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New Government Legislation Programme: Industry & Sector Breakdown

Summer 2023

The Government Legislation Programme for the Summer 2023 session has been published. The Cabinet has approved 20 bills for priority drafting. Priority legislation includes the Amendment of the Constitution (Gender Equality) Bill(s), the Digital Services Bill, the Planning and Development Bill, the Automatic Enrolment Retirement Saving System Bill and the Defamation (Amendment) Bill.

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ASSET MANAGEMENT & INVESTMENT FUNDS

Bill	Purpose	Status
Miscellaneous Provisions (Transparency and Registration of Limited Partnerships and Business Names) Bill 2023	To reform the Limited Partnership Act 1907 and the Registration of Business Names Act 1963, strengthening Ireland's regulatory framework and responding to concerns raised in relation to the transparency of Limited Partnerships. ¹	Heads of bill being prepared.
Financial Services and Pensions Ombudsman (Amendment) Bill	To amend the Financial Services and Pensions Ombudsman (FSPO) Act 2017 to take account of the Zalewski ruling and update elements where the FSPO could be viewed as administering justice.	Heads of bill approved. (Priority Drafting)
Companies (Corporate Governance, Enforcement and Regulatory Provisions) Bill 2023	Primary purpose is to enhance and strengthen enforcement and regulatory provisions in the Companies Act 2014. It will also permanently provide for the option of virtual meetings along with new provisions related to receivership.	Heads of bill being prepared. Public consultation to be opened, see press release, 7 April 2023

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Vincent Coyne, James Phelan

¹ There appears to be an error in the description of the purpose of this Bill in the Programme published by government.

AVIATION & TRANSPORT

Bill	Purpose	Status
Road Traffic and Roads Bill 2021	To provide for traffic management on M50, motor insurance database and other road traffic matters as well as provisions relating to e-scooters and scramblers. See our briefing for more details.	At Report Stage. (Seanad)
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 amendments.	Heads of bill being prepared.
Merchant Shipping (Investigation of Marine Accidents) Bill	To establish a new independent Marine Accident Investigation Unit (MAIU) within the Department of Transport and to dissolve the Marine Casualty Investigation Board.	Heads of bill approved. (Priority Drafting)
Air Navigation and Transport (International Aviation Agreements) (Amendment) Bill	To make legal provision for the Beijing Convention 2010 and the Montreal Protocol 2014 in Ireland.	Heads of bill being prepared.
Vehicle Roadworthiness Bill	To consolidate the National Car Test (NCT) and Commercial Vehicle Roadworthiness Test (CVRT) into a single instrument.	Work is ongoing.

Your William Fry contacts:

David Maughan, Mary Ward & David Cullen

BANKING & FINANCE

Bill	Purpose	Status
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.
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.
Miscellaneous Provisions (Transparency and Registration of Limited Partnerships and Business Names) Bill 2023	To reform the Limited Partnership Act 1907 and the Registration of Business Names Act 1963, strengthening Ireland's regulatory framework and responding to concerns raised in relation to the transparency of Limited Partnerships. ²	Heads of bill being prepared.
Credit Review Service Bill	To put SI 127/2010 that established the Credit Review Office on a statutory footing.	Heads of bill approved. Pre-legislative scrutiny to be determined.
Financial Services and Pensions Ombudsman (Amendment) Bill	To amend the Financial Services and Pensions Ombudsman (FSPO) Act 2017 to take account of the Zalewski ruling and update elements where the FSPO could be viewed as administering justice.	Heads of bill approved. (Priority Drafting)
Credit Union (Amendment) Bill	To give effect to the outcome of the Review of Policy Framework of Credit Unions.	At Committee Stage. (Dáil)

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CORPORATE

Bill	Purpose	Status
Industrial Development (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill	To provide that IDA Ireland would be permitted to establish and participate in corporate partnerships, with the sole purpose of developing critical industrial and commercial property in regional locations.	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, principally "Dual Use" and "Military" items.	Heads of bill approved. Pre-legislative scrutiny has taken place. (Priority Publication)
Screening of Third Country Transactions Bill 2022	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. See our article here .	At Report Stage. (Dáil)
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.
Plan of Action on Collective Redundancies Following Insolvency Bill 2023	To implement the outstanding company law and employment law commitments set out in the Plan of Action on Collective Redundancies following Insolvency, by amending the Companies Act 2014 and the Protection of Employment Act 1977.	Heads of bill being prepared. (Priority Publication)

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Miscellaneous Provisions (Transparency and Registration of Limited Partnerships and Business Names) Bill 2023	To reform the Limited Partnerships Act 1907 and the Registration of Business Names Act 1963, strengthening Ireland's regulatory framework and responding to concerns raised in relation to the transparency of Limited Partnerships. ³	Heads of bill being prepared.
Charities (Amendment) Bill	To make amendments to the Charities Act 2009, which would include accounting, audit and reporting requirements, responsibilities of trustees and the operation of the Register of Charities and other matters.	Heads of bill approved. Pre-legislative scrutiny has taken place. (Priority Publication)
Companies (Corporate Governance, Enforcement and Regulatory Provisions) Bill 2023	Primary purpose is to enhance and strengthen enforcement and regulatory provisions in the Companies Act 2014. It will also permanently provide for the option of virtual meetings along with new provisions related to receivership.	Heads of bill being prepared. Public consultation to be opened, see press release, 7 April 2023

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EMPLOYMENT & PENSIONS

Bill	Purpose	Status
Protection of Employees (Employers' Insolvency) (Amendment) Bill	To comprehensively review and update the legislation governing the protection of employees during their employer's insolvency.	Heads of bill being prepared.
Registration of Trade Unions Bill	To modernise and consolidate the existing legislation in respect of the registration requirements for trade unions.	Work is underway.
Plan of Action on Collective Redundancies Following Insolvency Bill 2023	To implement the outstanding company law and employment law commitments set out in the Plan of Action on Collective Redundancies following Insolvency, by amending the Companies Act 2014 and the Protection of Employment Act 1977.	Heads of bill being prepared. (Priority Publication)
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 has taken place. (Priority Publication)
Employment Permits (Consolidation and Amendment) Bill 2022	To consolidate the Employment Permits Acts and to make certain amendments to modernise the employment permits system and increase its responsiveness.	At Report Stage. (Dáil)
Construction Safety Licensing Bill 2023	To provide for the establishment of a statutory licensing system for construction and related activities.	At Second Stage (Dáil)
Automatic Enrolment Retirement Saving System Bill	To enable provisions for Automatic Enrolment Retirement Savings System. See our article for further details.	Heads of bill approved. Pre-legislative scrutiny is ongoing. (Priority Publication)

Bill	Purpose	Status
Equality Acts (Amendment) Bill 2023	To make provision for proposed amendments to the equality legislation arising from the Review of the Equality Acts.	Heads of bill being prepared.
XXth Amendment of the Constitution (Gender Equality) Bill(s) 2023	To provide for amendment of the Constitution in response to recommendations of the Citizens' Assembly on Gender Equality.	Heads of bill being prepared. (Priority Publication)

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ENERGY & NATURAL RESOURCES

Bill	Purpose	Status
Inland Fisheries (Consolidation) Bill	To modernise and consolidate existing inland fisheries legislation.	Heads of bill being prepared.
Gas (Amendment) Bill	To facilitate the integration of Ervia and Gas Networks Ireland (GNI) and to provide for the transfer of functions and assets from Ervia to GNI.	Heads of bill approved. (Priority Publication)
Energy (Windfall Gains in Energy Sector) Bill 2023	To implement Council Regulation (EU) 2022/1854 of 6 October 2022 on an emergency intervention to address high energy prices. This will include the introduction of a Temporary Solidarity Contribution on fossil fuel production and refining and a Cap on Market Revenues on non-gas electricity generators.	Heads of bill approved. (Priority Publication)

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ENVIRONMENT & PLANNING

Bill	Purpose	Status
Historic 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.	At Report Stage. (Seanad)
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 Bill	To review and replace the Planning and Development Act 2000 with a consolidated Bill improving the clarity and structure of the current code. See our briefing here .	Heads of bill approved. Pre-legislative scrutiny has taken place. (Priority Publication)
Land Value Sharing and Urban Development Zones Bill	To amend the Planning and Development Act 2000 to introduce new provisions to deal with land value sharing and urban development zones reflected in Housing for All.	Heads of bill approved. Pre-legislative scrutiny to commence. (Priority Publication)
Just Transition Commission Bill	To establish a statutory Just Transition Commission to provide strategic advice to the Government on the mainstreaming and integration of just transition principles into climate action policy design and delivery.	Work is underway.
Environmental Protection Agency (Amendment) Bill 2023	To enable the EPA to be more efficient and effective in its determinations by providing a stream-lined approach for decision making and shortening the period for final determinations of the Agency.	Heads of bill being prepared. (Priority Drafting)

Bill	Purpose	Status
Marine Protected Area Bill 2022	To provide for the designation and effective management of Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) in the Irish maritime area.	Heads of bill approved. Pre-legislative scrutiny has taken place. (Priority Publication)

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FINANCIAL REGULATION

Bill	Purpose	Status
Credit Review Service Bill	To put SI 127/2010 that established the Credit Review Office on a statutory footing.	Heads of bill approved. Pre-legislative scrutiny to be determined.
Financial Services and Pensions Ombudsman (Amendment) Bill	To amend the Financial Services and Pensions Ombudsman (FSPO) Act 2017 to take account of the Zalewski ruling and update elements where the FSPO could be viewed as administering justice.	Heads of bill approved. (Priority Drafting)
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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. See our briefing here .	Heads of bill being prepared.

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LIFE SCIENCES & HEALTHCARE

Bill	Purpose	Status
Research and Innovation Bill	As part of Impact 2030: Ireland's Research and Innovation Strategy, the Government has approved the creation of a new statutory research funding agency "Research and Innovation Ireland" (working title), under the aegis of the Minister for FHERIS by way of a landmark Research and Innovation Bill. This will involve amalgamating the functions and activities of the Irish Research Council (IRC) and Science Foundation Ireland (SFI) under D/FHERIS.	Heads of bill approved. (Priority Drafting)
Health (Assisted Human Reproduction) Bill 2022	To provide a legislative framework for the regulation of assisted human reproduction practices and associated research.	At Committee Stage. (Dáil)
Human Tissue (Transportation, Post-Mortem, Anatomical Examination and Public Display) Bill 2022	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.	At Committee Stage. (Dáil)
Health (Termination of Pregnancy Services (Safe Access Zones) Bill	To ensure safe access to premises at which termination of pregnancy services may be provided.	Heads of bill approved. Pre-legislative scrutiny is ongoing. (Priority Publication)
Health (Adult Safeguarding) Bill	To underpin a planned national health sector policy on safeguarding vulnerable or at-risk adults in the context of their interactions with the health sector.	Work is underway.
Health Bill 2022	To amend the Health Act 2004 to provide for changes to corporate and service planning processes among other provisions.	Heads of bill approved. Pre-legislative scrutiny waived.
Health (Amendment No 2) Bill	To provide regulatory enhancements to the Health Act 2007 to enhance governance and oversight of nursing homes and other designated centres.	Heads of bill approved. Pre-legislative scrutiny has taken place. (Priority Drafting)

Bill	Purpose	Status
National Research Ethics Committees (NREC) 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.
Regulated Professions (Health and Social Care) (Amendment) Bill 2022	To make a number of amendments to uncommenced provisions of the Regulated Professions (Health and Social Care) (Amendment) Act 2020.	At Committee Stage. (Dáil)
Northern Ireland Planned Healthcare Scheme Bill	To introduce statutory Scheme enabling persons resident in the State to access and be reimbursed for private healthcare in Northern Ireland by the HSE provided such healthcare is publicly available in Ireland.	Heads of bill being prepared.
Mental Health Bill	To amend the Mental Health Act 2001 to give effect to recommendations of an Expert Group Review on mental health legislation.	Heads of bill approved. Pre-legislative scrutiny has taken place. (Priority Drafting)
Health (Amendment) (Licensing of Professional Home Support Providers) Bill	To regulate home - support services through the licensing of both public and private providers.	Heads of bill being prepared.
Health Information Bill	To provide a robust legislative infrastructure for the processing of Health Information support a modern integrated health service.	Heads of bill approved. (Priority Drafting)
XXth Amendment of the Constitution (Gender Equality) Bill(s) 2023	To provide for amendment of the Constitution in response to recommendations of the Citizens' Assembly on Gender Equality.	Heads of bill being prepared. (Priority Publication)

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INSURANCE & REINSURANCE

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Road Traffic and Roads Bill 2021	To provide for traffic management on M50, motor insurance database and other road traffic matters as well as provisions relating to e-scooters and scramblers. See our briefing for more details.	At Report Stage. (Seanad)
Financial Services and Pensions Ombudsman (Amendment) Bill	To amend the Financial Services and Pensions Ombudsman (FSPO) Act 2017 to take account of the Zalewski ruling and update elements where the FSPO could be viewed as administering justice.	Heads of bill approved. (Priority Drafting)
Motor Insurance Insolvency Compensation Bill 2023	To transpose Article 10a and 25a of the 6th revised EU Motor Insurance Directive (2118/2018).	Heads of bill being prepared.

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INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY, TECHNOLOGY & DATA PROTECTION

Bill	Purpose	Status
Criminal Justice (Protection, Preservation of and Access to Data on Information Systems) Bill 2023	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.	Work is underway.
Interception of Postal Packets and Telecommunications Messages (Regulation) (Amendment) Bill	To amend various pieces of legislation in respect of electronic communications.	Heads of bill being prepared.
Communications (Data, Retention and Disclosure) Bill	To consolidate and replace the current Communications (Retention of Data) Act 2011.	Heads of bill being prepared.
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.
Cyber Security Bill	To establish the NCSC on a statutory basis and provide for related matters including clarity around its mandate and role.	Work is underway.

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LITIGATION & DISPUTE RESOLUTION

Bill	Purpose	Status
Personal Insolvency (Amendment) (No.2) Bill	To update aspects of personal insolvency legislation, following statutory review of Personal Insolvency Acts.	Heads of bill being prepared.
Judicial Appointments Commission Bill 2022	To amend the law in relation to judicial appointments and to establish a Judicial Appointment Commission to make recommendations with regard to judicial appointments.	At Report Stage. (Seanad)
Courts and Civil Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2022	To enact provisions relating to courts administration and other civil law reform measures including licensing, land and conveyancing, civil legal aid, legal services regulation.	At Second Stage. (Seanad)
Court Proceedings (Delays) 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.	At Second Stage. (Dáil)
Defamation (Amendment) Bill	To update aspects of defamation law, following statutory review of the Defamation Act 2009. See our article here .	General Scheme approved. (Priority Drafting)
Family Court Bill	To establish a Family Court as a separate division within the existing court structures.	At Committee Stage. (Seanad)
Sale of Alcohol Bill	To codify the law relating to the sale and consumption of alcohol.	Heads of bill being approved. Pre-legislative scrutiny has taken place. (Priority Drafting)

Bill	Purpose	Status
Regulation of Lobbying (Amendment) Bill 2022	To amend the Regulation of Lobbying Act 2015 to improve the operation and functionality of the Lobbying Register; strengthen the existing legislation and its enforcement; and make failure to comply with the post term employment restrictions set out in Section 22 a relevant contravention and offence under the Act. See our briefing here .	At Second Stage. (Seanad)
Representative Actions for the Protection of the Collective Interests of Consumers Bill	The purpose of the Bill is to give effect to Directive (EU) 2020/1828 on representative actions for the protection of the collective interests of consumers and repealing Directive 2009/22/EC; to provide for such actions to be brought before Irish Courts by a Qualified Entity which has been designated in advance for this purpose; and to provide for related matters. See our briefing here .	At Second Stage. (Dáil)
Civil Reform Bill	To give effect to recommendations arising from the Administration of Civil Justice (Kelly Review). See our briefing here .	Heads of bill being prepared.
Freedom of Information (Amendment) Bill	To update the Freedom of Information legislation arising from the review of the Act.	Work is underway.
Equality Acts (Amendment) Bill 2023	To make provision for proposed amendments to the equality legislation arising from the Review of the Equality Acts.	Heads of bill being prepared.
XXth Amendment of the Constitution (Gender Equality) Bill(s) 2023	To provide for amendment of the Constitution in response to recommendations of the Citizens' Assembly on Gender Equality.	Heads of bill being prepared. (Priority Publication)
Plan of Action on Collective Redundancies Following Insolvency Bill 2023	To implement the outstanding company law and employment law commitments set out in the Plan of Action on Collective Redundancies following Insolvency, by amending the Companies Act 2014 and the Protection of Employment Act 1977.	Heads of bill being prepared. (Priority Publication)

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REAL ESTATE & CONSTRUCTION

Bill	Purpose	Status
Registration of Short-Term Tourist Letting Bill 2022	To provide for new regulatory controls requiring short-term and holiday lets to register with Fáilte Ireland with a view to ensuring that houses are used to best effect in areas of housing need.	On 22 March the EU Commission extended the standstill period for the proposed STTL Bill until 22 December 2023.
Land Value Sharing and Urban Development Zones Bill	To amend the Planning and Development Act 2000 to introduce new provisions to deal with land value sharing and urban development zones reflected in Housing for All.	Heads of bill approved. Pre-legislative scrutiny to commence. (Priority Publication)
Planning and Development Bill	To review and replace the Planning and Development Act 2000 with a consolidated Bill improving the clarity and structure of current code. See our briefing here .	Heads of bill approved. Pre-legislative scrutiny has taken place. (Priority Publication)
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.	Work is underway.
Construction Safety Licensing Bill 2023	To provide for the establishment of a statutory licensing system for construction and related activities.	At Second Stage. (Dáil)
Fire Services Emergency Management Bill	To underpin current established emergency management practice and national and local level, to consolidate and update the Fire Services Acts 1981 & 2003, to revise and enhance the legislative approach to safety at funfairs and to amend the legislation dealing with the licensing of indoor events.	Work is underway.

Bill	Purpose	Status
Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill	To amend the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2009 including to section 20 on social housing assessments and section 31 on rent schemes and to the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2014 on tenant purchase.	Work is underway.
Historic and Archaeological Heritage Bill	To replace and modernise the National Monuments Acts 1930 to 2014 and related enactments going back to the 19 th 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.	At Report Stage. (Seanad)
Residential Tenancies (Right to Purchase) Bill 2023	To allow tenants in rental properties a first right of refusal to purchase a property when it is put forward for sale.	Heads of bill being prepared. (Priority Drafting)

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RETAIL, FOOD & AGRIBUSINESS

Bill	Purpose	Status
Sale of Alcohol Bill	To codify the law relating to the sale and consumption of alcohol.	Heads of bill approved. Pre-legislative scrutiny has taken place. (Priority Drafting)
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 has taken place. (Priority Publication)
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, principally "Dual Use" and "Military" items.	Heads of bill approved. Pre-legislative scrutiny has taken place. (Priority Publication)
Veterinary Medicinal Products, Medicated Feeds and Fertilisers Regulation Bill	To establish the National Veterinary Prescription System and impose a mandatory electronic prescription requirement for Veterinary Medicinals and to provide for a fertiliser register.	At Report Stage. (Dáil)
Agriculture and Food Supply Chain Bill 2022	To establish a new independent statutory authority to be known as the Office for Fairness and transparency in the agri-food supply chain.	At Report Stage. (Dáil)

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SPORTS & LEISURE

Bill	Purpose	Status
Gambling Regulation Bill	To provide for a modern approach to the licencing of gambling activities and to establish a gambling regulator.	At Committee Stage. (Dáil)
Fire Services Emergency Management Bill	To underpin current established emergency management practice at national and local level, to consolidate and update the Fire Services Acts 1981 & 2003, to revise and enhance the legislative approach to safety at funfairs and to amend the legislation dealing with the licensing of indoor events.	Work is 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.
Finance (Tax Appeals) Bill 2022	To amend the Finance (Tax Appeals) Act 2015 to allow for the appointment of non-temporary Commissioners with different tiers of responsibility and potential amendments to address the Zalewski case.	Head of bill being prepared. (Priority Drafting)
Finance (No.2) Bill 2023	Finance (No.2) Bill 2023 will give legislative form to taxation proposals in Budget 2024. It will also contain provisions which are consequential on the Budget measures and a number of other changes to the taxation code.	Heads in preparation. (Priority Drafting)

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TELECOMS & MEDIA

Bill	Purpose	Status
Broadcasting (Amendment) Bill 2019	To amend the Broadcasting Act 2009.	At Committee Stage. (Dáil)
Digital Services Bill	To implement Regulation (EU) 2022/2065 on a Single Market for Digital Services (otherwise known as the Digital Services Act) including to designate Coimisiún na Meán (the Media Commission) as the competent authority (the Digital Services Coordinator) for Ireland. See our briefing here .	Heads of bill approved. (Priority Publication)
Interception of Postal Packets and Telecommunications Messages (Regulation) (Amendment) Bill	To amend various pieces of legislation in respect of electronic communications.	Heads of bill being prepared.
Communications (Data, Retention and Disclosure) Bill	To revise and replace the Communications (Retention of Data) Act 2011.	Heads of bill being prepared.
Defamation (Amendment) Bill	To update aspects of defamation law, following statutory review of the Defamation Act 2009. See our article here .	General Scheme approved. (Priority Drafting)
Freedom of Information (Amendment) Bill	To update the Freedom of Information legislation arising from the review of the Act.	Work is underway.

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