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.	Heads of bill have yet to be prepared
Road Traffic Bill 2016	To make provision for roadside tests of oral fluid for the presence of drugs and a new offence of driving with the presence of certain specified drugs in the blood. Also to give effect to the agreement between Ireland and the UK on mutual recognition of driver disqualifications and to create a new special speed limit of 20km/h.	Second Stage (Dáil)
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

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BANKING & FINANCE

Bill	Purpose	Status
Central Bank Consolidation Bill	To consolidate all of the collectively cited Central Bank Acts.	Work is underway
Financial Services and Pensions Ombudsman Bill	To amalgamate the Offices of the Pensions and Financial Services Ombudsman.	Pre-legislative scrutiny 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.	Work is underway
Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank Bill	To allow for Ireland's potential membership of the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB).	Pre-legislative scrutiny to be determined
Criminal Justice (Money Laundering & Terrorist Financing) (Amendment) Bill	To give effect to the 4 th EU Money Laundering Directive, which, amongst other things requires the disclosure of beneficial ownership of shares in Irish companies. This must be transposed into Irish law by June 2017.	Pre-legislative scrutiny as soon as possible
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, by imposing solutions on the parties including those recommended by the new Mortgage Arrears Resolution Service. The hearings of this court could be held in private if requested by the debtor.	Pre-legislative scrutiny expected November 2016
Finance (Certain European Union and Intergovernmental Obligations) Bill 2016	To enable the State to enter into a loan facility agreement with the Single Resolution Board in order to provide it with bridge financing of up to €1.815bn. The Bill provides the Minister for Finance with the necessary powers to perform the State's functions under the loan facility agreement. The Bill also makes some minor amendments to the Companies Act 2014 in consequence of the	Second Stage (Seanad)

	transposition of the EU Directive on criminal sanctions for market abuse.	
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BETTING, GAMING & SPORTS

Bill	Purpose	Status
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 of Justice and Equality.	Work is underway
Greyhound Industry 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.	Pre-legislative scrutiny expected December 2016

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CONSUMER

Bill	Purpose	Status
Public Health (Alcohol) Bill 2015	To provide for minimum unit pricing for retailing of alcohol products; to regulate the advertising and sponsorship of alcohol; to provide for a structural separation of alcohol from other products in mixed trading outlets; to provide for health labelling of alcohol products; and to regulate the sale and supply of alcohol in certain circumstances.	Committee Stage (Seanad)
Sale of Alcohol Bill	To codify the law relating to the sale and consumption of alcohol.	Pre-legislative scrutiny to be determined

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CORPORATE

Bill	Purpose	Status
Criminal Justice (Corruption) Bill	To replace outdated legislation, meet international commitments to the Council of Europe, the OECD and the UN, and to give effect to certain Mahon Tribunal recommendations.	Pre-legislative scrutiny completed in 2013
Companies (Accounting) Bill 2016	To transpose the EU Accounting Directive (2013/34/EU) which provides simplifications and reductions of administrative burdens for SMEs with regard to the preparation of financial statements.	Order for Second Stage (Dáil)
Statutory Audits Bill	To transpose certain provisions in the EU Audit Directive 2014/56/EU and the EU Regulation (537/2014) which are not capable of being transposed by way of the European Union (Statutory Audits) Regulations 2016.	Heads of bill expected shortly
Criminal Justice (Money Laundering & Terrorist Financing) (Amendment) Bill	To give effect to the 4 th EU Money Laundering Directive, which, amongst other things requires the disclosure of beneficial ownership of shares in Irish companies. This must be transposed into Irish law by June 2017.	Pre-legislative scrutiny as soon as possible
Finance (Certain European Union and Intergovernmental Obligations) Bill 2016	To enable the State to enter into a loan facility agreement with the Single Resolution Board in order to provide it with bridge financing of up to €1.815bn. The Bill provides the Minister for Finance with the necessary powers to perform the State's functions under the loan facility agreement. The Bill also makes some minor amendments to the Companies Act 2014 in consequence of the transposition of the EU Directive on criminal sanctions for market abuse.	Second Stage (Seanad)

Your William Fry contacts: [Shane O'Donnell](#), [Barry Conway](#), [Barbara Kenny](#) & [Cormac Little](#)

EMPLOYMENT, EQUALITY & EDUCATION

Bill	Purpose	Status
Family Leave Bill	To consolidate with amendments all family leave legislation.	Work is underway
Universities (Amendment) Bill	To ensure compliance with government guidelines on remuneration, allowances, pensions and staffing numbers in the university sector.	Heads of bill approved in October 2012; drafting 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 of bill are currently being drafted
Technological Universities Bill 2015	To provide for the dissolution of certain institutes of technology and for the transfer of their functions, assets, liabilities and staff to new institutes of technology to be established; to provide for the establishment of technological universities; and to provide for the functions and governance of these universities.	Second Stage (Seanad)
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 of bill are currently being drafted
Disability/Equality (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill	To allow ratification of the UN Convention on Rights of People with Disabilities and to make further technical amendments to disability and equality legislation.	Submitted for pre-legislative scrutiny
Education (Admission to Schools) Bill 2016	To contain provisions regarding the enrolment of pupils in schools and the requirement for schools to operate enrolment policies in a transparent fashion.	Order for Second Stage (Dáil)

Garda Síochána (Compensation for Malicious Injuries) Bill	To provide a revised scheme for compensating Gardaí maliciously injured in their work.	Legal advice is being analysed
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 responsibilities in relation to the 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 of bill expected end 2016
Education (Parent and Student Charter) Bill	To amend 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 the Act.	Pre-legislative scrutiny to be determined
Social Welfare Bill	To give effect to the social welfare related measures to be announced in Budget 2017 and to amend the social welfare code arising from policy, administrative, operational and control matters.	Not indicated
Protection for Workers on Insecure, Low Hour Contracts Bill	To implement the policy response to the University of Limerick Study on Zero Hour Contracts and Low Hour Contracts.	Proposals expected late 2016

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ENERGY & NATURAL RESOURCES

Bill	Purpose	Status
Minerals Development Bill 2015	To modernise and consolidate all mineral development legislation.	Second Stage (Dáil)
Geothermal Energy Development Bill	To provide a legislative framework for the vesting, licensing and regulation of the development of geothermal energy.	Drafting is ongoing
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.	Not indicated
Water Environment Bill	To give full effect to the Water Framework Directive, including addressing outstanding infringements.	Preliminary work underway

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ENVIRONMENT & PLANNING

Bill	Purpose	Status
Maritime Area and Foreshore (Amendment) Bill	To streamline the development consent process for the foreshore including the integration of certain parts of the foreshore consent process (under the Foreshore Act 1933) with the existing on-land planning system.	Pre-legislative scrutiny took place in late 2013 and Committee reported in February 2014.
Planning and Development (Amendment) Bill 2016	To amend and extend the Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2015 and to establish the Office of the Planning Regulator to evaluate and carry out assessments relating to planning matters, amongst other functions. In addition, to provide for planning and development requirements to be taken into account by Irish Water.	Second Stage (Dáil)
Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill	To provide for implementation of a range of measures relating to Rebuilding Ireland - the Action Plan for Housing including: provisions for a new fast-track planning process through An Bord Pleanála for large housing development proposals, new streamlined planning arrangements in relation to local authority own development for social housing and infrastructure projects, amendments to the Residential Tenancies Act to address matters relating to tenancy protection and strengthening the role and powers of the RTB and amendments to facilitate the transfer of funds from the Local Government Fund to the Exchequer.	Not indicated
Green Climate Fund Bill	To give effect to Ireland's membership of the UNFCCC Green Climate Fund.	Not indicated

Industrial Development (Amendment) Bill	To take account of the Supreme Court judgment in <i>Reid vs IDA and the Attorney General</i> to ensure that the IDA has the necessary statutory powers to undertake their property functions (in particular, compulsory purchase orders).	Heads of bill approved July 2016; referred to pre-legislative scrutiny
Building Control 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.	Pre-legislative scrutiny expected October 2016
Housing (Regulation of Approved Housing Bodies) Bill	To provide a regulatory framework for the operation of approved housing bodies.	Heads of bill approved 29 September 2015; pre-legislative scrutiny December 2015; Committee reported in February 2016
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.	Not indicated

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FOOD, BEVERAGE & AGRIBUSINESS

Proposed Bill	Purpose	Status
Sale of Alcohol Bill	To codify the law relating to the sale and consumption of alcohol.	Pre-legislative scrutiny to be determined
Public Health (Alcohol) Bill 2015	To provide for minimum unit pricing for retailing of alcohol products; to regulate the advertising and sponsorship of alcohol; to provide for a structural separation of alcohol from other products in mixed trading outlets; to provide for health labelling of alcohol products; and to regulate the sale and supply of alcohol in certain circumstances.	Committee Stage (Seanad)
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 of bill are currently being drafted

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HEALTHCARE & LIFE SCIENCES

Bill	Purpose	Status
Medical Practitioners (Amendment) Bill 2014	To amend the Medical Practitioners Act 2007 to provide for a requirement for registered medical practitioners to have medical indemnity insurance except in certain circumstances and to give effect to Directive 2011/24/EU on the application of patients' rights in cross-border healthcare.	Second Stage (Dáil)
Health (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2016	To amend the Irish Medicines Board Act 1995, the Nursing Homes Support Scheme Act 2009, the Health (Pricing and Supply of Medical Goods) Act 2013 and the Public Health (Standardised Packaging of Tobacco) Act 2015.	Order for Second Stage (Dáil)
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.	Heads of bill expected end 2016
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.	Pre-legislative scrutiny to be determined
Patient Safety (Licensing of Healthcare Facilities) Bill	To provide for a mandatory system of licensing for public and private healthcare facilities.	Heads of bill expected end 2016
Health Information and Patient Safety Bill	To provide a legislative framework for the better governance of health information, 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 Health Information and Quality Authority's remit to private health service providers.	Referred to pre-legislative scrutiny

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 late 2016
Public Health (Alcohol) Bill 2015	To provide for minimum unit pricing for retailing of alcohol products; to regulate the advertising and sponsorship of alcohol; to provide for a structural separation of alcohol from other products in mixed trading outlets; to provide for health labelling of alcohol products; and to regulate the sale and supply of alcohol in certain circumstances.	Committee Stage (Seanad)
Public Health (Sale of Tobacco Products and Non-Medicinal Nicotine Delivery Systems) Bill	To provide for 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.	Heads of bill are currently being drafted
Health Insurance (Amendment) Bill	To provide for revised rates of risk equalisation credits and stamp duties relating to health insurance contracts for 2017 and to ensure compliance with EU State Aid decision.	Not indicated
Assisted Human Reproduction Bill	To provide a legislative framework for the regulation of assisted human reproduction practices and stem cell research.	Heads of bill 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 of bill are currently being drafted

<p>Health (Miscellaneous Provisions) (No. 2) Bill</p>	<p>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 on the recognition of professional qualifications and administrative cooperation through the Internal Market Information System; 2) an appeal against minor sanctions; and 3) amendments in relation to a number of other issues including amendments to the registration of medical practitioners and physiotherapists/physical therapists.</p>	<p>Heads of bill approved on 17 November 2015</p>
<p>Human Tissue Bill</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>Work on scoping the legislation is being progressed</p>

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INSURANCE & REINSURANCE

Bill	Purpose	Status
Health Insurance (Amendment) Bill	To provide for revised rates of risk equalisation credits and stamp duties relating to health insurance contracts for 2017 and to ensure compliance with EU State Aid decision.	Not indicated
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.	Work is underway

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INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY & TECHNOLOGY

Bill	Purpose	Status
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.	Pre-legislative scrutiny expected by end 2016
Criminal Justice (Offences Relating to Information Systems) Bill 2016	To give effect to provisions of EU Directive 2013/40 on attacks against information systems. The Bill amends the Criminal Damage Act 1991, the Bail Act 1997 and the Criminal Justice Act 2011.	Order for Second Stage (Dáil)
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
Digital Hub Development Agency (Dissolution) Bill	To dissolve the Digital Hub Development Agency (DHDA), repeal the DHDA Act 2003, and to give effect to the merger between the DHDA and Dublin City Council.	Heads of bill expected late 2016
Copyright and Related Rights (Amendment) (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill	To adopt certain recommendations made by the Copyright Review Committee to modernise the Irish copyright and related rights regime, and provide for other necessary changes identified across the range of intellectual property issues.	Heads of bill approved in July 2016; referred to pre-legislative scrutiny
Hallmarking (Amendment) Bill	To amend the Hallmarking Act 1981 to allow for hallmarking of palladium and mixed metals, and to allow offsite/off-shore marking of precious metals by the Irish Assay Office.	Decided in 2014 not to undertake pre-legislative scrutiny

Knowledge Development Box (Certification of Inventions) Bill	To provide for a certification scheme in respect of intellectual property for small companies to enable those companies obtain a tax benefit under the Knowledge Development Box and to amend the Patents Act 1992 to re-introduce substantive examination for patent applications.	Pre-legislative scrutiny expected shortly
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
Data Protection Bill	To give effect in Irish law to the (recently adopted) EU Regulation on Data Protection.	Heads of bill expected end 2016
Passenger Name Record Bill	To give effect to the Passenger Name Record (PNR) 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.	Heads of bill have yet to be prepared
Interception of Postal Packets and Telecommunications Messages (Regulation) (Amendment) Bill	To amend various pieces of legislation in respect of electronic communications.	Work is underway

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LITIGATION & DISPUTE RESOLUTION

Bill	Purpose	Status
Mediation Bill	To promote mediation as a viable, effective and efficient alternative to court proceedings.	Pre-legislative scrutiny took place in 2012
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.	Pre-legislative scrutiny expected in November 2016
Civil Liability (Amendment) Bill	To give financial security to those who have been catastrophically injured and who require lifelong care and attention by empowering the courts to make periodic payment orders.	Pre-legislative scrutiny took place in September 2015
Personal Injuries Assessment Board (Amendment) Bill	To introduce a number of amendments to improve the operation and implementation of the Personal Injuries Assessment Board Act 2003.	Heads of bill expected end 2016
Family Court Bill	To establish a Family Court as a separate division within the existing court structures.	Pre-legislative scrutiny expected end 2016
Judicial Appointments Bill	To replace the Judicial Appointments Advisory Board with a new Judicial Appointments Commission.	Pre-legislative scrutiny expected November 2016
Juries Bill	To give effect to Law Reform Commission report on Juries.	Proposals under consideration
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

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
Courts and Civil Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill	To enact provisions relating to electronic courts services and a wide range of other measures such as amendment of the Bankruptcy and Personal Insolvency Acts.	Pre-legislative scrutiny expected October 2016
Courts (Fixed Charge Notice Third Payment Option and Summons Printing) Bill	To amend the Courts (No. 3) Act 1986 dealing with the issue of summonses to facilitate commencement of section 44 of the Road Traffic Act 2010 which provides a third option to pay in respect of a fixed charge offence.	Sent for pre-legislative scrutiny in June 2016
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, by imposing solutions on the parties including those recommended by the new Mortgage Arrears Resolution Service. The hearings of this court could be held in private if requested by the debtor.	Pre-legislative scrutiny expected November 2016

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PENSIONS

Bill	Purpose	Status
Financial Services and Pensions Ombudsman Bill	To amalgamate the Offices of the Pensions and Financial Services Ombudsman.	Pre-legislative scrutiny to be determined

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PUBLIC SECTOR

Bill	Purpose	Status
Public Sector Standards Bill 2015	To reform the existing legislative framework in relation to ethics regulation for those in public office and to establish a Public Sector Standards Commissioner to oversee a complaints and investigations process.	Awaiting Committee Stage (Dáil)
National Archives (Amendment) Bill	To amend the transfer of records rule under the National Archives Acts from 30 years to 20 years.	Expected to be referred for pre-legislative scrutiny shortly
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.	Pre-legislative scrutiny expected by end 2016
Electoral Commission Bill	To provide for the establishment of an Electoral Commission.	Committee engaged in an extensive consultation in 2015 and reported to Minister
Táille Éireann Bill	To merge the Property Registration Authority, the Valuation Office and the Ordnance Survey Office.	Heads of bill approved January 2015; bill is progressing
Digital Hub Development Agency (Dissolution) Bill	To dissolve the Digital Hub Development Agency (DHDA), repeal the DHDA Act 2003, and to give effect to the merger between the DHDA and Dublin City Council.	Heads of bill expected late 2016
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

Garda Síochána (Compensation for Malicious Injuries) Bill	To provide a revised scheme for compensating Gardaí maliciously injured in their work.	Legal advice is being analysed
Official Languages (Amendment) Bill	To amend the Official Languages Act 2003 to ensure the most efficient use of resources.	Heads of bill approved in April 2014; pre-legislative scrutiny has taken place
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 responsibilities in relation to the 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 of bill expected end 2016
Green Climate Fund Bill	To give effect to Ireland's membership of the UNFCCC Green Climate Fund.	Not indicated
Public Service Management (Amendment) and Civil Service Regulation (Amendment) Bill	To allow greater devolution of management and disciplinary functions.	Work is underway
National Economic and Social Development Office (Amendment) Bill	To dissolve the National Economic and Social Development Office and place the National Economic and Social Council on a statutory footing.	Draft heads of bill under preparation
Statute Law Revision Bill 2016	To repeal various enactments which have ceased to be in force or have become unnecessary.	Order for Second Stage (Seanad)
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 and to recoup costs through fees and charges for its aviation security regulation functions. To give powers and allow the IAA to set the level and manner of aviation security charges, and	Work is underway

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REAL ESTATE

Bill	Purpose	Status
Táille Éireann Bill	To merge the Property Registration Authority, the Valuation Office and the Ordnance Survey Office.	Heads of bill approved January 2015; bill is progressing
Landlord and Tenant Law Reform Bill	To update and streamline the general law relating to landlord and tenant.	Heads of bill approved; work is continuing
Industrial Development (Amendment) Bill	To take account of the Supreme Court judgment in <i>Reid vs IDA and the Attorney General</i> to ensure that the IDA has the necessary statutory powers to undertake their property functions (in particular, compulsory purchase orders).	Heads of bill approved July 2016; referred to pre-legislative scrutiny
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, by imposing solutions on the parties including those recommended by the new Mortgage Arrears Resolution Service. The hearings of this court could be held in private if requested by the debtor.	Pre-legislative scrutiny expected November 2016
Rates Bill	To consolidate and modernise the range of legislation concerning commercial rates levied by local authorities.	Heads of bill expected end 2016

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TAX

Bill	Purpose	Status
Taxation and Certain Other Matters (International Mutual Assistance) Bill	To implement the Joint Council of Europe/OECD Mutual Administrative Assistance in Taxation Convention, and the EU Swiss Anti-Fraud Agreement.	Pre-legislative scrutiny to be determined
Finance Bill	To give statutory effect to Budget Day decisions.	Not indicated

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TELECOMS & MEDIA

Bill	Purpose	Status
Broadcasting (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill	To amend the Broadcasting Act 2009 to implement a Government decision on the BAI 5 year review of public funding, to address other aspects of the funding of public service broadcasting, and to deal with certain other miscellaneous amendments.	Pre-legislative scrutiny expected November 2016

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TOBACCO INDUSTRY

Bill	Purpose	Status
Public Health (Sale of Tobacco Products and Non-Medicinal Nicotine Delivery Systems) Bill	To provide for 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.	Heads of bill are currently being drafted
Health (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2016	To amend the Irish Medicines Board Act 1995, the Nursing Homes Support Scheme Act 2009, the Health (Pricing and Supply of Medical Goods) Act 2013 and the Public Health (Standardised Packaging of Tobacco) Act 2015.	Order for Second Stage (Dáil)

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