Notice of Appointments

**Tuesday 17 October**

IDA Ireland, the agency responsible for the attraction and development of foreign direct investment in Ireland, has announced the appointment of Michael Logan as the new head of their Life Sciences, Engineering and Industrial Technology Division.

Michael Logan was previously the head of the Medical Technologies and Healthcare Services, with responsibility for leading the global team. He has held various other management roles in the private sector. He graduated from NUI Galway with an MSc in Technology Management.

In his new role, he will have responsibility for representing the agency in multiple fora, including as a member of industry advisory boards with the AMBER centre at Trinity College and BioInnovate at NUI Galway.

**Wednesday 18 October**

Royal College of Physicians of Ireland (RCPI)’s President-Elect, Prof Mary Horgan, has taken up her role as President of the College. She is the first woman to hold the position in the institution’s 363-year history. Her appointment will last for three years.

Prof Horgan was previously the Dean of the School of Medicine in University College Cork, and is a consultant physician for Cork University Hospital in matters of infectious diseases and internal medicine.

She takes over the role from outgoing President Prof Frank Murray.

Finance Bill 2017

This week’s Government Business in Dáil Éireann will be heavily dominated by discussions of the Finance Bill 2017.

Published in line with the budgetary announcement on 10 October, the Bill contains the following measures:

- A reduction in the USC rate, and an increase in the income thresholds for payment of the reduced rate, and an increase in income rate bands at which the standard rates are paid;

- Increases in the Home Carer Tax Credit and Earned Income Tax Credit;

- A tapered extension to mortgage interest relief;

- Tax measures to encourage property-owners to place empty properties on the rental market;

- An increase in the excise for cigarettes;

- A new tax 30c per litre on drinks that contain over 8g of sugar per 100ml, and of 20c per litre for those with between 5g–8g per 100ml; and

- An amendment to the 7-year Capital Gains Tax exemption to allow those who bought land between 7 December 2011 and 31 December 2014 to benefit from full Capital Gains Tax relief, where they have owned the land for more than 4 year but less than 7.

Other measures, which were not announced in the budgetary statement include an amendment to the Tax Consolidation Act that will minimise the loss of public money by ensuring that the value of tax credits cannot exceed the value of tax due. This Bill also ensures that the Revenue Commissioners are compliant with the General Data Protection Regulations.
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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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Tuesday 24 October

2.00 p.m.
Leaders’ Questions (FF, SF, I4C, RIG) (32 mins)

2.32 p.m.
Order of Business (30 mins)
Government Business: Motion re. PQ Rota Change (Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade and the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine)

3.02 p.m.
P.Q.s: Oral - Minister for Finance (90 mins)

4.32 p.m
Government Business (3 hrs 28 mins)
Statements on Catalonia (Department of Foreign Affairs) (to conclude within 80 minutes)
Finance Bill 2017 - Order for Second Stage and Second Stage (Department of Finance)

8.00 p.m.
Private Members Business (Social Democrats-Green Party): Motion re. Housing (120 mins)

10.00 p.m.
Dáil Adjourns

Thursday 26 October

10.00 a.m.
Government Business (120 mins)
Finance Bill 2017 - Second Stage (resumed, if not previously concluded) (Department of Finance)
Statements on the National Planning Framework (Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government)

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

12.32 p.m.
Questions on Promised Legislation (15 mins)
Government Business: Motion re. Financial Resolutions for the Finance Bill 2017 (without debate)

12.47 p.m.
Weekly divisions (43 mins)

1.30 p.m.
SOS (30 mins)

2.00 p.m.
Government Business (240 mins)
Finance Bill 2017 - Second Stage (resumed, if not previously concluded) (Department of Finance)
Statements on the National Planning Framework (Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government)
Road Traffic (Amendment) Bill 2017 - Order for Second Stage and Second Stage (Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport)

6.00 p.m.
P.Q.s: Oral - Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government (90 mins)

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

8.18 p.m.
Government Business (120 mins)
Statements on the National Planning Framework (Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government)

8.18 p.m.
Committee Report/ PMB (120 mins)
Motion re. Report on Scrutiny of the Cannabis for Medicinal Use Regulation Bill 2016 — Joint Committee on Health

10.18 p.m.
Dáil Adjourns

Wednesday 25 October

10.00 a.m.
Government Business: (120 mins)
Finance Bill 2017 - Second Stage (resumed) (Department of Finance)
Statements on the National Planning Framework (Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government)

12.00 p.m.
Leaders’ Questions (FF, SF, RIG, SD-GP) (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.
Government Business (105 mins)
Post-European Council Statements

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

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

5.50 p.m.
SOS (40 mins)

6.30 p.m.
Private Members Business (Fianna Fáil): Motion re. Tracker Mortgages (120 mins)

8.30 p.m.
Government Business (150 mins)
Finance Bill 2017 - Second Stage (resumed) (Department of Finance)
Statements on the National Planning Framework (Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government)

11.00 p.m.
Dáil Adjourns
Tuesday 24 October

2.30 p.m.
Commencement Matters

3.30 p.m.
Order of Business

4.45 p.m.
Legal Metrology (Measuring Instruments) Bill 2017 – Committee & Remaining Stages (Department of Business, Enterprise and Innovation)

Wednesday 25 October

10.30 a.m.
Commencement Matters

11.30 a.m.
Order of Business

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

2.30 p.m.
Statements on Driving Test Waiting times (Minister for Transport, Tourism & Sport)

3.00 p.m.
Statements on the situation in Catalonia (Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade)

4.00 p.m.
Statements on Report of the Joint Committee on Social Protection on the position of Lone Parents in Ireland (Minister for Social Protection)

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

7.00 p.m.
Seanad Adjourns

Thursday 26 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 24 October

Business, Enterprise and Innovation (Joint)
CR4, LH 2000 11 a.m.
AGENDA: The cost of doing business
Session A [Representatives from Chambers Ireland, Irish Tax Institute and ISME ]
Session B [Representatives from ICTU]

Foreign Affairs and Trade, and Defence (Joint)
ORL, LH 2000 11 a.m.
AGENDA: a) Diplomatic Relations (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2017
b) Protection of Cultural Property in the event of Armed Conflict (Hague Convention Bill 2016) as passed by Seanad Éireann [Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade]

Communications, Climate Action and Environment (Joint)
OR2, LH 2000 12 noon
AGENDA: Private Meeting

Public Accounts
OR3, LH 2000 3.30 p.m.
AGENDA: Private Meeting

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Finance, Public Expenditure and Reform, and Taoiseach (Joint)
CR1, LH 2000 4 p.m.
AGENDA: Tackling Obesity and the Promotion of Healthy Eating in Schools
[Engagement with Ms. Claire Heneghan B.Ed., MSc.; Dr Celine Murrin and Dr Silvia Bel-Serrat, National Nutrition Surveillance Centre (UCD); representatives from Bord Bia; Safe Food; Irish Heart Foundation; Healthy Kidz; and officials from the Department of Education and Skills; and Department of Health]

An Ghaeilge, an Ghaeltacht agus na hOileáin (Comh)
OR2, LH 2000 5 p.m.
AGENDA: Private Meeting

Seansad Procedure and Privileges
R160 5-Storey Block 4.45 p.m.
AGENDA: Private Meeting

Wednesday 25 October

Health (Joint)
OR3, LH 2000 9 a.m.
AGENDA: Pre-Legislative Scrutiny on the General Scheme of the Children's Health Bill 2017 [Officials from the Department of Health; and Ms. Eilísh Hardiman, Chief Executive Officer, Children’s Hospital Group]

Justice and Equality (Joint)
OR2, LH 2000 9 a.m.
AGENDA: Detailed scrutiny of the Mortgage Arrears Resolution (Family Home) Bill 2017 [PMB]
Session A: Deputy Michael McGrath (Bill sponsor)
Session B: Irish Mortgage Holders Organisation.
Session C: Insolvency Service of Ireland.

Transport, Tourism and Sport (Joint)
OR4, LH 2000 9 a.m.
AGENDA: Engagement with Mr. Frank Allen, Chairperson Designate, Irish Rail; Mr. Aidan Murphy, Chairperson Designate of Bus Éireann and Mr. Ultan Courtney, Chairperson Designate of Dublin Bus

Children and Youth Affairs (Joint)
OR1, LH 2000 9.30 a.m.
AGENDA: Cyber Security for Children and Young Adults (resumed)
Session A - 9.30 a.m. [Representatives from An Garda Síochána]
Session B - 10.30 a.m. [Representatives from the Office of Internet Security; and CyberSafe Ireland]

Eighth Amendment of the Constitution (Joint)
OR3, LH 2000 1.30 p.m.
AGENDA: Session A - Risks to Mental Health [Professor Veronica O’Keane, Professor of Psychiatry, TCD; Dr. Maeve O’brian, Consultant Obstetrician and Gynaecologist, Rotunda Hospital]
Session B - Termination arising from rape [Mr. Tom O’Malley S.C., Senior Lecturer in Law, NUIG; Ms. Noeline Blackwell, Chief Executive Officer, Dublin Rape Crisis Centre; and Dr. Maev Eogan, Consultant Obstetrician and Gynaecologist, Rotunda Hospital]
Session C: Termination in cases of Fetal Abnormality [Mr. Gerry Edwards, Chair, and Ms. Orla Hegarty UCD, Ms. Deirdre Ní Fhloinn Trinity College]

Budgetary Oversight
OR1, LH 2000 2 p.m.
AGENDA: Equality Budgeting [Representatives from Social Justice Ireland (SJ)]

Working Group of Committee Chairmen
OR2, LH 2000 3.45 p.m.
AGENDA: Private Meeting

Housing, Planning and Local Government (Select)
OR4, LH 2000 4.15 p.m.
AGENDA: Water Services Bill 2017 [Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government]

Finance, Public Expenditure and Reform, and Taoiseach (Joint)
OR2, LH 2000 6 p.m.
AGENDA: Private Meeting

Thursday 26 October

Housing, Planning and Local Government (Joint)
OR1, LH 2000 9 a.m.
AGENDA: Pre-Legislative Scrutiny on the General Scheme of The Building Control (Construction Industry Register Ireland) Bill 2017 (resumed)
Session A [Ms. Orla Hegarty UCD, Ms. Deirdre Ní Fhloinn Trinity College]
Session B [Representatives from the Construction Industry Federation and the CIRI Admissions & Registration Board]

Public Accounts
OR3, LH 2000 9 a.m.
AGENDA: (i) Business of the Committee

Employment Affairs and Social Protection (Joint)
OR4, LH 2000 10 a.m.
AGENDA: Issues pertaining to employment affairs and social protection [Representatives from the Committee for Labour and Social Protection, Chamber of Deputies, Parliament of Romania]

Finance, Public Expenditure and Reform, and Taoiseach (Joint)
OR2, LH 2000 10 a.m.
AGENDA: Private Meeting

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

Implementation of the Good Friday Agreement (Joint)
OR2, LH 2000 2 p.m.
AGENDA: Legacy issues [Mr. Brian Gormally, Director of Committee on the Administration of Justice (CAJ); Ms. Sandra Peake, Chief Executive Officer of WAVE Trauma Centre]

Housing, Planning and Local Government (Select)
OR4, LH 2000 5.15 p.m.
AGENDA: Water Services Bill 2017 (resumed) [Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government]