

## Notice of Appointments

*Thursday 21 September 2017*

Edel Creely has been named as the new President for Ibec, a group that represents Irish business.

Ms Creely is the Group Managing Director of Trilogy Technologies. She established the company in 2009, and they have become a leading IT Managed Services providers here, and have recently expanded into the UK.

She holds a degree in Engineering from Trinity College Dublin, served for a period as Chair of the Irish Software Association, has been a member of the Government's ICT Skills Action Plan for Jobs Steering Group, Enterprise Ireland's Advisory Group on Strategy for Software Sector in 5, currently serves on Enterprise Ireland's High Potential Start-up Advisory Panel. In 2016 awarded a Fellowship of the Irish Computer Society, and the Tech Excellence IT Person of the Year in early 2017.

While speaking at Ibec's annual President's Dinner on Thursday evening, Ms Creely laid out what she believes are the current key priorities for business – tax, investment and Brexit. She also commented:

“Without decisive, assertive action we risk leaving a new generation struggling and, at the same time, dangerously undermining our country's attractiveness as a place to do business. We need to be more ambitious [and] more strategic”.

## Government Business: Bill for Irish Water refunds

This Wednesday and Thursday's Government Business will involve Second Stage discussions regarding the Water Services Bill 2017. This Bill provides for the “discontinuing and extinguishing” of charges, and liabilities for those charges, that were imposed by Irish Water. It also provides for the refund of moneys paid in certain circumstances.

It will, in the stead of the charges, set a threshold amount of water provided to a household and establish a liability to pay when this threshold has been exceeded.

It will also establish two new bodies: the Water Forum (An Fóram Uisce), and the Water Advisory body (An Comhlacht Comhairleach).

[You can view the Bill here.](#)

## Members to make statements on Brexit

On Tuesday, members of the Oireachtas will make statements on Brexit. This is following the visit of Guy Verhofstadt MEP, the European Parliament Brexit Coordinator, last week.

The Business Committee has allocated 15 minutes each for statements by Ministers, Ministers of State, and the main spokespeople for parties and groups. All other members of the Oireachtas will be allowed 10 minutes to make statements, with an additional five minutes allowed for a response by the Minister or Minister of State.



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#### **Certificate in Change Management (ILM Award)**

3 & 4 October

Organisational change, if done well, can improve productivity, effectiveness, and can save on costs. However, implementing change at an on-the-ground level can often be much more difficult than it seems at a macro level. Changes can often bring about stress and tension, and morale can suffer. It is often left to managers, who must find innovative ways to engage and motivate staff to adapt to change in a positive way.

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# This week in Dáil Éireann

## Tuesday 26 September

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

2.32 p.m.  
Order of Business (30 mins)  
Motion re. Change to Committees' Orders of Reference and Appointment of a new Committee (without debate)  
Motion re. Sectoral Employment Order (Construction Sector) 2017 (Referral to Committee) (without debate) (Department of Business, Enterprise and Innovation)  
Motion re. Taxation Agreements between Kazakhstan and Macao (Referral to Committee) (without debate) (Department of Finance)

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

3.47 p.m.  
Parliamentary Questions: Oral - Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform (90 mins)

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

6.05 p.m.  
Government Business: (115 mins)  
Mediation Bill 2017 - (Amendments from the Seanad) (Department of Justice and Equality)  
Statements re. BREXIT (Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade)

8.00 p.m.  
Private Members Business (Fianna Fáil): Motion re. Flooding

10.00 p.m.  
Dáil Adjourns

## Wednesday 27 September

12.00 p.m.  
Leaders' Questions (FF, SF, Sol-PBP, I4C) (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.  
Parliamentary Questions: Oral - Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht (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 (Sinn Féin): (120 mins) - Motion re. Housing

6.45 p.m.  
Government Business (210 mins)  
Statements re. BREXIT (Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade)  
Water Services Bill 2017 - Order for Second Stage and Second Stage (Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government)

10.15 p.m.  
Dáil Adjourns

## Thursday 28 September

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

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

12.47 p.m.  
Weekly divisions (43 mins)

1.30 p.m.  
Government Business (120 mins)  
Water Services Bill 2017 - Order for Second Stage and Second Stage (Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government)  
National Archives (Amendment) Bill 2017 - Order for Second Stage and Second Stage (Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht)

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

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

5.48 p.m.  
Committee Report/PMB (120 mins)  
Report on Immigration, Asylum and the Refugee Crisis (Joint Committee on Justice and Equality)

7.48 p.m.  
Dáil adjourns

# This week in Seanad Éireann

## Tuesday 26 September

2.30 p.m.  
Commencement Matters

3.30 p.m.  
Order of Business

Motion regarding Sectoral Employment Order (Construction Sector) 2017 – Referral to Committee without debate (Department of Business, Enterprise and Innovation)

Motion regarding Europol Regulations – Referral to Committee without debate (Department of Justice and Equality)

5.00 p.m.  
Statements on the National Disability Inclusion Strategy 2017-2021 (Minister of State for Disability Issues)

## Wednesday 27 September

10.30 a.m.  
Commencement Matters

11.30 a.m.  
Order of Business

2.00 p.m.  
Statements on Mid-term Review of the Capital Plan and next steps (Minister of State at the Department Public Expenditure and Reform)

3.30 p.m.  
Criminal Justice (Victims of Crime) Bill 2016 - Committee and Remaining Stages (Department of Justice and Equality)

5.00 p.m.  
Private Members Business - An Bille um Údarás na Gaeltachta (Leasú) 2017 (Senators Trevor Ó Clochertaigh, Niall Ó Donnghaile and Paul Gavan)

7.00 p.m.  
Seanad Adjourns

## Thursday 28 September

10.30 a.m.  
Commencement Matters

11.30 a.m.  
Order of Business

1.15 p.m.  
Statements on Housing (Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government)

# This week's Committee Meetings

## Tuesday 26 September

Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government (Joint)

CR1, LH 2000 11 a.m.

AGENDA: Private Meeting

Agriculture, Food and the Marine (Joint)

CR1, LH 2000 4 p.m. (T)

AGENDA: (i) Future of the Tillage Sector in Ireland [Representatives from the Irish Grain Growers]; and  
(ii) Future of the Tillage Sector in Ireland and Review of the Nitrates Action Plan [Representatives from the Irish Farmers' Association]

Education and Skills (Joint)

CR2, LH 2000 4 p.m. (T)

AGENDA: Breaches in fire safety at a number of primary schools nationwide [Minister for Education and Skills]

Finance, Public Expenditure and Reform, and Taoiseach (Joint)

CR3, LH 2000 4 p.m. (T)

AGENDA: Matters relating to the Banking Sector (resumed) [Mr. Bernard Byrne, Chief Executive Officer, Allied Irish Banks]

An Ghaeilge, an Ghaeltacht agus na hOileáin (Comh)

CR4, LH 2000 5 p.m. (T)

AGENDA: Na dúshláin a bhaineann le Craoltóireacht in Éirinn trí mheán na Gaeilge agus na dualgais atá ar TG4 faoin reachtaíocht agus 'Soláthar fotheidil agus foscibhinní as Gaeilge agus as Béarla' [Ionadaithe ó TG4]

## Thursday 28 September

Public Accounts

CR3, LH 2000 9 a.m. (T)

AGENDA: (i) Business of the Committee  
(ii) HIQA Financial Statements 2016

Finance, Public Expenditure and Reform, and Taoiseach (Joint)

CR2, LH 2000 9.30

a.m. (T)

AGENDA: Matters relating to the Banking Sector (resumed)  
Session A - 10 a.m.: Permanent TSB [Mr. Jeremy Masding, Chief Executive Officer]  
Session B - 11.30 a.m.: KBC Bank [Mr. Wim Verbraeken, Chief Executive Officer]

Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government (Joint)

CR1, LH 2000 9.30 a.m. (T)

AGENDA: Update on Housing Issues  
[Minister for Housing, Planning & Local Government]

Social Protection (Joint)

CR4, LH 2000 10 a.m. (T)

AGENDA: Functional changes to the Department and the legislative agenda [Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection]

Dáil Business

R160 5-Storey Block 10.30 a.m.

AGENDA: Private Meeting

Budgetary Oversight

CR1, LH 2000 2 p.m.

AGENDA: Private Meeting

Future of Mental Health Care (Joint)

CR2, LH 2000 2.30 p.m.

AGENDA: Private Meeting

## Wednesday 27 September

Health (Joint)

CR3, LH 2000 9 a.m. (T)

AGENDA: Mid-year review of the 2017 Estimates for Public Services - Vote 38 (Health)  
[Minister for Health]

Justice and Equality (Joint)

CR2, LH 2000 9 a.m. (T)

AGENDA: Recent issues relating to An Garda Síochána [Ms Josephine Feehily, Chairperson, Policing Authority]

Communications, Climate Action and Environment (Joint)

Dáil Chamber 9.30 a.m. (T)

AGENDA: Mid-year review of the 2017 Estimates for Public Services - Vote 29 (Communications, Climate Action and Environment)  
[Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment and Minister of State at the Department of Communications, Climate Action and Environment]

Transport, Tourism and Sport (Joint)

CR4, LH 2000 9.30 a.m.

AGENDA: Private Meeting

Children and Youth Affairs (Joint)

CR1, LH 2000 10 a.m. (T)

AGENDA: Cyber Security for children and young adults (resumed) [Representatives from Webwise.ie and Hotline.ie]

Eighth Amendment of the Constitution (Joint)

CR3, LH 2000 1.30 p.m. (T)

AGENDA: Constitutional issues arising from the Citizens' Assembly recommendations [Dr. David Kenny, Assistant Professor of Law, Trinity College Dublin; Professor Fiona de Londras, Chair of Global Legal Studies, Birmingham University Law School and Ms. Mary O'Toole S.C.]

Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation (Select)

CR4, LH 2000 1.30 p.m. (T)

AGENDA: Legal Metrology (Measuring Instruments) Bill 2017 [Minister of State for Trade, Employment, Business, EU Digital Single Market and Data Protection]

Public Petitions (Joint)

CR1, LH 2000 1.30 p.m. (T)

AGENDA: Public Petitions received

Budgetary Oversight

CR2, LH 2000 2 p.m. (T)

AGENDA: Pre-budget Scrutiny of Budget 2018 [Minister for Finance and Public Expenditure and Reform]