Notice of Appointments

Sunday 1 October 2017

The Irish Auditing and Accounting Supervisory Authority (IAASA) have announced the appointment to the position of Director of the Board. An Tánaiste and Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation, Frances Fitzgerald TD, confirmed the appointment of Nicole Lappin to the role. The appointment became effective on 13 September 2017.

Mrs Nicole Lappin graduated from Queen’s University Belfast with a law degree, and subsequently qualified as a barrister. She went on to be an inaugural member of Northern Ireland’s Education Authority, gained over a decade of experience as a school governor as well as extensive experience in the areas of corporate governance, strategic planning, financial management and corporate finance, and improving business performance.

The IAASA was established under the Companies Act 2014, the Transparency Regulations and the Audit Regulations. It is tasked seven main functions:

• Acting as a specialist source of advice to the Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation;
• Carrying out certain functions in respect of liquidators;
• Carrying out the external quality assurance of the audits of public interest entities;
• Monitoring of the periodic financial reporting of certain entities;
• Oversight of statutory audit;
• Promotion of adherence to high professional standards in the auditing and accountancy profession; and
• Supervision of how the PABs regulate and monitor their members.

Budgetary announcement 2018

This week’s Oireachtas schedule is dominated by the announcement of, and statements regarding, Budget 2018.

The official announcement will begin at 10am on the morning of Tuesday 10 October. Commentary on the Budget calls great attention to the reduced fiscal space available, due to some €170m that is needed to fund measures that have been brought forward from last year’s budget.

The following areas are likely candidates for budgetary changes:

• DIRT and savings tax;
• Excise on cigarettes, sugar and diesel;
• Income tax, including changes to the Universal Social Charge and payment thresholds for PRSI;
• Inheritance tax;
• Measures to help landlords and home-owners;
• Measures to help self-employed and entrepreneurial workers;
• Property tax; and
• State pensions.

It is also expected that measures to mitigate the impact of Brexit on the State will be considered.

A survey of business decision-makers, conducted by PriceWaterhouseCooper, showed that the reduction of the personal tax burden is a key priority. It also highlighted the call for the merging of the USC and PRSI. However, this measure is unlikely to happen completely and suddenly.

Eight hours have been allowed for statements and discussion of the announced measures.
At Public Affairs Ireland

On the Blog

Outcome of Review of Government’s Capital Plan
Tom Ferris
Read here

Towards gender parity on all Irish boards
Read here

Corporate Social Responsibility: the role of the Public Sector
and the future direction of sustainable development
Bernadette Phelan
Read here

We Need to Protect the Rights of Children Who Become Homeless
Jan O’Sullivan TD
Read here

GDPR – Raising Standards for Data Management,
Privacy, and Security in the Public Sector
Daragh O’Brien
Read here

Training

Certificate in Data Protection: GDPR Essentials

Due to a high level of demand, PAI have added two additional dates for our Level 1 Certificate in Data Protection: GDPR Essentials.

This two-day Certificate courses helps attendees build a solid foundation of knowledge on the current data protection regime in Ireland, and the important changes that the GDPR will usher in. It explores data subject rights, and the role of the Office of the Data Protection Commissioner.

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Order of Business
Motion regarding Sectoral Employment Order (Construction Sector) 2017 - Back from Committee without debate (Department of Business, Enterprise and Innovation)

4.45 p.m.
Statements on Budget 2018 (Minister of State at the Department of Finance)

Wednesday 11 October

10.30 a.m.
Commencement Matters

11.30 a.m.
Order of Business

12.45 p.m.
Statements on Northern Ireland (Minister for Foreign Affairs)

2.15 p.m.
Motion regarding Eighth Report of the Convention on the Constitution - Referral to Committee (Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government)

3.00 p.m.
Statements on the Irish Language (Minister of State with responsibility for Gaeilge, Gaeltacht and the Islands)

4.30 p.m.
Private Members Business: Mental Health (Amendment) Bill 2017 - Second Stage (Fianna Fáil Senators)

6.30 p.m.
Seanad Adjourns

Thursday 12 October

10.30 a.m.
Commencement Matters

11.30 a.m.
Order of Business

1.15 p.m.
Statements on the Future of Europe (Minister of State for European Affairs)

3.15 p.m.
Seanad adjourns
**Tuesday 10 October**

An Ghaeilge, an Ghaeltacht agus na hOileáin (Comh)
CR4, LH 2000 5 p.m.
AGENDA: Straitéis Óige don Ghaeltacht [Ionadaithe ó Muintearas – An Togra Oideachais Gaeltachta]

**Thursday 12 October**

Public Accounts
CR3, LH 2000 9 a.m.
AGENDA: (i) Business of the Committee
(ii) Transport Infrastructure Ireland Financial Statements 2016

Finance, Public Expenditure and Reform, and Taoiseach (Joint)
CR2, LH 2000 9.30 a.m.
AGENDA: Matters relating to the Banking Sector (resumed)
Session A: 9.30 a.m. [Mr. Padraic Kissane]
Session B: 10.45 a.m. [Mr. Harald Felzen, European Project Manager, Savings Banks Foundation for International Cooperation, SBFICand Mr. Seamus Boland, Chief Executive Officer, Irish Rural Link]
Session C: 12 noon [Professor Robert Hockett, Cornell University Law School, New York]

Housing, Planning and Local Government (Joint)
CR4, LH 2000 9.30 a.m.
AGENDA: Session A: Detailed Scrutiny of the Electoral (Amendment) (No.3) Bill 2014 [PMB] [Mr. Éamon Ó Cuív T.D.]; and Session B: Detailed Scrutiny of the Prohibition of Micro Plastics Bill 2016 [PMB] [Mr. Sean Sherlock T.D.]

Dáil Business
R160 5-Storey Block 10.30 a.m.
AGENDA: Private Meeting

Employment Affairs and Social Protection (Joint)
CR1, LH 2000 10.30 a.m. (T)
AGENDA: Private Meeting

**Wednesday 11 October**

Health (Joint)
CR3, LH 2000 9 a.m.
AGENDA: Issues in relation to Adult Safeguarding (resumed) [Representatives from the Law Reform Commission; Officials from the Department of Health; and a Representative from the Institute of Public Administration]

Justice and Equality (Joint)
CR2, LH 2000 9 a.m.
AGENDA: Wards of Court
Session A: 9 a.m. [Justice for Wards Group]
Session B: 9.45 a.m. [The Courts Service]

Seanad Public Consultation
R160 5-Storey Block 10 a.m.
AGENDA: Private Meeting

Eighth Amendment of the Constitution (Joint)
CR3, LH 2000 1 p.m.
AGENDA: Session A - 2 p.m. International developments in the provision of health care services in the area of termination of pregnancies [Dr. Abigail Aiken, Assistant Professor, LBJ School of Public Affairs, Texas; Dr. Ronald Johnson and Dr. Bela Ganatra, Department of Reproductive Health and Research, World Health Organisation]
Session B - 4 p.m. Health care issues arising from the Citizens’ Assembly recommendations [Dr. Rhona Mahony, Master, National Children’s Hospital and Professor Fergal Malone, Master, Rotunda Maternity Hospital]

Public Petitions (Joint)
CR1, LH 2000 1.30 p.m.
AGENDA: Discontinued Mobility Allowance and Motorised Transport Schemes [Minister of State for Disabilities]