

**LEGISLATION  
PROGRAMME  
AUTUMN SESSION 2016**

**Office of the Government Chief Whip  
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## **Foreword by the Government Chief Whip**

In our second Government Legislative Programme, since taking office in May 2016, we are setting out the priorities that the new Partnership Government will seek to progress through the Oireachtas between now and the end of 2016.

These priorities are guided by the commitments set out in the “Programme for a Partnership Government”.

As a minority Government we will continue to work with all those elected to the Dáil and Seanad, Government T.D.s and Senators as well as Opposition T.D.s and Senators, to make progress on legislation across a range of issues.

In this Dáil term the Government proposes to bring 20 Bills to Oireachtas Committees to undergo Pre-Legislative Scrutiny.

The Pre-Legislative Stage for Government Bills was introduced by the previous Government and opens up the law making process to involve Oireachtas Committees reviewing proposed legislation in detail with the assistance of experts, interested citizens and civil society groups. It has proven so successful it will now be expanded to Private Members’ Bills which pass second stage in the Dáil.

The Government’s Legislative Programme is now divided into a number of sections.

- Our first list sets out the 25 Government Bills to be published in the Session.
- The second sets out the 20 Government Bills to undergo Pre-Legislative Stage in this Session.
- The third list sets out the other Bills each Department plans to introduce in the medium and long term and provides an update on the status of each.
- The fourth list sets out the 21 Bills currently before the Oireachtas.
- The fifth list sets out the 8 Acts passed so far by this Government since it took office on the 6th May 2016.
- The sixth list details the 13 Bills published by the current Government including 10 of the 11 Bills listed for publication in our last Legislative Programme in June.

Among the 25 Bills prioritised for publication there is a focus on implementing aspects of the Action Plan on Housing in a Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill, provide medical cards to children on a Domiciliary Care Allowance in the Health (Amendment) No.2 Bill and provide information on adoption with the Adoption (Information & Tracing) Bill.

Justice issues will also feature strongly in the next Dáil term with publication of a range of Bills including a Bail Bill to strengthen the bail system, a Civil Liability (Amendment) Bill to provide financial security to those who have suffered catastrophic injury and a Judicial Council Bill to reform the structures under which Judges operate.

The Budget will of course be a major feature of the coming Dáil term and result in publication of the Finance Bill, Social Welfare Bill and Appropriations Bill.

The Government have undertaken an ambitious legislative work programme for the remaining months of 2016 and progress in these areas will continue the process of implementing the commitments in the "Programme for a Partnership Government."

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## **The Legislation Programme is broken down into the following listings:**

- \* Priority Legislation for Publication This Session **(25)**
- \* Bills that are expected to undergo Pre-Legislative Scrutiny (PLS) This Session **(20)**
- \* All Other Legislation **(71)**
- \* Bills currently on the Dáil and Seanad Order Paper **(21)**
- \* Bills which were enacted since the Government came to office on 6th May 2016 **(8)**
- \* Bills which were published since the Government came to office on 6th May 2016 **(13)**

## Priority Legislation for **Publication** This Session

(Autumn 2016)

Title	Purpose	Date Pre-Legislative Scrutiny (PLS) took place / Expected Date of Pre-Legislative Scrutiny
<b>Department of Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs</b>		
National Archives (Amendment) Bill	To amend the transfer of records rule under the National Archives Acts from 30 years to 20 years	Expected to be referred for PLS shortly
<b>Department of Children and Youth Affairs</b>		
Adoption (Information and Tracing) Bill	To provide an information and tracing service for adopted persons and others	PLS took place in October 2015
<b>Department of Education and Skills</b>		
Retention of Records Bill	To retain the records of the Commission to Inquire into Child Abuse, the Residential Institutions Redress Board and Residential Institutions Redress Review Committee, to amend the Commission to Inquire into Child Abuse Act, 2000 and the Residential Institutions Redress Act 2002	PLS took place in May 2015
<b>Department of Finance</b>		

Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank Bill	To allow for Ireland's potential membership of the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank	PLS to be determined	
Finance Bill	To give statutory effect to Budget Day decisions		
<b>Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade</b>			
Diplomatic Relations (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill	To revise various legislative provisions in order to update and improve the operation of our diplomatic relations	PLS to be determined	
<b>Department of Health</b>			
Health Insurance (Amendment) Bill	To provide for revised rates of risk equalisation credits and stamp duties relating to health insurance contracts for 2017 and to ensure compliance with EU State Aid decision		
Health (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill	To provide a medical card to all children in respect of whom a Domiciliary Care Allowance payment is made. The Bill will provide a clear entitlement to a defined group of children with a severe disability and significant needs to a medical card	PLS to be determined	

Misuse of Drugs (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill	To enable the licensing and establishment of supervised injecting facilities for chronic drug users and to provide for the regulation of such harm reduction facilities	PLS to be determined
<b>Department of Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government</b>		
Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill	To provide for implementation of a range of measures relating to Rebuilding Ireland - the Action Plan for Housing including: provisions for a new fast-track planning process through An Bord Pleanala for large housing development proposals, new streamlined planning arrangements in relation to local authority own development for social housing and infrastructure projects, amendments to the Residential Tenancies Act to address matters relating to tenancy protection and strengthening the role and powers of the RTB and amendments to facilitate the transfer of funds from the Local Government Fund to the Exchequer	
Maritime Area and Foreshore (Amendment) Bill	To streamline the development consent process for the foreshore including, inter alia, the integration of certain parts of the foreshore consent process with the existing on land planning system	PLS took place in late 2013 and Committee reported in February 2014
<b>Department of Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation</b>		

Hallmarking (Amendment) Bill	To amend the Hallmarking Act 1981 to allow for hallmarking of palladium and mixed metals, and to allow off-site/off-shore marking of precious metals by the Irish Assay Office	Committee decided in 2014 not to undertake PLS
Knowledge Development Box (Certification of Inventions) Bill	To provide for a certification scheme in respect of intellectual property for small companies to enable those companies obtain a tax benefit under the Knowledge Development Box and to amend the Patents Act 1992 to re-introduce substantive examination for patent applications	PLS expected shortly
<b>Department of Justice and Equality</b>		
Bail Bill	To strengthen the operation of the bail system and make the law as effective as possible in protecting the public against crimes committed by persons on bail	PLS took place in November 2015
Civil Liability (Amendment) Bill	To give much needed financial security to those who have been catastrophically injured and who require life long care and attention by empowering the courts to make periodic payment orders	PLS took place in September 2015



<p>Courts Bill (Fixed Charge Notice Third Payment Option and Summons Printing) Bill</p>	<p>To amend the Courts (No. 3) Act 1986 dealing with the issue of summonses to facilitate commencement of section 44 of the Road Traffic Act 2010 which provides a third option to pay in respect of a fixed charge offence</p>	<p>Sent for PLS June 2016</p>
<p>Criminal Justice (Corruption) Bill</p>	<p>To replace outdated legislation, meet international commitments to Council of Europe, OECD and UN, and give effect to some Mahon Tribunal recommendations</p>	<p>PLS completed in 2013</p>
<p>Criminal Justice (Victims of Crime) Bill</p>	<p>To strengthen the rights of victims of crime and their families and to give effect, to EU Directive 2012/29 on the rights of victims in criminal proceedings</p>	<p>PLS took place in October 2015</p>
<p>Disability / Equality (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill</p>	<p>To allow ratification of UN Convention on Rights of People with Disabilities and to make further technical amendments to disability and equality legislation</p>	<p>Submitted to Committee for PLS</p>

Domestic Violence Bill	To consolidate and reform domestic violence legislation, to include additional protections for victims of domestic violence and to meet the requirements of the Council of Europe Convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence (Istanbul Convention)	PLS took place September 2015
Judicial Council Bill	To promote excellence in the exercise by judges of their judicial functions and to provide effective remedies for complaints about judicial misconduct including lay participation in the investigation of complaints	PLS expected in November 2016
Mediation Bill	To promote mediation as a viable, effective and efficient alternation to court proceedings	PLS took place in 2012
<b>Department of Public Expenditure and Reform</b>		
Appropriation Bill	To give statutory effect to individual Estimates as passed by the Dail	
Data Sharing and Governance Bill	To mandate greater data-sharing and data-linking in the public service, to provide a legal mechanism to facilitate lawful data-sharing and data-linking for all public bodies, and to define standards for data governance and security to be followed in any data sharing-or data-linking activities	PLS expected this session

<b>Department of Social Protection</b>		
Social Welfare Bill	To give effect to the social welfare related measures to be announced in Budget 2017 and to amend the social welfare code arising from policy, administrative, operational and control matters	

## Bills that are expected to undergo Pre-Legislative Scrutiny (PLS) This Session (Autumn 2016)

Title	Purpose	Expected Date of Pre-Legislative Scrutiny
<b>Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine</b>		
Sea Fisheries and Maritime Jurisdiction (Amendment) Bill	To provide for a points system for serious fishery infringements of the Common Fisheries Policy as required by Council Regulation 1224/2009, to affirm that fishing quotas are a national resource, resolve some tyographical errors in the Act of 2006 and introduce other miscellaneous and technical amendments	As soon as possible
Greyhound Industry Bill	To update the 1958 Greyhound Industry Act and ensure that the principles of good governance and regulation are clearly laid down in primary legislation	December 2016
<b>Department of Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs</b>		
National Archives (Amendment) Bill	To amend the transfer of records rule under the National Archives Acts from 30 years to 20 years	Expected shortly
<b>Department of Communications, Climate Action and Environment</b>		
Broadcasting (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill	To amend the Broadcasting Act 2009 to implement a Government decision on the BAI 5 year review of public funding, to address other aspects of the funding of public service broadcasting, and to deal with certain other miscellaneous amendments	November 2016

<b>Department of Education and Skills</b>		
Education (Parent and Student Charter) Bill	To amend Section 28 of the Education Act 1998 and to set out the principles that will guide how schools engage with parents and students, to require each school to have a Parent and Student Charter, that the Parent and Student Charter will be based on principles set out in Section 28	Still to be determined
<b>Department of Finance</b>		
Financial Services and Pensions Ombudsman Bill	To amalgamate the Offices of the Pensions and Financial Services Ombudsman	Still to be determined
Taxation and Certain Other Matters (International Mutual Assistance) Bill	To implement the Joint Council of Europe/OECD Mutual Administrative Assistance in Taxation Convention, and the EU Swiss Anti-Fraud Agreement	Still to be determined
Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank Bill	To allow for Ireland's potential membership of the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB)	Still to be determined
<b>Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade</b>		
Diplomatic Relations (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill	To revise various legislative provisions in order to update and improve the operation of our diplomatic relations	Still to be determined
<b>Department of Health</b>		

Health Information and Patient Safety Bill	To provide a legislative framework for the better governance of health information and initiatives including data matching and health information resources for use in the health service and support for clinical audit and patient safety notifications. It will also provide for the extension of HIQA's remit to private health service providers	Referred to Committee for PLS
Health (Transport Support) Bill	To provide for a scheme to make individual payments as a contribution towards transport costs to people with severe disabilities on a low income who cannot access public transport	Still to be determined
<b>Department of Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government</b>		
Building Control Bill	To place Construction Industry Register Ireland or CIRI on a statutory footing and thereby provide in law for the registration of buildings, contractors and specialist sub-contractors	October 2016
<b>Department of Justice and Equality</b>		
Criminal Justice (Money Laundering & Terrorist Financing) (Amendment) Bill	To give effect to the 4th Money Laundering Directive	As soon as possible
Independent Reporting Commission Bill	To provide for the Independent Reporting Commission on paramilitarism in Northern Ireland agreed in the Fresh Start Agreement	As soon as possible

Judicial Appointments Bill	To replace the Judicial Appointments Advisory Board with a new Judicial Appointment Commission	November 2016	
Family Court Bill	To establish a Family Court as a separate division within the existing court structures	End 2016	
Courts and Civil Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill	To enact provisions relating to electronic courts services and also it includes a wide range of other measures such as amendment of the Bankruptcy and Personal Insolvency Acts	October 2016	
Mortgages Special Court Bill/Courts (Mortgage Arrears) Bill	To establish a dedicated new court to sensitively handle mortgage arrears and other personal insolvency cases, including through imposing solutions, including those recommended by the new Mortgage Arrears Resolution Service. The hearings of this court could be held in private if requested by the debtor	November 2016	
Judicial Council Bill	To promote excellence in the exercise by judges of their judicial functions and to provide effective remedies for complaints about judicial misconduct including lay participation in the investigation of complaints	November 2016	
<b>Department of Public Expenditure and Reform</b>			

<p>Data Sharing and Governance Bill</p>	<p>To mandate greater data-sharing and data-linking in the public service, to provide a legal mechanism to facilitate lawful data-sharing and data-linking for all public bodies, and to define standards for data governance and security to be followed in any data sharing-or data-linking activities</p>	<p>This Session</p>	
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<u>Title of Bill</u>	<u>Purpose of Bill</u>	<u>Status of Bill</u>
<b><u>Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs</u></b>		
<b>National Monuments Bill</b>	To consolidate and update the legislative code governing the protection and regulation of the national archaeological heritage	Heads approved and work is proceeding
<b>Official Languages (Amendment) Bill</b>	To amend the Official Languages Act 2003 in order to ensure the most efficient use of resources	Heads approved in April 2014 - PLS has taken place
<b><u>Children and Youth Affairs</u></b>		
<b>Child Care (Amendment) Bill</b>	To reform the Guardian ad Litem service	Heads expected by end 2016
<b><u>Communications, Climate Action and Environment</u></b>		
<b>Digital Hub Development Agency (Dissolution) Bill</b>	To dissolve the DHDA, repeal the DHDA Act 2003, and to give effect to the merger between the DHDA and Dublin City Council	Heads expected late 2016
<b>Foyle Fisheries (Amendment) Bill</b>	To modernise the Foyle Fisheries Act 1952.	Drafting of heads are underway
<b>Geothermal Energy Development Bill</b>	To provide a legislative framework for the vesting, licensing and regulation of the development of geothermal energy	Drafting is ongoing

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	<b><u>Title of Bill</u></b>	<b><u>Purpose of Bill</u></b>	<b><u>Status of Bill</u></b>
	<b>Inland Fisheries (Amendment) Bill</b>	To confirm that IFI has the power to prosecute under the Inland Fisheries Act 2010 and the power to prohibit purchase and possession of certain fish	Drafting of heads is underway
	<b>Inland Fisheries (Modernisation &amp; Consolidation) Bill</b>	To modernise and consolidate existing provisions of legislation governing the inland fisheries sector	Heads expected Spring 2017
	<b>Radiological Protection (Amendment) Bill</b>	To give effect to the transfer of certain functions in the Radiological Protection Act 1991 from the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government to the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment	
<b><u>Defence</u></b>			
	<b>Defence (Amendment) Bill</b>	To revise the Defence Acts in relation to the deployment of military personnel overseas and other matters	Heads are currently under preparation

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	<b><u>Title of Bill</u></b>	<b><u>Purpose of Bill</u></b>	<b><u>Status of Bill</u></b>
	<b>Defence Forces (Forensic Evidence) Bill</b>	To provide for members of the Military Police to take and use DNA and other forensic samples for the purposes of their investigations, particularly outside the jurisdiction when Defence Force personnel are deployed overseas.	Heads approved on 20 February 2015, Committee decided not to undertake PLS
	<b>Red Cross (Amendment) Bill</b>	To repeal the Red Cross Acts and put in place a new legal framework for the Irish Red Cross Society	Heads approved on 24 November 2015, PLS expected early 2017
<b><u>Education and Skills</u></b>			
	<b>Education (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill</b>	To make some necessary technical amendments to education legislation	Work is underway
	<b>Higher Education (Reform) Bill</b>	To modernise the legislative framework underpinning the governance and functions of the Higher Education Authority and the governance structures of the universities	Heads are currently being drafted

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	<b><u>Title of Bill</u></b>	<b><u>Purpose of Bill</u></b>	<b><u>Status of Bill</u></b>
	<b>Qualifications and Quality Assurance (Amendment) Bill</b>	To amend the Qualifications and Quality Assurance (Education and Training) Act 2012 to address some issues that have arisen regarding the scope of QQI's responsibilities in relation to recognition of awards and regulation of private and voluntary providers, to ensure adequate protection of enrolled learners where providers discontinue a programme, and to give greater authority to Institutes of Technology to award Level 9 qualifications	Heads expected end 2016
	<b>Universities (Amendment) Bill</b>	To ensure compliance with government guidelines on remuneration, allowances, pensions and staffing numbers in the University sector	Heads approved in October 2012. Drafting underway
<b><u>Finance</u></b>			
	<b>Central Bank Consolidation Bill</b>	To consolidate all of the collectively cited Central Bank Acts	Work is underway
	<b>Green Climate Fund Bill</b>	To give effect to Ireland's membership of the UNFCCC Green Climate Fund	

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	<b><u>Title of Bill</u></b>	<b><u>Purpose of Bill</u></b>	<b><u>Status of Bill</u></b>
	<b>Investment Limited Partnership (Amendment) Bill</b>	To amend certain existing collective investment scheme legislation, the Investment Limited Partnership Act 1994 and the Limited Partnership Act 1907	Work is underway
<b><u>Health</u></b>			
	<b>Assisted Human Reproduction Bill</b>	To provide a legislative framework for the regulation of assisted human reproduction practices and stem cell research	Heads currently being developed
	<b>Health &amp; Wellbeing (Calorie Posting and Workplace Wellbeing) Bill</b>	To require food premises to display calories on menus and to require all public sector employers to have and to report on a Health and Wellbeing policy	Heads are currently being drafted

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<b><u>Title of Bill</u></b>	<b><u>Purpose of Bill</u></b>	<b><u>Status of Bill</u></b>
<b>Health (Miscellaneous Provisions) (No. 2) Bill</b>	To amend the Medical Practitioners Act 2007, the Dental Act 1985, the Health and Social Care Professionals Act 2005, the Pharmacy Act 2007, the Nurses and Midwives Act 2011 and the Health Acts 1953 and 2004 to provide for 1) amendments required by the transposition of Directive 2013/55/EU, 2) an appeal against the minor sanctions, and 3) amendments in relation to a number of other issues including amendments to the registration of medical practitioners and physiotherapists/ physical therapists	Heads approved on 17 November 2015
<b>Health Act 2007 (Amendment) Bill</b>	To provide for the extension of the Health Information and Quality Authority's functions to encompass regulation in the area of medical ionising radiation protection	Heads expected end 2016

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	<b><u>Title of Bill</u></b>	<b><u>Purpose of Bill</u></b>	<b><u>Status of Bill</u></b>
	<b>Human Tissue Bill</b>	To meet the key recommendation of the Madden Report that no hospital post-mortem may be carried out and no tissue retained after post-mortem without consent. It will also address other matters relating to human tissue including consent arrangements for organ transplantation and anatomical examination purposes	Work on scoping the legislation is being progressed
	<b>New Children's Hospital Establishment Bill</b>	To establish a statutory body to provide paediatric acute services in Dublin at the new children's hospital, taking over those services currently provided by Our Lady's Hospital Crumlin, Temple Street and the paediatric service at Tallaght Hospital. It will also make amendments relating to the functions of the National Paediatric Hospital Development Board (Establishment) Order	Heads of bill expected late 2016
	<b>Patient Safety (Licensing of Healthcare Facilities) Bill</b>	To provide for a mandatory system of licensing for public and private healthcare facilities	Heads of bill expected end 2016

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<b><u>Title of Bill</u></b>	<b><u>Purpose of Bill</u></b>	<b><u>Status of Bill</u></b>
<b>Public Health (Sale of Tobacco Products and Non-Medicinal Nicotine Delivery Systems) Bill</b>	To provide for inter alia, the 1) retail licensing of tobacco products and Non-Medical Nicotine Delivery Systems, 2) prohibition of the sale of tobacco products from self service vending services, 3) prohibition of the sale of tobacco products by persons under 18 years of age, and 4) prohibition of the sale of non-medicinal nicotine delivery systems by, and to persons under 18 years of age	Heads of bill are currently being drafted
<b><u>Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government</u></b>		
<b>Electoral Commission Bill</b>	To provide for the establishment of an Electoral Commission	Committee engaged in an extensive consultation in 2015 and reported to Minister
<b>Housing (Regulation of Approved Housing Bodies) Bill</b>	To provide a regulatory framework for the operation of approved housing bodies	Heads approved on 29 September 2015, PLS Dec 2015, Committee Reported in Feb 2016
<b>Rates Bill</b>	To consolidate and modernise the range of legislation concerning commercial rates levied by local authorities	Heads expected end 2016
<b>Water Environment Bill</b>	To give full effect to the Water Framework Directive, including addressing outstanding infringements	Preliminary work underway
<b><u>Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation</u></b>		



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	<b><u>Title of Bill</u></b>	<b><u>Purpose of Bill</u></b>	<b><u>Status of Bill</u></b>
	<b>Amendment of the Constitution (Unified Patent Court) Bill</b>	To amend Article 29 of the Constitution to recognise the International Agreement on a Unified Patent Court	Heads approved on 23 July 2014
	<b>Copyright and Related Rights (Amendment) (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill</b>	To adopt certain recommendations made by the Copyright Review Committee to modernise the Irish copyright and related rights regime, and provide for other necessary changes identified across the range of intellectual property issues	Heads approved July 2016, referred to committee for PLS
	<b>Industrial Development (Amendment) Bill</b>	To take account of the Supreme Court judgment in Reid vs IDA and others and ensure that the IDA has the necessary statutory powers to undertake their property functions	Heads approved July 2016, referred to committee for PLS
	<b>Personal Injuries Assessment Board (Amendment) Bill</b>	To introduce a number of amendments to improve the operation and implementation of the Act	Heads of bill expected end 2016
	<b>Protections for workers on insecure, low hour contracts</b>	To implement the policy response to the University of Limerick (UL) Study on Zero Hour Contracts and Low Hour Contracts	Proposals expected late 2016

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	<b><u>Title of Bill</u></b>	<b><u>Purpose of Bill</u></b>	<b><u>Status of Bill</u></b>
	<b>Statutory Audits Bill</b>	To further transpose some options in the EU Audit Directive 2014/56/EU and in the EU Regulation (537/2014)	Heads expected shortly
<b><u>Justice and Equality</u></b>			
	<b>Amendment of the Constitution (Removal of Blasphemy) Bill</b>	To provide for a referendum on removing the crime of blasphemy from the Constitution	Preliminary work has commenced
	<b>Coroners (Amendment) Bill</b>	To amend the Civil Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2011 which inadvertently made the Minister for Justice responsible for the appointment and payment of the Dublin Coroner	Currently being examined
	<b>Criminal Justice (Community Sanctions) Bill</b>	To provide a modern statement of the law governing community sanctions and the role of the Probation Service in the criminal justice system	Committee reported on PLS 10 July 2014, drafting continuing
	<b>Criminal Justice (Counterfeiting) Bill</b>	To transpose outstanding elements of Directive 2014/62/EU on the protection of the euro and other currencies against counterfeiting by criminal law, and replacing Council Framework Decision 2000/383/JHA	Work is underway

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<b><u>Title of Bill</u></b>	<b><u>Purpose of Bill</u></b>	<b><u>Status of Bill</u></b>
<b>Criminal Justice (Legal Aid) Bill</b>	To update and strengthen the system of granting of criminal legal aid and to transfer the responsibility for the administration of the main scheme and ad-hoc schemes to the Legal Aid Board	Work is underway
<b>Criminal Justice (Mutual Recognition of Decisions on Supervision Measures) Bill</b>	To give effect to the Council Framework Decision 2009/829/JHA on the application, between Member States of the European Union, of the principle of mutual recognition to decisions on supervision measures as an alternative to provisional detention	Heads approved in June 2014, drafting progressing
<b>Criminal Justice (Mutual Recognition of Probation Judgements and Decisions) Bill</b>	To give effect to the Council Framework Decision 2008/947/JHA on the application of the principle of mutual recognition to judgments and probation decisions with a view to the supervision of probation measures and alternative sanctions	Heads approved in January 2014, drafting progressing
<b>Criminal Justice (Sentencing and Parole) Bill</b>	To establish the Parole Board on a statutory basis, to set out the main principles and purposes of sentencing and to require written reasons for a sentence of imprisonment	Consultations ongoing

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<b><u>Title of Bill</u></b>	<b><u>Purpose of Bill</u></b>	<b><u>Status of Bill</u></b>
<b>Criminal Procedure Bill</b>	To address Council of Europe concerns on delays in criminal cases. It provides for preliminary trial hearings and increased use of videolink hearings for prisoners	Revised heads approved in June 2015 as a result of PLS, work is underway
<b>Criminal Records Information System Bill</b>	To implement 2 EU Council Decisions that provide for exchange of criminal records information between EU member states	Replacement EU measures under negotiation
<b>Cybercrime Bill</b>	To give effect to those provisions of the Council of Europe Convention on Cybercrime 2001 not already provided for in national law in order to enable ratification of the Convention	Preparatory Work underway
<b>Data Protection Bill</b>	To transpose the EU Directive 2016/680 and give full effect to the Regulation 2016/679	Heads expected end 2016
<b>European Arrest Warrant Act (Amendment) Bill</b>	To amend existing European Arrest Warrant and Extradition legislation to give effect to proposals made by a working group (Department / AGO / DPP / CSSO) tasked with drawing up proposals which would improve operation of the EAW/Extradition legislation	Draft heads yet to be prepared

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	<b><u>Title of Bill</u></b>	<b><u>Purpose of Bill</u></b>	<b><u>Status of Bill</u></b>
	<b>Explosives Bill</b>	To repeal the Explosives Act 1875 and replace it with a modern statutory framework for the control of the manufacture, storage, importation, transport and supply of explosives	Heads approved, PLS to be scheduled
	<b>Family Leave Bill</b>	To consolidate with amendments all family leave legislation	Work is underway
	<b>Gambling Control Bill</b>	To provide a comprehensive new licensing and regulatory framework for gambling. The executive regulatory functions are to be performed by a body within the Department	Work is underway
	<b>Garda Siochána (Compensation for Malicious Injuries) Bill</b>	To provide a revised scheme for compensating Gardai maliciously injured in their work	Legal advice is being analysed
	<b>Independent Commission on Information Retrieval Bill</b>	To give effect to the Independent Commission on Information Retrieval as required under the Stormont House Agreement	Heads in preparation
	<b>Inspection of Places of Detention Bill</b>	To provide for inspection of all places of detention in the Justice area - prisons, Garda stations, courts	Heads under preparation

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	<b><u>Title of Bill</u></b>	<b><u>Purpose of Bill</u></b>	<b><u>Status of Bill</u></b>
	<b>Interception of Postal Packets and Telecommunications Messages (Regulation) (Amendment) Bill</b>	To amend various pieces of legislation in respect of electronic communications	Work is underway
	<b>International Recovery of Family Maintenance (Hague Convention and Hague Protocol) Bill</b>	To implement the Hague Convention and the Hague Protocol on International Recovery of Child Support and other forms of family maintenance	Heads under preparation
	<b>Juries Bill</b>	To give effect to Law Reform Commission Report on Juries	Proposals under consideration
	<b>Landlord and Tenant Law Reform Bill</b>	To update and streamline the general law relating to landlord and tenant	Heads approved, work is continuing
	<b>Non-Fatal Offences against the Person (Amendment) Bill</b>	To ratify aspects of the Istanbul Convention as part of second national strategy on domestic, sexual and gender-based violence	Work is underway
	<b>Passenger Name Record Bill</b>	To give effect to the Passenger Name Record Directive which must be transposed into law by May 2018. The Directive is a counter terrorist measure which obliges air carriers to provide member states' authorities with PNR data for flights entering or departing from the EU	Heads have yet to be prepared

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<b><u>Title of Bill</u></b>	<b><u>Purpose of Bill</u></b>	<b><u>Status of Bill</u></b>
<b>Sale of Alcohol Bill</b>	To codify the law relating to the sale and consumption of alcohol	PLS still to be determined
<b>Sex Offenders (Amendment) Bill</b>	To update the Sex Offenders Act 2001 in light of the 2010 Review into the management of sex offenders	Heads approved and some discussion with committee, work is progressing
<b>Táilte Éireann Bill</b>	To merge the Property Registration Authority, the Valuation Office and the Ordnance Survey Office	Heads approved January 2015, bill is progressing
<b>Transfer of Sentenced Persons and Transfer of Execution of Sentences Bill</b>	To implement an EU Framework Decision which provides for transfer of persons between member states where the affected person has not given consent	Heads approved, bill is progressing
<b><u>Public Expenditure and Reform</u></b>		
<b>Public Service Management (Amendment) and Civil Service Regulation (Amendment) Bill</b>	To allow greater devolution of management and disciplinary functions	Work is underway
<b><u>Taoiseach</u></b>		
<b>National Economic and Social Development Office (Amendment) Bill</b>	To dissolve the NESDO and place the NESC on a statutory footing	Draft Heads under preparation
<b><u>Transport Tourism and Sport</u></b>		

## **ALL OTHER LEGISLATION**

	<u><b>Title of Bill</b></u>	<u><b>Purpose of Bill</b></u>	<u><b>Status of Bill</b></u>
	<p><b>Irish Aviation Authority (Amendment) Bill</b></p>	<p>To amend the Irish Aviation Authority Act 1997 to extend the existing powers of the IAA, with regard to its safety regulation function, to recoup costs through fees and charges for its aviation security regulation functions. Giving powers and allowing the IAA to set the level and manner of aviation security charges, and the requirement for consultation with regulated entities in that regard. It will also provide for the recognition of the role of the IAA in compliance monitoring with regard to ICAO Annex 17</p>	<p>Work is underway</p>
	<p><b>Large Public Service Vehicle (LPSV) Bill</b></p>	<p>To provide for a new regulatory regime for large public service vehicles and to revoke the existing legislative provisions governing such vehicles</p>	<p>Work is underway with Department and relevant agencies</p>



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	<b><u>Title of Bill</u></b>	<b><u>Purpose of Bill</u></b>	<b><u>Status of Bill</u></b>
	<b>Maritime Safety (International Conventions) Bill</b>	To prepare for Ireland to become a party to certain International Maritime Organisation and Internatinoal Labour Organisation conventions and to update existing legislation in order to bring up to date the Irish maritime legal code regarding certain other maritime international conventions	Screening exercise is being finalised

## **Bills on Dáil Order Paper**

<b>Planning and Development (Amendment) Bill 2016</b>	Order for Second Stage
<b>Criminal Justice (Offences Relating to Information Systems) Bill 2016</b>	Order for Second Stage
<b>Health (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2016</b>	Order for Second Stage
<b>National Shared Services Office Bill 2016</b>	Order for Second Stage
<b>Education (Admission to Schools) Bill 2016</b>	Order for Second Stage
<b>Wildlife (Amendment) Bill 2016</b>	Order for Second Stage
<b>Companies (Accounting) Bill 2016</b>	Order for Second Stage
<b>Medical Practitioners (Amendment) Bill 2014 [Seanad]</b>	Second Stage
<b>Minerals Development Bill 2015 [Seanad]</b>	Second Stage
<b>Criminal Law (Sexual Offences) Bill 2015 [Seanad]</b>	Second Stage
<b>Road Traffic Bill 2016 [Seanad]</b>	Second Stage
<b>National Tourism Development Authority (Amendment) Bill 2015</b>	Awaiting Committee
<b>Technological Universities Bill 2015</b>	Awaiting Committee
<b>Public Sector Standards Bill 2015</b>	Awaiting Committee
<b>Adoption (Amendment) Bill 2016</b>	Awaiting Committee

## **Bills on Seanad Order Paper**

<b>Statute Law Revision Bill 2016 [Seanad]</b>	Order for Second Stage
<b>Criminal Justice (Suspended Sentences of Imprisonment) Bill 2016 [Seanad]</b>	Order for Second Stage
<b>Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict (Hague Convention) Bill 2016 [Seanad]</b>	Order for Second Stage
<b>Finance (Certain European Union and Intergovernmental Obligations) Bill 2016</b>	Second Stage
<b>Public Health (Alcohol) Bill 2015 [Seanad]</b>	Committee Stage
<b>Heritage Bill 2016 [Seanad]</b>	Committee Stage

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Electoral (Amendment) Act 2016
Health (Amendment) Act 2016
Water Services (Amendment) Act 2016
Commission of Investigation (Irish Bank Resolution Corporation) Act 2016
Misuse of Drugs (Amendment) Act 2016
Paternity Leave and Benefit Act 2016
Proceeds of Crime (Amendment) Act 2016
Energy Act 2016

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Commission of Investigation (Irish Bank Resolution Corporation) Bill 2016

Education (Admission to Schools) Bill 2016

Electoral (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill 2016

Health (Amendment) Bill 2016 [Seanad]

Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict (Hague Convention) Bill 2016 [Seanad]

Criminal Justice (Suspended Sentences of Imprisonment) 2016 [Seanad]

Wildlife (Amendment) Bill 2016

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