This Tuesday and Wednesday in Dáil Éireann, the Planning and Development (Amendment) Bill 2016 Second Stage discussions will resume.

The Bill, one of the new Bills on the Government’s legislative programme is the necessary legislation for the establishment of an independent planning regulator. This, as previously noted by PAI, is one of the recommendations made by the Mahon Tribunal’s final report, which was published in 2012.

The Office of the Planning Regulator will be responsible for:

- Evaluating and assessing development and local area plans;
- Conducting research into best practice in planning, and sustainability;
- Providing education and training;
- Overseeing delivery of proper planning services; and
- Preparing an annual report of its performance.

Notice of Appointments

**Wednesday 12 October**

Kevin Cardiff, Ireland’s European Court of Auditors representative, has been appointed to the external audit board of the European Stability Mechanism (ESM). The ESM is Europe’s primary bailout fund.

Cardiff is a previous secretary general of the Department of Finance.

He will be joined by four other auditors from December. He was nominated for the position by the European Court of Auditors. He will remain at the Court of Auditors, as the external audit board position is only part-time.

**Friday 14 October**

Two new non-executive directors have been added to the Board of building materials group Grafton. Vincent Crowley and Susan Murray were named last week as the new Board members.

Crowley has held board positions in G&G, Independent News and Media, and Atlas Investments. Murray also has vast experience sitting on boards, having held positions in William Morrison Supermarkets and Compass Group.

Change to Dáil schedule – Thursday

The Private Members Bill previously scheduled for discussion on Thursday afternoon will no longer be discussed.

The Bill – Central Bank and Financial Services Authority of Ireland (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill 2013 – was due to have a two-hour slot on Thursday at 5.48pm, with the Dáil adjourning at 7.48pm. The Dáil will now adjourn at 5.48pm.

The Bill is at its Second Stage of discussions and is sponsored by Michael McGrath TD. It would make possible the investigation of complaints into defective financial products by the Financial Services Ombudsman.

Legislation providing for an independent planning regulator resumes second stage
Brexit: implications for public policy and public administration in Ireland

Friday 21 October,
9.00am to 1.00pm,
The Alexander Hotel.

Keynote Speaker:
Phil Hogan, EU Commissioner for Agriculture

“Every Government Minister, every department & every agency is treating Brexit as its top priority.”
– An Taoiseach

Amongst the slew of Brexit events planned for the coming weeks, Public Affairs Ireland’s morning conference is the only one that will address the implications of Brexit on the Irish public service, and governing in Ireland.

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Two-day course, 9am to 4pm
Tuesday 18 and 25 October
More information

Certificate in Freedom of Information
Wednesday 19 October
9am to 5pm
More information

Mediation Skills for Public Sector Managers
Two-day course, 9.30am to 4pm
Thursday 20 and Friday 21 October
More information
**Tuesday 18 October**

2.00 p.m.  
Leaders’ Questions (FF, SF, LAB, AAA-PBP)  
SO 34 (if any)

2.32 p.m.  
Order of Business  
Motion re. PQ Rota Change (Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine and Department of Communications, Climate Action and Environment) (without debate)  
Motion re: Ireland’s participation in two European Defence Agency Projects (referral to committee) (without debate) (Department of Defence)  
Motion re: Future of Healthcare Committee (without debate)

3.02 p.m.  
Taoiseach’s Questions

3.47 p.m.  
P. Q.s: Oral - Minister for Health

5.17 p.m.  
Topical Issues  
Private Notice Question (if any)

6.05 p.m.  
Government Business  
Wildlife (Amendment) Bill 2016 (Order for Second Stage and Second Stage) (Department of Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs)  
Planning and Development (Amendment) Bill 2016 Second Stage resumed (Department of Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government)

8.00 p.m.  
Private Members Business (LAB): Motion re. funding for education

10.00 p.m.  
Government Business  
Financial Motions by the Minister for Finance (resumed)

12.00 a.m.  
Dáil adjourns

**Wednesday 19 October**

12.00 p.m.  
Leaders’ Questions (FF, SF, LAB, I4C)  
SO 34 (if any)

12.32 p.m.  
Questions on Promised Legislation

12.47 p.m.  
Taoiseach’s Questions

1.32 p.m.  
Government Business  
Pre-European Council Statements

2.57 p.m.  
P. Q.s: Oral - Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform

4.27 p.m.  
SOS

4.57 p.m.  
Topical Issues  
Private Notice Question (if any)

5.45 p.m.  
Private Members Business (FF): Motion re. services and supports for people with Dementia and Alzheimer’s disease

7.45 p.m.  
Government Business  
National Tourism Development Authority (Amendment) Bill 2015 (Order for Report, Report & Final Stages) (Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport)  
Planning and Development (Amendment) Bill 2016 (resumed if not previously concluded) (Department of Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government)  
Medical Practitioners (Amendment) Bill 2014 (Seanad) Second Stage (Department of Health)

10.00 p.m.  
Financial Motions by the Minister for Finance (resumed)

12.00 a.m.  
Dáil Adjourns

**Thursday 20 October**

12.00 p.m.  
Leaders’ Questions (FF, SF, RIG, SD-GP)  
SO 34 (if any)

12.32 p.m.  
Questions on Promised Legislation

12.47 p.m.  
Weekly divisions

1.30 p.m.  
Government Business  
Financial Motions by the Minister for Finance (resumed)

3.30 p.m.  
P. Q.s: Oral - Minister for Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs

5.00 p.m.  
Topical Issues  
Private Notice Question (if any)

5.48 p.m.  
Dáil adjourns
Tuesday 18 October

2.30 p.m.
Commencement Matters

3.30 p.m.
Order of Business

4.45 p.m.
Statements on Children and Youth Affairs (Minister for Children and Youth Affairs)

6.30 p.m.
Seanad Adjourns

Wednesday 19 October

10.30 a.m.
Commencement Matters

11.30 a.m.
Order of Business

12.45 p.m.
Statements on the Report on Programme to Review and Enhance Fire Safety in Local Authority Provided Traveller Accommodation (Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government)

2.00 p.m.
Private Members Business – Recognition of Irish Sign Language for the Deaf Community Bill 2016 – Second Stage (Senators Mark Daly, Catherine Ardagh, Keith Swanick)

4.00 p.m.
Private Members Business

6.00 p.m.
Seanad Adjourns

Thursday 20 October

10.30 a.m.
Commencement Matters

11.30 a.m.
Order of Business

1.30 p.m.
Finance (Certain European Union and Intergovernmental Obligations) Bill 2016 - Committee and Remaining Stages (Department of Finance)
Tuesday 18 October

Public Accounts
CR3, LH 2000 10 a.m.
AGENDA: Examination of Comptroller and Auditor General Special Report 94: National Asset Management Agency’s sale of Project Eagle (resumed)
[Mr. Willie Soffe, Mr. Oliver Ellingham and Mr. Brian McEnery - NAMA Board]

An Ghaeilge, An Ghaeltacht agus na nOileán (Comh)
CR4, LH 2000 5 p.m.
AGENDA: (i) Staid reatha na hIar-Ghaeltachta agus na hIar-Ghaeilge [An Dochtúir Brian Ó Curnáin, An Scoil an Léinn Cheiltigh]
(ii) Géarchéim na Gaeltachta - Bealaí cur chuige nua i leith seandúshlí [An tUasal Conchúr Ó Giollagáin, Iar-Cheannasaí, Aonad na Pleanála Teanga, Acadamh na hOllscolaíochta Gaeilge]

Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation (Joint)
GR2, LH 2000 5 p.m.
AGENDA: The likely economic impact of Brexit with particular emphasis on jobs and enterprise and the steps being taken to mitigate these risks [Representatives from Enterprise Ireland; IDA Ireland; and InterTrade Ireland]

Thursday 20 October

Public Accounts
CR3, LH 2000 9 a.m.
AGENDA: (i) Business of the Committee; and
(ii) 2015 Appropriation Accounts
2015 C&AG Report
Chapter 9: Regularity of Social Welfare Payments
Chapter 10: Roll-out of the Public Services Card
Social Insurance Fund 2015
[Officials from the Department of Social Protection]

Foreign Affairs and Trade, and Defence (Joint)
Dáil Chamber 9.30 a.m.
AGENDA: Matters considered by the Foreign Affairs Council and other matters relating to foreign affairs and trade [Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade]

Finance, Public Expenditure and Reform, and Taoiseach (Joint)
GR2, LH 2000 10 a.m.
AGENDA: Pre-Legislative Scrutiny on the Central Bank (Variable Rate Mortgages) Bill 2016 (PMB)
Session A: 10 a.m. [Minister for Finance]; and
Session B 11.45 a.m. [Representatives from Fair Mortgage Rates Campaign]

Social Protection (Joint)
CR4, LH 2000 10 a.m.
AGENDA: Labour activation measures [Officials from the Department of Social Protection]

Dáil Business
Room 2 (off the Main Hall), Leinster House 10.30 a.m.
AGENDA: Private Meeting

Agriculture, Food and the Marine (Joint)
CR1, LH 2000 11 a.m.
AGENDA: Engagement on developments in the Agricultural sector [Mr. Phil Hogan, European Commissioner for Agriculture and Rural Development]

European Union Affairs (Joint)
CR1, LH 2000 12 noon
AGENDA: Engagement on the State of the Union 2016 [Mr. Phil Hogan, European Commissioner for Agriculture and Rural Development]

Implementation of the Good Friday Agreement (Joint)
CR3, LH 2000 2 p.m.
AGENDA: The implications of Brexit for the Good Friday Agreement and its institutions [Ruth Tallion, Director, The Centre for Cross Border Studies; Anthony Soares, Deputy Director, The Centre for Cross Border Studies; Peter Sheridan, Chief Executive, Cooperation Ireland]