

Notice of Appointments

Wednesday 22 November 2017

Jim Miley has been appointed as the Director General of the Irish Universities Association. The role is a new one, replacing the previous function of CEO. In January 2018, Mr Miley will take over control of the organisation from current CEO Ned Costello.

The IUA represents all seven Irish universities; each university's president and provost sits on the council.

Mr Miley was previously the Irish Times' Business to Consumer Director, General Secretary of Fine Gael and Chief Executive of Dublin Chamber of Commerce. He is also the CEO and co-founder of property listing site MyHome.ie.

Available Appointments

An Garda Síochána are currently holding an open competition for the role of Executive Director Chief Data Officer.

The person selected for the role will be responsible for improving the "quality of and managing the protection of sensitive data and information" and leading data priorities within the organisation.

Ideal candidates would have a Bachelors or Masters degree in an information discipline, such as "Computer Science, MIS, Information Management or equivalent". They should also have senior management experience, preferably in a major services organisation and change management experience. They should be knowledgeable of regulatory requirements and good data governance practices. For more information on the required skills and experiences, [see the candidate brochure here](#).

The role is developed in line with Key Competencies at Assistant Secretary level.

The open campaign will conclude at 3pm on Thursday 7 December 2017.

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Annual review of Risk Equalisation Fund amounts to be discussed

This week's Dáil discussions will be dominated by Second Stage talks on the Health Insurance (Amendment) Bill 2017.

The Bill regards the Risk Equalisation Fund as established in the Health Insurance Act 1994. This is a system designed to "support the objective of a community rated health insurance market" by allowing customers to pay the same net premium for the same health insurance product, regardless of age, gender or health status. This amount is then covered by stamp duty levies.

This amendment is a yearly exercise wherein rates are revised and so are the according stamp duty levies.

The 2017 rates are available to those over 65 years of age.

[To view the Bill, click here.](#)



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This week in Dáil Éireann

Tuesday 28 November

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

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

3.02 p.m.
Deferred divisions (from 23 November 2017) (43 mins)

3.45 p.m.
P.Q.s: Oral - Minister for Children and Youth Affairs (90 mins)

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

6.03 p.m.
Government Business: (117 mins)
Public Service Pay and Pensions Bill 2017 - Second Stage (resumed if not previously concluded) (Department of Public Expenditure and Reform)
Financial Resolution re. Public Service Pay and Pensions Bill 2017 (Department of Public Expenditure and Reform) (without debate)
Social Welfare Bill 2017 - Second Stage - (resumed if not previously concluded) (Department of Employment and Social Protection)
Health Insurance (Amendment) Bill 2017 [Seanad] - Second Stage (Department of Health)

8.00 p.m.
Private Members Business (Fianna Fáil): - Motion re. Insurance (120 mins)

10.00 p.m.
Dáil Adjourns

Wednesday 29 November

10.30 a.m.
Parliamentary Questions: Oral - Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection (90 mins)

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

12.32 p.m.
Questions on Promised Legislation (30 mins)
Motions without debate:
Motion re. Supplementary Estimates (4) Leave to Introduce
Motion re. Supplementary Estimates (4) Referral to Committee

1.02 p.m.
SOS (60 mins)

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

2.50 p.m.
Private Members' Business (Sinn Féin): Motion of No Confidence in the Tánaiste (120 mins)

4.50 p.m.
Government Business: (5 hrs 25 mins)
Planning and Development (Amendment) Bill 2016 - Report Stage (resumed) (Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government)
Health Insurance (Amendment) Bill 2017 [Seanad - Second Stage (resumed if not previously concluded) (Department of Health)

10.15 p.m.
Dáil Adjourns

Thursday 30 November

10.30 a.m.
Parliamentary Questions - Oral Minister for Finance (90 mins)

12.00 p.m.
Leaders' Questions (FF, SF, LAB, RIG) (32 mins)

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

12.47 p.m.
Government Business: (40 mins)
Motion re. European Defence Agency (with debate, 8 x 5 minutes) (Department of Defence)

1.27 p.m.
Weekly divisions (43 mins)

2.10 p.m.
SOS (40 mins)

2.50 p.m.
Government Business (130 mins)
Health Insurance (Amendment) Bill 2017 [Seanad] - Second Stage (resumed if not previously concluded) (Department of Health)
Intoxicating Liquor (Amendment) Bill 2017 [Seanad] - Second Stage (Department of Justice and Equality)
Road Traffic (Amendment) Bill 2017 - Second Stage (resumed) (Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport)

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

5.48 p.m.
Private Members' Bill: University College Galway (Amendment) Bill 2017 - Second Stage (Deputy Eamon Ó Cuív) (120 mins)

7.48 p.m.
Dáil Adjourns

This week in Seanad Éireann

Tuesday 28 November

2.30 p.m.
Commencement Matters

3.30 p.m.
Order of Business
Motions regarding the Reports of the Joint Committee on Education and Skills entitled 'Report on Positive Mental Health in Schools' and 'Report on the eligibility of maintenance grants to students (Wake up SUSI)' - without debate
Motion regarding the Report of the Joint Committee on Housing, Planning and Local Government entitled: 'The Impact of Short Term Lettings on Ireland's Housing and Rental Market' - without debate (Senator Jerry Buttimer)

4.45 p.m.
Finance Bill 2017 - Second Stage (Department of Finance)
Domestic Violence Bill 2017 - Committee Stage (resumed) (Department of Justice and Equality)

Thursday 30 November

10.30 a.m.
Commencement Matters

11.30 a.m.
Order of Business

12.45 p.m.
Statements to mark World Aids Day on 1 December, 2017

1.45 p.m.
Health and Social Care Professionals (Amendment) Bill 2017 - Committee Stage (Department of Health)

2.15 p.m.
Statement by a Minister of State at the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government on the Climate Action and Low Carbon Development Act 2015 (Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government)

3.45 p.m.
Seanad Adjourns

Wednesday 29 November

10.30 a.m.
Commencement Matters

11.30 a.m.
Order of Business

12.45 p.m.
Private Members Business – Landlord and Tenant (Ground Rent) (Amendment) Bill 2017 – Second Stage (Senators Robbie Gallagher, Catherine Ardagh, Keith Swanick)

2.45 p.m.
Statement by the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and the Environment on the Climate Action and Low Carbon Development (Department of Communications, Climate Action and the Environment)

Statement by the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport on the Climate Action and Low Carbon Development Act 2015 (Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport)

5.45 p.m.
Motion regarding Horse and Greyhound Racing Fund 2018 - Back from Committee (Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine)

6.30 p.m.
Statements on Ireland's bid for the European Banking Authority (Department of Finance)

7.20 p.m.
Diplomatic Relations (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2017 - Second Stage (Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade)

This week's Committee Meetings

Tuesday 28 November

Communications, Climate Action and Environment (Joint)

CR2, LH 2000 10 a.m.

(a) 10 a.m.

(b) 5 p.m.

AGENDA: Session A - 10 a.m. Private Meeting

Session B - 5 p.m.: An Post and the Post Office Network (resumed) [Officials from the Department of Communications, Climate Action and Environment,

Representatives from: An Post; Irish Postmasters' Union; Tico Mail Works; Age Action Ireland]

Session C - 7.00 p.m.: Engagement with Mr. Geoffrey Meagher, Chairperson Designate of Bord na Móna

Children and Youth Affairs (Joint)

CR1, LH 2000 1.30 p.m.

AGENDA: The August 2017 Health Information and Quality Authority (HIQA) Inspection Report on Oberstown Children Detention Campus [Representatives from Health Information and Quality Authority (HIQA)]

Business, Enterprise and Innovation (Joint)

CR4, LH 2000 4 p.m.

AGENDA: The Cost of Doing Business (resumed)

Session A [Representatives from Convenience Stores and Newsagents Association, Retail Grocery Dairy and Allied Trades Association and National Off-Licence Association]

Session B [Representatives from Institute of Professional Auctioneers and Valuers, and Insurance Ireland]

Agriculture, Food and the Marine (Joint)

CR1, LH 2000 4.30 p.m.

AGENDA: (i) Scrutiny of EU legislative proposals:

Schedule A: COM(2017)424 Proposal for amending Regulation (EU) No 1380/2013 on the Common Fisheries Policy

Schedule B: COM(2017)483; COM(2017)484; COM(2017)486; COM(2017)556; and

(ii) Pre Council meeting and Sea Fisheries Sustainability Impact Assessment Report [Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine]

Agriculture, Food and the Marine (Select)

CR1, LH 2000 6.45 p.m.

AGENDA: 2017 Supplementary Estimates for Public Services - Vote 30 (Agriculture, Food and the Marine) [Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine]

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

CR3, LH 2000 7.15 p.m.

AGENDA: Session A: Further Scrutiny of EU Legislative Proposals: COMs(2017)536, 537, 538 and 539 collectively referred to as the 'ESA Package' [Representatives from the Central Bank of Ireland, Department of Finance, and Irish Funds]

Session B: (i) Review of Ireland's Corporation Tax Code; and (ii) Matters arising from the publication of the Paradise Papers [Mr. Seamus Coffey, Lecturer in Economics]

Thursday 30 November

Foreign Affairs and Trade, and Defence (Joint)

CR1, LH 2000 9 a.m.

AGENDA: Session A - 9 a.m. The current situation in Palestine [Representatives from Sadaka]

Session B - 11 a.m. Review of the Irish aid Programme (resumed) [Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade and Minister of State with special responsibility for the Diaspora and International Development]

Justice and Equality (Select)

CR4, LH 2000 9 a.m.

AGENDA: 2017 Supplementary Estimate for Public Services - Justice and Equality Vote (Vote 20) (Subject to Referral) [Minister for Justice and Equality]

Public Accounts

CR3, LH 2000 9 a.m.

AGENDA: (i) Business of the Committee

(ii) C&AG Report 2016 Chapter 20: Corporation Tax receipts

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

CR2, LH 2000 9.15 a.m.

AGENDA: Session A: 2017 Supplementary Estimates for Public Services - Vote 12 (Superannuation and Retired Allowances) and Vote 17 (Public Appointments Service) [Minister for Finance and Public Expenditure and Reform]

Session B: Public Service Pay and Pensions Bill 2017 (subject to referral) [Minister for Finance and Public Expenditure and Reform]

Future of Mental Health Care (Joint)

CR4, LH 2000 10 a.m.

AGENDA: Update on the implementation of 'A Vision for Change' [Officials from the Health Service Executive (HSE)]

Dáil Business

R160 5-Storey Block 10.30 a.m.

AGENDA: Private Meeting

Eighth Amendment of the Constitution (Joint)

CR4, LH 2000 2 p.m.

AGENDA: Ancillary recommendations of the Citizens' Assembly Report [Officials from the HSE; Officials from the Department of Health]

Employment Affairs and Social Protection (Select)

CR1, LH 2000 2 p.m.

AGENDA: Social Welfare Bill 2017 (subject to referral) [Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection]

Wednesday 29 November

Health (Joint)

CR3, LH 2000 9 a.m.

AGENDA: 'Primary Care Expansion' as recommended in the Sláintecare Report

Session A: 9 a.m. [Representatives from the Irish College of General Practitioners; and the National Association of General Practitioners]

Session B: 10.30 a.m. [Representatives from the Irish Medical Organisation; and the Irish Congress of Trade Unions]

Housing, Planning and Local Government (Joint)

CR1, LH 2000 9 a.m.

AGENDA: Detailed Scrutiny of the Prohibition of Micro-Plastics Bill 2016 [PMB] [Officials from the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government]

Justice and Equality (Joint)

CR2, LH 2000 9 a.m.

AGENDA: Right to Die with Dignity (Resumed) [Professor Des O'Neill, Dr Louise Campbell, and Disability Action (NI)]

Rural and Community Development (Joint)

CR4, LH 2000 9 a.m.

AGENDA: Action Plan for Rural Development [Department of Rural and Community Development]

Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht (Joint)

CR4, LH 2000 1.30 p.m.

AGENDA: Scrutiny of the Heritage Bill 2016 [Seanad] [Representatives from Irish Farmers Association, Irish Natura & Hill Farmers Association, BirdWatch Ireland and The Inland Waterways Association of Ireland]

Eighth Amendment of the Constitution (Joint)

CR3, LH 2000 1.30 p.m.

AGENDA: Session A: Termination in cases of foetal abnormality [Dr. Peter Thompson, Consultant in Maternal Fetal Medicine, Birmingham Women's and Children's Hospital, NHS Foundation Trust]

Session B: Ancillary recommendations of the Citizens' Assembly Report [Officials from the Department of Education and Skills; Officials from the Department of Children and Youth Affairs]

Transport, Tourism and Sport (Select)

CR2, LH 2000 1.30 p.m.

AGENDA: 2017 Supplementary Estimate for Public Services - Vote 31 (Transport, Tourism and Sport) [Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport]

European Union Affairs (Joint)

CR1, LH 2000 2 p.m.

AGENDA: The Future of Europe (resumed)

Session A: 2.00 p.m. [Dr Eoin O'Neill and Dr Finbar Brereton, Lecturers in Environmental Policy, University College Dublin (UCD) Earth Institute; Mr Michael Ewing, Coordinator, and Mr Oisín Coghlan, Director, Friends of the Earth Ireland and member of the Steering Committee of the Environmental Pillar, The Environmental Pillar]

Session B: 3.00 p.m. [Mr Paul Ginnell, Policy Officer, European Anti-Poverty Network (EAPN) Ireland; Dr Seán Healy, CEO, Social Justice Ireland]

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

CR4, LH 2000 4.45 p.m.

AGENDA: 2017 Supplementary Estimate for Public Services - Vote 5 (Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions) [Mr Joe McHugh, Government Chief Whip and Minister of State Department of the Taoiseach with responsibility for Gaeltacht, Gaeltacht and the Islands]

Foreign Affairs and Trade, and Defence (Select)

CR1, LH 2000 4.45 p.m.

AGENDA: Motions regarding Ireland's participation in two European Defence Agency Projects:

(i) Joint Procurement Arrangement for EU SatCom Market

(ii) European Centre for Manual Neutralisation Capabilities (ECMAN) pursuant to section 2 of the Defence (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2009. [Minister of State at the Departments of An Taoiseach and Defence with special responsibility for Defence]

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

CR4, LH 2000 6.15 p.m.

AGENDA: Taxation matters arising from the publication of the 'Paradise Papers' [Mr Niall Cody, Chairman, Office of the Revenue Commissioners]