

## NEW GOVERNMENT LEGISLATION PROGRAMME: INDUSTRY & SECTOR SPECIFIC BREAKDOWN AUTUMN 2018

The Government Legislation Programme of the Partnership Government for the Autumn session has been published. The Cabinet has approved 39 new bills for priority publication. The programme identifies 40 bills which are expected to undergo pre-legislative scrutiny. 30 bills are currently before the Oireachtas. 89 bills have been published since this Government took office in May 2016 and 81 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 not required. (Priority)
Criminal Justice (Money Laundering & Terrorist Financing) (Amendment) Bill 2018	To give effect to the 4 <sup>th</sup> EU Money Laundering Directive.	Second Stage (Seanad)
Criminal Justice (Money Laundering & Terrorist Financing) (Amendment) Bill	To give effect to the 5 <sup>th</sup> EU Money Laundering Directive.	Heads of bill in preparation.
Markets in Financial Instruments Bill	To transpose part of the Market in Financial Instruments Directive II into Irish law, to amend definition of 'credit' in section 2 of Credit Reporting Act 2013.	Order for Report Stage (Dáil)
Central Bank Amendment Bill	To amend Central Bank Acts to provide for various issues of enforcement and accountability.	Work is underway.
Gender Pay Gap (Information) Bill	To establish a mandatory reporting obligation on companies to report on gender pay differences in their companies.	Heads of bill approved on 26 June 2018. Pre-legislative scrutiny still to be determined. (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).	Heads of bill approved September 2017. Pre-legislative scrutiny completed November 2017.
Aviation Regulation (Amendment) Bill	To amend the regulation of airport charges in Ireland.	Heads of bill in preparation.
Aviation Regulatory Reform Bill	To facilitate reform of the overall provision of safety and economic regulatory oversight of the aviation sector in Ireland.	Heads of bill in preparation.
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.
Airport Noise Regulation Bill	To facilitate the introduction of noise-related operating restrictions at Dublin Airport and to give full effect and implementation to the provisions of EU Regulation 598/2014.	Heads of bill approved 5 July 2018, Pre-legislative scrutiny to be taken shortly. (Priority)
Merchant Shipping (International Conventions) Bill	To provide for the national implementation of certain international Maritime Conventions, the updating of existing statutes in respect of other conventions and the provision of some miscellaneous maritime safety measures.	Heads of bill in preparation.
Railway Safety (Amendment) Bill	To update the Drug and Alcohol levels and testing provisions set out in the Railway Safety Act 2005.	Heads of bill approved May 2018. Pre-legislative scrutiny has taken place. (Priority)

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## BANKING &amp; FINANCE

Bill	Purpose	Status
Central Bank Amendment Bill	To amend Central Bank Acts to provide for various issues of enforcement and accountability.	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 not required. (Priority)
Criminal Justice (Money Laundering & Terrorist Financing) (Amendment) Bill 2018	To give effect to the 4 <sup>th</sup> EU Money Laundering Directive.	Second Stage (Seanad)
Criminal Justice (Money Laundering & Terrorist Financing) (Amendment) Bill	To give effect to the 5 <sup>th</sup> EU Money Laundering Directive.	Heads of bill in preparation.
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.	Heads of bill approved May 2018. Pre-legislative scrutiny 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, to amend definition of 'credit' in section 2 of Credit Reporting Act 2013.	Order for Report Stage (Dáil)
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.	Heads of bill approved December 2017. Pre-legislative scrutiny not required. (Priority)

Courts and Civil Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) (No 2) 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 not required.
Home Building Finance Ireland Bill	To establish a new dedicated institution, Home Building Finance Ireland which will lend to residential housing developers on commercially market equivalent terms and conditions.	Committee Stage (Dáil)
Criminal Justice Bill	To transpose EU Directive 2017/1371 on the fight against fraud to the Union's financial interests by means of criminal law.	Preparatory work is underway. Pre-legislative scrutiny to be determined.

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## CORPORATE

Bill	Purpose	Status
Criminal Justice (Money Laundering & Terrorist Financing) (Amendment) Bill 2018	To give effect to the 4th EU Money Laundering Directive.	Second Stage (Seanad)
Criminal Justice (Money Laundering & Terrorist Financing) (Amendment) Bill	To give effect to the 5th EU Money Laundering Directive.	Heads of bill in preparation.
Companies (Corporate Enforcement Authority) Bill	To amend the provisions of the Companies Act 2014 with respect to the structure of the Office of the Director of Corporate Enforcement with a view to establishing a new independent agency to investigate breaches of company law.	Heads of bill in preparation, pre-legislative scrutiny expected Autumn 2018.
Gender Pay Gap (Information) Bill	To establish a mandatory reporting obligation on companies to report on gender pay differences in their companies.	Heads of bill approved on 26 June 2018, pre-legislative scrutiny still to be determined. (Priority)
Companies (Amendment) Bill	To streamline filing procedures in the Companies Registration Office.	Heads of bill in preparation pre-legislative scrutiny expected Autumn 2018.
Industrial Development (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill	To increase the ability of Enterprise Ireland to provide a competitive and flexible offering to its client companies in terms of R&D grants as well as other related matters.	Heads of bill approved 5 July 2018.

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## EMPLOYMENT & PENSIONS

Bill	Purpose	Status
Family Leave Bill	To consolidate with amendments all family leave legislation.	Work is underway. Pre-legislative scrutiny expected.
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.	Committee Stage (Dáil).
Garda Síochána (Compensation) Bill	To provide a revised scheme for compensating Gardaí maliciously injured in their work.	Heads of bill approved on 9 May 2017. Committee decided pre-legislative scrutiny not required.
Qualifications and Quality Assurance (Education and Training) (Amendment) Bill	The purpose of this Bill is to amend and extend the Qualifications and Quality Assurance (Education and Training) Act 2012. The Bill addresses a number of issues that have been identified as impeding Quality and Qualifications Ireland (QQI) from fulfilling its intended role in relation to the quality assurance of the further and higher education sectors.	Order for Second Stage (Seanad)
Employment (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill	The purpose of the Bill is to provide for a requirement that employers provide employees with certain terms of employment within a certain period after commencing employment; to impose sanctions for certain offences; to further provide for a minimum payment due to employees in certain circumstances; to prohibit contracts specifying zero as the contract hours in certain circumstances and to provide for the introduction of banded contract hours; to further provide for prohibition of penalisation and for those purposes to amend the Terms of Employment (Information) Act 1994 and the Organisation of Working Time Act 1997; to amend the Workplace Relations Act 2015; and to provide for related matters.	Second Stage (Seanad). Read a William Fry article on the bill <a href="#">here</a> .

Health and Social Care Professionals (Amendment) Bill	To amend the Health and Social Care Professionals Act 2005 to provide that a registration board has the legal base / must accept a decision on qualification recognition taken previously by or on behalf of the State.	Heads of bill approved 20 March 2018. Committee decided pre-legislative scrutiny is not required. (Priority)
Industrial Relations (Amendment) Bill	Bill entitled an Act to amend the Industrial Relations Act 1990 in order to provide for the application of certain provisions of the Industrial Relations Acts 1946 to 2015 to certain members of the Garda Síochána; and to provide for related matters.	Order for Second Stage (Dáil)
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 to bring them within scope of the Act subject to the application of the derogations permitted by the Working Time Directive.	Work is underway.
Gender Pay Gap (Information) Bill	To establish a mandatory reporting obligation on companies to report on gender pay differences in their companies.	Heads of bill approved on 26 June 2018. Pre-legislative scrutiny still to be determined. (Priority)
Public Service Superannuation (Age of Retirement) Bill 2018	Bill entitled an Act to raise the age at which certain public servants are required to retire; to confer power on the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform to raise that age by order; for those purposes to amend the Public Service Superannuation (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2004 and certain other enactments; and to provide for related matters.	Second Stage (Dáil)
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.	Committee Stage (Dáil). View a William Fry article on the bill <a href="#">here</a> .
Civil Service Regulation (Amendment) and Public Service Management (Amendment) Bill	To allow greater devolution of management and disciplinary functions in the Civil Service	Heads of bill approved 11 April 2018. Pre-legislative scrutiny still to be determined.



Industrial Training (Amendment) Bill	To extend the scope of the Industrial Training Act 1967 to cover certain areas of activity currently excluded from the development of apprenticeships	Preparatory work is underway.
Personal Injuries Assessment Board (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill	Bill entitled an Act to amend and extend the Personal Injuries Assessment Board Act 2003; and to provide for related matters	Order for Second Stage (Seanad)

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## ENERGY & NATURAL RESOURCES

Bill	Purpose	Status
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 of bill are currently under preparation.  Pre-legislative scrutiny expected.
Inland Fisheries (Consolidation) Bill	To modernise and consolidate existing primary legislation governing the inland fisheries sector.	Draft heads of bill are in preparation.
Sea Fisheries (Amendment) Bill 2017	To amend the Sea Fisheries and Maritime Jurisdiction Act 2006 to continue to assert Ireland's exclusive right to fish within the exclusive fishery limites of the State.	Committee Stage  (Seanad)

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## ENVIRONMENT & PLANNING

Bill	Purpose	Status
Industrial Development (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill	To amend the Industrial Development Act 1995 to provide that the IDA would be permitted to establish and participate in partnership arrangements to develop critical industrial and commercial property in regional locations.	Heads of bill approved 5 July 2018.
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.
Monuments and Archaeological Heritage 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 of bill approved. Pre-legislative scrutiny to be determined.
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 has taken place.
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)
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. Pre-legislative scrutiny expected Autumn 2018.
Home Building Finance Ireland Bill 2018	To provide for the formation of a company (Home Building Finance Ireland) to provide for the making available of financing for residential development.	Committee Stage  (Dáil)

National Oil Reserves Agency (Amendment) 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 regulate and establish a national register of water abstractions greater than 25 cubic meters per day in order to ensure compliance with the EU Water Framework Directive	Heads of bill approved July 2018. Pre-legislative scrutiny to be determined.
Microbeads Bill	To prohibit the manufacture sale, supply, import or export of certain products containing plastic microbeads.	Heads of bill in preparation. (Priority)
Land Development Agency Bill	To place the new Land Development Agency on a statutory footing and give it powers to fulfil its mandate.	Heads of bill in preparation.
Airport Noise Regulation Bill	To facilitate the introduction of noise-related operating restrictions at Dublin Airport and to give full effect and implementation to EU Regulation 598/2014.	Heads of bill approved 5 July 2018, pre-legislative scrutiny to be taken shortly. (Priority)
Planning, Housing and Residential Tenancies (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill	To provide for a number of housing policy reforms including Part V housing provisions, tenant purchase, strategic infrastructure developments and judicial review mechanism.	Work is underway, pre-legislative scrutiny to be determined.

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## FINANCIAL REGULATION

Bill	Purpose	Status
Criminal Justice (Money Laundering & Terrorist Financing) (Amendment) Bill 2018	To give effect to the 4 <sup>th</sup> EU Money Laundering Directive.	Second Stage (Seanad)
Criminal Justice (Money Laundering & Terrorist Financing) (Amendment) Bill	To give effect to the 5 <sup>th</sup> EU Money Laundering Directive.	Heads of bill in preparation.
Markets in Financial Instruments Bill	To transpose part of the Market in Financial Instruments Directive II into Irish law, to amend definition of 'credit' in section 2 of Credit Reporting Act 2013.	Order for Report Stage (Dáil)
Central Bank Amendment Bill	To amend Central Bank Acts to provide for various issues of enforcement and accountability.	Work is underway.

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## HEALTHCARE & LIFE SCIENCES

Bill	Purpose	Status
Regulated Professions (Health & Social Care) (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.	<p>Heads of bill approved November 2015 and December 2016.</p> <p>Decided that pre-legislative scrutiny not necessary.</p> <p>(Priority)</p>
Patient Safety Licensing Bill	To provide for a mandatory system of licensing for public and private healthcare facilities.	Heads of bill approved 12 December 2017, pre-legislative scrutiny has taken place.
Health Information Bill	To provide a legislative framework for the better governance of information related matters and research ethics approval structures.	Heads of bill approved November 2015, pre-legislative scrutiny completed December 2016.
Children's Health Bill 2018	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.	<p>Committee Stage</p> <p>(Seanad)</p>
Health and Social Care Professionals (Amendment) Bill	To amend the Health and Social Care Professionals Act 2005 to provide that a registration board has the legal base/must accept a decision on qualification recognition taken previously by or on behalf of the State.	<p>Work is underway.</p> <p>(Priority)</p>

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.	Order for Report Stage (Dáil)
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.	Heads of bill approved 3 October 2017. Pre-legislative scrutiny commenced January 2018. View a William Fry article on this bill <a href="#">here</a> .
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. Pre-legislative scrutiny to be determined.
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 of bill approved 3 March 2015. Pre-legislative scrutiny took place in May 2015. (Priority)
Coroners (Amendment) Bill 2018	To clarify, amend, consolidate and extend the law on coroners' investigations and inquests and on reporting to coroners of unnatural deaths, including maternal deaths.	Order for Second Stage (Dáil). View recent William Fry article on this bill <a href="#">here</a> .

Mental Health (Amendment) Bill	To give effect to recommendations of an Expert Group Review on mental health legislation.	Draft heads of bill are in preparation.
Health (Regulation of Termination of Pregnancy) Bill	To allow for the introduction of an expanded service for termination of pregnancy.	Heads of bill approved 10 July 2018 (Priority)
Health Service Executive (Governance) 2018	To amend the Health Act 2004 to provide for a Board for the HSE.	Order for Second Stage (Seanad)
Dental Bill	To replace the Dental Act 1985 and modernise the regulation of dentists and allied dental professionals.	Work is underway.
Patient Safety Bill	To provide mandatory open disclosure of patient safety incidents, to include mandatory external notification of patient safety incidents, clinical audit and to extend HIQA remit to private hospitals.	Heads of bill approved 5 July 2018 pre-legislative scrutiny to take place shortly. (Priority)
Mental Health (Renewal Orders) Bill 2018	To provide a lawful basis for the reception detention and treatment of persons who are detained involuntarily on renewal orders under the Mental Health Act 2001.	Order for Second Stage (Seanad)
Health Insurance (Amendment) Bill	To provide for revised risk equalisation credits and corresponding stamp duty levies on health insurance policies for 2019, technical amendments to the VHI Acts, the introduction of DRG coding into private hospitals.	Work is underway (Priority)

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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 of bill approved 18 July 2017. Pre-legislative scrutiny not required. (Priority)
Central Bank (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.	Order for Second Stage (Dáil)
Health Insurance (Amendment) Bill	To provide for revised risk equalisation credits and corresponding stamp duty levies on health insurance policies for 2019, technical amendments to the VHI Acts, the introduction of DRG coding into private hospitals.	Work is underway. (Priority)

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## INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY, TECHNOLOGY & DATA PROTECTION

Bill	Purpose	Status
Data-Sharing and Governance Bill 2018	Bill entitled an Act to provide for the regulation of the sharing of information, including personal data, between public bodies; to provide for the regulation of the management of information by public bodies; to provide for the establishment of base registries; to provide for the collection of public service information; to establish the Data Governance Board; and to provide for related matters	Order for Report (Seanad)
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 Other Intellectual Property Law Provisions Bill 2018	The purpose of this Bill is to implement certain recommendations of the 'Modernising Copyright' report published in 2013 by the Copyright Review Committee; make other amendments to modernise the copyright regime in Ireland and in addition to make amendments to the Patents Act 1992 to take account of two technical issues. The Bill also contains some amendments necessary for the transposition of the EU Directive (2017/1564) allowing the EU to ratify the Marrakesh Treaty to Facilitate Access to Published Works for Persons Who Are Blind, Visually Impaired, or Otherwise Print Disabled.	Second Stage (Seanad) Read a WF article on the bill <a href="#">here</a> .
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.

Interception of Postal Packets and Telecommunications Messages (Regulation) (Amendment) Bill	To amend various pieces of legislation in respect of electronic communications.	Working on revised heads of bill. Pre-legislative scrutiny to be determined.
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 of bill approved 3 March 2015, pre-legislative scrutiny has taken place. (Priority)
Criminal Records (Exchange of Information) Bill	To implement 2 EU Council Decisions that provide for exchange of criminal records information between EU member states.	Heads of bill approved. Pre-legislative scrutiny still to be determined. (Priority)
Central Bank (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.	Order for Second Stage (Dáil)
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 of bill approved 10 February 2015 and 3 October 2017. 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.
Health Information Bill	To provide a legislative framework for the better governance of information related matters and research ethics approval structures.	Heads of bill approved November 2015. Pre-legislative scrutiny completed December 2016.

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## LITIGATION & DISPUTE RESOLUTION

Bill	Purpose	Status
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.	Committee stage (Seanad)
Personal Injuries Assessment Board (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill	Bill entitled an Act to amend and extend the Personal Injuries Assessment Board Act 2003; and to provide for related matters	Order for Second Stage (Dáil)
Family Court Bill	To establish a Family Court as a separate division within the existing court structures.	Heads of bill being prepared. Pre-legislative scrutiny to be determined.
Judicial Appointments Commission Bill 2017	To replace the Judicial Appointments Advisory Board with a new Judicial Appointments Commission.	Committee Stage (Seanad)
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 July 2014.
Courts and Civil Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) (No.1) Bill	To enact provisions relating to electronic courts services, legal services, courts administration, insolvency and other measures	Heads of bill approved on 11 July 2017. Pre-legislative scrutiny is not required.

Courts and Civil Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) (No. 2) Bill	To enact provisions relating to electronic courts services, it also includes a wide range of other measures such as amendment of the Bankruptcy and Personal Insolvency Act	Heads of bill approved on 11 July 2017, pre-legislative scrutiny not required.
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.	Heads of bill approved 29 May 2018. Pre-legislative scrutiny still to be determined.
Child Care (Amendment) Bill	To provide for reform of existing ad hoc Guardian ad litem arrangements in child care proceedings.	Heads of bill approved January 2017 & 20 February 2018. Pre-legislative scrutiny has taken place. (Priority)
European Convention on Human Rights (Compensation for 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 being drafted. Pre-legislative scrutiny still to be determined.
Coroners (Amendment) Bill 2018	Purpose of the Bill is to clarify, strengthen and modernise the law relating to the reporting of deaths to coroners. The Bill, once enacted, will amend the Coroners Act 1962	Order for Second Stage (Dáil) Read a William Fry article on the bill <a href="#">here</a> .
Copyright and Other Intellectual Property Law Provisions Bill 2018	The purpose of this Bill is to implement certain recommendations of the 'Modernising Copyright' report published in 2013 by the Copyright Review Committee; make other amendments to modernise the copyright regime in Ireland and in addition to make amendments to the Patents Act 1992 to take account of two technical issues. The Bill also contains some amendments necessary for the transposition of the EU Directive (2017/1564) allowing the EU to ratify the Marrakesh Treaty to Facilitate Access to Published Works for Persons Who Are Blind, Visually Impaired, or Otherwise Print Disabled.	Second Stage (Seanad) Read a William Fry article on the bill <a href="#">here</a> .

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## REAL ESTATE

Bill	Purpose	Status
Táillte Éireann Bill	To provide for the establishment of Táillte Éireann, for the dissolution of the Property Registration Authority and Ordnance Survey Ireland and to transfer the functions of both bodies to Táillte Éireann, and to provide for the establishment of the offices of the Registrar of Deeds and Title and the Chief State Surveyor, and to make provision in respect of the Commissioner of Valuation.	Work is underway.
Landlord and Tenant Law Reform Bill	To update and streamline the general law relating to landlord and tenant.	Heads of bill approved; pre-legislative scrutiny has taken place.
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.	Heads of bill approved May 2018. Pre-legislative scrutiny to be determined.
Home Building Finance Ireland Bill	To establish a new dedicated institution, Home Building Finance Ireland which will lend to residential housing developers on commercial market equivalent terms and conditions.	Before Dáil (Committee Stage)
Residential Tenancies (Amendment) Bill	To provide further protections to tenants' rights, to provide initial enforcement powers to the RTB, particularly around enforcement of RPZ provisions.	Heads of bill approved April 2018. Pre-legislative scrutiny has taken place.  (Priority)
Planning, Housing and Residential Tenancies (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill	To address other rent related amendments not covered in the first Residential Tenancies Bill, to address a number of technical amendments to other legislative codes, to provide for a number of housing policy reforms including Part V housing provisions, tenant purchase, strategic infrastructure developments and judicial review mechanisms.	Work is underway. Pre-legislative scrutiny still to be determined.

Industrial Development (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill	To amend the Industrial Development Act 1995 to provide that the IDA would be permitted to establish and participate in partnership arrangements to develop critical industrial and commercial property in regional locations.	Heads of bill approved 5 July 2018.
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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.	Work is underway.
Explosives Act 1875 (Section 5 Amendment) Bill	To allow small quantities of very low hazard pyrotechnics such as party poppers or blank cartridges for power tools for retail sale to be stored on retail premises.	Heads of bill yet to be prepared.
Unfair Contract Terms (Gift Vouchers) Bill	To provide for a minimum term of five years for gift vouchers and to provide for related matters.	Heads of bill approved 12 June 2018. (Priority)
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.	Order for Report 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.
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-Medicinal 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.



Microbeads Bill	To prohibit the manufacture, sale supply, import or export of certain products containing plastic microbeads	Heads of bill are in preparation. (Priority)
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**SPORTS**

<b>Bill</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Status</b>
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 & May 2018. Pre-legislative scrutiny completed.
Gaming and Lotteries (Amendment) Bill	To amend certain provisions of the Gaming and Lotteries Act 1956 to provide for the better promotion of local gaming and lotteries, increase certain gaming stake and prize amounts.	Work is underway. Committee decided that pre-legislative scrutiny is not required.  (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 is not required.
Finance Bill	To provide for the imposition, repeal, remission, alteration and regulation of taxation, of stamp duties and of duties relating to excise reflecting Budget 2019 proposals	(Priority)

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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 has taken place.  (Priority)
Interception of Postal Packets and Telecommunications Messages (Regulation) (Amendment) Bill	To amend various pieces of legislation in respect of electronic communications.	Working on revised heads of bill. 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 of bill 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 of bill approved 10 February 2015 and 3 October 2017. Pre-legislative scrutiny has taken place.  (Priority)
National Broadband Plan Bill	To provide statutory powers in relation to the National Broadband Plan	Heads of bill approved 24 July 2018. Pre-legislative scrutiny still to be determined.  (Priority)

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