**Notice of Appointments**

**Friday 21 October**
Three new appointments were made to the National Oversight & Audit Commission (NOAC) by Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government, Simon Coveney TD.

The new appointees are:
- David Holohan (currently Chief Investment Officer at Merrion Capital Group),
- Michael McGreal (currently Company Deputy Chairman of Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Ltd), and
- Sharon O’Connor (current Chair of the Northern Ireland Education Authority).

**Thursday 27 October**
Bord Bia has announced that the new appointee to the position of chief executive is to be Tara McCarthy.

Ms McCarthy is currently chief executive of Bord Iascaigh Mhara. Prior to this position, her career with Bord Bia has spanned over 20 years. She is a graduate of University College Galway (B.Comm) and UCD (Master of Business Studies).

Her position becomes effective in January 2017, when current chief executive, Aidan Cotter, retires.

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- **Certificate in Public Financial Management**
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- **Certificate in Policy Development & Legislative Drafting**
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- **ICM Certificate in Public Law**
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This week in Dáil Éireann

Adjourned until 2.00 p.m. on Wednesday 2 November 2016

This week in Seanad Éireann

Adjourned until 10.30 a.m. on Wednesday 9 November 2016

This week’s Committee Meetings

Wednesday 02 November

Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs (Joint)
CR4, LH 2000 2.15 p.m. (T)
AGENDA: Céard a theastaíonn a dhéanamh chun pobal tuaithe imnarthana a chaomhnú (Atógáil)
[Seisún A: 2.15 p.m. Oifig na nOibreacha Poiblí agus An Skúráireachta Náisiúnta um Bainistíocht Dóit éin agus Eigeandála
Seisún B: 3.45 p.m. An Garda Síochána
Seisún C: 4.45 p.m. Feidhmteannacht na Seirbhíse Sláinte agus Gearadh um Dochtúirí na hÉireann]
What it takes to sustain a viable rural community (Resumed)
[Session A: 2.15 p.m. Office of Public Works and National Directorate for Fire and Emergency Management
Session B: 3.45 p.m. An Garda Síochána
Session C: 4.45p.m. Health Service Executive and Irish Medical Organisation]

Thursday 03 November

Foreign Affairs and Trade, and Defence (Select)
CR1, LH 2000 10 a.m. (T)
AGENDA: Motions regarding Ireland’s participation in two European Defence Agency Projects:
(i) MARSUR Networking - Adaptive Phase (MARSUR II)
[Mr Paul Kehoe TD, Minister of State at the Departments of An Taoiseach and Defence with special responsibility for Defence]

Foreign Affairs and Trade, and Defence (Joint)
CR1, LH 2000 11.45 a.m. (T)
AGENDA: The threat to media freedom in Turkey and the work of the International Federation of Journalists in tackling global abuse of media freedom [Representatives from The National Union of Journalists]

Education and Skills (Joint)
CR3, LH 2000 12 noon (T)
AGENDA: (i) Session A:
Current industrial relations issues with the Association of Secondary Teachers of Ireland (ASTI) [Representatives from the Association of Secondary Teachers of Ireland (ASTI)]
(ii) Session B:
Current industrial relations issues with the Association of Secondary Teachers of Ireland (ASTI) [Officials from the Department of Education and Skills]
(iii) Session C:
Current industrial relations issues with the Association of Secondary Teachers of Ireland (ASTI) [Representatives from the Joint Managerial Body (JMB) and the Association of Community and Comprehensive Schools (ACCS)]

Joint Committee on the Implementation of the Good Friday Agreement
GR2, LH 2000 2 p.m. (T)
AGENDA: Prison Issues in Northern Ireland - Maghaberry Prison [Mr. Conal McFeely and Mr. Peter Bunting, members of the Independent Assessment Team]