

This week in the Oireachtas



In the Dáil next week, statements will be heard on the Report of the Expert Group on the A, B, & C Versus Ireland Judgment. In the Seanad, the Civil Registration (Amendment) Bill 2012 will be discussed. The Transport and Communications Committee will discuss the strategic benefits of expanding Ireland West Airport Knock with Mr Liam Scollan, Chairman, Ireland West Airport Knock.

Professor Orla Feely, UCD, appointed as chair of Irish Research Council

Professor Orla Feely, University College Dublin (UCD) has been appointed as chair of the Irish Research Council, the body established on March 29 2012. A sub-board of the Higher Education Authority, the Council was established through a merger of the Irish Research Council for Humanities and Social Sciences (IRCHSS) and the Irish Research Council for Science, Engineering and Technology (IRCSET).

Professor Feely is a professor in the school of electrical, electronic and communications engineering at UCD, where she conducts research into erratic electronic

circuits.

She has won awards for research and teaching and has chaired technical committees in the international body, the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers. She has been a member of the council since 2007.

Professor Feely takes up the position from Prof David Lloyd, Trinity College Dublin.

Professor James Gleeson from the University of Limerick is also to become a new member of the council it was announced last week.

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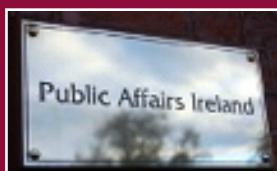
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Oireachtas Schedule: Week beginning December 3

Dáil

December 4	December 5	December 6
<p>2pm Questions (Minister for the Environment, Community and Local Government)</p> <p>3.15pm Leaders Questions</p> <p>3.36pm Questions (Taoiseach)</p> <p>4.36pm Order of Business</p> <p>5.06pm Topical Issues</p> <p>Supplementary Estimates (Referral to Committee without Debate)</p> <p>Opening Statements on the Report of the Expert Group on the A, B, & C Versus Ireland Judgment (Department of Health)</p> <p>Health Insurance (Amendment) Bill 2012 Order for Report, Report and Final Stages (to conclude at 10pm if not previously concluded (Department of Health)</p> <p>7.30pm Private Members Business</p> <p>Afternoon Business Continued</p>	<p>10.30am Leaders Questions</p> <p>10.51am Order of Business</p> <p>Private Members Business (to conclude in 90 minutes)</p> <p>SOS</p> <p>2.30pm BUDGET 2013</p> <p>7pm SOS (30 minutes)</p> <p>7.30pm Financial Resolutions</p>	<p>10.30am Leaders Questions</p> <p>10.51am Order of Business</p> <p>Supplementary Estimate (Back from Committee)</p> <p>Budget 2013 Statements</p> <p>3pm 30 minute SOS</p> <p>Statements on the Report of the Expert Group on the A, B, & C Versus Ireland Judgment (Resumed) (Department of Health)</p> <p>3.30pm Budget 2013 Statements</p> <p>8.50pm Questions (Minister for Justice and Equality)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">December 7</p> <p>10.30am Transport CIE and Subsidiary Companies Borrowing Bill 2012 (Seanad) Second</p> <p>Stage (Department of Tourism transport and Sport)</p> <p>Statements on the Report of the Expert Group on the A, B, & C Versus Ireland Judgment (Resumed) (Department of Health)</p>

Seanad

December 4	December 5	December 6
<p>2.30pm Order of Business</p> <p>3.45pm Credit Union Bill 2012 - Second Stage [Department of Finance]</p> <p>6pm National Vetting Bureau (Children and Vulnerable Persons) Bill 2012 – Committee State [Department of Justice, Equality & Defence]</p>	<p>10.30am Order of Business</p> <p>11.45am Private Members Business – Fianna Fail Senators Statute of Limitations (Amendment) (Home Remediation-Pyrite) Bill 2012 [Senator Darragh O'Brien]</p> <p>6pm Statements on Budget 2013 [Department of Finance]</p>	<p>10.30am Order of Business</p> <p>11.45am Tributes to former Senator Trevor West</p> <p>12.30pm Civil Registration (Amendment) Bill 2012 – All Stages [Minister for Social Protection]</p> <p>2pm Statements on the Report of the Expert Group on the A, B, & C versus Ireland Judgment [Department of Health]</p>

Committee Meetings

December 4	December 5	December 6
<p>1.30pm Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation Committee Room 2, Leinster House AGENDA: Forthcoming COMPET Council Meeting [Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation]</p> <p>2pm Agriculture, Food and the Marine Committee Room 3, Leinster House AGENDA: (i) Scrutiny of EU legislative proposals: COM(2012)530 COM(2012)545; COM(2012)546; COM(2012)547; COM(2012)578; and (ii) Potential growth in the Irish agriculture sector - Food Harvest 2020 [Irish Farm Managers Association(IFMA)]</p> <p>2pm European Union Affairs Committee Room 1, Leinster House AGENDA: Developments in Bosnia-Herzegovina in relation to EU enlargement [Mr Kurt Bassuener, Democratisation Policy Council, Sarajevo; Ms Mary Anne Hennessey, Council of Europe, Sarajevo; and Ms. Tija Memisevic, European Research Centre, Sarajevo]</p> <p>2.15pm Environment, Culture and the Gaeltacht Committee Room 4, Leinster House AGENDA: (i) Building Energy Regulations [Dr Brian Motherway, Chief Executive, Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland]; and (ii) New draft Building Regulations [Secretary General, Department of Environment, Community and Local Government]</p>	<p>9.30am Transport and Communications Committee Room 4, Leinster House AGENDA: Expansion of Ireland West Airport Knock - strategic benefits [Mr Liam Scollan, Chairman, Ireland West Airport Knock]</p> <p>10am Agriculture, Food and the Marine Committee Room 2, Leinster House AGENDA: Animal Health and Welfare Bill 2012 (Amendment 25 resumed) [Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine]</p> <p>11am Social Protection (Sub-Committee) Committee Room 3, Leinster House AGENDA: 2012 Supplementary Estimates for Public Services – Vote 37 (Social Protection) - subject to referral [Minister for Social Protection]</p> <p>1pm Education and Social Protection Committee Room 3, Leinster House AGENDA: (i) Scrutiny of EU legislative proposals COM(2012)53 ;COM(2012)272; COM(2012)290; COM(2012)395; COM(2012)396; COM(2012)450; COM(2012)451; COM(2012)461; COM(2012)493; and COM(2012)502; and (ii) Equality for all customers of the Department of Social Protection [Transgender Equality Network Ireland]</p>	<p>9.30am Agriculture, Food and the Marine Committee Room 4, Leinster House AGENDA: (i) Forthcoming EU Agriculture and Fisheries Council Meeting; and (ii) Sea Fisheries Sustainability Assessment [Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine]</p> <p>9.30am Health and Children Committee Room 2, Leinster House AGENDA: Issues and challenges relating to Fibromyalgia, Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus [Fibromyalgia Sufferers of Ireland; and Spina Bifida Hydrocephalus Ireland]</p> <p>10am Public Accounts Committee Room 1, Leinster House AGENDA: (i) Business of the Committee; and (ii) 2011 Annual Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General: Chapter 6 - Financial Commitments under Public Private Partnerships; and Chapter 16 - Central Government Funding of Local Authorities [Secretary General, Department of Environment, Community and Local Government]</p> <p>4pm Public Service Oversight and Petitions Committee Room 4, Leinster House AGENDA: (i) Decisions on Public Petitions received; and (ii) Ombudsman's Special Reports entitled (a) Too Old to be Equal? - A follow-up and (b) Ombudsman Motorised Transport Grant - Report to Dáil and Seanad [Ms Emily O'Reilly, Ombudsman]</p>