



NEW GOVERNMENT LEGISLATION PROGRAMME: INDUSTRY & SECTOR SPECIFIC BREAKDOWN

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The first Government Legislation Programme of the new Partnership Government has been published. The Cabinet has approved 11 new Bills, which the Government intends to publish before the summer recess. 17 Bills are already before the Oireachtas and a further 108 proposed Bills are being considered. A relevant selection of these Bills and proposals is set out below, by industry or sector. Keep an eye on our website for further updates.

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

Click on the relevant link below to view the key proposals by industry or sector:

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ASSET MANAGEMENT & INVESTMENT FUNDS

Bill	Purpose	Status
Investment Limited Partnership (Amendment) Bill	To amend certain existing collective investment scheme legislation, the Investment Limited Partnership Act 1994 and the Limited Partnership Act 1907.	Work is underway
Criminal Justice (Money Laundering & Terrorist Financing) (Amendment) Bill	To give effect to the 4 th EU Money Laundering Directive, which, amongst other things requires the disclosure of beneficial ownership of shares in Irish companies.	Heads of bill expected end 2016
Statutory Audits Bill	To transpose certain provisions in the EU Audit Directive 2014/56/EU and the EU Regulation (537/2014). Significant provisions in the Directive and Regulation will be transposed by way of Statutory Instrument. The new rules deal with the conduct of audits, auditor appointment, the mandatory rotation of auditors for certain companies and the provision of non-audit services.	Heads of bill expected end 2016

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AVIATION & TRANSPORT

Bill	Purpose	Status
Irish Aviation Authority (Amendment) Bill	To amend the Irish Aviation Authority Act 1997 to extend the existing powers of the IAA, with regard to its safety regulation function and to recoup costs through fees and charges for its aviation security regulation functions. To give powers and allow the IAA to set the level and manner of aviation security charges, and the requirement for consultation with regulated entities in that regard. It will also provide for the recognition of the role of the IAA in compliance monitoring with regard to ICAO Annex 17 (prevention and suppression of all acts of unlawful interference against civil aviation on a worldwide basis).	Public consultation is expected shortly
Passenger Name Record Bill	To give effect to the Passenger Name Record (PNR) Directive which must be transposed into law by May 2018. The Directive is a counter terrorist measure which obliges air carriers to provide member states' authorities with PNR data for flights entering or departing from the EU.	Heads of bill have yet to be prepared
Road Traffic Bill 2016	To make provision for roadside tests of oral fluid for the presence of drugs and a new offence of driving with the presence of certain specified drugs in the blood. Also to give effect to agreement between Ireland and the UK on mutual recognition of driver disqualifications and to create a new special speed limit of 20km/h.	Second Stage (Dáil)
Large Public Service Vehicle (LPSV) Bill	To provide for a new regulatory regime for large public service vehicles and to revoke the existing legislative provisions governing such vehicles.	Work is underway

<p>Merchant Shipping (International Conventions and Maritime Safety) Bill</p>	<p>To provide for the national implementation of certain International Maritime Conventions, the updating of existing statutes in respect of other conventions and provision of some maritime safety measures.</p>	<p>Scoping exercise is being undertaken</p>
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BANKING & FINANCE

Bill	Purpose	Status
Central Bank Consolidation Bill	To consolidate all of the collectively cited Central Bank Acts.	Work is underway
Financial Services and Pensions Ombudsman Bill	To amalgamate the Offices of the Pensions and Financial Services Ombudsman.	To be published as soon as possible
Investment Limited Partnership (Amendment) Bill	To amend certain existing collective investment scheme legislation, the Investment Limited Partnership Act 1994 and the Limited Partnership Act 1907.	Work is underway
Commissions of Investigation (IBRC) Bill	To address matters affecting the work of the IBRC Commission of Investigation.	Expected publication date: June/July 2016
Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank Bill	To allow for Ireland's potential membership of the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB).	Work is progressing
Criminal Justice (Money Laundering & Terrorist Financing) (Amendment) Bill	To give effect to the 4 th EU Money Laundering Directive.	Heads of bill expected end 2016
Single Resolution Board (Loan Facility Agreement) Bill 2016	To enable the state to enter into a loan facility agreement with the Single Resolution Board in order to provide it with bridge financing of an amount up to €1.815bn.	Committee Stage (Dáil)
Mortgages Special Court Bill / Courts (Mortgage Arrears) Bill	To establish a dedicated new court to sensitively and expeditiously handle mortgage arrears and other personal insolvency cases, by imposing solutions on the parties including those recommended by the new Insolvency Service. The hearings of this court could be held in private if requested by the debtor.	Currently under consideration



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BETTING AND GAMING INDUSTRY

Bill	Purpose	Status
Gambling Control Bill	To provide a comprehensive new licensing and regulatory framework for gambling. The executive regulatory functions are to be performed by a body within the Department of Justice and Equality.	Justice Committee reported on heads of bill in November 2013

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CONSUMER

Bill	Purpose	Status
Public Health (Alcohol) Bill 2015	To provide for minimum unit pricing for retailing of alcohol products; to regulate the advertising and sponsorship of alcohol; to provide for a structural separation of alcohol from other products in mixed trading outlets; to provide for health labelling of alcohol products; and to regulate the sale and supply of alcohol in certain circumstances.	Committee Stage (Seanad)
Sale of Alcohol Bill	To update and streamline the law relating to the sale and consumption of alcohol. The Bill will repeal the Licensing Acts 1933 to 2011, as well as the Registration of Clubs Act 1904 to 2008, and replace them with provisions more suited to modern conditions.	Pre-legislative scrutiny to be scheduled
Casual Trading (Amendment) Bill	To align the provisions of the Casual Trading Act 1995 with the provisions of the EU Services Directive.	Heads of bill expected in the near future; pre-legislative scrutiny to follow shortly after

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CORPORATE

Bill	Purpose	Status
Criminal Justice (Corruption) Bill	To replace outdated legislation, meet international commitments to the Council of Europe, the OECD and the UN, and to give effect to certain Mahon Tribunal recommendations.	Pre-legislative scrutiny completed in 2013; drafting continuing
Companies (Accounting) Bill	To transpose the EU Accounting Directive (2013/34/EU) which provides simplifications and reductions of administrative burdens for SMEs with regard to the preparation of financial statements.	Expected publication date: June/July 2016
Statutory Audits Bill	To transpose certain provisions in the EU Audit Directive 2014/56/EU and the EU Regulation (537/2014). Significant provisions in the Directive and Regulation will be transposed by way of Statutory Instrument. The new rules deal with the conduct of audits, auditor appointment, the mandatory rotation of auditors for certain companies and the provision of non-audit services.	Heads of bill expected end 2016
Criminal Justice (Money Laundering & Terrorist Financing) (Amendment) Bill	To give effect to the 4 th EU Money Laundering Directive which, amongst other things, requires the disclosure of beneficial ownership of shares in Irish companies.	Heads of bill expected end 2016

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EMPLOYMENT, EQUALITY & EDUCATION

Bill	Purpose	Status
Family Leave Bill	To consolidate with amendments all family leave legislation.	Not indicated
Universities (Amendment) Bill	To ensure compliance with government guidelines on remuneration, allowances, pensions and staffing numbers in the university sector.	Heads of bill approved in October 2012; drafting underway
Higher Education (Reform) Bill	To modernise the legislative framework underpinning the governance and functions of the Higher Education Authority and the governance structures of the universities.	Heads of bill are currently being drafted
Technological Universities Bill 2015	To provide for the dissolution of certain institutes of technology and for the transfer of their functions, assets, liabilities and staff to new institutes of technology to be established; to provide for the establishment of technological universities; and to provide for the functions and governance of these universities.	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 currently being drafted
Disability/Equality (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill	To allow ratification of the UN Convention on Rights of People with Disabilities and to make further technical amendments to disability and equality legislation.	Heads of bill approved in February 2016; pre-legislative scrutiny to be undertaken shortly
Education (Admission to Schools) Bill	To contain provisions regarding the enrolment of pupils in schools and the requirement for schools to operate enrolment policies in a transparent fashion.	Expected publication date: June/July 2016

Garda Siochána (Compensation for Malicious Injuries) Bill	To provide a revised scheme for compensating Gardaí maliciously injured in their work.	Legal advice is being analysed
Paternity Bill	To provide for the introduction of 2 weeks paternity leave and associated social welfare benefit as from September 2016.	Expected publication date: June/July 2016
Qualifications and Quality Assurance (Amendment) Bill	To amend the Qualifications and Quality Assurance (Education and Training) Act 2012 to address some issues that have arisen regarding the scope of responsibilities in relation to the recognition of awards and regulation of private and voluntary providers, to ensure adequate protection of enrolled learners where providers discontinue a programme, and to give greater authority to Institutes of Technology to award Level 9 qualifications.	Work is underway

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ENERGY & NATURAL RESOURCES

Bill	Purpose	Status
Minerals Development Bill 2015	To modernise and consolidate all mineral development legislation.	Report Stage (Seanad)
Geothermal Energy Development Bill	To provide a legislative framework for the vesting, licensing and regulation of the development of geothermal energy.	Drafting is ongoing
EirGrid Bill	To establish EirGrid in primary legislation.	Initial preparatory work is underway
Energy Bill 2016	To change the name of the Commission for Energy Regulation to the Commission for Regulation of Utilities and to give the Commission powers to carry out investigations and impose administrative sanctions. In addition, provisions are included in relation to common rules for the internal market in electricity and other EU law provisions.	Second Stage (Dáil)

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ENVIRONMENTAL & PLANNING

Bill	Purpose	Status
Maritime Area and Foreshore (Amendment) Bill	To streamline the development consent process for the foreshore including the integration of certain parts of the foreshore consent process (under the Foreshore Act 1933) with the existing on-land planning system.	Heads of bill approved on 23 July 2013. Environment Committee reported on pre-legislative scrutiny in February 2014. May resubmit for further consideration.
Planning and Development (Amendment) Bill 2016	To amend and extend the Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2015 and to establish the Office of the Planning Regulator to evaluate and carry out assessments relating to planning matters, amongst other functions. In addition, to provide for planning and development requirements to be taken into account by Irish Water.	Second Stage (Dáil)
Housing (Regulation of Approved Housing Bodies) Bill	To provide a regulatory framework for the operation of approved housing bodies.	Heads of bill approved on 29 September 2015; pre-legislative scrutiny has yet to take place
Water Services Bill	To suspend the water charges for nine months and establish an External Advisory Body.	Expected publication date: June/July 2016
Green Climate Fund Bill	To give effect to Ireland's membership of the UNFCCC Green Climate Fund.	Not indicated
Industrial Development Act 1986 (Amendment) Bill	To take account of the Supreme Court judgment in <i>Reid vs IDA and the Attorney General</i> to ensure that the IDA has the necessary statutory powers to undertake their property functions (in particular, compulsory purchase orders).	Heads of bill are currently under preparation



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FOOD, BEVERAGE & AGRIBUSINESS

Proposed Bill	Purpose	Status
Greyhound Industry (Amendment) Bill	To amend and extend the Greyhound Industry Act 1958 and the Welfare of Greyhounds Act 2011.	Heads of bill are currently being drafted
Sale of Alcohol Bill	<p>To update and streamline the law relating to the sale and consumption of alcohol.</p> <p>The Bill will repeal the Licensing Acts 1933 to 2011, as well as the Registration of Clubs Act 1904 to 2008, and replace them with provisions more suited to modern conditions.</p>	Pre-legislative scrutiny to be scheduled
Public Health (Alcohol) Bill 2015	To provide for minimum unit pricing for retailing of alcohol products; to regulate the advertising and sponsorship of alcohol; to provide for a structural separation of alcohol from other products in mixed trading outlets; to provide for health labelling of alcohol products; and to regulate the sale and supply of alcohol in certain circumstances.	Committee Stage (Seanad)

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HEALTHCARE & LIFE SCIENCES

Bill	Purpose	Status
Medical Practitioners (Amendment) Bill 2014	To amend the Medical Practitioners Act 2007 to provide for a requirement for registered medical practitioners to have medical indemnity insurance except in certain circumstances and to give effect to Article 4(2)(d) of Directive 2011/24/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 9 March 2011 on the application of patients' rights in cross-border healthcare.	Second Stage (Dáil)
Health (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2016	To amend the Irish Medicines Board Act 1995, the Nursing Homes Support Scheme Act 2009, the Health (Pricing and Supply of Medical Goods) Act 2013 and the Public Health (Standardised Packaging of Tobacco) Act 2015.	Order for Second Stage (Dáil)
Health Act 2007 (Amendment) Bill	To provide for the extension of HIQA's functions to encompass regulation in the area of medical ionising radiation protection.	Heads expected end 2016; pre-legislative scrutiny to follow
Health (Transport Support) Bill	To provide for a scheme to make individual payments as a contribution towards transport costs to people with severe disabilities who cannot access public transport.	Heads of bill expected July 2016
Patient Safety (Licensing of Healthcare Facilities) Bill	To provide for a mandatory system of licensing for public and private healthcare facilities.	Heads of bill expected end 2016
Health Information and Patient Safety Bill	To provide a legislative framework for the better governance of health information, initiatives including data matching and health information resources for use in the health service and support for clinical audit and patient safety notifications. It will also provide for the extension of HIQA's remit to private health service providers.	To be published as soon as possible

New Children's Hospital Establishment Bill	To establish a statutory body to provide paediatric acute services in Dublin at the new children's hospital, taking over those services currently provided by Our Lady's Hospital Crumlin, Temple Street and the paediatric service at Tallaght Hospital. It will also make amendments relating to the functions of the National Paediatric Hospital Development Board (Establishment) Order.	Heads of bill expected July 2016
Public Health (Alcohol) Bill 2015	To provide for minimum unit pricing for retailing of alcohol products; to regulate the advertising and sponsorship of alcohol; to provide for a structural separation of alcohol from other products in mixed trading outlets; to provide for health labelling of alcohol products; and to regulate the sale and supply of alcohol in certain circumstances.	Committee Stage (Seanad)
Public Health (Sale of Tobacco Products and Non-Medicinal Nicotine Delivery Systems) Bill	To provide for the introduction of a licensing system for the sale of tobacco products and a licensing system for the sale of non-medicinal nicotine delivery systems (NMNDS), to prohibit the sale of tobacco products from temporary or mobile units/containers, at events/locations primarily intended for persons under 18 years of age and by persons under 18 years of age and to prohibit the sale of NMNDS by persons under 18 years of age and to persons under 18 years of age.	Heads of bill are currently being drafted
Health Insurance (Amendment) Bill	To amend risk equalisation credit rates and corresponding stamp duty levies payable under the Risk Equalisation Scheme.	Not indicated
Assisted Human Reproduction Bill	To provide a legislative framework for the regulation of assisted human reproduction practices and stem cell research.	Heads of bill currently being developed
Health & Wellbeing (Calorie Posting and Workplace Wellbeing) Bill	To require food premises to display calories on menus and to require all public sector employers to have and to report on a Health and Wellbeing policy.	Heads of bill are currently being drafted

Health (Miscellaneous Provisions) (No. 2) 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 on the recognition of professional qualifications and administrative cooperation through the Internal Market Information System; 2) an appeal against minor sanctions; and 3) amendments in relation to a number of other issues including amendments to the registration of medical practitioners.	Heads of bill approved on 17 November 2015
Misuse of Drugs (Amendment) Bill	To control certain drugs, including prescription medicines, which are being misused and sold illegally.	Expected publication date: June/July 2016
Open Disclosures Bill	To deal with supporting the open disclosure to patients of patient safety incidents. Part of a broader package of measures aimed at improving the experience of those who are affected by adverse events within the health system.	Heads of bill approved in November 2015; pre-legislative scrutiny to take place shortly

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INSURANCE & REINSURANCE

Bill	Purpose	Status
Health Insurance (Amendment) Bill	To amend risk equalisation credit rates and corresponding stamp duty levies payable under the Risk Equalisation Scheme.	Not indicated

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INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY & TECHNOLOGY

Bill	Purpose	Status
Data-Sharing and Governance Bill	To create a general legal framework setting for public service bodies to share data, while respecting the Data Protection Acts, to specify transparency and governance measures to be applied and to create confidence to act, while respecting the constraints on processing of personal data.	Heads of bill approved July 2015; pre-legislative scrutiny in Autumn 2016
Criminal Justice (Offences Relating to Information Systems) Bill 2016	To give effect to provisions of EU Directive 2013/40 on attacks against information systems. The Bill amends the Criminal Damage Act 1991, the Bail Act 1997 and the Criminal Justice Act 2011.	Order for Second Stage (Dáil)
Amendment of the Constitution (Unified Patent Court) Bill	To amend Article 29 of the Constitution to recognise the International Agreement on a Unified Patent Court.	Referendum is included in the Programme for Government
Digital Hub Development Agency (Dissolution) Bill	To dissolve the Digital Hub Development Agency (DHDA), repeal the DHDA Act 2003, and to give effect to the merger between the DHDA and Dublin City Council.	Heads of bill expected in July 2016
Copyright and Related Rights (and Miscellaneous Intellectual Property Matters) (Amendment) Bill	To implement certain recommendations of the Copyright Review Committee to modernise Irish copyright law with some other ancillary necessary legislative changes to copyright.	Heads of bill expected in June 2016
Hallmarking (Amendment) Bill	To amend the Hallmarking Act 1981 to allow for hallmarking of palladium and mixed metals, and to allow offsite/off-shore marking of precious metals by the Irish Assay Office.	Heads of bill approved on 17 September 2014. Expected publication: July 2016.

Knowledge Development Box (Certification of Inventions) Bill	To create a certification scheme to ensure non-patented inventions can apply for the Knowledge Development Box lower corporate tax rate, and to make amendments to the Patents Act to re-introduce substantive examination in respect of long-term patent applications.	Memorandum for Government seeking approval for the Bill will be submitted in June 2016
Cybercrime Bill	To give effect to those provisions of the Council of Europe Convention on Cybercrime 2001 not already provided for in national law in order to enable ratification of the Convention.	Preparatory work underway
Data Protection Bill	To give effect in Irish law to the (recently adopted) EU Regulation on Data Protection.	Heads of bill expected end 2016
Passenger Name Record Bill	To give effect to the Passenger Name Record (PNR) Directive which must be transposed into law by May 2018. The Directive is a counter terrorist measure which obliges air carriers to provide member states' authorities with PNR data for flights entering or departing from the EU.	Heads of bill have yet to be prepared

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LITIGATION & DISPUTE RESOLUTION

Bill	Purpose	Status
Mediation Bill	To promote mediation as a viable, effective and efficient alternative to court proceedings.	Heads of bill approved February 2012, drafting is continuing
Judicial Council Bill	To promote excellence in the exercise by judges of their judicial functions and to provide effective remedies for complaints about judicial misconduct including lay participation in the investigation of complaints.	Heads of bill approved; drafting at an advanced stage
Civil Liability (Amendment) Bill	To give financial security to those who have been catastrophically injured and who require life long care and attention.	Heads of bill approved 27 May 2015; drafting at an advanced stage
Personal Injuries Assessment Board (Amendment) Bill	To introduce a number of amendments to improve the operation and implementation of the Personal Injuries Assessment Board Act 2003.	Heads of bill are being prepared
Family Court Bill	To establish a Family Court as a separate division within the existing court structures.	Heads of bill expected in Autumn 2016
Judicial Appointments Bill	To replace the Judicial Appointments Advisory Board with a new Judicial Appointments Commission.	Heads of bill expected by end year 2016
Juries Bill	To reform the law relating to 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.	Referendum is included in the Programme for Government

Amendment of the Constitution (Removal of Blasphemy) Bill	To provide for a referendum on removing the crime of blasphemy from the Constitution.	Preliminary work has commenced
Courts and Civil Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill	To enact provisions relating to electronic courts services and a wide range of other measures such as amendment of the Bankruptcy and Personal Insolvency Acts.	Heads of bill expected September 2016
Courts (Fixed Charge Notice Third Payment Option and Summons Printing) Bill	To amend the Courts (No. 3) Act 1986 dealing with the issue of summonses to facilitate commencement of section 44 of the Road Traffic Act 2010 which provides a third option to pay in respect of a fixed charge offence.	Pre-legislative scrutiny in June 2016
Mortgages Special Court Bill / Courts (Mortgage Arrears) Bill	To establish a dedicated new court to sensitively and expeditiously handle mortgage arrears and other personal insolvency cases, by imposing solutions on the parties including those recommended by the new Insolvency Service. The hearings of this court could be held in private if requested by the debtor.	Currently under consideration

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PENSIONS

Bill	Purpose	Status
Financial Services and Pensions Ombudsman Bill	To amalgamate the Offices of the Pensions and Financial Services Ombudsman.	To be published as soon as possible

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PUBLIC SECTOR

Bill	Purpose	Status
Public Sector Standards Bill 2015	To reform the existing legislative framework in relation to ethics regulation for those in public office and to give effect to the recommendations of the Tribunals.	Order for Second Stage (Dáil)
National Archives (Amendment) Bill	To amend the transfer of records rule from 30 years to 20 years.	Heads of bill expected shortly
Data-Sharing and Governance Bill	To create a general legal framework setting for Public Service Bodies to share data, while respecting the Data Protection Acts, to specify transparency and governance measures to be applied and to create confidence to act, while respecting the constraints on processing of personal data.	Heads of bill approved July 2015; pre-legislative scrutiny in Autumn 2016
Electoral Commission Bill	To provide for the establishment of an Electoral Commission.	Environment Committee published report on proposed Electoral Commission in January 2016
Táille Éireann Bill	To merge the Property Registration Authority, the Valuation Office and the Ordnance Survey Office.	Heads of bill approved January 2015; bill is progressing
Digital Hub Development Agency (Dissolution) Bill	To dissolve the Digital Hub Development Agency (DHDA), repeal the DHDA Act 2003, and to give effect to the merger between the DHDA and Dublin City Council.	Heads of bill expected in July 2016
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Garda Síochána (Compensation for Malicious	To provide a revised scheme for compensating Gardaí maliciously	Legal advice is being analysed

Injuries) Bill	injured in their work.	
Official Languages (Amendment) Bill	To amend the Official Languages Act 2003 to ensure that it continues to be an effective support for those who wish to avail of services in Irish from the State.	Heads of bill approved in April 2014; pre-legislative scrutiny has taken place
Qualifications and Quality Assurance (Amendment) Bill	To amend the Qualifications and Quality Assurance (Education and Training) Act 2012 to address some issues that have arisen regarding the scope of responsibilities in relation to recognition of awards and regulation of private and voluntary providers, to ensure adequate protection of enrolled learners where providers discontinue a programme, and to give greater authority to Institutes of Technology to award Level 9 qualifications.	Work is underway
Green Climate Fund Bill	To give effect to Ireland's membership of the UNFCCC Green Climate Fund.	Not indicated
Civil Service Regulation (Amendment) Bill	To facilitate the streamlining and strengthening of the civil service disciplinary decision making and appeals processes.	Work is underway
National Economic and Social Development Office (Amendment) Bill	To dissolve the National Economic and Social Development Office and place the National Economic and Social Council on a statutory footing.	Heads of bill expected late 2016
Statute Law Revision Bill 2016	To repeal various enactments which have ceased to be in force or have become unnecessary.	Order for Second Stage (Seanad)
Irish Aviation Authority (Amendment) Bill	To amend the Irish Aviation Authority Act 1997 to extend the existing powers of the IAA, with regard to its safety regulation function and to recoup costs through fees and charges for its aviation security regulation functions. To give powers and allow the IAA to set the level and manner of aviation security charges, and the requirement for consultation with regulated entities in that regard. It will also provide for the recognition of the role of the IAA	Public consultation is expected shortly



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REAL ESTATE

Bill	Purpose	Status
Táille Éireann Bill	To merge the Property Registration Authority, the Valuation Office and the Ordnance Survey Office.	Heads of bill approved January 2015; bill is progressing
Landlord and Tenant (Law Reform) Bill	To update and streamline the general law relating to landlord and tenant.	Heads of bill approved; work is continuing
Industrial Development Act 1986 (Amendment) Bill	To take account of the Supreme Court judgment in <i>Reid vs IDA and the Attorney General</i> to ensure that the IDA has the necessary statutory powers to undertake their property functions (in particular, compulsory purchase orders).	Heads of bill are currently under preparation
Mortgages Special Court Bill / Courts (Mortgage Arrears) Bill	To establish a dedicated new court to sensitively and expeditiously handle mortgage arrears and other personal insolvency cases, by imposing solutions on the parties including those recommended by the new Insolvency Service. The hearings of this court could be held in private if requested by the debtor.	Currently under consideration

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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. Both of these international agreements have been signed by Ireland and relate primarily to mutual assistance and exchange of information between countries. Some of the provisions of the agreements have been transposed into Irish law already and this bill would complete the transposition of both these agreements.	To be published as soon as possible
Water Services Bill	To suspend the water charges for nine months and establish an External Advisory Body	Expected publication date: June/July 2016

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TELECOMS & MEDIA

Bill	Purpose	Status
Broadcasting (Amendment) Bill	To amend the Broadcasting Act 2009 on the BAI 5 year review of public funding.	Heads of bill are being prepared

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TOBACCO INDUSTRY

Bill	Purpose	Status
Public Health (Sale of Tobacco Products and Non-Medicinal Nicotine Delivery Systems) Bill	To provide for the introduction of a licensing system for the sale of tobacco products and a licensing system for the sale of non-medicinal nicotine delivery systems (NMNDS), to prohibit the sale of tobacco products from temporary or mobile units/containers, at events/locations primarily intended for persons under 18 years of age and by persons under 18 years of age and to prohibit the sale of NMNDS by persons under 18 years of age and to persons under 18 years of age.	Heads of bill are currently being drafted
Health (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2016	To amend the Irish Medicines Board Act 1995, the Nursing Homes Support Scheme Act 2009, the Health (Pricing and Supply of Medical Goods) Act 2013 and the Public Health (Standardised Packaging of Tobacco) Act 2015.	Order for Second Stage (Dáil)

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