Notice of Appointments

Friday 12 May
Dr Tom Collins has been appointed to the position of Chair of the Moore Street Advisory Group. The appointment was announced by Heather Humphreys TD, Minister for Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs.

At the end of March 2017, the Minister was presented with a report, “Moore Street Report – Securing History”, by the Moore Street Consultative Group. The Moore Street Advisory Group was set up as a result of the findings of that report. The Group will be tasked with developing an idea for the future of the Moore St area that pays due homage to its “historical associations and that safeguards its street trading tradition”.

Dr Collins currently holds the role of is Chair of the Governing Bodies of the DIT, IT Blanchardstown and IT Tallaght. He is also the chair of the independent Public Water Forum. He holds various other roles wherein he contributes to the development of public policy.

Change of Procedure for Oral Questions

There will be a change in the way oral questions are taken in Dáil. In a notice last week, Tuesday 9 May, it was explained that a slight change would come into effect. According to the communication,

“Members can now nominate another Member to ask their question for them in the Dáil Chamber. The Chair will announce this before the question is taken. You should include this between the actual question and the nominated Member introducing the question. The actual question still remains in the name of the original proposer.”

Legislation for Provision of Periodic Payment Orders comes to Dáil

Government business this week will see the discussion of Civil Liability (Amendment) Bill 2017. This Bill originated in the Seanad but will reach the upper house on Tuesday.

In the main, the purpose of the Bill is to amend the Civil Liability Act 1961. If enacted, it would allow for the award of damages by way of periodic payments orders, where it is deemed a plaintiff has “suffered catastrophic injuries”.

It will also provide for amendments to the Bankruptcy Act 1988, the Insurance Act 1964, the Taxes Consolidation Act 1997, and the Civil Liability and Courts Act 2004.

You can view the Bill here.

Cyber-crime Offences to be Redefined

This week’s Government Business will also see the discussion of the Criminal Justice (Offences Relating to Information Systems) Bill 2016, coming quickly on the foot of the increased media attention on IT-based crime following the large scale international cyber-attack.

This Bill’s main purpose is the ratification of Directive 2013/40/ EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 12 August 2013. It will replace the Council Framework Decision 2005/ 222/ JHA.

It is made up of 17 sections. Some of the main provisions include:
• Creation of offences for interfering with data (s.2,3,4,5);
• Creation of an offence for intent to make, buy, sell, or procure data for the purpose of the commissioning it for an offence under previous sections (s.6); and
• Clarification of responsibility in the event of an offence made by a body corporate (s.9).

You can view the Bill 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.
On the Blog

The Need for Reform of Guardian ad Litem Services
Freda McKittrick
Read here

Five Key Best Practices for People Managers
Paul Dicker
Read here

Developing Meaningful and Sustainable Workplace Wellbeing Programmes
Deirdre Cronnelly
Read here

GPDR and Data-Sharing in the Public Sector
Fleur O’Shea
Read here

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 16 May

2.00 p.m.
Leaders’ Questions (FF, SF, I4C, SD-GP) (32 mins)

2.32 p.m.
Order of Business (30 mins)
Motions re. EU Regulation in Justice Area and in Insolvency Proceedings
(Referral to Committee) (without debate) (Department of Justice and
Equality)
Motion re. Financial Resolution for Minerals Development Bill 2015 [Seanad] (without debate)

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

3.47 p.m.
Parliamentary Questions: Oral - Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and
Innovation (90 mins)

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

6.05 p.m.
Government Business: (115 mins)
Civil Liability (Amendment) Bill 2017 - Second Stage (resumed)
(Department of Justice and Equality)
Companies (Amendment) Bill 2017 - [Seanad] Second Stage (resumed)
(Department of Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation)

8.00 p.m.
Private Members Business (Sol-PBP): Equal Participation in Schools Bill 2016 Second Stage (120 mins)

10.00 p.m.
Dáil Adjourns

Wednesday 17 May

12.00 p.m.
Leaders’ Questions (FF, SF, LAB, RIG) (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 Defence (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 (Fianna Fáil): (120 mins) Motion re.
Consumer impact of increased insurance costs

6.45 p.m.
Government Business (210 mins)
Planning and Development Bill (Amendment) Bill 2016 - Order for
Report, Report and Final Stages (Department of Housing, Community
and Local Government)
Criminal Justice Bill 2016 (changed from Bail Bill 2016) - Order for
Report, Report and Final Stages (Department of Justice and Equality)
Companies (Amendment) Bill 2017 [Seanad] - Second Stage (resumed)
(Department of Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation)

10.15 p.m.
Dáil Adjourns

Thursday 18 May

12.00 p.m.
Leaders’ Questions (FF, SF, Sol-PBP, I4C) (32 mins)

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

12.47 p.m.
Government Business (43 mins)
Criminal Justice (Offences Relating to Information Systems) Bill 2016 -
(Amendment from the Seanad) (Department of Justice and Equality)
Weekly divisions (on conclusion of the above Bill)

1.30 p.m.
Government Business (120 mins)
Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank Bill 2017 - Order for Second
Stage and Second Stage (Department of Finance)

3.30 p.m.
Parliamentary Questions: Oral - Minister for Finance (90 mins)

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

5.48 p.m.
Committee Report/ PMB: Residential Tenancies (Housing Emergency
Measures in the Public Interest) (Amendment) Bill 2016 Second Stage
(Deputies Bríd Smith, Richard Boyd Barrett and Gino Kenny)

7.48 p.m.
Dáil adjourns
Tuesday 16 May

2.30 p.m.
Commencement Matters

3.30 p.m.
Order of Business
Motions regarding EU Regulation in Justice Area and in Insolvency Proceedings - (Referral to Committee without debate)

4.45 p.m.
Statements on the Migrant Integration Strategy
Criminal Justice (Offences Relating to Information Systems) Bill 2016 – Committee and Remaining Stages (Department of Justice and Equality)

Wednesday 17 May

10.30 a.m.
Commencement Matters

11.30 a.m.
Order of Business

12.45 p.m.
Adoption (Information and Tracing) Bill 2016 – Order for Second Stage and Second Stage

2.30 p.m.
Statements on the Second Interim Report of the Commission on Mother and Baby Homes (Minister for Children & Youth Affairs)

4.15 p.m.
Medical Practitioners (Amendment) Bill 2014 - Report Stage (Amendments from Dáil Éireann) and Final Stage
Statements on Childhood Obesity (Department of Health)

6.00 p.m.
Private Members Business - Autism Spectrum Disorder Bill 2017 – Second Stage (Senators James Reilly, Jerry Buttimer, Gabrielle McFadden, John O’Mahony, Ray Butler, Catherine Noone, Colm Burke, Tim Lombard, Martin Conway, Maria Byrne)

Thursday 18 May

Seanad Special Select Committee on the Withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the European Union will meet in the Seanad Chamber.
**Tuesday 16 May**

Future of Healthcare (Select)
CR3, LH 2000 10 a.m.
AGENDA: Private Meeting

Communications, Climate Action and Environment (Select)
CR2, LH 2000 11 a.m.
AGENDA: Inland Fisheries (Amendment) Bill 2017 [Minister of State for Gaeltacht Affairs and Natural Resources]

Agriculture, Food and the Marine (Joint)
CR1, LH 2000 4 p.m.
AGENDA: Pre-Legislative scrutiny on the General Scheme of the Greyhound Industry Bill 2017 [Representatives from the Veterinary Council of Ireland and Greyhound Racing Integrity Ireland]

Education and Skills (Select)
CR2, LH 2000 4 p.m.
AGENDA: 2017 Revised Estimates for Public Services - Vote 26 - Education and Skills (resumed Programme B) [Minister for Education and Skills]

Finance, Public Expenditure and Reform, and Taoiseach (Joint)
CR3, LH 2000 4 p.m.
AGENDA: Brexit: Recent Developments and Future Negotiations [Mr. John Callinan, Second Secretary-General, Department of the Taoiseach]

An Ghaeilge, an Ghaeltacht agus na hOileáin (Comh)
CR4, LH 2000 5.15 p.m.

Education and Skills (joint)
CR2, LH 2000 5.15 p.m.
AGENDA: Discussion on submissions received in relation to the Committee’s review of Skills and Apprenticeships’ schemes [Representatives from Building and Allied Trades’ Union (BATU); Construction Industry Federation (CIF); Centre of Craft Studies at Cork Institute of Technology; Education and Training Boards Ireland (ETBI); Irish Hotels Federation (IHF); and SOLAS]

**Wednesday 17 May**

Future of Healthcare (Select)
CR1, LH 2000 9 a.m.
AGENDA: Findings of HIQA Statutory Foster Care Service inspection reports [Representatives from the Health Information and Quality Authority]

Finance, Public Expenditure and Taoiseach (Joint)
CR3, LH 2000 9 a.m.
AGENDA: Private Meeting

Justice and Equality (Select)
CR2, LH 2000 9 a.m.
AGENDA: Criminal Justice (Victims of Crime) Bill 2016 [Tánaiste and Minister for Justice and Equality]

Transport, Tourism and Sport (Joint)
CR4, LH 2000 9 a.m.
AGENDA: Pre-Legislative Scrutiny on the General Scheme of the Road Traffic (Fixed Penalty Notice - Drink Driving) Bill 2017 (resumed) [Ms. Moyagh Murdock, Chief Executive Officer, Road Safety Authority]

Communications, Climate Action and Environment (Select)
CR4, LH 2000 1.30 p.m.
AGENDA: Minerals Development Bill 2015 [Minister of State for Gaeltacht Affairs and Natural Resources]

Health (Joint)
CR4, LH 2000 1.30 p.m.
AGENDA: Issues in relation to the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and its relevance for health and wellbeing [Representatives from Mental Health Reform; Inclusion Ireland; National Federation of Voluntary Bodies; and The Not for Profit Business Association]

Public Petitions (joint)
CR1, LH 2000 1.30 p.m.
AGENDA: Public Petitions received

Budgetary Oversight
CR2, LH 2000 2 p.m.
AGENDA: Pre-budget hearing [Representatives from Age Action Ireland]

**Thursday 18 May**

Public Accounts
CR3, LH 2000 9 a.m.
AGENDA: (a) 9 a.m. Business of the Committee; (b) Bord na gCoine Financial Statements 2015 (resumed) [Officials from Bord na gCoine]

Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government (Joint)
CR1, LH 2000 9.30 a.m.

Social Protection (Joint)
CR4, LH 2000 9.30 a.m.
AGENDA: Private Meeting

Finance, Public Expenditure and Reform, and Taoiseach (Joint)
CR2, LH 2000 10 a.m.
AGENDA: Pre-Legislative Scrutiny on the Draft General Scheme of the Data-Sharing and Governance Bill [Officials from Department of Public Expenditure and Reform, Department of Justice and Equality and; Mr Dale Sutherland, Deputy Commissioner, Data Protection Commission]

Withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the European Union (Seanad Select)
Seanad Chamber 10 a.m.
AGENDA: Implications of the UK’s withdrawal from the European Union for agriculture
Session A: 10.00 a.m. Engagement with the Ulster Farmers’ Union [Mr. Barclay Bell, President; and Mr Wesley Aston, Chief Executive]
Session B: 11.00 a.m. Engagement with Teagasc [Professor Gerry Boyle, Director]
Session C: 11.45 a.m. Engagement with Ballyduff Trading Stable [Ms. Annmarie O’Brien, Horse Trainer]
Session D: 12.30 p.m. Engagement with Macra na Feime and the Irish Farmers’ Association (IFA) [Mr. James Healy, President of Macra na Feime and Mr. Joe Healy, President of the IFA.]
Session E: 2.45 p.m. Engagement with Food Drink Ireland (FDI) [Mr. Paul Kelly, Director]

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

Social Protection (Select)
CR4, LH 2000 10.45 a.m.
AGENDA: 2017 Revised Estimates for Public Services - Vote 37 (Social Protection) [Minister for Social Protection]

Foreign Affairs and Trade, and Defence (Joint)
CR1, LH 2000 1.30 p.m.
AGENDA: Engagement on the role of the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) [Mr. John Ging, Director of Coordination and Response Division at OCHA]

Justice and Equality (Joint)
CR4, LH 2000 2 p.m.
AGENDA: Private Meeting

Implementation of the Good Friday Agreement (Joint)
CR2, LH 2000 2.45 p.m.
AGENDA: Voting Rights in Northern Ireland [Mr. Mark Bassett, Barrister-at-Law; Professor Colin Harvey, Queen’s University Belfast]