

## This week in the Oireachtas



The Dáil resumes this week and among the bills on the agenda for discussion is the Industrial Development (Science Foundation Ireland) (Amendment) Bill 2012 (Seanad) at second stage. This Bill will extend the remit of Science Foundation Ireland. In the Seanad, the Taxi Regulation Bill 2012 will be discussed at report stage. The Finance, Public Expenditure and Reform Committee will hold a meeting this week to Review banking charges in the Irish Financial Sector .

## News and public sector appointments

### Corporate Vice President at Xilinx appointed to the board of Science Foundation Ireland

Mr Liam Madden, Corporate Vice President of engineering at Xilinx, an American technology company, has been appointed to the Board of Science Foundation Ireland (SFI).

Mr Madden has spent more than 30 years in the US semiconductor industry where he has contributed to a range of new and novel products and technologies. Based in Silicon Valley, he has worked with established companies and start-ups, including a leadership role in a successful initial public offering (IPO). He has extensive experience incubating novel technologies, most recently commercialising the industry's first 3-D stacked computer chip which was based on seven years of Xilinx engineering research. He holds five patents in semiconductor technology and is a regular keynote speaker at international conferences. He graduated with a BE from UCD, an

M.Eng. from Cornell University and is a Fellow of the Institute of Engineers of Ireland (FIEI).

Mr Madden said he is "honoured to join the Board of SFI to help deliver on its commitment to excellence and impact in engineering and scientific research. Ireland's pre-eminent position in such research is critical to its future competitiveness in the global economy."

Professor Patrick Fottrell, Chairperson of SFI stated that "SFI aims to build and strengthen scientific and engineering research in the areas of greatest strategic value to Ireland's long-term competitiveness and development. His experience across both engineering and technology will bring invaluable experience to the Board of SFI in their goal to ensure that a world class research system is developed and sustained in Ireland."

### Appointment to the Board of NAMA

Mr Oliver Ellingham has been appointed to the Board of NAMA. He will take up the position from April 10 2013.

Mr Ellingham is a chartered accountant and former Head of Corporate Finance (Europe) at BNP Paribas and senior executive within BNP Paribas UK. He has previously held senior management roles within Charterhouse Bank and Robert Fleming.

Mr Ellingham previously served as a non-executive director with IBRC between 2011 and 2013; with McCarthy & Stone plc between 2008 and 2009; Notting Hill Housing Trust between 2009 and 2010; and Cenkos Securities plc from July 2010 to July 2011.

He also currently holds non-executive directorships in a number of

companies including Vislinkplc and the Naafi Pension Fund and is also Chairman and owner of Woking Storage Solutions.

Commenting on the appointment the Minister for Finance, Michael Noonan TD, said: "Mr Ellingham has significant international experience in finance at both a senior management and board level and his skills and experience will make him an asset to the Board of NAMA".

Frank Daly, Chairman of the National Asset Management Agency (NAMA), has also welcomed the appointment and said "he is well placed to make a valuable contribution to the Board of NAMA".

### Managing Director of the Guinness Storehouse elected Chair of Irish Tourist Industry Confederation

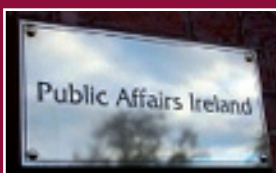
Managing Director of the Guinness Storehouse, Paul Carty has been elected as Chairman of the Irish Tourist Industry Confederation for a two year term, it has been announced.

Following his appointment, Mr Carty said he is confident that the current year would provide further growth on the modest recovery experienced in 2012.

He said "while overall numbers were flat it was encouraging to see growth of four percent in pure holidaymakers and 10 percent in business visitors." The Tourist Industry "is confident that we will build

on that performance this year" he added. He expects "robust" growth from North America. The Gathering "has made a significant impact on intention to travel particularly in the US and Canadian markets."

The Chairman was speaking at the AGM of the Irish Tourist Industry Confederation at which Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport, Leo Varadkar TD also delivered an address and congratulated Mr Carty on his appointment. The minister welcomed the confidence expressed by the Confederation. He also welcomed Mr Carty's appointment and paid tribute to his predecessor John Healy.



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### Oireachtas Schedule: Week beginning April 15

#### Dáil

Tuesday April 16	Wednesday April 17	Thursday April 18	Thursday April 18
<p><b>2pm</b> Questions (Minister for Children and Youth Affairs)</p> <p><b>3.15pm</b> Leaders Questions</p> <p><b>3.36pm</b> Questions (Taoiseach)</p> <p><b>4.36pm</b> Order of Business</p> <p><b>5.06pm</b> Topical Issues</p> <p>Defence Forces (Second World War Amnesty and Immunity) Bill 2012 (Seanad) (Second Stage resumed) (Department of Defence)</p> <p>Industrial Development (Science Foundation Ireland)(Amendment) Bill 2012 (Seanad) (Second Stage) (Department of Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation)</p> <p><b>7.30pm</b> Private Members Business</p>	<p><b>10.30am</b> Leaders Questions</p> <p><b>10.51am</b> Order of Business</p> <p>National Lottery Bill 2012 (Order for Report, Report and Final Stages) (Department of Public Expenditure and Reform)</p> <p>Industrial Development (Science Foundation Ireland)(Amendment) Bill 2012 (Seanad) (Second Stage) (Department of Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation)</p> <p>Credit Reporting Bill 2012 (Second Stage resumed) (Department of Finance)</p> <p><b>1.30pm</b> SOS</p> <p><b>2.30pm</b> Questions (Minister for Education and Skills)</p> <p><b>3.45pm</b> Topical Issues</p> <p><b>7.30pm</b> Private Members Business</p>	<p><b>10.30am</b> Leaders Questions</p> <p><b>10.51am</b> Order of Business</p> <p>Criminal Justice (Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing)(Amendment) Bill 2013 (Order for Second Stage and Second Stage) (Department of Justice and Equality)</p> <p>Credit Reporting Bill 2012 (Second Stage resumed) (Department of Finance)</p> <p><b>3.42pm</b> Topical Issues</p> <p><b>4.30pm</b> Questions (Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform)</p>	<p><b>10.30am</b> Maternity Protection (Members of the Houses of the Oireachtas) Bill 2013 Second Stage (in the name of Deputy Seán Ó Fearghail)</p>

## Seanad

April 16	April 17
<p><b>2.30pm</b> Order of Business</p> <p><b>3.45pm</b> Taxi Regulation Bill 2012 – Report Stage [Minister of State for Public and Commuter Transport] Spokesperson Senator Pat O'Neill</p> <p><b>6pm</b> Private Members Business – [Fianna Fáil Senators]</p>	<p><b>10.30pm</b> Order of Business</p> <p><b>11.45am</b> Public Health (Tobacco) (Amendment) Bill 2013 – Second Stage [Minister for Health] Spokesperson Senator Colm Burke</p>

## Committee Meetings

April 16	April 17	April 18
<p><b>1.30pm</b> <b>Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation</b> Committee Room 2, Leinster House <b>AGENDA:</b> (i) Schedule A: Scrutiny of EU legislative proposals: COM(2013)36 Communication on setting up a European Retail Market; COM(2013)37 Green Paper on Unfair Trading Practices; COM(2013)102 - Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Council Directives 92/58/EEC, 92/85/EEC, 94/33/EC, 98/24/EC and Directive 2004/37/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council, in order to align them to Regulation (EC) No. 1272/2008 on classification, labelling and packaging of substances and mixtures; and COM(2013)107 Establishing a space surveillance and tracking support programme; and Schedule B: Non-Priority Proposals. (ii) The impact of the black economy on small business (resumed) [Irish Small and Medium Enterprises Association (ISME) and the Small Firms Association (SFA)]</p> <p><b>2pm</b> <b>European Union Affairs</b> Committee Room 3, Leinster House <b>AGENDA:</b> The National Reform Programme for Ireland 2013 [Officials from the Department of An Taoiseach]</p> <p><b>2.15pm</b> <b>Environment, Culture and the Gaeltacht</b> Committee Room 4, Leinster House <b>AGENDA:</b> (i) Engagement with Ms Caitríona Walsh, Chairman Designate, Private Residential Tenancies Board; and (ii) The difficulties in obtaining home insurance for properties in areas that have experienced extreme weather events (resumed) [Mr Éamonn Downey, Interim President, Irish Claims Consultants Association and Mr Paul Kavanagh, Insurance Broker, McCarthy Insurance Group]</p>	<p><b>10.30am</b> <b>Environment, Culture and the Gaeltacht</b> Committee Room 1, Leinster House <b>AGENDA:</b> Climate Change [Ms Cecilia KibeMuthoni, Coordinator, Kenya Climate Justice Women Champions, Mr MithikaMwenda, Coordinator, Pan African Climate Justice Alliance and Ms MaandaNgoitiko, Pastoral Women's Council of Tanzania]</p> <p><b>11am</b> <b>Transport and Communications</b> Committee Room 4, Leinster House <b>AGENDA:</b> (i) Scrutiny of EU legislative proposals: COM(2012)178; COM(2012)263; COM(2012)470; COM(2012)532; COM(2012)607 and COM(2012)613; and (ii) The implications of possible legislation to ban the sponsorship of major sporting events by alcohol drinks companies (resumed) [Representatives from Alcohol Action Ireland and the College of Psychiatrists of Ireland]</p> <p><b>1pm</b> <b>Education and Social Protection</b> Committee Room 3, Leinster House <b>AGENDA:</b> Multilingualism in an EU context [Officials from the Department of Education and Skills]</p> <p><b>2pm</b> <b>Finance, Public Expenditure and Reform</b> Committee Room 4, Leinster House <b>AGENDA:</b> Review of banking charges in the Irish Financial Sector [Central Bank of Ireland, Irish Small and Medium Enterprises Association (ISME) and Consumer's Association of Ireland (CAI)]</p> <p><b>2pm</b> <b>Justice, Defence and Equality</b> Committee Room 2, Leinster House <b>AGENDA:</b> The recognition of traveller ethnicity [Representatives from the Irish Traveller Movement and Pavee Point Travellers' Centre]</p> <p><b>3pm</b> <b>Foreign Affairs and Trade</b> <b>1. Committee Room 1, Leinster House AGENDA:</b> (i) The position of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Intersex (LGBTI) people in Uganda [Ms Kasha Jacqueline Nabagesera, Executive Director, Freedom and Roam Uganda]; (ii) Motion on the case of Mr. Sergei Magnitsky (resumed); and (iii) From 5 p.m. - Forthcoming meetings of the EU Foreign Affairs Council [An Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade] <b>6.30pm 2. Committee Room 1, Leinster House</b> <b>AGENDA:</b> Proposed approval by Dáil Éireann of the terms of the Agreement between the European Community and the Republic of South African and the Framework Agreements between the European Union and the Republic of Korea and the Republic of Indonesia</p> <p><b>4pm and 5pm</b> <b>Public Service Oversight and Petitions</b> Committee Room 3, Leinster House <b>AGENDA:</b> (a) 4pm (P) Private; and (b) 5pm (T) Public Petitions received</p>	<p><b>9.30am</b> <b>Agriculture, Food and the Marine</b> Committee Room 4, Leinster House <b>AGENDA:</b> (i) Proposed Code of Conduct for the grocery goods sector; (ii) Pricing and impact on primary and secondary suppliers; (iii) Support for local produce; and (iv) Labelling continued (resumed); [Representatives from Lidl and Aldi]</p> <p><b>9.30am</b> <b>Health and Children</b> Committee Room 2, Leinster House <b>AGENDA:</b> Organ Donation - Personal and Advocacy Perspectives [Mr Joe Brolly; Mr Shane Finnegan; Mr Martin Doody, Chairperson, and Mr Mark Murphy, Chief Executive Officer, Irish Kidney Association (IKA); Ms Christine Quinn; Mr Brendan Gilligan, Chairman, Irish Heart and Lung Transplant Association(IHLTA); Ms Phyllis Cunningham (Senior Transplant Co-Ordinator, National Organ Procurement Service(NOPS); Ms Noreen O'Halloran; Mr Michael Kiely; and Ms Annette Beston]</p> <p><b>10am</b> <b>Public Accounts</b> Committee Room 1, Leinster House <b>AGENDA:</b> (i) Business of the Committee; and (ii) 2011 Annual Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General and Appropriation Accounts: a. Vote 30: Communications, Energy and Natural Resources; b. Chapter 20: The Broadcasting Fund; c. The Broadcasting Fund Financial Statements 2011; and d. Broadcasting Authority of Ireland Financial Statements 2011.</p>