On Wednesday and Thursday, Dáil Éireann will discuss the Statute Law Revision Bill 2016. This Bill is part of the Government’s efforts to repeal, amend and update legislation that is no longer applicable or in effect.

“The process leading to the Bill attached to this Memorandum involved a review by the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform of all 1,124 Public General Acts enacted between 1922 and 1950. Of those 1,124 Acts, 297 will be repealed by the Bill”.

You can view the Bill here.
At Public Affairs Ireland

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Forthcoming Regulation of Counsellors and Psychotherapists in Ireland
Dr Ken Germaine and Dr Tim Groenland
Read here

Dialogic Organizational Development
Dr David Coghlan
Read here

Lower Economic Growth forecast for UK in anticipation of Brexit
Tom Ferris
Read here

Enhancing Co-worker Relations
Dr Sarah Jane Cullinane
Read here

Upcoming Training

Presentation Skills
Tuesday 29 November
9.30am-4.30pm

Effective presentations are engaging, concise and most importantly persuasive. Effective presenters are poised, professional and have presence. This practical and hands-on training will ensure that every one of the attendees receives tailored, detailed and highly-applicable mentoring.

For more information or to book click here.

Writing CV's and Completing Application Forms
Tuesday 29 November
9am-1pm

The application form is a hugely important part of the recruitment process in the public sector. This workshop will enable participants to tailoring your CV, complete the Competency questions on the application form, write your cover letter and personal statement and prepare you in anticipating your interview questions.

For more information or to book click here.

Core Skills for Clerical Officers
Two days: Tuesday 6 & Wednesday 7 December
9.30am-4.30pm

This two-day Clerical Officer programme is designed in alignment with CO grade competencies. The programme will enable you to understand your role covering core administration, communication and records management skills, to ensure the delivery of organisation goals and policy implementation.

For more information or to book click here.

Business writing skills
Thursday 8 December
9.30am-4.30pm

The aim of this highly practical one-day workshop is to help participants to write clear, concise, well structured, polished documents. The focus is on ensuring all written materials are appropriate for its target audience and meets their objectives.

For more information or to book click here.
The Public Service Pay Commission –
a new approach or a return to benchmarking?

Keynote speaker: Paschal Donohoe TD, Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform

As a background to all the current media attention around reopening public service pay negotiations, the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform, Paschal Donohoe, TD has announced the establishment of a Public Service Pay Commission (PSPC) to “examine pay levels across the public service, including entry levels of pay.” Mr Kevin Duffy has been appointed as Chairman of the Commission.

Minister Donohoe will open our Annual HR Conference, which will focus on issues relating to Public Service pay and will hear from a range of different perspectives on this issue. Minister Donohoe will deliver the keynote address. No doubt other more current issues may arise at the conference as well.

Speakers will address some of the issues around pay and will have contributions from union and employer sides as well as examining some of the IR, economic and legal issues involved in addressing public service pay issues. This practically focused conference will be of keen interest to all public servants, particularly those involved in HR, IR and corporate services functions.

Speakers will include

Paschal Donohoe TD, Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform
Kieran Mulvey, former Head of the LRC/WRC
Tom Healy, Director of the Nevin Economic Research Institute (NERI)
Michelle Ni Longain, partner at ByrneWallace
Patricia Callan, Director of the Small Firms Association (SFA)
Bill Roche, professor of IR and HR at UCD’s School of Business
Tuesday 29 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: Horse and Greyhound Statutory Instrument (Referral to Committee) (Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food) (without debate)
Motion re: change to Standing Order 29 (without debate)
Motion re: Seventh Report of the Committee of Selection (without debate)

3.02 p.m. Expressions of Sympathy on the death of Peter Barry (20 mins)

3.22 p.m. Taoiseach’s Questions (30 mins)

4.07 p.m. RQs: Oral - Minister for Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs (90 mins)

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

6.25 p.m. Government Business (115 mins)
Statute Law Revision Bill 2016 [Seanad] - Second Stage (Department of Public Expenditure and Reform)

8.00 p.m. Private Members Business (Fianna Fáil) Flood Insurance Bill 2016 (120 mins)

10.00 p.m. Dáil Adjourns

Wednesday 30 November

12.00 p.m. 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 Agriculture, Food and the Marine (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 (Sinn Féin) Secure Rent and Tenancies Bill 2016 (120 mins)
Secure Rent and Tenancies Bill 2016

6.30 p.m. Government Business (210 mins)
Health Insurance (Amendment) Bill 2016 - Order for Report, Report and Final Stages (Department of Health)
Adoption (Amendment) Bill 2016 - Order for Report, Report and Final Stages (Department of Children and Youth Affairs)
Statute Law Revision Bill 2016 [Seanad] - Second Stage (Department of Public Expenditure and Reform)

10.00 p.m. Dáil Adjourns

Thursday 1 December

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

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

12.47 p.m. Government Business (120 mins)
Planning and Development (Housing) and Residential Tenancies Bill 2016 [Seanad] - Second Stage

3.30 p.m. RQs: Oral - Minister for Health (90 mins)

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

5.48 p.m. Private Members’s Bill (240 mins)
Prisons (Solitary Confinement) (Amendment) Bill 2016 (120 mins)
Cannabis for Medicinal Use Regulation Bill 2016 (120 mins)

9.48 p.m. Dáil Adjourns
This week in Seanad Éireann

**Tuesday 29 November**

11.30 a.m.  
Address to Seanad Éireann by Nicola Sturgeon MSP, First Minister of Scotland

2.30 p.m.  
Order of Business  
Motion regarding the Horse and Greyhound Racing Fund Regulations 2016 - Referral to Committee without debate (Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine)

4.00 p.m.  
Social Welfare Bill 2016 - Second Stage (to conclude no later than 18:15, if not previously concluded) (Minister for Social Protection)  
Planning and Development (Housing) and Residential Tenancies Bill 2016 - Report and Final Stages (Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government)

11.00 p.m.  
Seanad Adjourns

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**Wednesday 30 November**

10.30 a.m.  
Commencement Matters

11.30 a.m.  
Order of Business

12.45 p.m.  
Private Members Business

3.00 p.m.  
Criminal Justice (Suspended Sentences of Imprisonment) Bill 2016 - Committee and Remaining Stages - (Department of Justice and Equality)

3.30 p.m.  
Knowledge Development Box (Certification of Inventions) Bill 2016 - Order for Second Stage and Second Stage - (Minister for Jobs Enterprise and Innovation)

5.00 p.m.  
“That Seanad Éireann strongly condemns the Bank of Ireland for its arbitrary and undemocratic decision to close the accounts of the Ireland Palestine Solidarity Campaign and requests that they immediately reverse this decision.”

(Senators David Norris, Rose Conway Walsh, Maire Devine, Paul Gavana, Padraig Mac Lochlainn, Trevor O’Gormartaigh, Niall O Donnghaile, Fintan Warfield, Ivana Bacik, Kevin Humphreys, Denis Landy, Ged Nash, Aodhán Ó Ríordáin, Colette Kelleher, Lynn Ruane, Frances Black)

6.00 p.m.  
Seanad Adjourns

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**Thursday 1 December**

10.30 a.m.  
Commencement Matters

11.30 a.m.  
Order of Business

1.30 p.m.  
Finance Bill 2016 - Second Stage (Minister for Finance)
Tuesday 29 November

Agriculture, Food and the Marine (Joint) 
CR3, LH 2000 4 p.m. (T) 
AGENDA: (i) Scrutiny of EU legislative proposals: 
Schedule A: COM(2016)134; and COM(2016)273; 
(ii) Impact of the UK Referendum on membership of the European Union on 
the Irish agri-foods and fisheries sectors [Mr. Aidan Cotter, CEO and Mr. Padraig 
Brennan, Director of Markets, Bord Bia]; and 
(iii) GLAS Scheme, Areas of Natural Constraint, Inspections and reform of the 
Agriculture Appeals Office [Mr. Henry O’Donnell, National Vice-Chair and Mr. 
John Cuddy, Secretary, South Galway, Irish Natura and Hill Farmers Association] 

European Union Affairs (Joint) 
CR1, LH 2000 4 p.m. (T)/VC 
AGENDA: (i) European Court of Auditors Annual Report 2015 and the European 
Union’s use of public funds [Mr. Kevin Cardiff, Member of the European Court 
of Auditors] 
(ii) Briefing on the work of the General Affairs Council [Mr. Dara Murphy TD, 
Minister of State for European Union Affairs] 

An Ghaeilge, An Gaeltacht agus na nOileán (Comh) 
CR4, LH 2000 5 p.m. (T) 
AGENDA: Soláthar Oideachais sa Ghaeltacht agus an Polsaí don Oideachas 
Gaeltachta 2017 [Foras na Gaeilge agus Gaeloideachas] 

Thursday 1 December

Foreign Affairs and Trade, and Defence (joint) 
CR3, LH 2000 9 a.m. (T) 
AGENDA: (i) The current situation in Syria 
Session A: 9:00 a.m. [Delegation from Syria] 
Session B: 11:00 a.m. [Mr. Robin Yassin-Kassab] 
(iii) Motion Re Turkey [Mr. Sean Crowe, TD] 
(ii) Repeal Re Turkey [Mr. Sean Crowe, TD] 

Justice and Equality (Select) 
Dáil Chamber 9 a.m. (T) 
AGENDA: Courts Bill 2016 [Minister for Justice and Equality] 

Finance, Public Expenditure and Reform, and Taoiseach (Joint) 
CR2, LH 2000 10 a.m. (T) 
AGENDA: Matters relating to the Banking Sector (resumed) [Mr. Gerry Mallon, 
CEO, Ulster Bank] 

Public Accounts 
CR3, LH 2000 10 a.m. 
AGENDA: Private Meeting 

Social Protection (Joint) 
CR4, LH 2000 10.15 a.m. 
AGENDA: Private Meeting 

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

Social Protection (Select) 
CR4, LH 2000 11 a.m. (T) 
AGENDA: 2016 Supplementary Estimates for Public Services - Vote 37 (Social 
Protection) [Minister for Social Protection] 

Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation (Select) 
CR4, LH 2000 2 p.m. (T) 
AGENDA: 2016 Supplementary Estimates for Public Services - Vote 32 (Jobs, 
Enterprise and Innovation) [Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation] 

Implementation of the Good Friday Agreement (joint) 
CR2, LH 2000 2.15 p.m. (T) 
AGENDA: Session A: North South Cooperation on Cross Border Road Infrastructure 
[Mrs. Joan Martin, CEO, Louth County Council and Mr. Liam Hannaway, CEO, Newry 
Mourne and Down District Council]. 

Session B: North South Cooperation on Cross Border Road Infrastructure - Narrow 
Water Bridge 
[Mrs. Joan Martin, CEO, Louth County Council and Mr. Liam Hannaway, CEO, Newry 
Mourne and Down District Council]. 

Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs (Select) 
CR1, LH 2000 3 p.m. (T) 
AGENDA: (i) 2016 Further Revised Estimates for Public Services - Vote 33 
(Department of Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs) 
(ii) The Wildlife (Amendment) Bill 2016 [Minister for Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural 
and Gaeltacht Affairs] 

Wednesday 30 November

Children and Youth Affairs (Joint) 
CR1, LH 2000 9 a.m. (T) 
AGENDA: (i) Undocumented Children [Representatives from Migrant Rights Centre Ireland] 
(ii) Child Contact Services and ancillary family support services for private family 
law courts [Representatives from One Family] 

Future of Healthcare (Select) 
CR4, LH 2000 9 a.m. (T) 
AGENDA: Health Service Reform [Mr. Tony O’Brien, Director General, HSE and Mr. 
Liam Woods, National Director, Acute Hospital Division, HSE] 

Justice and Equality (joint) 
CR2, LH 2000 9.30 a.m. 
AGENDA: Private Meeting 

Transport, Tourism and Sport (Select) 
CR3, LH 2000 9.30 a.m. (T) 
AGENDA: Road Traffic Bill 2016 (Seanad) [Minister for Transport, Tourism and 
Sport] 

Justice and Equality (Select) 
CR2, LH 2000 10.15 a.m. (T) 
AGENDA: (i) Judicial Appointments Commission Bill 2016 [Minister for Justice 
and Equality] 
(ii) 2016 Supplementary Estimates for Public Services, Vote 20 (Garda Síochána) 
and Vote 22 (Courts Service) [Minister for Justice and Equality] 

Budgetary Oversight 
CR2, LH 2000 1.30 p.m. (T) 
AGENDA: Post-budget Analysis [Representatives from Social Justice Ireland and 
the National Women’s Council] 

Health (joint) 
CR3, LH 2000 1.30 p.m. (T) 
AGENDA: Session A: 1.30 p.m. Pre-Legislative Scrutiny on the General Scheme 
of the Misuse of Drugs (Supervised Injecting Facilities) Bill 2016 [Mr. Tony 
Geoghegan, Merchants Quay Project; Mr. Tony Duffin, Ana Liffey Drug Project; 
and Professor Gerard Bury, UCD]; and 
Session B: 3 p.m. Pre-Legislative Scrutiny on the General Scheme of the Misuse 
of Drugs (Supervised Injecting Facilities) Bill 2016 [Officials from the 
Department of Health; and Representatives from An Garda Síochána] 

Education and Skills (Select) 
CR4, LH 2000 2 p.m. (T) 
AGENDA: 2016 Supplementary Estimates for Public Services - Vote 26 (Education 
and Skills) [Minister for Education and Skills] 

Foreign Affairs and Trade, and Defence (Select) 
CR2, LH 2000 5 p.m. (T) 
AGENDA: 2016 Supplementary Estimates for Public Services - Vote 35 (Army 
Pensions) and Vote 36 (Defence). [Mr. Paul Kehoe TD, Minister of State at 
the Departments of An Taoiseach and Defence with special responsibility for 
Defence.] 

Members’ Interests of Seanad Éireann 
CR1, LH 2000 5.15 p.m. (T) 
AGENDA: Private Meeting