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New Government Legislation Programme: Industry & Sector Breakdown

Autumn 2023

The Government Legislation Programme for the Autumn 2023 session has been published. The Cabinet has approved 24 bills for priority drafting. Priority legislation includes the Amendment of the Constitution (Family) Bill and the Amendment of the Constitution (Care) Bill, the Digital Services Bill, the Employment (Collective Redundancies and Miscellaneous Provisions) and Companies (Amendment) Bill, the Financial Services and Pensions Ombudsman (Amendment) 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	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.	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. See our briefing here .	Heads of bill approved. Pre-legislative scrutiny has taken place. (Priority Publication)
Companies (Corporate Governance, Enforcement and Regulatory Provisions) Bill	To enhance and strengthen enforcement and regulatory provisions in the Companies Act 2014. Amendments largely relate to four distinct areas of company law: corporate governance, company law enforcement and supervision, administration, and insolvency including the regulation of receivers.	Heads of bill being prepared.

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AVIATION & TRANSPORT

Bill	Purpose	Status
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. The Conventions in the Bill concern safety standards, training and working conditions for fishing vessels and personnel (fishers).	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. It also provides for powers to make regulations for offshore service vessels and the carriage of industrial personnel.	Heads of bill approved. Pre-legislative scrutiny has taken place. (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 merge provisions for periodic roadworthiness inspections into a single Act and to update the existing provisions governing roadworthiness testing.	Work is ongoing.

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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.	Work is underway.
Co-operative Societies Bill	To place the co-operative model on a more favourable and clearer legal basis, thereby creating a level playing field with companies and encouraging the consideration of the cooperative model as an attractive formation option for entrepreneurs. See our briefing here .	Heads of bill approved.
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.	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. (Priority Drafting)
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. See our briefing here .	Heads of bill approved. Pre-legislative scrutiny has taken place. (Priority Publication)
Credit Union (Amendment) Bill	To give effect to the outcome of the Review of Policy Framework of Credit Unions.	At Committee Stage. (Dáil)

Bill	Purpose	Status
Screening of Third Country Transactions Bill 2022	<p>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.</p> <p>See our articles here and here.</p>	At Report Stage. (Dáil)
Companies (Corporate Governance, Enforcement and Regulatory Provisions) Bill	<p>To enhance and strengthen enforcement and regulatory provisions in the Companies Act 2014. Amendments largely relate to four distinct areas of company law: corporate governance, company law enforcement and supervision, administration, and insolvency including the regulation of receivers.</p>	Heads of bill being prepared.

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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. This Bill also contains three additional unrelated amendments in respect of Enterprise Ireland and the Health and Safety Authority.	Revised heads of bill being prepared.
Control of Exports Bill 2023	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.	At Report Stage. (Dáil)
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 articles here and here .	At Report Stage. (Dáil)
Co-operative Societies Bill	To place the co-operative model on a more favourable and clearer legal basis, thereby creating a level playing field with companies and encouraging the consideration of the cooperative model as an attractive formation option for entrepreneurs. See our briefing here .	Heads of bill approved.
Employment (Collective Redundancies and Miscellaneous Provisions) and Companies (Amendment) Bill	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 and to establish an Employment Law Review Group.	Heads of bill approved. Pre-legislative scrutiny has taken place. (Priority Publication)

Bill	Purpose	Status
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.	Heads of bill being prepared.
Charities (Amendment) Bill	To strengthen the charities sector, ensuring greater transparency, clarity and fairness, which will serve to enhance public confidence in the sector.	Heads of bill being prepared. (Priority Publication)
Companies (Corporate Governance, Enforcement and Regulatory Provisions) Bill	To enhance and strengthen enforcement and regulatory provisions in the Companies Act 2014. Amendments largely relate to four distinct areas of company law: corporate governance, company law enforcement and supervision, administration, and insolvency including the regulation of receivers.	Heads of bill being prepared.

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EMPLOYMENT & PENSIONS

Bill	Purpose	Status
Protection of Employees (Employers' Insolvency) (Amendment) Bill	To address a number of issues identified with the operation of the Act governing the protection of employees during their employer's insolvency: Addressing Supreme Court judgment by fully transposing Article 2(1) of Directive 2008/94/EC; Incorporating various technical amendments to improve the operation of the Employees (Employers' Insolvency) Act 1984.	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.	Heads of bill being prepared.
Employment (Collective Redundancies and Miscellaneous Provisions) and Companies (Amendment) Bill	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 and to establish an Employment Law Review Group.	Heads of bill approved. Pre-legislative scrutiny has taken place. (Priority Publication)
Civil Service Regulation and Public Service Management (Amendment) Bill	To amend the Civil Service Regulation Acts 1956–2005 and the Public Service Management Act 1997 to provide that disciplinary action up to and including dismissal in the Civil Service can be assigned below the level of the head of the organisation (Appropriate Authority) and other miscellaneous amendments to modernise the legislation based on the General Scheme.	Pre-legislative scrutiny has taken place. Work is ongoing. (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 Report Stage (Dáil)

Bill	Purpose	Status
Automatic Enrolment Retirement Saving System Bill	Auto-enrolment is a quasi-mandatory pension system where employees, subject to certain parameters, are auto-enrolled into a quality-assured retirement savings system, with freedom to opt-out. Its purpose is to increase supplementary pension coverage. See our article for further details.	Heads of bill approved. Pre-legislative scrutiny has taken place. (Priority Publication)
State Pensions Reform Bill	To allow people reaching age 66 to defer access to the State Pension (Contributory) and access the pension at any point between age 66 and 70 and receive an actuarially-based increase in their weekly payment rate from the date they access their pension entitlement.	Heads of bill submitted to Joint Oireachtas Committee for pre-legislative scrutiny. (Priority Publication)
Equality Acts Amendment Bill	To provide for legislative amendments arising from the review of the Equality Acts.	Heads of bill being prepared.
XXth Amendment of the Constitution (Family) Bill	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)
XXth Amendment of the Constitution (Care) Bill	To provide for the amendment of the Constitution in response to recommendations of the Citizens' Assembly on Gender Equality.	Heads of bill being prepared. (Priority Publication)
Employment (Restriction of Certain Mandatory Retirement Ages) Bill	To introduce measures that allow, but do not compel, an employee to stay in employment until the State Pension Age.	Work is underway.
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. See our briefing here .	Heads of bill approved. Pre-legislative scrutiny has taken place. (Priority Publication)

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ENERGY & NATURAL RESOURCES

Bill	Purpose	Status
Inland Fisheries (Consolidation) Bill	To modernise and consolidate all enactments since the Fisheries (Consolidation) Act, 1959 - itself a consolidation of legislation dating back to the 1800s. The required provisions are highly technical in nature and existing legislation is concentrated on a small number of species. The need is to encompass all species with a very wide cross section of needs and habitat/ecological/water quality/climate change imperatives. Ensuring the comprehensiveness of legislation and its fitness for purpose in an evolving aquatic, riparian and marine environmental / ecological backdrop and emerging challenges for biodiversity is a key challenge.	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.	At Second Stage. (Dáil)
Energy (Windfall Gains in Energy Sector) (Cap on Market Revenues) 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 a Cap on Market Revenues on non-gas electricity generators.	At Committee Stage. (Dáil)
Gas Safety (Amendment) Bill	To provide number of specific amendments to the existing Electricity Regulation Act 1999, focused on ensuring that third party operators of Liquid Petroleum Gas (LPG) networks are fully incorporated into the current Gas Safety Regime.	Heads of bill being prepared. (Priority Drafting)

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ENVIRONMENT & PLANNING

Bill	Purpose	Status
Historic and Archaeological Heritage Bill 2023	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. (Dáil)
Aarhus Bill	To consolidate certain existing statutory measures implementing the access to justice provisions of the Aarhus Convention and related EU Directives, giving greater clarity and to address issues raised by national and CJEU jurisprudence and decisions of the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee.	Heads of bill being prepared.
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 Bill	To permit the State to secure a proportion of the uplift in land values resulting from zoning and designation to facilitate provision of infrastructure.	Pre-legislative scrutiny has taken place. (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.

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.	Pre-legislative scrutiny has taken place. (Priority Publication)
Environment Protection Agency and Waste Management (Amendment) Bill	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)

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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. (Priority Drafting)
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. See our briefing here .	Heads of bill approved. Pre-legislative scrutiny has taken place. (Priority Publication)
Credit Union (Amendment) Bill 2022	To give effect to the outcome of the Review of Policy Framework of Credit Unions.	At Committee Stage. (Dáil)
Co-operative Societies Bill	To place the co-operative model on a more favourable and clearer legal basis, thereby creating a level playing field with companies and encouraging the consideration of the cooperative model as an attractive formation option for entrepreneurs. See our briefing here .	Heads of bill approved.
Access to Cash Bill	To provide reasonable access to cash for people in Ireland and also to require ATM operators and Cash-in-Transit companies to be authorized and supervised by the Central Bank of Ireland.	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. Pre-legislative scrutiny has taken place. (Priority Publication)
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 Report Stage. (Dáil)
Health (Termination of Pregnancy Services (Safe Access Zones) Bill 2023	To ensure safe access to premises at which termination of pregnancy services may be provided.	At Second Stage. (Dáil)
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	To amend the Health Act 2004 to provide for changes to corporate and service planning processes among other provisions. It includes new requirements on the Board and CEO in regard to appropriate systems, procedures and practices to exercise the highest standards of prudent and effective financial and budgetary management and that proposals for corrective action are put in place where expenditure levels have been exceeded.	Heads of bill approved. Pre-legislative scrutiny concluded. (Priority Drafting)

Bill	Purpose	Status
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 Publication)
National Research Ethics Committees (NREC) Bill	To provide a legislative framework for National Research Ethics Committees (NRECs) operating in key areas of health research. The Programme for Government commits to enacting the National Research Ethics Committee Bill and promoting clinical trials in Ireland.	Revised heads of bill being prepared.
Coroners (Amendment) Bill	To ensure that 4 Coroners can continue to operate in the Dublin District and ensure that additional temporary Coroners can be appointed to other districts if required and to provide for salaried Coroners in the Dublin District. Bill must be enacted by Feb 2024 or Dublin will have to revert to a single coroner.	Heads of bill being prepared. (Priority Publication)
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.	Work is underway.
Mental Health Bill	To update and replace 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	A regulatory framework comprising of primary legislation for the licensing of home support providers, secondary legislation in the form of regulations, and HIQA national standards with the aim of ensuring that all service users are provided with high quality care. This is in line with Programme for Government and Sláintecare commitments.	Heads of bill being prepared. (Priority Drafting)
Health Information Bill	To provide a robust legislative infrastructure for the processing of Health Information support a modern integrated health service. See our briefing here .	Heads of bill approved. Pre-legislative scrutiny has taken place. (Priority Drafting)

Bill	Purpose	Status
XXth Amendment of the Constitution (Family) Bill	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)
XXth Amendment of the Constitution (Care) Bill	To provide for the 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

Bill	Purpose	Status
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. See our briefing here .	Heads of bill approved. Pre-legislative scrutiny has taken place. (Priority Publication)
Motor Insurance Insolvency Compensation Bill	To transpose Article 10a and 25a of the 6th revised EU Motor Insurance Directive (2118/2018).	Heads of bill being prepared. (Priority Drafting)

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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	To give effect to a number of the provisions of the Budapest Convention on Cybercrime.	Heads of bill being prepared.
Interception of Postal Packets and Telecommunications Messages (Regulation) (Amendment) Bill	To amend various pieces of legislation in respect of electronic communications.	Work is underway.
Communications (Retention of Data) Bill	To replace the Communications (Retention of Data) Act 2011 to reflect advances in technology and consolidate the law on retention of and access to data for national security and prevention of crime purposes.	Work is underway.
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.
National Cyber Security Bill	The General Scheme will transpose the Directive (EU) 2022/2555 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 14 December 2022 on measures for a high common level of cybersecurity across the Union, amending Regulation (EU) No 910/2014 and Directive (EU) 2018/1972, and repealing Directive (EU) 2016/1148 (also known as the NIS2 Directive) into national law, and to incorporate relevant provisions to establish the NCSC on a statutory basis and provide for related matters including clarity around its mandate and role in general and in relation to other actors in the cyber area.	Heads of bill being prepared.
EU Data Governance Bill	Assign functions and powers to the Competition and Consumer Protection Commission for provisions in the EU Data Governance Act.	Heads of bill being prepared.

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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.	Work is underway.
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.	Amendments from the Seanad. (Dáil)
Court Proceedings (Delays) Bill 2023	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 Committee Stage. (Dáil)
Defamation (Amendment) Bill	To update aspects of defamation law, following statutory review of the Defamation Act 2009. See our article here .	Work is underway. (Priority Publication)
Family Courts Bill 2022	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.	Pre-legislative scrutiny has taken place. (Priority Publication)
Civil Reform Bill	To give effect to recommendations arising from the Administration of Civil Justice (Kelly Review). See our briefing here .	Work is underway

Bill	Purpose	Status
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	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 (Family) Bill 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)
XXth Amendment of the Constitution (Care) Bill	To provide for the amendment of the Constitution in response to recommendations of the Citizens' Assembly on Gender Equality	Heads of bill being prepared. (Priority Publication)
Employment (Collective Redundancies and Miscellaneous Provisions) and Companies (Amendment) Bill	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 and to establish an Employment Law Review Group.	Heads of bill approved. Pre-legislative scrutiny has taken place. (Priority Publication)
Seanad Electoral (University Members) (Amendment) Bill	To provide for amendments to the Seanad Electoral (University Members) Act 1937 following the Supreme Court judgment which declared that sections 6 and 7 of that Act are unconstitutional.	Heads of bill being prepared. (Priority Drafting)

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REAL ESTATE & CONSTRUCTION

Bill	Purpose	Status
Registration of Short-Term Tourist Letting Bill	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.	Work is ongoing.
Land Value Sharing Bill	To permit the State to secure a proportion of the uplift in land values resulting from zoning and designation to facilitate provision of infrastructure.	Pre-legislative scrutiny has taken place. (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.	Heads of bill being prepared.
Construction Safety Licensing Bill 2023	To provide for the establishment of a statutory licensing system for construction and related activities.	At Report Stage. (Dáil)
Fire Services and Emergency Management Bill	To consolidate and update the Fire Services Act and underpin current established emergency management practice at national and local level.	Work is underway.

Bill	Purpose	Status
Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill	Miscellaneous amendments and additions to the Housing Acts in respect of social housing; overcrowding; regulation of AHBs; and homeless supports.	Heads of bill being prepared. (Priority Drafting)
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. (Dáil)
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 Publication)
Remediation of Defects in Apartments and Duplexes Bill	To provide for the establishment of a remediation scheme for apartments and duplexes with fire safety, structural safety and water ingress defects constructed between 1991 and 2013.	Work is underway.

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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.	Pre-legislative scrutiny has taken place. (Priority Publication)
Public Health (Tobacco and Nicotine Inhaling Products) Bill 2023	To introduce a licensing system for the sale of tobacco and nicotine inhaling products (including e-cigarettes) and other related matters.	At Committee Stage. (Dáil)
Control of Exports Bill 2023	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.	At Report Stage. (Dáil)
Agriculture Appeals (Amendment) Bill	To amend the Agricultural Appeals Act 2001 to provide, inter alia, for the establishment of an independent Review Panel whose function will be to undertake independent reviews of decisions of appeals officers when requested to do so by the Minister or an applicant. The Bill will also make miscellaneous changes to the 2001 Act.	Heads of bill being prepared. (Priority Drafting)

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SPORTS & LEISURE

Bill	Purpose	Status
Gambling Regulation Bill 2022	To provide for a modern approach to the licencing of gambling activities and to establish a gambling regulator.	At Report Stage. (Dáil)
Fire Services and Emergency Management Bill	To consolidate and update the Fire Services Act and underpin current established emergency management practice at national and local level.	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, providing for mutual assistance or to the relevant provisions thereof: -The Convention on Mutual Administrative Assistance in Tax Matters done at Strasbourg on 25 January 1988 and amended by the Protocol done at Paris on 27 May 2010. Titles I, II and IV of the Co-operation Agreement between the European Community and its Member States and the Swiss Confederation to combat fraud and any other illegal activity to the detriment of their financial interests, done at Luxembourg on 26 October 2004.	Heads of bill approved.
Finance (Tax Appeals) Bill	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	Finance (No.2) Bill 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.	Drafting underway. (Priority Publication)

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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 and to designate the CCPC as a Competent Authority for elements of the DSA related to online marketplaces. See our briefing here .	Heads of bill approved. Pre-legislative scrutiny has taken place. (Priority Publication)
Interception of Postal Packets and Telecommunications Messages (Regulation) (Amendment) Bill	To amend various pieces of legislation in respect of electronic communications.	Work is underway.
Communications (Retention of Data) Bill	To replace the Communications (Retention of Data) Act 2011 to reflect advances in technology and consolidate the law on retention of and access to data for national security and prevention of crime purposes.	Work is underway.
Defamation (Amendment) Bill	To update aspects of defamation law, following statutory review of the Defamation Act 2009. See our article here .	Work is underway. (Priority Publication)
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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