

NEW GOVERNMENT LEGISLATION PROGRAMME: INDUSTRY & SECTOR BREAKDOWN AUTUMN 2020

The Government Legislation Programme for the Autumn session has been published. The Cabinet has approved 30 new bills for priority publication. These include Brexit-related bills such as the Withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the European Union (Consequential Provisions) Bill and COVID-19-related bills such as the Personal Insolvency (Amendment (No. 1) Bill and the Credit Union (COVID-19) (Amendment) Bill. The programme identifies 28 bills that are expected to undergo pre-legislative scrutiny. 27 bills are currently before the Oireachtas.

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ASSET MANAGEMENT & INVESTMENT FUNDS

Bill	Purpose	Status
Investment Limited Partnerships (Amendment) Bill	To align the anti-money laundering standards across all Irish funds vehicles, modernise the Investment Limited Partnership structure and to make amendments to the Irish Collective Asset-management Vehicles Act 2015 to improve its functioning.	Heads of bill approved. Pre-legislative scrutiny waived. (Priority)
Limited Partnership Bill	To modernise the Limited Partnership Act 1907 which is concerned with the registration of Limited Partnerships.	Heads of bill being prepared.
Criminal Justice (Money Laundering & Terrorist Financing) (Amendment) Bill	To give effect to the 5 th EU Anti-Money Laundering Directive.	Order for Second Stage. (Dáil)
Protected Disclosures (Amendment) Bill	To provide amendments to the Protected Disclosures Act 2014 to transpose the EU Whistleblowing Directive.	Heads of bill being prepared. Pre-legislative scrutiny still to be determined.
Central Bank (Amendment) Bill	Support the advancement of an improved culture in the Irish Financial System through greater accountability in the regulated sector.	Work is underway.
Gender Pay Gap (Information) Bill 2019	To establish a mandatory reporting obligation on companies to report on gender pay differences in their companies.	Order for Report. (Dáil)

Your William Fry contacts: [Dan Morrissey](#), [Vincent Coyne](#) & [James Phelan](#)

AVIATION & TRANSPORT

Bill	Purpose	Status
Air Navigation and Transport Bill	To facilitate reform of safety and economic regulatory oversight of the aviation sector in Ireland by merging the Safety Regulation side of the Irish Aviation Authority (IAA) with the Commission for Aviation Regulation (CAR) to create a standalone aviation regulator. The for-profit air navigation side of the IAA will become a separate commercial agency. It will also amend the regulation of airport charges in Ireland, strengthening regulation, governance and enforcement.	Heads of bill approved June 2019. Pre-legislative scrutiny has taken place. (Priority)
International Aviation Agreements Bill	To implement the Beijing Convention and Montreal Protocol.	Preparatory work is on going.
Merchant Shipping (Investigation of Marine Casualties) (Amendment) Bill	To amend the Merchant Shipping (Investigation of Marine Casualties) Act 2000 to address issues relating to the Marine Casualty Investigation Board.	Heads of bill being prepared. (Priority)
Merchant Shipping (International Conventions) Bill	To provide for the national implementation of certain International Maritime Conventions, the updating of statutes in respect of other conventions and provision of some miscellaneous maritime safety matters.	Heads of bill being prepared.
Marine Planning and Development Management Bill	To establish in law a new marine planning system providing a development management regime for Ireland's maritime area.	Revised heads of bill approved July and December 2019. Pre-legislative scrutiny still to be determined. (Priority)

Your William Fry contacts: [David Maughan](#), [Liam McCabe](#) & [David Cullen](#)

BANKING & FINANCE

Bill	Purpose	Status
Central Bank (Amendment) Bill	To support the advancement of an improved culture in the Irish Financial System through greater accountability in the regulated sector.	Work is underway.
Investment Limited Partnerships (Amendment) Bill	To align the anti-money laundering standards across all Irish funds vehicles, modernise the Investment Limited Partnership structure and to make amendments to the Irish Collective Asset-management Vehicle Act to improve its functioning.	Heads approved. Pre-legislative scrutiny waived. (Priority)
Personal Insolvency (Amendment No. 2) Bill	To update aspects of personal insolvency legislation, following statutory review of the Personal Insolvency Acts.	Work is underway.
Criminal Justice (Money Laundering & Terrorist Financing) (Amendment) Bill	To give effect to the 5 th EU Anti-Money Laundering Directive.	Order for Second Stage. (Dáil)
Credit Union Restructuring Board (Dissolution) Bill 2019	To dissolve the Credit Union Restructuring Board and to transfer its assets and liabilities (if any) to the Minister for Finance.	Second Stage. (Seanad)
Credit Union (COVID-19) (Amendment) Bill	To allow credit unions, for a time-bound period, to conduct virtual Annual General Meetings/Special General Meetings which provide access for remote attendees and the option of electronic voting, and to provide credit unions with the option of availing of proxy voting on a permanent basis.	Heads of bill being prepared.
Consumer Protection (Regulation of Retail Credit Firms) Bill	To ensure that any person or firm which provides credit, hire purchase, PCPs, consumer hire agreements to relevant persons will be required to be authorised as a 'retail credit firm' by the Central Bank unless they are already subject to such Central Bank authorisation.	Heads of bill expected shortly.
European Stability Mechanism (Amendment) Bill	To give effect to amendments of the ESM Treaty.	Heads of bill being prepared.

Co-operative Societies Bill	To consolidate and modernise the existing Industrial and Provident Societies legislation and to ensure that an effective legislative framework suitable for the diverse range of organisations using the co-operative model in Ireland is in place.	Heads of bill being prepared.
Limited Partnership Bill	To modernise the Limited Partnership Act 1907 which is concerned with the registration of Limited Partnerships.	Heads of bill being prepared.
Credit Review Bill	To put the Credit Review Office on a statutory footing.	Work is underway.

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CORPORATE

Bill	Purpose	Status
Criminal Justice (Money Laundering & Terrorist Financing) (Amendment) Bill	To give effect to the 5th EU Anti-Money Laundering Directive.	Order for Second Stage. (Dáil)
Companies (Corporate Enforcement Authority) Bill	To establish the ODCE as an agency, to be known as the Corporate Enforcement Authority and to give effect to some recommendations of the Company Law Review Group in the areas of corporate governance, shares and share capital.	Heads of bill approved December 2018. Pre-legislative scrutiny underway. (Priority)
Gender Pay Gap (Information) Bill 2019	To establish a mandatory reporting obligation on companies to report on gender pay differences in their companies.	Order for Report. (Dáil)
Investment Limited Partnerships (Amendment) Bill	To align the anti-money laundering standards across all Irish funds vehicles, modernise the Investment Limited Partnership structure and to make amendments to the Irish Collective Asset-management Vehicles Act 2015 to improve its functioning.	Heads approved. Pre-legislative scrutiny waived. (Priority)
Industrial Development (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill	To provide that IDA would be permitted to establish and participate in partnership arrangements, and to borrow funds as a partner, with the sole purpose of developing critical industrial and commercial property in regional locations.	Revised heads of bill being prepared.
Competition (Amendment) Bill	To provide for the reform of competition enforcement including the transposition of the ECN+ Directive (Directive (EU)2019/1) which includes powers for competition authorities to avail of administrative or civil sanctions and leniency and immunity.	Heads of bill being prepared.
Registration of Business Names Bill	To modernise the Registration of Business Names Act 1963 in order to properly serve the function of transparency.	Heads of bill being prepared.

Control of Exports Bill	To repeal and replace the Control of Exports Act 2008 and to ensure that Ireland has a comprehensive and robust framework for regulating the export of controlled goods.	Heads of bill approved on 4 th August 2020. Pre-legislative scrutiny still to be determined
Screening of Investment into Ireland Bill	To put in place a framework for screening foreign direct investments into Ireland from third countries.	Work is underway.
Consumer Rights Bill	To give effect to EU Directive 770/2019 on consumer contracts for the supply of digital content and digital services, EU Directive 771/2019 on consumer contracts for the sale of goods, and to update and consolidate the statutory provisions on consumer rights and remedies in relation to contracts for the supply of non-digital services, unfair contract terms, and information and cancellation rights.	Heads of bill being prepared.
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EMPLOYMENT & PENSIONS

Bill	Purpose	Status
Public Health (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.	Preparatory work is underway.
Disability (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2016	To allow ratification of the UN Convention on Rights of People with Disabilities and to make further technical amendments to disability and equality legislation.	Revised heads of bill being prepared.
Garda Siochána (Compensation) Bill	To provide a revised scheme for compensating Gardaí maliciously injured in their work.	Heads of bill approved May 2017. Pre-legislative scrutiny not required.
Adoptive Benefit Bill	To amend the Social Welfare Acts regarding adoptive benefit around entitlement for male same-sex couples.	No detail provided.
Gender Pay Gap (Information) Bill 2019	To establish a mandatory reporting obligation on companies to report on gender pay differences in their companies.	Order for Report. (Dáil)
Parent's Leave and Benefit (Amendment) Bill	To amend the Parent's Leave and Benefit Act 2019 to extend the period of parent's leave and benefit and the period in which the leave can be taken.	Heads of bill being prepared.
Civil Service Regulation (Amendment) Bill	To provide that serious disciplinary action up to and including dismissal in the civil service can be assigned below the level of the head of the organisation.	Heads of bill approved April 2018. Pre-legislative scrutiny completed.
Industrial Training Act (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.	Work is underway.
Employment Permits (Consolidation and Amendment) Bill	To consolidate the Employment Permits Acts and to make certain amendments to modernise the employment permits system and increase its responsiveness.	Heads of bill approved July 2019. Pre-legislative scrutiny still to be determined.

Gender Recognition (Amendment) Bill	To implement recommendations contained in the reports to the Oireachtas on the review of the Gender Recognition Act 2015.	Work is underway.
Licensing of Construction Workers Bill	To provide for the establishment of a statutory licensing system for construction and related activities.	Preparatory work is underway.

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ENERGY & NATURAL RESOURCES

Bill	Purpose	Status
Maritime Jurisdiction Bill	To consolidate and update the State's maritime jurisdiction legislation.	Heads of bill approved May 2019. Pre-legislative scrutiny still to be determined. (Priority)
Inland Fisheries (Consolidation) Bill	To modernise and consolidate existing inland fisheries legislation.	Work is underway.
Marine Planning and Development Management Bill	To establish in law a new marine planning system providing a development management regime for Ireland's maritime area.	Revised heads of bill approved July and December 2019. Pre-legislative scrutiny still to be determined. (Priority)
Water Environment (Abstractions) Bill	To provide for a risk-based approach to the regulation of abstractions and underpins the establishment of a national register of water abstractions greater than 25 cubic meters per day in order to ensure compliance with the requirements of the EU Water Framework Directive.	Revised heads of bill being prepared. Pre-legislative scrutiny to be determined.
Gas (Amendment) Bill	To provide for amendments to various Gas Acts in respect of the separation of Irish Water from Ervia and restructuring of Ervia and GNI as a consequence.	Draft heads of bill being prepared.

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ENVIRONMENT & PLANNING

Bill	Purpose	Status
Marine Planning and Development Management Bill	To establish in law a new marine planning system, providing a development management regime for Ireland's maritime area.	Revised heads of bill approved July and December 2019. Pre-legislative scrutiny still to be determined. (Priority)
Monuments and Archaeological Heritage Bill	To replace and modernise the National Monuments Acts 1930 to 2014 and related enactments going back to the 19th century, to establish a new Register of Monuments to replace multiple systems for monument protection and an integrated and streamlined licensing system for activities regulated under the bill.	Work continuing. Pre-legislative scrutiny still to be determined.
Building Control (Construction Industry Register Ireland) 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.
Heritage Bill	To amend the Planning and Development and Wildlife Acts to deal with Mulreevy and other issues arising as a result of the transfer of Heritage functions to the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government.	Heads of bill being prepared. (Priority)
Aarhus Convention 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.
Water Environment (Abstractions) Bill	To provide for a risk-based approach to the regulation of abstractions and underpins the establishment of a national register of water abstractions greater than 25 cubic meters per day in order to ensure compliance with the requirements of the EU Water Framework Directive.	Revised heads of bill being prepared.

Planning and Development (Amendment) Bill	To introduce 'use it or lose it' provisions to facilitate speedier activation of planning permissions and delivery of housing supply and to provide further emergency powers to protect the integrity of the planning system, in the event of a need for further Covid-19 restrictions and potentially to address issues of substitute consent arising from a recent Supreme Court case.	Heads of bill being prepared. (Priority)
Land Development Agency Bill	To place the new Land Development Agency on a primary legislative footing.	Revised heads of bill being prepared. Pre-legislative scrutiny has taken place. (Priority)
Housing and Planning and Development (Amendment) Bill	To provide for reform of judicial review provisions in the Planning and Development Act 2000 and certain other amendments to planning and housing legislation, including in relation to tenant purchase.	Heads of bill approved on 30 October 2019. Pre-legislative scrutiny still to be determined.
Climate Action (Amendment) Bill	To amend the Climate Action and Low Carbon Development Act 2015 in line with governance proposals in the Climate Action Plan 2019 and legislative commitments in the Programme for Government.	Heads of bill approved on 17 December 2019. Pre-legislative scrutiny still to be determined. (Priority)
Waste Management (Circular Economy) Bill	To implement legislation provisions in the Waste Action Plan for a Circular economy.	Draft heads of bill being prepared.

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FINANCIAL REGULATION

Bill	Purpose	Status
Criminal Justice (Money Laundering & Terrorist Financing) (Amendment) Bill	To give effect to the 5 th EU Anti-Money Laundering Directive.	Order for Second Stage. (Dáil)
Credit Union (COVID-19) (Amendment) Bill	To allow credit unions, for a time-bound period, to conduct virtual Annual General Meetings/Special General Meetings which provide access for remote attendees and the option of electronic voting, and to provide credit unions with the option of availing of proxy voting on a permanent basis.	Heads being prepared.
Consumer Protection (Regulation of Retail Credit Firms) Bill	To ensure that any person or firm which provides credit, hire purchase, PCPs, consumer hire agreements to relevant persons will be required to be authorised as a 'retail credit firm' by the Central Bank unless they are already subject to such Central Bank authorisation.	Heads of bill expected shortly.
Credit Review Bill	To put the Credit Review Office on a statutory footing.	Work is underway.
Bretton Woods Agreements (Amendment) Bill	To facilitate Irelands participation in the IMF's New Arrangements to Borrow.	Preparatory work is underway.
Central Bank (Amendment) Bill	To support the advancement of an improved culture in the Irish Financial System through greater accountability in the regulated sector.	Work is underway.

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HEALTHCARE & LIFE SCIENCES

Bill	Purpose	Status
Regulated Professions (Health & Social Care) (Amendment) Bill 2019	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.	Order for Report. (Seanad)
Patient Safety Licensing Bill	To provide for a mandatory system of licensing for public and private healthcare facilities.	Heads of bill approved December 2017. Pre-legislative scrutiny has taken place.
National Research Ethics Committees Bill	To create a National Research Ethics Committee (REC) Framework in Ireland.	Heads of bill approved July 2019. Pre-legislative scrutiny waived.
Public Health (Tobacco and Nicotine Inhaling Products) Bill	To introduce a licensing system for the sale of tobacco and nicotine inhaling products (including e-cigarettes) and other related matters.	Heads approved 22 October 2019. Pre-legislative scrutiny still to be determined.
Assisted Human Reproduction Bill	To provide a legislative framework for the regulation of assisted human reproduction practices and associated research.	Heads of bill approved October 2017. Pre-legislative scrutiny has taken place. View a William Fry article on this bill here .
Public Health (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.	Preparation work is underway.
Human Tissue (Transportation, Post-Mortem, Anatomical Examination and Public Display) Bill	To deal with organ donation and transplantation in respect of both deceased and living donors, an opt-out system of consent for deceased organ donation, post-mortem practices and procedures,	Heads of bill approved May 2019. Pre-legislative scrutiny has taken place.

	anatomical examination/education and training and public display of bodies after death.	
Health Act 1947 (Amendment) Bill	To amend the Health Act 1947 to provide for a more tiered set of penalties than currently provided for under Section 31A of that Act for Covid-19 issues.	Heads of bill being prepared.
Mental Health (Amendment) Bill	To amend the Mental Health Act 2001 to give effect to recommendations of an Expert Group Review on mental health legislation.	Final heads of bill being prepared.
Patient Safety (Notifiable Patient Safety Incidents) Bill 2019	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.	At Committee Stage. (Dáil)
Health Insurance (Amendment) Bill	To provide for revised risk equalisation credits and corresponding stamp duty levies to apply to health insurance policies and some technical amendments to the Health Insurance Acts 1994 – 2019.	Heads of bill being prepared. Pre-legislative scrutiny still to be determined. (Priority)

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INSURANCE & REINSURANCE

Bill	Purpose	Status
Investment Limited Partnerships (Amendment) Bill	To align the anti-money laundering standards across all Irish funds vehicles, modernise the Investment Limited Partnership structure and to make amendments to the Irish Collective Asset-management Vehicles Act 2015 to improve its functioning.	Heads of bill approved. Pre-legislative scrutiny waived.
Central Bank (Amendment) Bill	To support the advancement of an improved culture in the Irish Financial System through greater accountability in the regulated sector.	Work is underway.
Health Insurance (Amendment) Bill	To provide for revised risk equalisation credits and corresponding stamp duty levies to apply to health insurance policies and some technical amendments to the Health Insurance Acts 1994 – 2019.	Heads of bill being prepared. Pre-legislative scrutiny still to be determined. (Priority)

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INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY, TECHNOLOGY & DATA PROTECTION

Bill	Purpose	Status
Amendment of the Constitution (Unified Patent Court) Bill	To amend the Constitution in order to allow for Ireland's participation in a Unified Patent Court.	No detail provided.
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.	Revised heads of bill being prepared.
Communications (Retention and Disclosure 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 February 2015 and 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.
Criminal Justice (Counterfeiting) Bill	To transpose outstanding elements of Directive 2014/62/EU on the protection of the euro and other currencies against counterfeiting by criminal law and replacing Council Framework Decision 2000/383/JHA.	Heads of bill approved July 2019. Pre-legislative scrutiny waived. (Priority)

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LITIGATION & DISPUTE RESOLUTION

Bill	Purpose	Status
Personal Injuries Assessment Board (Amendment) Bill	To amend the Personal Injuries Assessment Board Act 2003 in light of the impact of COVID-19.	Heads of bill being prepared.
Family Court Bill	To establish a Family Court as a separate division within the existing court structures.	Heads of bill being prepared.
Judicial Appointments Commission Bill	To legislative for the establishment of a Judicial Appointments Commission.	Heads of bill being prepared.
State Claims Agency Bill	To establish the State Claims Agency (SCA) as a discrete corporate body within the NTMA including establishing an SCA Board with responsibility for all SCA functions.	Preparatory work is underway.
Courts and Civil Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill	To enact provisions relating to electronic courts services, courts administration and other civil law reform measures including licensing, land and conveyancing, international protection, civil legal aid, legal services regulation.	Revised heads of bill being prepared.
Personal Insolvency (Amendment) (No. 1) Bill	To make a small number of key COVID -19 related amendments.	Heads of bill being prepared. (Priority)
Personal Insolvency (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill	To update aspects of personal insolvency legislation, following statutory review of the Personal Insolvency Acts.	Work is underway.
Child Care (Amendment) Bill	To provide for reform the law in relation to Guardian ad litem.	Work is underway.
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.	Revised heads of bill underway. Pre-legislative scrutiny has taken place.
Companies (Corporate Enforcement Authority) Bill	To establish the ODCE as an agency, to be known as the Corporate Enforcement Authority and to give effect to some recommendations of	Heads of bill approved December 2018. Pre-legislative scrutiny underway.

	the Company Law Review Group in the areas of corporate governance shares and share capital.	(Priority)
Defamation (Amendment) Bill	To update aspects of defamation law, following statutory review of the Defamation Act 2009.	Work is underway.

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REAL ESTATE & CONSTRUCTION

Bill	Purpose	Status
Táille Éireann Bill	To provide for the establishment of Táille Éireann, a single body incorporating the Property Registration Authority, Ordnance Survey Ireland, the Commissioner of Valuation and Boundary Surveyor.	Heads of bill being prepared.
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 not required
Land Development Agency Bill	To place the new Land Development Agency on a primary legislative footing.	Revised heads of bill being prepared. Pre-legislative scrutiny has taken place. (Priority)
Housing and Residential Tenancies Bill	To strengthen the statutory framework for the enforcement of the overcrowding provisions of the Housing Act 1966 and to amend the Residential Tenancies Act 2004 to further enhance tenancy protections, particularly during receivership, provide tenancies of indefinite duration and define a deposit.	Heads of bill being prepared.
Planning and Development (Amendment) Bill	To introduce 'use it or lose it' provisions to facilitate speedier activation of planning permissions and delivery of housing supply and to provide further emergency powers to protect the integrity of the planning system, in the event of a need for further Covid-19 restrictions and potentially to address issues of substitute consent arising from a recent Supreme Court case.	Heads of bill being prepared. (Priority)
Affordable Housing Bill	To give legislative effect to the Government's affordable housing policy.	Heads of bill being prepared.
Property Services Regulation (Amendment) Bill	To revise the Property Services Regulation Act 2011 in the light of the Services Directive 2006/123/EC and Recognition of Professional Qualifications Directive 2005/36/EC and related ECJ jurisprudence following an EU-PILOT query.	Heads of bill being prepared.

Finance (Local Property Tax) (Amendment) Bill	To amend the Finance (Local Property Tax) Act 2012 to give effect to proposals for the reform of LPT in the light of the 2019 LPT Review interdepartmental report.	Heads of bill being prepared.
Licensing of Construction Workers Bill	To provide for the establishment of a statutory licensing system for construction and related activities.	Preparatory work is underway.
Building Control (Construction Industry Register Ireland) 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.

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RETAIL, LEISURE & AGRIBUSINESS

Bill	Purpose	Status
Explosives Bill	To repeal the Explosives Act 1875 and replace it with a modern statutory framework for the control of the manufacture, storage, importation, transport and supply of explosives.	Heads of bill approved. Pre-legislative scrutiny to be determined.
Consumer Rights Bill	To give effect to EU Directive 770/2019 on consumer contracts for the supply of digital content and digital services, EU Directive 771/2019 on consumer contracts for the sale of goods, and to update and consolidate the statutory provisions on consumer rights and remedies in relation to contracts for the supply of non-digital services, unfair contract terms, and information and cancellation rights.	Heads of bill being prepared.
Sale of Alcohol Bill	To codify the law relating to the sale and consumption of alcohol.	Heads of bill approved. Work is underway.
Public Health (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.	Preparatory work is underway.
Public Health (Tobacco and Nicotine Inhaling Products) Bill	To introduce a licensing system for the sale of tobacco and nicotine inhaling products (including e-cigarettes) and other related matters.	Heads of bill approved October 2019. Pre-legislative scrutiny to be determined.
Control of Exports Bill	To repeal and replace the Control of Exports Act 2008 and to ensure that Ireland has a comprehensive and robust framework for regulating the export of controlled goods.	Heads of bill approved on 4 th August 2020. Pre-legislative scrutiny still to be determined.
Sale of Tickets (Cultural, Entertainment, Recreational and Sporting Events) Bill	To prohibit the resale of tickets for events in designated venues for a price exceeding their original sale price.	Heads of bill being prepared. (Priority)

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SPORTS

Bill	Purpose	Status
Gambling Control Bill	To establish a gambling regulator.	Revised heads of bill underway.
Sale of Tickets (Cultural, Entertainment, Recreational and Sporting Events) Bill	To prohibit the resale of tickets for events in designated venues for a price exceeding their original sale price.	Heads of bill being prepared. (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. (Priority)
Finance Bill	To give statutory effect to Budget Day decisions and to make other changes to tax law.	To be produced after the Budget is announced. (Priority)
Finance (Local Property Tax) (Amendment) Bill	To amend the Finance (Local Property Tax) Act 2012 to give effect to proposals for the reform of LPT in the light of the 2019 LPT Review interdepartmental report.	Heads of bill being prepared.

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TELECOMS & MEDIA

Bill	Purpose	Status
Broadcasting (Amendment) Bill 2019	To amend the Broadcasting Act 2009.	At Committee Stage. (Dáil)
Interception of Postal Packets and Telecommunications Messages (Regulation) (Amendment) Bill	To amend various pieces of legislation in respect of electronic communications.	Revised heads of bill being prepared.
Communications (Retention and Disclosure 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 February 2015 and October 2017. Pre-legislative scrutiny has taken place.
Consumer Rights Bill	To give effect to EU Directive 770/2019 on consumer contracts for the supply of digital content and digital services, EU Directive 771/2019 on consumer contracts for the sale of goods, and to update and consolidate the statutory provisions on consumer rights and remedies in relation to contracts for the supply of non-digital services, unfair contract terms, and information and cancellation rights.	Heads of bill being prepared.
Online Safety and Media Regulation Bill	To provide for the establishment of a Media Commission, the dissolution of the Broadcasting Authority of Ireland, a regulatory framework for online safety to tackle the spread and amplification of harmful online content, updates to the regulation of audio visual media services and the implementation of the revised Audiovisual Media Services Directive (Directive (EU) 2018/1808).	Further heads of bill being prepared.

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