

NEW GOVERNMENT LEGISLATION PROGRAMME: INDUSTRY & SECTOR SPECIFIC BREAKDOWN AUTUMN 2019

The Government Legislation Programme of the Partnership Government for the Autumn session has been published. The Cabinet has approved 32 new bills for priority publication. The programme identifies 28 bills which are expected to undergo pre-legislative scrutiny. 27 bills are currently before the Oireachtas. 134 bills have been published since this Government took office in May 2016 and 137 bills have been enacted since that date.

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ASSET MANAGEMENT & INVESTMENT FUNDS

Bill	Purpose	Status
Investment Limited Partnerships (Amendment) Bill 2019	To support the development of the private equity fund industry by making Ireland a more attractive domicile for such funds. To amend the Investment Limited Partnership Act 1994 to make the structure more attractive to fund managers.	Order for Second Stage (Dáil)
Criminal Justice (Money Laundering & Terrorist Financing) (Amendment) Bill	To give effect to the 5 th EU Anti-Money Laundering Directive.	Heads of bill approved January 2019. Pre-legislative scrutiny not required. (Priority)
Migration of Participating Securities Bill	To facilitate the migration of Irish listed securities from the CREST system based in the UK to Euroclear Bank in Belgium.	Heads of bill approved July 2019. Pre-legislative scrutiny still to be determined. (Priority)
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 2019	To establish a mandatory reporting obligation on companies to report on gender pay differences in their companies.	Order for Report (Dáil)

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AVIATION & TRANSPORT

Bill	Purpose	Status
Air Navigation and Transport Bill	To provide for the restructuring of Aviation Regulation by merging IAA with CAR and establishing a new company to provide air navigation service.	Heads of bill approved June 2019. Pre-legislative scrutiny has taken place. (Priority)
Aviation Regulation (Amendment) Bill	To make amendments to the Aviation Regulation Act 2001 implementing recommendations for improvements to the process for economic regulation of Dublin Airport.	Heads of bill approved November 2018. Pre-legislative scrutiny has taken place. (Priority)
Merchant Shipping (International Conventions) Bill	To provide for the national implementation of certain international Maritime Conventions, the updating of existing statutes in respect of other conventions and the provision of some miscellaneous maritime safety measures.	Heads of bill in preparation.

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BANKING & 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 Partnerships (Amendment) Bill 2019	To support the development of the private equity fund industry by making Ireland a more attractive domicile for such funds. To amend the Investment Limited Partnership Act 1994 to make the structure more attractive to fund managers.	Order for Second Stage (Dáil)
Personal Insolvency (Amendment) 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.	Heads of bill approved January 2019. Pre-legislative scrutiny not required.
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.	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.	Heads of bill approved October 2018. Pre-legislative scrutiny not required. (Priority)
Migration of Participating Securities Bill	To facilitate the migration of Irish listed securities from the CREST system based in the UK to Euroclear Bank in Belgium.	Heads of bill approved July 2019. Pre-legislative scrutiny still to be determined. (Priority)
European Stability Mechanism (Amendment) Bill	To give effect to amendments of the ESM Treaty.	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.	Heads of bill approved October 2018. Pre-legislative scrutiny not required.
Companies (Corporate Enforcement Authority) Bill	To establish the Office of the Director of Corporate Enforcement as a standalone agency to be called the Corporate Enforcement Authority.	Heads of bill approved December 2018. Pre-legislative scrutiny has commenced (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)
Migration of Participating Securities Bill	To facilitate the migration of Irish listed securities from the CREST system based in the UK to Euroclear Bank in Belgium.	Heads of bill approved July 2019. Pre-legislative scrutiny still to be determined. (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.	Heads of bill approved July 2018. Pre-legislative scrutiny has taken place.
Industrial Development (Amendment) Bill	To i) enable Enterprise Ireland (EI) to provide lending investment instruments to client companies as an enterprise development support and also enable EI to maintain the value of the State's investments through follow on share investment and convertible loan notes and ii) to increase the aggregate capital funding that can be provided to IDA Ireland, Enterprise Ireland and Science Foundation Ireland.	Priority
Finance (Tax Appeals and Prospectus Regulation) Bill 2019	To amend the Finance (Tax Appeals) Act 2015 and the Tax Consolidation Act 1997 to provide for the appointment of a chairperson of the Tax Appeals Commission and amend the legislation that deals	Order for Second Stage (Dáil)

	with appeals from the determination of an Appeal Commissioner to the High Court by way of case stated. Bill also makes amendments to the Companies Act 2014 to reflect changes to the prospectus regime. View a William Fry article on this Bill here . View a William Fry article on the new prospectus regime here .	
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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.	Heads of bill are in preparation.
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.	Order for Report (Dáil)
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.
Payment of Wages Bill	To amend the Payment of Wages Act, clarifying that tips cannot be used to makeup or satisfy payment of contractual rates of pay. Tips will be distinguished from service charges for this purpose. Also to provide for a requirement on employers to clearly display their policy on how tips, gratuities and service charges are distributed.	Heads of bill approved July 2019. Pre-legislative scrutiny still to be determined. (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)
Parental Leave and Benefit Bill	To provide for parental leave and benefit to both parents from 1 November 2019.	Heads of bill approved April 2019. Pre-legislative scrutiny is not required. (Priority)
Civil Service Regulation (Amendment) Bill	To allow greater devolution of management and disciplinary functions in the Civil Service.	Heads of bill approved April 2018. Pre-legislative scrutiny completed. (Priority)

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.
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 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.
Social Welfare Bill 2019	To amend and extend the Social Welfare Acts, to amend the Taxes Consolidation Act 1997; and to provide for related matters. In particular, it provides for the introduction of a new social insurance scheme - Jobseeker's Benefit (self-employed) - to provide an income safety net to people setting up or running their own businesses, as announced in the Expenditure Report for Budget 2019 on 9 October 2018.	Committee Stage (Seanad)

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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 primary legislation governing the inland fisheries sector.	Work is underway.
Marine Planning and Development Management Bill	To establish in law a new marine planning system, which will consist of a development management regime for Ireland's maritime area.	Revised heads of bill approved July 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.	Heads of bill approved July 2018. Pre-legislative scrutiny to be determined.

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ENVIRONMENT & PLANNING

Bill	Purpose	Status
Marine Planning and Development Management Bill	To establish in law a new marine planning system, which will consist of a development management regime for Ireland's maritime area.	Revised heads of bill approved July 2019. Pre-legislative scrutiny still to be determined. (Priority)
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.	Order for Second Stage (Dáil)
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.
National Oil Reserves Agency (Amendment) and Provision of Central Treasury Services Bill	To amend the NORA Act 2007 to provide for the payment of surplus NORA levy funds to the Exchequer to be used for Climate Action purposes and to make technical changes to the operation and administration of the Biofuels Obligation Scheme and to amend the NTMA Act 2000 to include NORA and Irish Water among the statutory bodies to whom the NTMA may provide treasury services, including loans and deposits.	Heads of bill approved November 2018. Pre-legislative scrutiny 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	Heads of bill approved July 2018. Pre-legislative scrutiny to be determined.

	compliance with the requirements of the EU Water Framework Directive.	
Microbeads (Prohibition) Bill 2019	To prohibit the manufacture sale, supply, import or export of certain products containing plastic microbeads.	Committee Stage (Dáil)
Land Development Agency Bill	To place the new Land Development Agency on a primary legislative footing.	Heads of bill approved December 2018 & July 2019. Pre-legislative scrutiny still to be determined.
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.	Work is underway (Priority)
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.	Heads of bill expected shortly.
Rural Development (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill	To allow for the introduction of a scheme to indemnify private landowners against claims for compensation, by recreational users who traverse their lands and to enable local authorities to statutorily conduct certain verification checks on projects under the LEADER programme.	Work is underway.

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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.	Heads of bill approved January 2019. Pre-legislative scrutiny not required. (Priority)
Migration of Participating Securities Bill	To facilitate the migration of Irish listed securities from the CREST system based in the UK to Euroclear Bank in Belgium.	Heads of bill approved July 2019. Pre-legislative scrutiny still to be determined (Priority)
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 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.	Committee Stage (Dáil)
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 model in Ireland that will encompass all human health research including clinical trials of medicinal products.	Heads of bill approved July 2019. Pre-legislative scrutiny still to be determined
Health & Childcare Support (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill	To provide for the maintenance of provision of certain health benefits (EHIC-equivalent benefits) to certain residents of Northern Ireland (consequential to the Good Friday Agreement) and to make provision for British citizens to access the National Childcare Scheme on the same basis as Irish citizens in the event of 'no deal' between the EU and the UK on the withdrawal of the UK from the European Union.	Priority
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.	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 October 2017. Pre-legislative scrutiny has taken place. View a William Fry article on this bill here . (Priority)

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.	Heads of bill are in preparation.
Human Tissue (Transportation, Post-Mortem, Anatomical Examination and Public Display) 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 approved May 2019. Pre-legislative scrutiny to be determined.
Retention of Records Bill 2019	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.	Committee Stage (Dáil)
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 Bill	To amend the Health Act 2004 to provide for changes to corporate and service planning processes for the HSE and further Board and CEO functions and to amend the National Cancer Registry Board (Establishment) Order 1991 to increase Board membership.	Work is underway (Priority)
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 July 2018. Pre-legislative scrutiny has taken place. (Priority)
Health Insurance (Amendment) Bill	To provide for revised risk equalisation credits and corresponding stamp duty levies on health insurance policies for 2020.	Work is underway (Priority)

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INSURANCE & REINSURANCE

Bill	Purpose	Status
Investment Limited Partnerships (Amendment) Bill 2019	To support the development of the private equity fund industry by making Ireland a more attractive domicile for such funds. To amend the Investment Limited Partnership Act 1994 to make the structure more attractive to fund managers.	Order for Second Stage (Dáil)
Central Bank (Amendment) Bill	To amend Central Bank Acts to provide for various issues of enforcement and accountability.	Work is underway.
Health Insurance (Amendment) Bill	To provide for revised risk equalisation credits and corresponding stamp duty levies on health insurance policies for 2020.	Work is underway. (Priority)

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INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY, TECHNOLOGY & DATA PROTECTION

Bill	Purpose	Status
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 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.	Draft heads of bill in preparation.
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 in preparation. Pre-legislative scrutiny to be determined.
Retention of Records Bill 2019	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.	Committee State (Dáil)
Criminal Records (Exchange of Information) Bill 2019	To implement two EU Council Decisions that provide for exchange of criminal records information between EU member states.	Order for Second Stage (Dáil)
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	Work is underway.

	and prosecution of terrorist offences and serious crime, and provide for related matters.	
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 still to be determined. (Priority)

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LITIGATION & DISPUTE RESOLUTION

Bill	Purpose	Status
Blasphemy (Abolition of Offences and Related Matters) Bill 2019	To abolish the offences of blasphemy and blasphemous libel; to amend the Censorship of Films Act 1923 and the Censorship of Films (Amendment) Act 1925; to repeal certain provisions of the Defamation Act 2009; and to provide for related matters.	Order for Second Stage (Seanad)
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.	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 July 2014.
Civil Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill	To enact provisions relating to electronic courts services, courts administration and other measures.	Heads of bill approved July 2017. Pre-legislative scrutiny is not required.
Personal Insolvency (Amendment) 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 of existing ad hoc Guardian ad litem arrangements in child care proceedings.	Order for Second Stage (Dáil)
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 approved September 2018. Pre-legislative scrutiny has taken place.
Companies (Corporate Enforcement Authority) Bill	To establish the Office of the Director of Corporate Enforcement as a standalone agency to be called the Corporate Enforcement Authority.	Heads of bill approved December 2018. Pre-legislative scrutiny has commenced (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

Bill	Purpose	Status
Táille Éireann Bill	To provide for the establishment of Táille Éireann, for the dissolution of the Property Registration Authority and Ordnance Survey Ireland and to transfer the functions of both bodies to Táille 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 not required
Land Development Agency Bill	To place the new Land Development Agency on a primary legislative footing.	Heads of bill approved December 2018 & July 2019 Pre-legislative scrutiny still to be determined (Priority)
Residential Tenancies (Amendment) Bill	To make amendments regarding private rented sector tenancies during receivership.	Work is underway. Pre-legislative scrutiny still to be determined.
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.	Work is underway.

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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.
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.
Consumer Protection (Gift Vouchers) Bill 2018	To provide for a minimum term of five years for gift vouchers and to provide for related matters.	Committee Stage (Dáil)
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 (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 (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.	Work is underway.
Microbeads (Prohibition) Bill 2019	To prohibit the manufacture, sale supply, import or export of certain products containing plastic microbeads.	Committee Stage (Dáil)
Prohibition of Above-cost Ticket Touting Bill 2017	To make it unlawful for any person to sell or offer for sale tickets for major sporting, musical or theatrical events for a price in excess of the officially designated price.	Committee Stage (Dáil)

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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 relevant government department.	Heads of bill to be approved. Pre-legislative scrutiny to be determined.
Gaming and Lotteries (Amendment) Bill 2019	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.	Order for Report (Seanad)

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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 2020 proposals.	To be produced after the Budget is announced in October. (Priority)
Finance (Tax Appeals and Prospectus Regulation) Bill 2019	To amend the Finance (Tax Appeals) Act 2015 and the Tax Consolidation Act 1997 to provide for the appointment of a chairperson of the Tax Appeals Commission and amend the legislation that deals with appeals from the determination of an Appeal Commissioner to the High Court by way of case stated. Bill also makes amendments to the Companies Act 2014 to reflect changes to the prospectus regime. View a William Fry article on this Bill here . View a William Fry article on the new prospectus regime here .	Order for Second Stage (Dáil)

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TELECOMS & MEDIA

Bill	Purpose	Status
Broadcasting (Amendment) Bill 2019	To amend the Broadcasting Act 2009.	Order for Second 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 in preparation. Pre-legislative scrutiny still to be determined.
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.
National Broadband Plan Bill	To provide statutory powers in relation to the National Broadband Plan.	Heads of bill approved July 2018. Pre-legislative scrutiny still to be determined.
Online Safety and Media Regulation Bill	To provide for the regulation of harmful online content and the implementation of the revised Audiovisual Media Services Directive.	Work is underway.

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