Weekly Newsletter
Issue 425
Business for week beginning 14/11/16

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The Bill can be viewed here.

Notice of Appointments: Position Available

As advertised on publicjobs.ie, on behalf of Public Appointments Service

Tusla, the Child and Family Agency, are currently looking for an Area Manager for Dublin Mid Leinster. The Area Manager will oversee delivery of a range of Child and Family Agency services to the Dublin South Central Region.

The requirements for the position are as follows:

“Relevant 3rd level qualification
AND
Have a minimum of 3 years’ experience at senior management level in services relevant to the development, welfare and protection of children and the support of families.”

Applications close at 12pm on Thursday 24 November 2016.

More information can be found here.

Equality of Access addressed with new Education Bill

Next week’s Government Business will see the discussion of the Education (Admission to Schools) Bill 2016. The Bill was published by Minister for Education and Skills, Richard Bruton TD.

In the main, “The overall objective of the Bill is to provide a new framework for school enrolment that is designed to ensure that every child is treated fairly and that the way in which schools decide on applications for admission is structured, fair and transparent”.

This includes mandatory requirements in school policies, such as “details of the school’s arrangements for students who do not wish to attend religious instruction” (Subsection 62).

Subsection 63 also prohibits schools that are not classified as “fee-charging” schools to request fees, payments or contributions for admission to or continued enrolment in classes.

The Bill can be viewed here.

Risk Equalisation Rate Review for 2016

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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

Estimating the likely impact of Brexit on the Irish economy
Tom Ferris
Read here

Enhancing Co-worker Relations
Dr Sarah Jane Cullinane
Read here

Training

Certificate in Public Financial Management
3-day course
Tuesday 29 November, 6 and 13 December
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

Conference

PAI’s Annual Procurement Conference:
Practical Challenges in Public Procurement

Topics to be included
• Government priorities in public procurement
• Strategic public procurement
• Efficient procurement and e-invoicing
• Procurement and innovation
• Impact of Brexit on Public Procurement in Ireland

Keynote speaker: Paul Quinn, Chief Procurement Officer at the Office of Government Procurement

More info here
Tuesday 15 November

2.00 p.m.
Leaders’ Questions (FF, SF, RIG, SD-GP) (32 mins)
SO 34 (if any)

2.32 p.m.
Order of Business (30 mins)
Motion re. PQ Rota Swap (Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine and Department of Health) (without debate)
Motion re. Revised Estimates (referral to committee) (without debate)
Motion re. Sixth Report of the Committee of Selection (without debate)
Motion re. changes to Standing Orders

3.02 p.m.
Taoiseach’s Questions (45 mins)

3.47 p.m.
PQs: Oral - Minister for Justice and Equality (90 mins)

5.17 p.m.
Topical Issues (48 mins)
Private Notice Question (if any)

6.05 p.m.
Government Business (115 mins)
Motion re: Ireland’s Participation in Defence Agency Projects (Department of Defence)
Companies (Accounting) Bill 2016 - Second Stage (resumed) (Department of Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation)
Courts Bill 2016 - Order for Second Stage and Second Stage (Department of Justice and Equality)

8.00 p.m.
Private Members Business (Fianna Fáil) (120 mins)
Motion re. Mental Health

10.00 p.m.
Dáil Adjourns

Wednesday 16 November

12.00 p.m.
Leaders’ Questions (FF, SF, LAB, AAA-PBP) (32 mins)
SO 34 (if any)

12.32 p.m.
Questions on Promised Legislation (15 mins)

12.47 p.m.
Taoiseach’s Questions (45 mins)

1.32 p.m.
RQs: Oral - Minister for Education and Skills (90 mins)

3.02 p.m.
Topical Issues (48 mins)
Private Notice Question (if any)

3.50 p.m.
SOS (40 mins)

4.30 p.m.
Private Members Business (Rural Independent Group) (120 mins)
Motion re. Post Office Network

6.30 p.m.
Government Business (210 mins)
Companies (Accounting) Bill 2016 - Second Stage (resumed) (Department of Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation)
Courts Bill 2016 - Second Stage (resumed) (Department of Justice and Equality)
Health Insurance (Amendment) Bill 2016 - Order for Second Stage and Second Stage (Department of Health)
Education (Admission to Schools) Bill 2016 - Order for Second Stage and Second Stage (Department of Education and Skills)

10.00 p.m.
Dáil Adjourns

Thursday 17 November

12.00 p.m.
Leaders’ Questions (FF, SF, I4C, RIG) (32 mins)
SO 34 (if any)

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Questions on Promised Legislation (15 mins)

12.47 p.m.
Weekly divisions (43 mins)

1.30 p.m.
Government Business (120 mins)
Health Insurance (Amendment) Bill 2016 - Order for Second Stage and Second Stage (Department of Health)
Education (Admission to Schools) Bill 2016 - Order for Second Stage and Second Stage (Department of Education and Skills)

3.30 p.m.
PQs: Oral - Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government (90 mins)

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

5.48 p.m.
Committee report (120 mins)
Health and Social Care Professionals (Amendment) Bill 2016 - Second Stage

7.48 p.m.
Dáil Adjourns
Tuesday 15 November

2.30 p.m.
Commencement Matters

3.30 pm.
Order of Business

4.45 p.m.
Statute Law Revision Bill 2016 - Order for Second Stage and Second Stage (Department of Public Expenditure and Reform)

6.15 p.m.
Criminal Justice (Suspended Sentences of Imprisonment) Bill 2016 - Order for Second Stage and Second Stage (Department of Justice and Equality)

Wednesday 16 November

10.30 a.m.
Commencement Matters

11.30 a.m.
Order of Business

12.45 p.m.
Statements on Transport and Tourism (Minister for Transport Tourism and Sport)

2.45 p.m.
Planning and Development (Housing) and Residential Tenancies Bill 2016 - Order for Second Stage and Second Stage (Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government)

5.00 p.m.
Private Members Business
Protection of Employment (Uncertain Hours) Bill 2016 - Second Stage-(Senators Ivana Bacik, Kevin Humphreys, Denis Landy, Gerald Nash, Aodhán Ó Ríordain)

7.00 p.m.
Seanad Adjourns

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2.00 p.m.
Heritage Bill 2016 - Committee Stage (resumed) (Minister for Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs)

4.00 p.m.
Seanad Adjourns
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Finance, Public Expenditure and Reform, and Taoiseach (Select)
CR2, LH 2000 2 p.m.
AGENDA: Finance Bill 2016 - Committee Stage (resumed) [Minister of State for Financial Services, eGovernment and Public Procurement]

An Ghaeilge, An Ghaeltacht agus na nOileán (Comh)
CR4, LH 2000 5 p.m.
AGENDA: Polasaí don Oideachas Gaeltachta 2017 - 2022 agus Ról agus Gúráim na heagraíochta (Muintearaas Teo) [Seán Ó Coisteálba, Andreas Vogel, Máirín Nic Phionghuín] agus Oidhreacht Chorca Dhúibhne [Máire Ní Scannláínn]

Public Petitions (Joint)
CR1, LH 2000 9.30 a.m.
AGENDA: Public Petitions received

Public Accounts
CR3, LH 2000 9 a.m.
AGENDA: (i) Business of the Committee
(ii) Examination of C&AG Special Report 94: National Asset Management Agency's sale of Project Eagle (resumed) [Former members of the NAMA Board and officials from Cerberus]

Finance, Public Expenditure and Reform, and Taoiseach (Joint)
CR2, LH 2000 9.30 a.m.
AGENDA: Matters relating to the Banking Sector in Ireland [Mr. Richie Boucher, Chief Executive Officer, Bank of Ireland]

Foreign Affairs and Trade, and Defence (Joint)
CR1, LH 2000 10 a.m.
AGENDA: The situation in Syria and Ukraine and other matters of mutual interest [H.E. Mr. Maxim Alexandrovich Peshkov, Ambassador of the Russian Federation]

Social Protection (Select)
Dáil Chamber and CR4 10 a.m.
Session A: 10 a.m. Dáil Chamber
Session B: 2 p.m. Committee Room 4, LH2000

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

Implementation of the Good Friday Agreement (Joint)
CR2, LH 2000 2 p.m.
AGENDA: (i) The Implications of Brexit for the Good Friday Agreement and its Institutions (resumed) - the human rights and equality implications of Brexit [Mr. Brian Gormally, Director, Committee on the Administration of Justice].
(ii) The Implications of Brexit for the Good Friday Agreement and its Institutions (resumed) - the implications of Brexit for EU funding, including PEACE and INTERREG funding [Ms. Gina McIntyre, CEO, Special EU Programmes Body; Mr. Shaun Henry, Director, Managing Authority, Special EU Programmes Body; Mr. John Greer, Head of Unit, Joint Secretariat, Special EU Programmes Body].

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Children and Youth Affairs (Select)
CR2, LH 2000 9 a.m.
AGENDA: Adoption (Amendment) Bill 2016 [Minister for Children and Youth Affairs]

Future of Healthcare (Select)
CR4, LH 2000 9 a.m.
AGENDA: Session A: 9 a.m. Health Service Reform [Representatives from the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland (RCSI); Saolta University Healthcare Group; and University of Limerick Hospital Group]
Session B: 11 a.m. Health Service Reform [Representatives from Ireland East Hospital Group; Dublin / Midlands Hospital Group; South / South West Hospital Group; and Children’s Hospital Group]

Justice and Equality (Joint)
CR1, LH 2000 9 a.m.
AGENDA: Immigration and Refugee Crisis
Session A: 9 am [Migrant Rights Centre Ireland]
Session B: 10 am [NASC]

Transport, Tourism and Sport (Joint)
CR3, LH 2000 9 a.m.
AGENDA: Roads Infrastructure Programme (Current and Capital Expenditure) [Officials from the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport and Representatives of Transport Infrastructure Ireland]
Finance, Public Expenditure and Reform, and Taoiseach (Select) CR2, LH 2000 12.30 p.m.
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