Weekly Newsletter
Issue 424
Business for week beginning 07/11/16

Notice of Appointments

Thursday 3 November
The Royal Society has announced the 44 researchers who have been appointed to the prestigious position of University Research Fellow for 2016. Among these researchers, from all over the UK and Ireland, two members of Trinity College Dublin’s research team were named.

Dr Richard Hobbs and Dr John Goold both work in research functions in STEM fields. The Fellowships aim to support scientist early in their career and is funded by the Science Foundation of Ireland (SFI) for Irish researchers. The Fellowship will support both researchers for the next five years.

Dr Hobbs is a Principal Investigator at TCD’s Centre for Research on Adaptive Nanostructures and Nanodevices (CRANN).

Dr Goold is researching thermodynamics for quantum technologies.

University College Dublin (UCD) and the University of Limerick (UL) also had members of staff appointed.

Social Welfare Bill 2016

Next week’s Dáil Éireann discussions will see the new Social Welfare Bill 2016 reach its Second Stage.

Among the provisions of the Bill will be many of the financial measures announced in the Government’s Budget 2017 announcement last month. This includes a rise in state pensions, some social welfare payments, and an increased Christmas bonus for Christmas 2016. It will also provide details of the exact date in March that new social welfare increases will become effective.

In Leader’s Questions late last month, Minister for Michael Noonan TD also outlined new protections for farmers this budgetary term. Previous cuts to farm assistance will be reversed. Normal annual review procedures will remain in place, but should a farmer’s circumstances change, they can apply to be reviewed.

Contentious Water Bill discussed in Members’ Business

This week’s Private Members’ Business will include discussion of the Thirty-fifth Amendment of the Constitution (Water in Public Ownership)(No. 2) Bill 2016.

The Bill is contentious both socially and in the Oireachtas, and has divided opinion since its inception.

In the main, the Bill provides for a Constitutional change wherein:

“The Government shall be collectively responsible for the protection, management and maintenance of the public water system. The Government shall ensure in the public interest that this resource remains in public ownership and management.”

This wording remains unchanged from the original First Stage iteration of the Bill, as proposed.
At Public Affairs Ireland

**On the Blog**

“Assume the worst and plan from there” – what Brexit means for Irish policy
Conference Report
Read [here](#)

Dialogic Organizational Development
Dr David Coghlan
Read [here](#)

The Living Wage in an Irish Context
Tom Ferris
Read [here](#)

Mentoring and Positive Career Progression
Dr Áine Mahon
Read [here](#)

**Training**

Certificate in Public Financial Management
3-day course
Tuesday 8, 22, 29 November
9.30am to 4.30pm
More information [here](#)

ILM Certificate in Leadership
3-day course
Thursday 10, Wednesday 16 and Thursday 17 November
9.30am to 4.30pm
More information [here](#)

Editing Skills
Half-day course
Tuesday 15 November
9am to 1pm
More information [here](#)

Certificate in Policy Development & Legislative Drafting
2-day course
Wednesday 16 and 23 November
9.30am to 4pm
More information [here](#)

ICM Certificate in Public Law
2-day course
Wednesday 16 and Tuesday 22 November
9.30am to 4pm
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## Tuesday 08 November

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<td>6.05 p.m.</td>
<td>Government Business: (115 mins)</td>
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<td>Social Welfare Bill 2016 - Order for Second Stage, and Second Stage</td>
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<td>8.00 p.m.</td>
<td>Private Members Business (Sinn Fein): (120 mins)</td>
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<td>Motion re. TD and Senator pay under the Lansdowne Road Agreement</td>
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<td>3.50 p.m.</td>
<td>SOS (40 mins)</td>
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<td>Thirty-fifth Amendment of the Constitution (Water in Public Ownership) (No.2) Bill 2016 - Second Stage</td>
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<td>Weekly division time (if Social Welfare Bill does not finish before midday)</td>
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<td>Report on the Formal Recognition of Irish Sign Language - Committee on Justice and Equality</td>
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This week in Seanad Éireann

**Tuesday 08 November**

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

**Wednesday 09 November**

10.30 a.m.
Commencement Matters

11.30 a.m.
Order of Business

2.00 p.m.
Heritage Bill 2016 – Committee Stage- (Department of Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs)

4.00 p.m.
Private Members Business - Health (Amendment) (Professional Home Care) Bill 2016 - (Senators Colm Burke, Maura Hopkins, Neale Richmond)

6.00 p.m.
Seanad Adjourns

**Thursday 10 November**

10.30 a.m.
Commencement Matters

11.30 a.m.
Order of Business

12.45 p.m.
National Tourism Development Authority (Amendment) Bill 2015 – All Stages (Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport)

2.15 p.m.
Private Members Business - Competition (Amendment) Bill 2016 - Report and Final Stages- (Senator Ivana Bacik)

3.30 p.m.
Seanad Adjourns
Tuesday 08 November

Social Protection (Joint) CR2, LH 2000 9 a.m. (T)

Health (Joint) CR4, LH 2000 9 a.m. (T)
AGENDA: Quarterly update on Health Issues [Mr. Simon Harris, TD, Minister for Health and Officials from the Department of Health; and Mr. Tony O’Brien, Director General, Health Service Executive and Officials from the HSE]

Public Accounts CR1, LH 2000 9 a.m. (T)
AGENDA: (i) Business of the Committee (ii) Examination of Q&AG Special Report 94: National Asset Management Agency’s sale of Project Eagle (resumed) [Officials from the Office of the Q&AG and from the Department of Finance] Finance, Public Expenditure and Reform, and Taoiseach (Select) CR2, LH 2000 10 a.m. (T)
AGENDA: Finance Bill 2016 - Committee Stage (resumed) [Minister for Finance]

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

Wednesday 09 November

Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs (Joint) CR1, LH 2000 9 a.m. (T)
AGENDA: Céard a theastaíon a dhéanann chuimhneachan bháis liom: achtanna a chur i bhfeidhm (atógáil)
Seisiún A: 9 a.m. [ (i) Bainc: Bán na hEireann (ii) Banc na hÉireann (iii) An Post (iv) Gearachtuman Mháistri Ùisín na hÉireann (v) Comhchuimhne na gCóimhreacha (vi) An Post (v) Páirtí Idirnáisiúnta (vii) An Post (vii) Páirtí Éireannach (viii) Feabhas Miúirdí Éireann (ix) Siopáil oíse agus Gníomhráíochtaí Nuaíta]
What it takes to sustain a viable rural community (resumed): Session A: 9 a.m. [ (i) Allied Irish Banks (ii) Bank of Ireland (iii) An Post (iv) Irish Postmasters’ Union (v) Irish League of Credit Unions]
Session B: 11 a.m. [ (i) Retail Excellence Ireland (ii) Convenience Stores and Newsagents]

Future of Healthcare (Select) CR4, LH 2000 9 a.m. (T)
AGENDA: Session A: 9 a.m. Mental Health Care [Representatives from St Patrick’s Mental Health Services]
Session B: 11 a.m. Community & Social Care Support [Representatives from Mental Health Reform; The Forum on Long-Term Care for Older People; and Family Carers Ireland]

Justice and Equality (Joint) CR2, LH 2000 9 a.m. (T)
AGENDA: Recognition of Traveller Ethnicity
Session A: 9 a.m. [Pavee Point Traveller & Roma Centre; Mineirs Whiden; and Ms. Anastasia Crickley, Chairperson UN Committee for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination]
Session B: 10 a.m. [Dr. Robbie McVeigh, Academic]

Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government (Joint) CR3, LH 2000 9.30 a.m.
AGENDA: National Planning Framework [Representatives from the Department Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government, the Irish Planning Institute and the Association of Irish Regions]
Finance, Public Expenditure and Reform, and Taoiseach (Select) Dáil Chamber CR2 10 a.m. (T)
AGENDA: FINANCE BILL 2016 - Committee Stage [Minister for Finance]
Session A: 10 a.m. Dáil Chamber
Session B: 2 p.m. Committee Room 2, LH2000
Dáil Reform (Sub) Room 2 (off the Main Hall), Leinster House 10.30 a.m.
AGENDA: Private Meeting

Transport, Tourism and Sport (Joint) CR3, LH 2000 1.30 p.m. (T)
AGENDA: (i) Scrutiny of EU Legislative Proposals: Schedule A: COM(2016)235 (ii) Strategy for developing tourism and competitiveness issues [Representatives from Tourism Ireland; Fáilte Ireland; Irish Hotels Federation; Tourist Industry Confederation]
An Ghaeilge, An Ghaeltacht agus na nOileán (Comh) CR4, LH 2000 5 p.m.
AGENDA: Private Meeting

Members’ Interests of Seanad Éireann CR3, LH 2000 5.15 p.m.
AGENDA: Private Meeting