Notice of Appointments

Wednesday 17 May 2017
Mason Hayes & Curran have appointed six new partners. The new partners are:
• Barry Walsh, Partner, Financial Services
• Elizabeth Quinn, Partner, Dispute Resolution
• Frank Flanagan, Partner, Dispute Resolution
• Mark Adair, Partner, Technology
• Nicola Byrne, Partner, Real Estate
• Oisin Tobin, Partner, Technology.

The firm have 80 partners and 450 additional staff across all of their offices (Dublin, London, New York and San Francisco).

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Following their AGM, the Irish Security Industry Association (ISIA) have appointed new officers. Michael McQuillan has been appointed as the new President, and Sean Leavy has been appointed Vice-President.

Mr McQuillan is both founder and Managing Director of Pulse Security Management. Mr Leavy is currently the Chairman of the National Monitoring Centre Forum (NMCF), is a member of the ETCI/TC 13 standards committee, and is part of the PSA Working Group on the licensing of monitoring centre employees.

Have your say at the European Commission’s Citizens’ Dialogue

Are you interested in how Ireland can best protect the safety of our food exports and the products we consume every day? How can we ensure our health services are safe for citizens?


Moderated by RTE Morning Ireland’s Audrey Carville, this free Irish Citizens’ Dialogue is part of a series of EU-wide Citizens’ Dialogues. This will be an engaging discussion, exchange of ideas and Q&A with the Commissioner, Mairead McGuinness MEP, and the audience.

The event will open with a wine and networking reception which will take place from 16.15 with the Dialogue to begin at 16.45. The event will conclude at 18:15.

If you, your colleagues and other parties are interested in attending this timely and interactive event, please RSVP to events@europeanmovement.ie

Motion to be taken regarding Commission of Investigation of NAMA

This week, Government Business will cover a motion on the Commission of Investigation (National Asset Management Agency) Draft Order 2017.

In an answer to a Written Question on Wednesday 10 May, Enda Kenny TD, stated that the Government had discussed matters with Opposition representatives and it had been decided on the establishment of “a Commission of Investigation to examine certain matters of public concern relating to certain transactions to which the National Assets Management Agency (NAMA)”. Among the issues expected to be investigated is the disposal of NAMA’s Northern Ireland portfolio.

You can view the Written Question here.
The Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform, Paschal Donohoe TD, last year published a revised and updated Code of Practice for the Governance of State Bodies. It came into effect on 1 September 2016. This is the fourth version of the Code, coming 25 years after it was first introduced. The Code promotes high standards of corporate governance in regulatory, commercial and non-commercial State bodies.

With enhanced public scrutiny, demand for accountability and transparency, the Code aims to ensure that both commercial and non-commercial State bodies meet the highest standards of corporate governance. The Code is based on the underlying principles of good governance: accountability, transparency, probity and a focus on the sustainable success of the organisation over the longer term.

A balance has been struck in the updated Code between the need for strong accountability and the requirement to support the appropriate autonomy of the State body under the legal framework and the environment within which it operates.

**Key themes to be addressed**

- **Values** – Good governance supports a culture of behaviour with integrity and ethical values;
- **Purpose** – Each body should be clear about its mandate with clearly defined roles and responsibilities;
- **Performance** – Defined priorities and outcomes to achieve efficient use of resources resulting in the delivery of effective public services;
- **Developing Capacity** – Appropriate balance of skills and knowledge within the organisation, to be updated as required.
- **Roles and relationships** – the roles of Chair, members, CEO, relationships with parent Department, Minister, the Oireachtas.
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Deirdre Cronnelly
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GPDR and Data-Sharing in the Public Sector
Fleur O'Shea
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Update on Conference

Public Affairs Ireland are pleased to announce the keynote address at our conference

Whistleblowing, Protected Disclosures and Public Sector Organisations

will be delivered by former-Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform, Brendan Howlin TD

Brendan Howlin TD is the current leader of the Labour Party. His political career has spanned over thirty years. He has represented the people of Wexford as a TD since 1987. During his career he has served as Leas-Cheann Comhairle, and Minister for the Environment and Minister for Health. In 2011, he was appointed Ireland’s first Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform, with the eponymous Department being established formally by statute in July of the same year. He retained this appointment in the subsequent election. He is currently the Labour Party’s spokesperson for Justice and Equality.
Tuesday 23 May

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

2.32 p.m. Order of Business (30 mins)

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

3.47 p.m. Parliamentary Questions: 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. Commission of Investigation (National Asset Management Agency) Draft Order 2017
Civil Liability (Amendment) Bill 2017 [Seanad] - Second Stage (resumed) (Department of Justice and Equality)

8.00 p.m. Private Members Business (Sinn Féin): Central Bank and Financial Services Authority of Ireland (Amendment) Bill 2014 - Report and Final Stages (180 mins)

11.00 p.m. Dáil Adjourns

Wednesday 24 May

12.00 p.m. Leaders’ Questions (FF, SF, LAB, Sol-PBP) (32 mins)

12.32 p.m. Questions on Promised Legislation (30 mins)

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

1.47 p.m. P.Q.s: Oral - Minister for Education and Skills (90 mins)

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

4.05 p.m. SOS (40 mins)

4.45 p.m. Private Members Business (Independents 4 Change): (120 mins)
Motion re: Caranua

6.45 p.m. Government Business (210 mins)
Criminal Justice Bill 2016 (changed from Bail (Amendment) Bill 2016) - Order for Report, Report and Final Stages (Department of Justice and Equality)
Civil Liability (Amendment) Bill 2017 [Seanad] - Second Stage (resumed) (Department of Justice and Equality)
Petroleum and Other Minerals Development (Prohibition of Onshore Hydraulic Fracturing) Bill 2016 (changed from Prohibition of the Exploration and Extraction of Onshore Petroleum Bill 2016) - Report and Final Stages (Department of Communications, Climate Action and Environment)
Heritage Bill 2016 [Seanad] - Second Stage (Department for Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and the Gaeltacht)

10.15 p.m. Dáil Adjourns

Thursday 25 May

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

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

12.47 p.m. Government Business
Motion re. Framework Agreement between EU and Mongolia (Back from Committee) (without debate) (Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade)
Weekly divisions

1.30 p.m. Government Business (120 mins)
Financial Services and Pensions Ombudsman Bill 2017 - Order for Second Stage and Second Stage (Department of Finance)

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

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

5.48 p.m. Committee Report/PMB: Pension Fund (Prohibition of Levies) Bill 2016 Second Stage (Deputy Willie O’Dea) (120 mins)

7.48 p.m. Dáil adjourns
This week in Seanad Éireann

**Tuesday 23 May**

2.30 p.m.
Commencement Matters

3.30 p.m.
Order of Business

4.45 p.m.
Statements on Public Service Broadcasting (Department of Communications, Climate Action and the Environment)

6.30 p.m.
Statements on the National Rehabilitation Hospital (Department of Health)

7.10 p.m.
Seanad Adjourns

**Wednesday 24 May**

10.30 a.m.
Commencement Matters

11.30 a.m.
Order of Business

12.45 p.m.
Statements on Defence Matters (Department of Defence)

2.30 p.m.
Statements on Areas of Natural Constraint (Department of Agriculture Food and the Marine)

4.00 p.m.
Motion regarding Commission of Investigation (National Asset Management Agency) Order 2017 (Department of the Taoiseach)

5.00 p.m.
Private Members Business - Irish Human Rights and Equality Commission (Gender Pay Gap Information) Bill 2017 – Second Stage (Senators Ivana Bacik, Kevin Humphreys, Aodhán Ó Riordáin, Gerald Nash)

7.00 p.m.
Seanad Adjourns

**Thursday 25 May**

Seanad Special Select Committee on the Withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the European Union will meet in the Seanad Chamber.
Tuesday 23 May

Health (joint)
CR3, LH 2000 12 noon
AGENDA: Engagement with Mr. Vytenis Andriukaitis, European Commissioner for Health and Food Safety

Finance, Public Expenditure and Reform, and Taoiseach (joint)
CR2, LH 2000 2 p.m.
AGENDA: Pre-Legislative Scrutiny on the Draft General Scheme of the Data Sharing and Governance Bill (resumed) [Officials from Digital Rights Ireland Ltd; and Mr. Denis Kelleher, Barrister-at-Law]

Future of Healthcare (Select)
CR3, LH 2000 2.30 p.m.
AGENDA: Private Meeting

AGENDA: Detailed scrutiny of the Banded Hours Contract Bill 2016 [PMB] (resumed)
Session A: 3.30 p.m. [Representatives from the University of Limerick]
Session B: 4.15 p.m. [Mr. David Callinan T.D.]
Session C: 5.00 p.m. [Minister of State for Employment and Small Business]

AGENDA: (i) Scrutiny of EU legislative proposals:
Schedule B: COM(2017)68; and COM(2017)128; and
(ii) Pre-legislative scrutiny on the General Scheme of the Greyhound Industry Bill 2017 [Representatives from Sport Ireland]

Budgetary Oversight
CR3, LH 2000 4 p.m.
AGENDA: The revised capital plan [Representatives from the Irish Exporters Association]

Communications, Climate Action and Environment (joint)
CR2, LH 2000 5 p.m.
AGENDA: Review of the performance of ComReg’s statutory functions and Strategy Statement 2017 – 2019 [Mr. Gerry Fahy, Chairperson, Mr. Jeremy Godfrey and Mr. Kevin O’Brien, Commissioners, ComReg]

Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation (Select)
CR4, LH 2000 6 p.m.
AGENDA: (i) Companies (Amendment) Bill 2017 [Seanad] [Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation]; and
(ii) Competition (Amendment) Bill 2016 [PMB] (resumed)

Wednesday 24 May

Justice and Equality (Select)
CR2, LH 2000 9 a.m.
AGENDA: Parole Bill 2016 [PMB] [Mr. Jim O’Callaghan T.D.]

Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government (joint)
CR1, LH 2000 9.30 a.m.
AGENDA: Private Meeting

Transport, Tourism and Sport (joint)
CR3, LH 2000 1.30 p.m.
AGENDA: The situation pertaining to the collapse of the Pilot Training College of Ireland [Mr. Brian Kealy and Ms. Martina Kealy, Coordinators, Pilot Training College Action Group]

European Union Affairs (joint)
CR1, LH 2000 2 p.m.
AGENDA: Engagement with MEPs from the Island of Ireland

Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs (joint)
CR4, LH 2000 2.15 p.m.
AGENDA: An Strategás Spáis Naisiúnta 2002 go 2020 agus an stráitéis leathanadh i gcomhthéacs an ionscadal atá idir lártha ag an gCoiste faoi lathair ar ‘ceard a dheastaíonn a chéad mhaoineadh chun pobal tuaithe inmharthana a chur isteach’

Thursday 25 May

Foreign Affairs and Trade, and Defence (Select)
CR1, LH 2000 9 a.m.
AGENDA: The Framework Agreement on Comprehensive Partnership and Cooperation between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and Mongolia, of the other part [Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade]

Health (joint)
CR4, LH 2000 9 a.m.
AGENDA: Issues in relation to the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and its relevance for health and wellbeing (resumed) [Representatives from Centre for Independent Living; and Disability Federation of Ireland]

Public Accounts
CR3, LH 2000 9 a.m.
AGENDA: (i) Business of the Committee; and
(ii) Third Level Institutions documents

Finance, Public Expenditure and Reform, and Taoiseach (joint)
CR2, LH 2000 10 a.m.
AGENDA: (i) Implications of the UK’s Withdrawal from the European Union for relations between the State and Northern Ireland
Session A: 10.00 a.m. [Representatives from Border Communities Against Brexit]
Session B: 12.00 p.m. [Dr. Duncan Morrow, Director of Civic University]
Session C: 2.30 p.m. [Mr. Gail Mclyth, Chief Executive, Special EU Programmes Body (SEUPB)]
Session D: 3.15 p.m. [Professor Christopher McCrudden, Professor of Human Rights and Equality Law, Queen’s University Belfast]

Dáil Business
Room 2, LH 10.30 a.m.
AGENDA: Private Meeting

Justice and Equality (joint)
CR2, LH 2000 2.30 p.m.
AGENDA: Private Meeting