

NEW GOVERNMENT LEGISLATION PROGRAMME: INDUSTRY & SECTOR BREAKDOWN SUMMER 2021

The Government Legislation Programme for the Summer 2021 session has been published. The Cabinet has approved 41 new bills for priority publication. Priority legislation includes the Online Safety and Media Regulation Bill, the Statutory Sick Pay Bill, the Workplace Relations (Amendment) Bill, the Judicial Appointments Commission Bill, and the Companies (Amendment) Bill to provide for a dedicated rescue process for small companies.

The programme identifies 52 bills that are expected to undergo pre-legislative scrutiny. 19 bills are currently before the Oireachtas.

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ASSET MANAGEMENT & INVESTMENT FUNDS

Bill	Purpose	Status
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. (Priority)
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 waived. (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 and to amend the definition of 'Safety Convention' in the Merchant Shipping Safety (Convention) Act 1952.	Heads of bill approved. 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 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.	At Committee Stage. (Dáil)

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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.	Committee Stage. (Seanad)
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. (Priority)
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 ongoing. (Priority)
European Stability Mechanism (Amendment) Bill	To give effect to amendments of the ESM Treaty.	Heads of bill approved. Pre-legislative scrutiny to be determined. (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.	Heads of bill being prepared.
Loan Guarantee Schemes Agreements (Strategic Banking Corporation of Ireland) Bill	To implement the Brexit Impact Loan Scheme as well as further loan schemes which the Ministers may seek the Strategic Banking Corporation of Ireland (SBCI) to deliver on their behalf in the future.	Heads of bill approved. Pre-legislative scrutiny to be determined

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

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CORPORATE

Bill	Purpose	Status
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.	Heads of bill approved. Pre-legislative scrutiny has taken place. (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 has taken place. (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. (Priority)
Protected Disclosures (Amendment) Bill	To transpose the EU Whistleblowing Directive.	Heads of bill being prepared. (Priority)
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 posed by particular types of foreign investment, and to prevent or mitigate such threats.	Heads of bill approved.
Consumer Rights Bill	To give effect to EU Directive 770/2019 on consumer contracts for the supply of digital content and digital services, EU Directive 771/2019 on consumer contracts for the sale of goods, and to update and consolidate the statutory provisions on consumer rights and remedies in relation to contracts for the supply of non-digital services, unfair contract terms, and information and cancellation rights.	Heads of bill being prepared.
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EMPLOYMENT & PENSIONS

Bill	Purpose	Status
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)
Garda Síochána (Compensation) Bill	To provide a revised scheme for compensating Gardaí maliciously injured in their work.	Order for Second Stage. (Seanad)
Statutory Sick Pay Bill	To introduce a statutory sick pay scheme.	Work is underway. (Priority)
Workplace Relations (Amendment) Bill	To provide legislation following WRC proceedings that found that the holding of hearings in private and the absence of any provision for there to be evidence on oath is unconstitutional.	Work is underway. (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.
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.

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 is underway.
Licensing of Construction Workers Bill	To provide for the establishment of a statutory licensing system for construction and related activities.	Heads of bill being prepared.

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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 waived. (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.	Heads of bill approved. Pre-legislative scrutiny has taken place. (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

Bill	Purpose	Status
Planning and Development, Heritage and Broadcasting (Amendment) Bill	To amend the Planning and Development and Wildlife Acts to deal with <i>Mulcreavy</i> and other issues arising as a result of the transfer of Heritage functions to the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government.	Order for Second Stage. (Dáil)
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.	Heads of bill approved. Pre-legislative scrutiny has taken place. (Priority)
Waste Management (Circular Economy) Bill	To provide a legislative underpinning for measures promoting the development of the circular economy.	Draft heads of bill being prepared. (Priority)
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. (Priority)
Land Development Agency Bill	To place the new Land Development Agency on a primary legislative footing.	Bill published.
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	Bill published.

	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.	
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.
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.
Planning and Development (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill	To support housing and urban development.	Heads of bill in preparation.

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FINANCIAL REGULATION

Bill	Purpose	Status
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 is ongoing. (Priority)
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.
Investment Intermediaries Act Amendment Bill	To amend the Investment Intermediaries Act, 1995 to apply Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 of 27 November 2019 on sustainability related disclosures in the financial services sector to all entities in scope.	Work is underway.
Investor Compensation Act Amendment Bill	To amend the Investor Compensation Act 1998 to provide for establishment of a Liquidation Committee for Investor Compensation Scheme Firms.	Work is underway.
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.

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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 here .	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 waived. (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)
Assisted Decision-Making (Capacity) (Amendment) Bill	To amend the Assisted Decision-Making (Capacity) Act 2015.	Heads of bill being prepared. (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.

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.
Health Insurance (Amendment) Bill	To provide for (1) revised risk equalisation credits and corresponding stamp duty levies to apply to health insurance policies in 2022, (2) the introduction of a High Cost Claims Pool in the Risk Equalisation Scheme, and (3) some technical amendments to the Health Insurance Acts 1994-2020	Heads of bill being prepared.

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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.	At Committee Stage. (Dáil)
Cybercrime Bill	To give effect to those provisions of the Council of Europe Convention on Cybercrime 2001 not already provided for in national law in order to enable ratification of the Convention.	Preparatory work underway.
Interception of Postal Packets and Telecommunications Messages (Regulation) (Amendment) Bill	To amend various pieces of legislation in respect of electronic communications.	Revised heads of bill being prepared.
Communications (Data, Retention and Disclosure) Bill	To revise and replace the Communications (Retention of Data) Act 2011 in light of European Court of Justice judgments.	Heads of bill approved. 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

Bill	Purpose	Status
Personal Insolvency (Amendment) Bill 2020	To make a small number of key COVID -19 related amendments.	At Committee Stage. (Seanad)
Judicial Appointments 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 has taken place. (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. (Priority)
Courts and Civil Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill	To enact provisions relating to 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. (Priority)
Protected Disclosures (Amendment) Bill	To transpose the EU Whistleblowing Directive	Heads of bill being prepared. (Priority)
Personal Insolvency (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill	To update aspects of personal insolvency legislation, following statutory review of the Personal Insolvency Acts.	Heads of bill being prepared.

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.

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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.	Heads of bill being prepared. (Priority)
Affordable Housing Bill	To give legislative effect to the Government's affordable housing policy.	Heads of bill approved. Pre-legislative scrutiny has taken place. (Priority)
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. (Priority)
Land Development Agency Bill	To place the new Land Development Agency on a primary legislative footing.	Bill published.
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 approved. Pre-legislative scrutiny to be determined.
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.	Heads of bill being prepared.

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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.	Revised heads of bill being prepared.
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

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)
Gambling 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

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. Pre-legislative scrutiny waived. (Priority)
Finance (Local Property Tax) (Amendment) Bill	To amend the Finance (Local Property Tax) Act 2012 to give effect to proposals for the reform of LPT in the light of the 2019 LPT Review interdepartmental report.	Heads of bill being prepared. (Priority)

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TELECOMS & MEDIA

Bill	Purpose	Status
Broadcasting (Amendment) Bill 2019	To amend the Broadcasting Act 2009.	At Committee Stage. (Dáil)
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 is underway. (Priority)
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 (Data, Retention and Disclosure) Bill	To revise and replace the Communications (Retention of Data) Act 2011 in light of European Court of Justice judgments.	Heads of bill approved. 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.

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