

Next week in the Oireachtas



The Fiscal Responsibility Bill is to be discussed in the Dáil next week. In the Seanad, statements will be heard on European SME Week 2012, the campaign to promote enterprise across Europe in line with the Small Business Act for Europe. The Public Accounts Committee will next week discuss the Public Service Reform Plan with Mr Brendan Howlin TD, Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform; additional business of the Committee; along with the work of the Implementation Body and progress to date in implementing the Public Service Agreement 2010 – 2014, including the 'Second Progress Report'. Mr P.J. Fitzpatrick, Chairman of the Implementation Body will also attend.

Developments in public procurement: eProcurement and eInvoicing in Ireland

Thursday October 18 2012

Half-day conference, Alexander Hotel Dublin 9am - 1.30pm

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: Brian Hayes TD, Minister of State at the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform with special responsibility for OPW and Public Sector Reform

- e-Procurement, e-invoicing, PEPPOL, what are they?
- What are the advantages/disadvantages for public authorities/suppliers?
- What if any are the legal implications of moving to electronic communications in procurement?
- Will dispute resolution become more or less difficult?
- Is e-invoicing to become the norm for public authorities?
- Are hard-copy invoices to become a thing of the past?
- How will e-procurement benefit SMEs?
- What actions are

It is estimated by the European Commission that electronic procurement and invoicing could reduce total procurement costs by around 5 percent and lower transaction costs by 10 percent or more, saving governments across the EU tens of millions of euros annually.

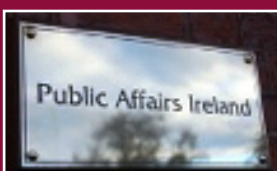
Minister Brian Hayes TD announced recently that the Irish government has established an e-invoicing pilot project within the public sector. The National Multi-Stakeholder Forum on e-Invoicing which is led by the National Procurement Service established the pilot with the objective of proving interoperability between service providers while facilitating the adoption of e-invoicing amongst SME's.

Separately, the Pan-European Public Procurement Online project (PEPPOL) was established some years ago by the European Commission to facilitate e-invoicing by the member States. Ireland has now joined 11 European neighbours who have embraced PEPPOL.

This conference will address some of the above issues and seek to broaden the debate in Ireland about electronic procurement, tendering, invoicing and the whole process of electronic communications in procurement.

The conference is aimed towards public sector procurement officers and suppliers who tender for public sector contracts.

For more information or to book a place, click [here](#).



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Dáil

October 9	October 10	October 11
2pm Questions (Minister for Education and Skills)	10.30am Leaders Questions	10.30am Leaders Questions
3.15pm Leaders Questions	10.51am Order of Business	10.51am Order of Business
3.36pm Questions (Taoiseach)	Fiscal Responsibility Bill 2012 Second Stage (Resumed) (Department of Finance)	Fiscal Responsibility Bill 2012 Second Stage (Resumed) (To adjourn at 1.30pm if not previously concluded) (Department of Finance)
4.36pm Order of Business	Statements re Philanthropy and the Arts (Resumed) (Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht)	Statements re Philanthropy and the Arts (Resumed) (to adjourn at 1.30pm if not previously concluded) (Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht)
5.06pm Topical Issues	1.30pm SOS	3.42pm Topical Issues
Fiscal Responsibility Bill 2012 Order for Second Stage and Second Stage (Department of Finance)	2.30pm Questions (Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform)	Statements on the Framework for Sustainable Development in Ireland (Department of the Environment Community and Local Government)
7.30pm Private Members Business	3.45pm Topical issues	4.30pm Questions (Minister for Communications, Energy and Natural Resources)
	4.33pm Morning business continued	
	7.30pm Private Members Business	

Seanad

October 9	October 10	October 11
2.30pm Order of Business	10.30am Order of Business	10.30am Order of Business
3.45pm Statements on SME Week [Minister of State for Small Business]	11.45am Houses of the Oireachtas Commission (Amendment) Bill 2012 – Order for Second Stage and Second Stage [Minister of State for the Gaeltacht]	11.45am Valuation (Amendment) (No.2) Bill 2012 – Order for Second Stage and Second Stage [Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform]
5.45pm Statements on the Consultation Paper (Resumed) "Radical Seanad Reform Through Legislative Change" [Seanad Members]	2.30pm Health Service Executive (Governance) Bill 2012 – Committee Stage [Minister for Health]	
	5pm Private Members Business Fianna Fáil Senators Primary Care Centres Motion	

Committee Meetings

October 9	October 10	October 11
1.30pm Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation Committee Room 2, Leinster House AGENDA: Private Meeting	1.30pm Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation Committee Room 2, Leinster House AGENDA: Private Meeting	9.30am Health and Children Committee Room 2, Leinster House AGENDA: (i) Scrutiny of EU Legislative Proposals; and (ii) Tackling Childhood Obesity [Food and Drink Industry Ireland (FDDI/IBEC); Irish Heart Foundation; Special Action Group on Obesity]
2pm European Union Affairs Committee Room 1, Leinster House AGENDA: Forthcoming Irish Presidency of the Council of the European Union [Canada-Europe Parliamentary Association]	2pm European Union Affairs Committee Room 1, Leinster House AGENDA: Forthcoming Irish Presidency of the Council of the European Union [Canada-Europe Parliamentary Association]	10am Public Accounts Committee Room 1, Leinster House AGENDA: (i) Public Service Reform Plan [Mr. Brendan Howlin T.D., Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform]; (ii) Business of the Committee; and (iii) The work of the Implementation Body and progress to date in implementing the Public Service Agreement 2010 – 2014, including the 'Second Progress Report' [Mr. P.J. Fitzpatrick – Chairman, Implementation Body]
2pm Agriculture, Food and the Marine Committee Room 3, Leinster House AGENDA: Review of "Food Harvest 2020" [Representatives from Food and Drink Industry Ireland/Consumer Foods; Irish Dairy Industries Association; and Meat Industry Ireland]	2pm Agriculture, Food and the Marine Committee Room 3, Leinster House AGENDA: Review of "Food Harvest 2020" [Representatives from Food and Drink Industry Ireland/Consumer Foods; Irish Dairy Industries Association; and Meat Industry Ireland]	
2.15pm Environment, Culture and the Gaeltacht Committee Room 4, Leinster House AGENDA: (i) The decision-making process of An Bord Pleanála [Dr. Mary Kelly, Chairperson, An Bord Pleanála]; and (ii) EU Fuel Quality Directive [Delegation from Canada-Europe Parliamentary Association]	2.15pm Environment, Culture and the Gaeltacht Committee Room 4, Leinster House AGENDA: (i) The decision-making process of An Bord Pleanála [Dr. Mary Kelly, Chairperson, An Bord Pleanála]; and (ii) EU Fuel Quality Directive [Delegation from Canada-Europe Parliamentary Association]	2.30pm Foreign Affairs and Trade Committee Room 2, Leinster House AGENDA: 2013 Estimates for Public Services - Vote 27 (International Co-operation); and Vote 28 (Foreign Affairs and Trade) - 2013 allocations in the context of the multi-annual expenditure framework [Mr. Eamon Gilmore T.D., Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade]
5.30pm Public Accounts Committee Room 1, Leinster House AGENDA: Health Service Executive budgetary situation in 2012 [Dr. Ambrose McLoughlin, Secretary General, Department of Health; and Mr. Tony O'Brien, Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Health Service Executive]	5.30pm Public Accounts Committee Room 1, Leinster House AGENDA: Health Service Executive budgetary situation in 2012 [Dr. Ambrose McLoughlin, Secretary General, Department of Health; and Mr. Tony O'Brien, Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Health Service Executive]	

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