

NEW GOVERNMENT LEGISLATION PROGRAMME: INDUSTRY & SECTOR SPECIFIC BREAKDOWN AUTUMN 2017

The Government Legislation Programme of the Partnership Government for the Autumn 2017 session has been published. The Cabinet has approved 28 new Bills for priority publication. The programme identifies 30 bills which are expected to undergo pre-legislative scrutiny. 24 Bills are currently before the Oireachtas and 69 other proposed Bills are being considered for introduction in the long-term. 49 Bills have been published since this Government took office in May 2016 and 44 Bills have been enacted since that date.

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ASSET MANAGEMENT & INVESTMENT FUNDS

Bill	Purpose	Status
Investment Limited Partnership and Irish Collective Asset management Vehicle (Amendment) Bill	To support the development of the private equity fund industry by making Ireland a more attractive domicile for such funds. This objective has also been included in the IFS 2020 Action Plan 2016 which commits to developing amendments to the Investment Limited Partnership Act 1994 to make the structure more attractive to fund managers.	Heads of bill approved July 2017. 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.	Heads of bill approved December 2016. Joint Committee decided pre-legislative scrutiny not required. (Priority)
Companies (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 approved January 2017. Joint Committee decided pre-legislative scrutiny not required. (Priority)
Markets in Financial Instruments Bill	To transpose part of the Market in Financial Instruments Directive II into Irish law.	Heads approved July 2017. Pre-legislative scrutiny may not be required. (Priority)

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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. 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.
Large Public Service Vehicle (LPSV) Bill	To provide for a new regulatory regime for large public service vehicles (LPSV's) and to revoke the existing legislative provisions governing such vehicles.	Preparatory work is underway.
Vehicle Registration Data (Automated Searching) Bill	To give effect to the EU PRUM Decisions regarding sharing of vehicle data to combat serious crime.	Heads of Bill approved July 2017. Pre-legislative scrutiny to be determined. (Priority)
Dublin Transport Authority (Amendment) Bill	To make certain limited amendments to the Act, principally section 52, to reinforce stated policy as regards the powers of the NTA to determine the mix of 'direct award' and 'competitively tendered bus services'.	Work is underway.
Road Safety Authority (Amendment) Bill	To update and strengthen existing provisions and provide the power for publishing names of convicted road traffic offenders.	Preparatory work is underway.
Road Traffic (Compulsory Motor Insurance) Bill	To revise and consolidate legislation on compulsory motor insurance.	Preparatory work is underway.

Merchant Shipping (International Conventions) Bill	To prepare for Ireland to become a party to certain International Maritime Organisation and International Labour Organisation conventions and to update existing legislation in order to bring up to date the Irish maritime legal code regarding certain other maritime international conventions.	Heads in preparation.
Road Traffic (Master Licence Record) Bill	To provide the necessary legal authorisation and associated data protection measure to enable linkage of driver and vehicle data on the National Vehicle and Driver File.	Work is underway.
Common Rules for the operation of air services Bill	To provide, inter alia, pricing freedom for airlines in setting fares and fees and to provide for enforcement of the requirement for the total price of airfares to be made available all times to consumers by airline or agent when booking and for fines for non-compliance.	No status update given.

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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.
Investment Limited Partnership and Irish Collective Asset management Vehicle (Amendment) Bill	To support the development of the private equity fund industry by making Ireland a more attractive domicile for such funds. This objective has also been included in the IFS 2020 Action Plan 2016 which commits to developing amendments to the Investment Limited Partnership Act 1994 to make the structure more attractive to fund managers.	Heads of bill approved July 2017. 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.	Heads of bill approved 2016. Joint Committee decided pre-legislative scrutiny not required. (Priority)
Courts & Land & Conveyancing (Amendment) Bill	To provide for matters relating to mortgage repossession proceedings and related court matters. This Bill will also contain provisions related to those proposed in the Keeping people in their Homes Private Members Bill.	Pre-legislative scrutiny expected October/November.
Insurance (Amendment) Bill	To amend the Insurance Act 1964 in order to implement the recommendations of the Review of the Framework for Motor Insurance Compensation in Ireland Report.	Heads approved on 5th July 2017, pre-legislative scrutiny still to be determined. (Priority)
Markets in Financial Instruments Bill	This bill is part of the transposition of the Market in Financial Instruments Directive II into national law.	Heads approved July 2017. Pre-legislative scrutiny may not be required. (Priority)

Credit Union Restructuring Board Dissolution Bill	To dissolve the Credit Union Restructuring Board and to transfer its assets and liabilities (if any) to the Minister for Finance.	Work is underway. Pre-legislative scrutiny still to be determined.
Access to Central Treasury Funds (National Oil Reserves Agency) Bill	To amend the NTMA Act 2000 to include the National Oil Reserves Agency (NORA) among the statutory bodies to whom the NTMA may provide treasury services, including loans and deposits.	Work is underway.

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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.	Pre-legislative scrutiny completed. Work is underway.
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.	Heads of bill approved March 2017. Pre-legislative scrutiny completed.

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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.	Heads of bill approved, work is underway.
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 in preparation.

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CORPORATE

Bill	Purpose	Status
Criminal Justice (Corruption Offences) Bill	To replace outdated legislation, meet international commitments to Council of Europe, OECD and UN, and to give effect to some Mahon Tribunal recommendations.	Pre-legislative scrutiny has taken place. (Priority)
Companies (Statutory Audits) Bill	To further 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 approved January 2017. Joint Committee decided pre-legislative scrutiny not required. (Priority)
Criminal Justice (Money Laundering & Terrorist Financing) (Amendment) Bill	To give effect to the 4th EU Money Laundering Directive.	Heads of bill approved December 2016. Joint Committee decided pre-legislative scrutiny not required. (Priority)

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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.	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 of bill in preparation.
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.	Awaiting Committee Stage (Dáil).
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 in preparation.
Disability (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.	Awaiting Committee.
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 report (Dáil).
Garda Síochána (Compensation) Bill	To provide a revised scheme for compensating Gardaí maliciously injured in their work.	Further heads approved on 9 th May 2017, Joint Committee decided pre-legislative scrutiny not required.

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 approved May 2017. Pre-legislative scrutiny not required.
Student and Parent Charter Bill	To provide for a Student and Parent Charter in every school.	Heads of bill approved October 2016. Pre-legislative scrutiny underway.
Employment (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill	To implement the policy response to the University of Limerick Study on Zero Hour Contracts and Low Hour Contracts and related matters.	Heads of bill approved May 2017. Joint Committee decided pre-legislative scrutiny not required. (Priority)
Health and Social Care Professionals (Amendment) Bill	To provide for registration of physiotherapists/physical therapists and some other technical amendments.	Order for Report (Dáil).
Industrial Relations (Amendment) Bill	To amend the 1990 Act to give the Garda Síochána Representative Associations access to the States industrial relations institutions, the Workplace Relations Commission and the Labour Court.	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.
Dublin Transport Authority (Amendment) Bill	To make certain limited amendments to the Act, principally section 52, to reinforce stated policy as regards the powers of the NTA to determine the mix of 'direct award' and 'competitively tendered bus services'.	Work is underway.

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ENERGY & NATURAL RESOURCES

Bill	Purpose	Status
Geothermal Energy Development Bill	To provide a legislative framework for the vesting, licensing and regulation of the development of geothermal energy.	Heads approved and drafting is continuing.
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 of bill approved April 2017. Business Committee decided pre-legislative scrutiny is not required. (Priority)
Water Services Bill	To give legislative effect to relevant recommendations of the Joint Oireachtas Committee on the Future Funding of Water Services.	Heads approved on 30th May 2017. (Priority)
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.	Heads are currently under preparation.
Inland Fisheries (Modernisation & Consolidation) Bill	To modernise and consolidate existing provisions of legislation governing the inland fisheries sector.	Work is ongoing.

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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.
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. Joint Committee decided pre-legislative scrutiny is not required. (Priority)
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, work is continuing.
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.	Heads of bill approved May 2017. Pre-legislative scrutiny to be determined.
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 of bill approved September 2015; pre-legislative scrutiny completed February 2016. (Priority)
Radiological Protection (Amendment) Bill	To deal with the Mulcreavy issues in the 1991 Act and to give effect to the transfer of functions from the Minister for Housing to the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment.	Heads approved 11th April 2017, Business Committee agreed to bypass pre-legislative scrutiny. (Priority)

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 in relation to environmental matters.	Work is underway.
Access to Central Treasury Funds (National Oil Reserves Agency) Bill	To amend the NTMA Act 2000 to include the National Oil Reserves Agency (NORA) among the statutory bodies to whom the NTMA may provide treasury services, including loans and deposits.	Work is underway.
Water Environment (Abstractions) Bill	To introduce controls over the abstraction and impoundment of water.	Preparatory work is underway.
Planning and Development (Amendment) Bill 2016	Bill entitled an Act to amend and extend the Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2015 and for that purpose to establish an office, to be known as the Office of the Planning Regulator, to evaluate and carry out assessments relating to planning matters and provide observations and recommendations in relation to those matters, to conduct reviews and examinations and to conduct education and training programmes and research in relation to planning matters; to provide for the organisation and staffing of that Office; to provide for a National Planning Framework; to provide for certain planning and development requirements to be taken into account by Irish Water; to make miscellaneous and consequential amendments to the Planning and Development Act 2000 and to various other Acts in so far as they relate to planning and development and to provide for connected matters.	Report stage resumed.
Water Services Bill	To give legislative effect to relevant recommendations of the Joint Oireachtas Committee on the Future Funding of Water Services.	Heads approved on 30th May 2017. (Priority)

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FOOD, BEVERAGE & AGRIBUSINESS

Bill	Purpose	Status
Sale of Alcohol Bill	To codify the law relating to the sale and consumption of alcohol.	Heads of bill approved April 2012, work is underway.
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 are in preparation.

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HEALTHCARE & LIFE SCIENCES

Bill	Purpose	Status
Regulated Health Professions (Amendment) 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.	Heads approved November 2015 and December 2016. (Priority)
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 are in preparation.
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, pre-legislative scrutiny to be determined. (Priority)
Patient Safety Licensing Bill	To provide for a mandatory system of licensing for public and private healthcare facilities.	Heads are in preparation.
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.	Heads of bill approved November 2015, pre-legislative scrutiny completed December 2016.
Children's Health 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	Heads of bill approved July 2017. Pre-legislative scrutiny to be determined.

	the paediatric service at Tallaght Hospital. It will also make amendments relating to the functions of the National Paediatric Hospital Development Board (Establishment) Order.	(Priority)
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.	Work is underway.
Assisted Human Reproduction Bill	To provide a legislative framework for the regulation of assisted human reproduction practices and associated research.	Work is underway.
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 in preparation.
Human Tissue Bill	To deal with post-mortem practice and procedures, anatomical examination and importation and public display. It will also provide for family consent and an opt-out register for organ donation.	Heads of bill are in preparation, consultations ongoing.
Health and Social Care Professionals (Amendment) Bill 2017	To provide for registration of physiotherapists/physical therapists and some other technical amendments.	Order for Report.
Health Insurance (Amendment) Bill	To provide for revised risk equalisation credits and corresponding stamp duty levies on health insurance policies for 2018 and to incorporate updates to the Lifetime Community Rating system.	Work is underway. (Priority)

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 rd March 2015. Pre-legislative scrutiny took place in May 2015. (Priority)
Coroners (Amendment) Bill	To clarify, amend, consolidate and extend the law on coroners' investigations and inquests and on reporting to coroners of unnatural deaths, including maternal deaths.	Heads approved on 23 rd May 2017. (Priority)
Mental Health (Amendment) Bill	To give effect to recommendations of an Expert Group Review on mental health legislation.	Work is progressing.

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INSURANCE & REINSURANCE

Bill	Purpose	Status
Investment Limited Partnership and Collective Asset-management Vehicle (Amendment) Bill	To support the development of the private equity fund industry by making Ireland a more attractive domicile for such funds. This objective has also been included in the IFS 2020 Action Plan 2016 which commits to developing amendments to the Investment Limited Partnership Act 1994 to make the structure more attractive to fund managers.	Heads approved 18th July 2017. Pre-legislative scrutiny still to be determined.
Insurance (Amendment) Bill	To amend the Insurance Act 1964 in order to implement the recommendations of the Review of the Framework for Motor Insurance Compensation in Ireland Report.	Heads approved on 5th July 2017. Pre-legislative scrutiny still to be determined. (Priority)
Road Traffic (Compulsory Motor Insurance) Bill	To revise and consolidate legislation on compulsory motor insurance.	Preparatory work is underway.
National Claims Information Database Bill	To provide powers to the Central Bank to maintain a database to carry out statistical analysis of movements in insurance claims costs/trends.	Heads approved. Pre-legislative scrutiny still to be determined.
Health Insurance (Amendment) Bill	To provide for revised risk equalisation credits and corresponding stamp duty levies on health insurance policies for 2018 and to incorporate updates to the Lifetime Community Rating system.	Work is underway. (Priority)

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INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY, TECHNOLOGY & DATA PROTECTION

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.	Heads approved. Pre-legislative scrutiny has commenced.
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 of bill 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.	Work is underway.
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 of bill approved in July 2016.
Hallmarking (Amendment) Bill 2016	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.	Order for Report (Dáil).
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 transpose the EU Directive 2016/680 on Data Protection and give full effect to the Regulation 2016/679.	Heads of bill approved May 2017, pre-legislative scrutiny completed July 2017. (Priority)

Interception of Postal Packets and Telecommunications Messages (Regulation) (Amendment) Bill	To amend various pieces of legislation in respect of electronic communications.	Heads of bill approved July 2016. Pre-legislative scrutiny to be determined.
Cyber Security Bill	To provide general powers to the Minister in respect of Cyber Security to transpose the Network and Information Security Directive.	Preliminary work is underway.
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 rd March 2015, pre-legislative scrutiny took place in May 2015. (Priority)
Criminal Records Information System Bill	To implement 2 EU Council Decisions that provide for exchange of criminal records information between EU member states.	Heads approved, pre-legislative scrutiny still to be determined. (Priority)
National Claims Information Database Bill	To provide powers to the Central Bank to maintain a database to carry out statistical analysis of movements in insurance claims costs/trends.	Heads approved, pre-legislative scrutiny still to be determined.
Communications (Retention of Data) Bill	To revise and replace the Communications (Retention of Data) Act 2011 in light of European Court of Justice judgments.	Heads approved 10th February 2015, pre-legislative scrutiny still to be determined.
Non-Fatal Offences against the Person (Amendment) Bill	To address the criminal law aspects of the Law Reform Commission's report on Harmful Communications and Digital Safety.	Heads in preparation.

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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.	To consider Seanad amendments (Dáil).
Judicial Council Bill	The purpose of this Bill is to establish a Judicial Council which will be independent in the performance of its functions and will promote and maintain excellence and high standards of conduct by judges. It will also provide a means of investigating allegations of judicial misconduct and, in this context, a Judicial Conduct Committee, which will have lay representation, will be established. Furthermore, it will facilitate the ongoing support and education of judges through a Judicial Studies Committee and through the establishment of Judicial Support Committees.	Order for second stage.
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.	Order for Report (Seanad).
Personal Injuries Assessment Board (Amendment) Bill	To introduce a number of amendments to improve the operation and implementation of the Acts.	Heads of bill approved 27 th June 2017. Pre-legislative scrutiny to be determined.
Family Court Bill	To establish a Family Court as a separate division within the existing court structures.	Heads being prepared. Pre-legislative scrutiny to be determined.
Judicial Appointments Commission Bill	To replace the Judicial Appointments Advisory Board with a new Judicial Appointments Commission.	Awaiting Committee (Dáil).
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 of bill approved on 23 rd 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.	Heads of bill approved July 2017. Pre-legislative scrutiny to be determined.
Courts & Land & Conveyancing (Amendment) Bill	To provide for matters relating to mortgage repossession proceedings and related court matters. This Bill will also contain provisions related to those proposed in the Keeping people in their Homes Private Members Bill.	Pre-legislative scrutiny expected October/November.
Occupiers Liability Act 1995 (Amendment) Bill	To amend the Act in order to clarify certain aspects in the context of recent cases and to introduce the foundation principles for an Indemnity Scheme for landowners on Irish Uplands in respect of potential litigation by recreational users.	Preparatory work is underway.
Criminal Justice (Corruption Offences) Bill	To replace outdated legislation, meet international commitments to Council of Europe, OECD and UN, and to give effect to some Mahon Tribunal recommendations.	Pre-legislative scrutiny has taken place. (Priority)

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PENSIONS

Bill	Purpose	Status
Pensions Public Sector – Public Service Additional Superannuation Contribution Bill	To give effect to the pension provisions of the proposed Public Service Stability Agreement and the conversion of Pension Related Deduction into a permanent Additional Superannuation Contribution.	Work is underway. (Priority)
Social Welfare and Pensions and Civil Registration Bill 2017	Bill entitled an Act to amend and extend the Social Welfare Acts; to amend the Pensions Act 1990; to amend the Civil Registration Act 2004; and to provide for related matters.	Second Stage resumed.

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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 2017	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.	Order for second stage (Dáil).
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, pre-legislative scrutiny has commenced.
Electoral Commission Bill	To provide for the establishment of an Electoral Commission.	Work is underway.
Táillte Éireann Bill	To merge the Property Registration Authority, the Valuation Office and the Ordnance Survey Office.	Heads of bill approved January 2015. Pre-legislative scrutiny not required.
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.	Work is underway.
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) Bill	To provide a revised scheme for compensating Gardaí maliciously injured in their work.	Further heads approved on 9 th May 2017, Joint Committee decided pre-legislative scrutiny not required.

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 approved May 2017, Joint Committee decided that pre-legislative scrutiny is not required.
Public Service Management (Amendment) and Civil Service Regulation (Amendment) Bill	To allow greater devolution of management and disciplinary functions.	Heads in preparation.
National Economic and Social Development Office (Amendment) Bill	To dissolve the National Economic and Social Development Office (NESDO) and place the National Economic and Social Council (NESC) on a statutory footing.	Heads are in preparation.
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. 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.
Industrial Relations (Amendment) Bill	To amend the 1990 Act to give the Garda Síochána Representative Associations access to the States industrial relations institutions, the Workplace Relations Commission and the Labour Court.	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.
Pensions Public Sector – Public Service Additional Superannuation Contribution Bill	To give effect to the pension provisions of the proposed Public Service Stability Agreement and the conversion of Pension Related Deduction into a permanent Additional Superannuation Contribution.	Work is underway. (Priority)

Financial Emergency Measures in the Public Interest Bill	To give effect to the pay provisions of the proposed Public Service Stability Agreement and the continuing unwinding of the FEMPI legislation.	Work is underway. (Priority)
Garda Siochána (Amendment) Bill	To amend Part 4 of the Garda Siochána Act 2005 which relates to complaints and investigations by the Garda Siochána Ombudsman Commission.	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; Joint Committee decided pre-legislative scrutiny is not required.
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; Joint Committee decided that pre-legislative scrutiny is not required. (Priority)
Courts & Land & Conveyancing (Amendment) Bill	To provide for matters relating to mortgage repossession proceedings and related court matters. This Bill will also contain provisions related to those proposed in the Keeping people in their Homes Private Members Bill.	Pre-legislative scrutiny expected October/November.
Commercial Rates Bill	To consolidate and modernise the range of legislation concerning commercial rates levied by local authorities.	Heads of bill approved April 2017. Pre-legislative scrutiny to be determined.

Occupiers Liability Act 1995 (Amendment) Bill	To amend the Act in order to clarify certain aspects in the context of recent cases and to introduce the foundation principles for an Indemnity Scheme for landowners on Irish Uplands in respect of potential litigation by recreational users.	Preparatory work is underway.
Water Services Bill	To give legislative effect to relevant recommendations of the Joint Oireachtas Committee on the Future Funding of Water Services.	Heads approved on 30th May 2017. (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 February, 2014. Pre-legislative scrutiny not required.

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TELECOMS & MEDIA

Bill	Purpose	Status
Broadcasting Amendment Bill	To amend the Broadcasting Act 2009.	Heads of bill approved May 2017. Pre-legislative scrutiny is underway.
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.	Heads approved July 2016. Pre-legislative scrutiny still to be determined. (Priority)
Interception of Postal Packets and Telecommunications Messages (Regulation) (Amendment) Bill	To amend various pieces of legislation in respect of electronic communications.	Heads of bill approved July 2016. Pre-legislative scrutiny still to be determined.
Communications Regulations (Amendment) Bill	To confer certain additional powers on the Commission for Communications Regulation in connection with the National Broadband Plan.	Pre-legislative scrutiny still to be determined.
Communications Management [Agency] Bill	To provide for a single entity to manage the State's commercial communications contracts including the National Broadband Plan Contract(s), act as a centre of expertise in relation to the State's commercial activities in communications and undertake additional functions in relation to implementation of policy.	Heads in preparation, pre-legislative scrutiny still to be determined.
Communications (Retention of Data) Bill	To revise and replace the Communications (Retention of Data) Act 2011 in light of European Court of Justice judgments.	Heads approved 10th February 2015, pre-legislative scrutiny still to be determined.

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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.	Work is underway.

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