

## NEW GOVERNMENT LEGISLATION PROGRAMME: INDUSTRY & SECTOR BREAKDOWN SPRING 2021

The Government Legislation Programme for the Spring 2021 session has been published. The Cabinet has approved 32 new bills for priority publication. Priority legislation includes the Affordable Housing Bill, the Judicial Appointments Commission Bill, and the Companies (Corporate Enforcement Authority) Bill to establish the ODCE as an agency known as the Corporate Enforcement Authority

The programme identifies 48 bills that are expected to undergo pre-legislative scrutiny. 14 bills are currently before the Oireachtas.

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## ASSET MANAGEMENT & INVESTMENT FUNDS

Bill	Purpose	Status
Criminal Justice (Money Laundering & Terrorist Financing) (Amendment) Bill 2020	To give effect to the 5 <sup>th</sup> EU Anti-Money Laundering Directive.	Second Stage. (Seanad)
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)
Protected Disclosures (Amendment) Bill	To transpose the EU Whistleblowing Directive.	Heads of bill being prepared. Expected to undergo Pre-legislative scrutiny in spring 2021.
Central Bank (Amendment) Bill	To introduce the Senior Executive Accountability Regime	Work is underway.
Limited Partnership Bill	To modernise the Limited Partnership Act 1907 which is concerned with the registration of Limited Partnerships.	Heads of bill being prepared.

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

## AVIATION & TRANSPORT

Bill	Purpose	Status
Maritime Jurisdiction Bill	To update and consolidate the State's maritime jurisdiction legislation.	Heads of bill approved. Pre-legislative scrutiny to be determined.  (Priority)
Marine Area (Planning Bill)	To establish a new marine planning system, underpinned by a statutory Marine Planning Policy Statement, guided by the National Marine Planning Framework, providing a development management regime for Ireland's maritime area.	Revised heads of bill approved. Pre-legislative scrutiny has taken place.  (Priority)
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 approved. Pre-legislative scrutiny still to be determined.  (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.
International Aviation Agreements Bill	To implement the Beijing Convention and Montreal Protocol.	Preparatory work is ongoing.
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. Also, to amend the regulation of airport charges in Ireland, strengthening regulation, governance and enforcement.	Bill published.

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## BANKING & FINANCE

Bill	Purpose	Status
Personal Insolvency (Amendment) Bill 2020	To make a small number of key COVID-19 related amendments.	Order for Second Stage. (Seanad)
Criminal Justice (Money Laundering & Terrorist Financing) (Amendment) Bill 2020	To give effect to the 5 <sup>th</sup> EU Anti-Money Laundering Directive.	Second Stage. (Seanad)
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 approved October 2019. Pre-legislative scrutiny still to be determined. (Priority)
European Stability Mechanism (Amendment) Bill	To give effect to amendments of the ESM Treaty.	Heads of bill being prepared. (Priority)
Central Bank (Amendment) Bill	To introduce the Senior Executive Accountability Regime.	Work is underway.
Personal Insolvency (Amendment No. 2) Bill	To update aspects of personal insolvency legislation, following statutory review of the Personal Insolvency Acts.	Work is underway.
Companies (Amendment) Bill	To provide for a dedicated rescue process for small companies and to make changes to relevant provisions of company law in respect of the rights of employees, as creditors, concerning the liquidation of a company.	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**

<b>Bill</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Status</b>
Criminal Justice (Money Laundering & Terrorist Financing) (Amendment) Bill 2020	To give effect to the 5th EU Anti-Money Laundering Directive.	Second Stage. (Seanad)
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)
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.	Work is underway. (Priority).
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)
Companies (Amendment) Bill	To provide for a dedicated rescue process for small companies and to make changes to relevant provisions of company law in respect of the rights of employees, as creditors, concerning the liquidation of a company.	Heads of bill being prepared.
Industrial Development (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill	To provide that IDA would partner with the Ireland Strategic Investment Fund preparation (ISIF) to commercially develop advance office buildings on IDA-owned lands in regional areas and amendments to the National Standards Authority of Ireland Act 1996.	Revised 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. Pre-legislative scrutiny still to be determined.
Investment Screening Bill	To develop an Investment Screening Mechanism which will empower the Minister to respond to threats to Ireland's security and public order	Heads of bill approved.

	posed by particular types of foreign investment, and to prevent or mitigate such threats.	Pre-legislative scrutiny still 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.
Protected Disclosures (Amendment) Bill	To transpose the EU Whistleblowing Directive.	Heads of bill being prepared. Expected to undergo pre-legislative scrutiny in spring 2021.
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.
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## **EMPLOYMENT & PENSIONS**

<b>Bill</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Status</b>
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)
Parents' Leave and Benefit (Amendment) Bill	To amend the Parent's Leave and Benefit Act 2019 to extend the period of parents' leave and benefit and the period in which the leave can be taken and to amend the Adoptive Leave Act 1995 to provide for adoptive leave and benefits for male same sex adoptive couples.	Heads of Bill approved. Pre-legislative scrutiny to be determined. (Priority)
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 waived. (Priority).
Work-life Balance Directive Bill	To increase the participation of women in the labour market and the take-up of family-related leave and flexible working arrangements. It also provides opportunities for workers to be granted leave to care for relatives who need support.	Preparatory work is underway.
Disability (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill	To ensure implementation of the UN Convention on Rights of People with Disabilities.	Revised heads of bill being prepared.
Statutory Sick Pay Bill	To introduce a statutory sick pay scheme.	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.
Maternity Protection (Amendment) Bill	To extend the period during which breastfeeding breaks can be taken from 26 weeks to two years.	Preparatory work is underway.



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. 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. Pre-legislative scrutiny still to be determined.
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)
Marine Area (Planning) Bill	To establish a new marine planning system underpinned by a statutory Marine Planning Policy Statement, guided by the National Marine Planning Framework, providing a development managements regime for Ireland's maritime area.	Revised heads of bill approved July and December 2019. Pre-legislative scrutiny has taken place.  (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 is underway.  (Priority)
Inland Fisheries (Consolidation) Bill	To modernise and consolidate existing inland fisheries legislation.	Work is underway.
Gas (Amendment) Bill	To provide for the integration of Ervia into Gas Networks Ireland.	Draft heads of bill being prepared.

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## **ENVIRONMENT & PLANNING**

<b>Bill</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Status</b>
Marine Area (Planning) Bill	To establish a new marine planning system underpinned by a statutory Marine Planning Policy Statement, guided by the National Marine Planning Framework, providing a development managements regime for Ireland's maritime area.	Revised heads of bill approved. Pre-legislative scrutiny has taken place.  (Priority)
Planning and Development and Nature Conservation (Heritage) Functions Bill	To amend the Planning and Development and Wildlife Acts to deal with Mulcreevy 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. Pre-legislative scrutiny waived.  (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. Pre-legislative scrutiny is underway.  (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)
Climate Action and Low Carbon (Amendment) Bill	To amend the Climate Action and Low Carbon Development Act 2015 to provide for a significantly strengthened statutory framework for governance of the climate challenge and to ensure continual long-term planning for the realisation of Ireland's 2050 vision, enforcing climate targets and reporting progress on the way.	Heads of bill approved. Pre-legislative scrutiny has taken place.  (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 is underway. Pre-legislative scrutiny 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.
Aarhus Convention Bill	To consolidate and further Ireland's implementation of the access to justice provisions of the Aarhus Convention.	Work is underway.
Planning and Development (Amendment) Bill	To provide for reform of judicial review provisions in the Planning and Development Act 2000.	Heads of bill approved. Pre-legislative scrutiny 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.	Heads of bill approved. Pre-legislative scrutiny still to be determined.
Circular Economy Bill	To provide a legislative underpinning for measures promoting the development of the 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 2020	To give effect to the 5 <sup>th</sup> EU Anti-Money Laundering Directive.	Second Stage. (Seanad)
Central Bank (Amendment) Bill	To introduce the Senior Executive Accountability Regime.	Work is underway.
Credit Union Interest on Loans Bill	To increase the maximum monthly interest rate on credit union loans and to allow for that maximum rate to be adjusted in future by Ministerial Order.	Heads of bill approved. Pre-legislative scrutiny waived.
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 approved. Pre-legislative scrutiny still to be determined.
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 and to streamline procedures for contributing to IMF Trust Funds.	Preparatory work is underway.

**Your William Fry contacts:** [Shane Kelleher](#), [Lisa Carty](#) & [Patricia Taylor](#)

## HEALTHCARE & LIFE SCIENCES

Bill	Purpose	Status
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)
Assisted Human Reproduction Bill	To provide a legislative framework for the regulation of assisted human reproduction practices and associated research.  View a William Fry article on this bill <a href="#">here</a> .	Heads of bill approved. Pre-legislative scrutiny has taken place. (Priority)
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, anatomical examination/education and training and public display of bodies after death.	Heads of bill approved. Pre-legislative scrutiny to be determined. (Priority).
Nursing Home Support Scheme (Amendment) Bill	To give effect to the recommendation of the Fair Deal Review and deliver on the Programme for Government commitment to help ensure the continued viability of family-run farms and businesses, especially for those for whom early succession planning has not been possible and by introducing further safeguards in the Nursing Homes Support Scheme.	Heads of Bill approved. Pre-legislative scrutiny has taken place. (Priority)
National Research Ethics Committees Bill	To reform and modernise the current research ethics committee (REC) framework in Ireland by providing for the establishment of National RECs in key areas of health research.	Heads of bill approved. 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 of bill approved. Pre-legislative scrutiny to be determined.
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.

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.
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## INSURANCE & REINSURANCE

Bill	Purpose	Status
Central Bank (Amendment) Bill	To introduce the Senior Executive Accountability Regime.	Work is underway.

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## INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY, TECHNOLOGY & DATA PROTECTION

Bill	Purpose	Status
Counterfeiting Bill 2020	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.	Order for Second Stage. (Dáil)
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.

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## LITIGATION & DISPUTE RESOLUTION

<b>Bill</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Status</b>
Personal Insolvency (Amendment) Bill 2020	To make a small number of key COVID -19 related amendments.	Order for Second Stage. (Seanad)
Judicial Appointment Commission Bill	To amend the law in relation to judicial appointments and to establish a Judicial Appointment Commission to make recommendations with regard to judicial appointments.	Heads of bill approved. Pre-legislative scrutiny to be determined. (Priority)
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. Pre-legislative scrutiny underway. (Priority)
Companies (Amendment) Bill	To provide for a dedicated rescue process for small companies and to make changes to relevant provisions of company law in respect of the rights of employees, as creditors, concerning the liquidation of a company.	Heads of bill being prepared.
Personal Insolvency (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill	To update aspects of personal insolvency legislation, following statutory review of the Personal Insolvency Acts.	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.	Heads of bill approved. Pre-legislative scrutiny to be determined.
Personal Injuries Assessment Board (Amendment) Bill	To enhance and reform the role of the Personal Injuries Assessment Board to increase the number of cases which are settled by PIAB without recourse to litigation.	Heads of bill being prepared.

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.
Defamation (Amendment) Bill	To update aspects of defamation law, following statutory review of the Defamation Act 2009.	Work is underway.
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.

**Your William Fry contacts:** [Garrett Breen](#), [Lisa Carty](#) & [Richard Breen](#)

## REAL ESTATE & CONSTRUCTION

Bill	Purpose	Status
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. (Priority)
Land Development Agency Bill	To place the new Land Development Agency on a primary legislative footing.	Revised heads of bill approved. Pre-legislative scrutiny has taken place. (Priority)
Affordable Housing Bill	To give legislative effect to the Government's affordable housing policy.	Work is underway. Expected to undergo pre-legislative scrutiny in Spring 2021. (Priority)
Táilte Éireann Bill	To provide for the establishment of Táilte Éireann, a single body incorporating the Property Registration Authority, Ordnance Survey Ireland, the Commissioner of Valuation and Boundary Surveyor.	Heads of bill being prepared.
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 provide for reform of judicial review provisions in the Planning and Development Act 2000.	Heads of bill approved. Pre-legislative scrutiny still to be determined.
Planning and Development (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill	To support housing and urban development.	Heads of bill in preparation.

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.
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. Pre-legislative scrutiny has taken place.

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## RETAIL, LEISURE & AGRIBUSINESS

Bill	Purpose	Status
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 approved. Pre-legislative scrutiny has taken place.  (Priority)
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.  Pre-legislative scrutiny still to be determined.

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**SPORTS**

<b>Bill</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Status</b>
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 approved. Pre-legislative scrutiny has taken place.  (Priority)
Gambling Control Bill	To provide for a modern approach to the licencing of gambling activities and to establish a gambling regulator.	Revised heads of bill underway.

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**TAX**

<b>Bill</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Status</b>
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 (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. (Priority)

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## TELECOMS &amp; 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).	Heads of bill being approved. Pre-legislative scrutiny still to be determined.

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