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**COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE,
HOME AFFAIRS AND MIGRATION**

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Content and Format of Report

This report has been prepared pursuant to Standing Order 109 (6) (Dáil Éireann) and Standing Order 86 (6) (Seanad Éireann) which provide for the Joint Committee to - undertake a review of its procedure and its role generally; prepare an annual work programme; lay minutes of its proceedings before both Houses; make an annual report to both Houses.

At its meeting on the 27th January 2026, the Joint Committee agreed that all these items should be included in this report covering the period from May 2025 to December 2025.

Establishment and Functions

2.1. Establishment of the Select Committee

The Dáil Select Committee was established by Order of Dáil Éireann of the 30th April 2025 to consider Bills, Estimates for Public Services, Motions, and the terms of any international agreement involving a charge on public funds, which come within the aegis of the Department of Justice, Home Affairs and Migration.

The Select Committee may also consider Annual Output Statements, Value for Money Reviews and Policy Reviews prepared by the relevant Government Department.

2.2 Establishment of the Joint Committee

The Dáil Select Committee, under the same Order, was enjoined with a Select Committee of Seanad Éireann, established by Order of Seanad Éireann of the 13th May 2025, to form the Joint Committee on Justice, Home Affairs and Migration.

2.3 Functions of the Joint Committee

Among the principal functions of the Joint Committee are to consider— public affairs administered by the Department of Justice, Home Affairs and Migration; matters of policy for which the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration is responsible; legislative and expenditure proposals of the Departments; EU legislative proposals; certain matters relating to bodies under the aegis of the Department of Justice, Home Affairs and Migration.

The Orders of Reference of the Dáil Select Committee and the Joint Committee are set out at *Appendix 1.*

Cathaoirleach and Membership

Dáil SO 113 (2) provides for a proportion of Cathaoirligh to be allocated to each group by means of the D'Hondt System. Deputy Matt Carthy was appointed as Cathaoirleach of the Select Committee on 7th May 2025 by an Order of Dáil Éireann. The Cathaoirleach of the Select Committee is also the Cathaoirleach of the Joint Committee.

Membership of the Committee, including all internal changes within the reported period, is listed at *Appendix 2.*

Meetings, Attendance and Recording

Meetings of the Joint Committee and Select Committee took place in the Committee rooms in Leinster House 2000 and virtually on MS Teams. Meetings were in public unless otherwise ordered by the Committee.

Committee proceedings were broadcast live within Leinster House and also made available to RTE, Virgin Media and TG4. Proceedings were also webcast making them available worldwide on the internet. Since September 2014 the proceedings of Committees in public session, typically recorded but occasionally live, are broadcast on the dedicated parliamentary channel Oireachtas TV which is available on these channels:
Saorview 22, Sky 517, Virgin Media 207, eir Vision 504, Vodafone Channels 207 and 208.

An Official Report (Parliamentary Debates) of the public meetings of the Committee may be viewed on the Houses of the Oireachtas website at www.oireachtas.ie.

Copies of other reports published by the Joint Committee are also available on the Oireachtas Committee website pages at www.oireachtas.ie. A list of these reports is set out at paragraph 7.

Number and Duration of Meetings

5.1 Joint Committee

The Joint Committee met on **19** occasions during the period under report. The number of hours of discussion involved in these meetings was **30** hours, **14** minutes, and **37** seconds.

The subject matter of each meeting of the Joint Committee, including the groups, organisations or individuals who attended the meetings, is detailed in *Appendix 3*. The Minutes of Proceedings of the Joint Committee in public session are attached at *Appendix 4*.

5.2 Select Committee

The Dáil Select Committee met on **4** occasions during the period under report and the number of hours of discussion involved in these meetings was **6** hours, **26** minutes, **28** seconds.

The subject matter of each meeting, including the groups, organisations or individuals who attended the meetings of the Select Committee, is detailed in *Appendix 5.* The proceedings (Imeachtaí) of the Select Committee are attached at *Appendix 6.*

Witnesses attending before the Joint Committee

During the period, a total of **89** witnesses attended before the Joint Committee.

Committee Reports Published

During the period under report, the Joint Committee published the following reports:

1) PLS Report on the General Scheme of the Criminal Justice (Violation of EU Restrictive Measures) Bill
2) Work Programme 2025
3) PLS Report on the General Scheme of the Guardianship of Infants (Amendment) Bill 2025
4) PLS Report on the General Scheme of the Criminal Law and Civil Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2025
5) PLS Report on the General Scheme of the International Protection Bill 2025
6) PLS Report on the General Scheme of the Criminal Justice International Cooperation Office Bill 2025

Travel

The Joint Committee undertook the following travel in accordance with its Orders of Reference in connection with its Work Programme.

Date/Destination	Purpose	Members
3-4 November 2025 Brussels, Belgium	17th Meeting of the JPSG on Europol	Tom Brabazon TD
15 December 2025 Limerick Prison, Co. Limerick	To consider a module from the Committee's Work Programme on the topic of prisons and rehabilitation	Matt Carthy TD Gary Gannon TD

		Senator Anne Rabbitte Senator Lynn Ruane It was also agreed, to invite other local TDs or Senators to participate in this visit. These were: Deputy Conor Sheehan Senator Joanne Collins Deputy Maurice Quinlivan

EU Mainstreaming

From May to December 2025, the Joint Committee considered EU matters at **5** meetings involving consideration of some **20** legislative proposals. The Joint Committee decided that 3 proposals, listed below, should be further scrutinised.

PROPOSAL NO.	PROPOSAL TITLE
542	Proposal for a REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL establishing the Union support for internal security for the period from 2028 to 2034
650	Proposal for a COUNCIL IMPLEMENTING DECISION extending temporary protection, as introduced by Implementing Decision (EU) 2022/382, until 4 March 2027
651	Proposal for a COUNCIL RECOMMENDATION on a coordinated approach to the transition out of temporary protection for displaced persons from Ukraine

No Reasoned Opinions submitted.

No Political Contributions submitted.

No Pre-Council meetings with Ministers

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Report on Functions and Powers

The Joint Committee is currently satisfied with its present procedures and role.

Matt Carthy

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Matt Carthy TD,
Cathaoirleach

APPENDIX 1: Orders of Reference

Read the orders of reference for the Committee here.

APPENDIX 2: Membership

Joint Committee on Justice, Home Affairs and Migration

Deputies:	Matt Carthy TD (SF) [Cathaoirleach] Tom Brabazon TD (FF) Paula Butterly TD (FG) [Leas-Chathaoirleach] Michael Cahill TD (FF) Catherine Callaghan TD (FG) Gary Gannon TD (SD) Alan Kelly TD (LP) Pádraig O'Sullivan TD (FF) Mark Ward TD (SF)
Senators:	Robbie Gallagher (FF) Garret Kelleher (FG) Michael McDowell (Ind) Anne Rabbitte (FF) Lynn Ruane (Ind)

Notes:

1. Deputies nominated by the Dáil Committee of Selection and appointed by Order of the Dáil on 30th April 2025.
2. Deputy Matt Carthy nominated as Cathaoirleach by the Dáil Committee of Selection and appointed by Order of the Dáil on 7th May 2025.
3. Senators nominated by the Seanad Committee of Selection and appointed by Order of the Seanad on 13th May 2025.
4. Deputy Paula Butterly elected as Leas-Chathaoirleach on 27th May 2025.

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APPENDIX 3: Meetings of the Joint Committee

The following are the details, in date order, of the scheduled meetings of the Joint Committee which took place during the period under report.

Meeting No. and Date	Topic	Organisations, Groups and Individuals who attended
J01 20-05-2025	Business of the Committee	N/A
J02 27-05-2025	Briefing from the Department on the General Scheme of the Guardianship (Amendment) Bill	**Dept. Justice, Home Affairs and Migration** Mr Patrick McCabe, Assistant Principal Mr Andrew Munro, Assistant Secretary Mr Chris Quattrociocchi, Assistant Principal Mr Thomas Bergin, Administrative Officer Mr Evan Daly, Legal Intern
J03 29-05-2025	Briefing on the Opt-in to Council Decision on negotiating mandate for Readmission agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Kazakhstan	**Dept. Justice, Home Affairs and Migration** Mr Jim O'Callaghan T.D, Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration
J04 10-06-2025	Engagement with the Garda Commissioner on Policing Matters	**An Garda Síochána** Mr. Drew Harris, Commissioner Ms Shawna Coxon, Deputy Commissioner Mr. Justin Kelly, Deputy Commissioner
J05 17-06-2025	Engagement with the GRA and AGSI on Policing Matters	**Garda Representative Association** Mr. Ronan Slevin, General Secretary Mr. Niall Hodgins, Vice President Ms Tara McManus, Assistant General Secretary

		Association of Garda Sergeants & Inspectors Mr. Ronan Clogher, General Secretary Mr. Kevin Bolger, Deputy General Secretary Mr. Declan Higgins, President
J06 24-06-2025	Committee Proposal	N/A
J07 01-07-2025	PLS on the Guardianship of Infants (Amendment) Bill 2025	**Citizen** Mr. David French **Dept of Justice, Home Affairs and Migration** Mr. Chris Quattrociocchi , Assistant Principal Ms Lisa Doherty, Principal Officer
J08 15-07-2025	Briefings on the General Schemes of the National Cyber Security Bill 2024; the Criminal Justice (Violation of EU Restrictive Measures) Bill 2025; and the Children (Amendment) Bill 2024	**Dept of Justice, Home Affairs and Migration** Mr. David Mc Gill, Principal Officer Ms Clare Heenan, Assistant Principal Officer Mr. Brendan Bruen, Principal Officer Mr. Stephen Downey, Assistant Principal Officer Ms Marisa Gomez, Principal Officer Ms Susanna Gillespie, Higher Executive Officer
J09 18-09-2025	Housekeeping	N/A
J10 23-09-2025	Engagement with the Minister to discuss the management and operation of the IPAS system and other immigration matters	**Dept of Justice, Home Affairs and Migration** Mr Jim O'Callaghan T.D, Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration

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J11 30-09-2025	Pre-legislative Scrutiny on the General Scheme of the Criminal Law and Civil Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2025	**Irish Penal Reform Trust** Ms Saoirse Brady, Executive Director Ms Niamh McCormack, Legal Policy and Public Affairs Manager **University of Limerick** Dr. Susan Leahy, Associate Professor in Law **One in Four Ireland** Ms Deirdre Kenny, CEO **The Bar of Ireland** Ms Aoife O'Leary BL, Chair of the Criminal State Bar Committee Mr. Michael Hourigan SC, Chair of the Professional Practices Committee **Irish Human Rights and Equality Commission** Mr. Liam Herrick, Chief Commissioner Ms Maria Mullan, Assistant Principal **The Courts Service** Ms Angela Denning, Chief Executive Officer Mr. Owen Harrison, Chief Information Officer **Citizen** Ms Hazel Behan **Dept of Justice, Home Affairs and Migration** Mr. Paul O'Farrell, Principal Officer Ms Marisa Gomez, Principal Officer Ms Rosaleen Killian, Principal Officer

J12 14-10-2025	Pre-legislative Scrutiny of the General Scheme of the International Protection Bill 2025	**Tusla** Mr Gerry Hone, Interim Director of Services and Integration Ms Lorna Kavanagh, Interim Service Director **Doras** Mr. John Lannon, CEO Ms. Donnah Vuma, Migrant Victim Support Programme Coordinator **Irish Human Rights and Equality Commission** Mr. Liam Herrick, Chief Commissioner Mr. Stephen Collins, Senior Solicitor **Ombudsman for Children's Office** Dr. Tricia Keilthy, Head of Policy Ms. Nuala Ward, Director of Complaints and Investigations **Dept of Justice, Home Affairs and Migration** Ms Tracy O'Keeffe, Principal Officer Ms Kerry Doyle, Assistant Principal Officer
J13 21-10-2025	Pre-legislative Scrutiny of the General Scheme of the International Protection Bill 2025	**Children's Rights Alliance** Ms. Tanya Ward, CEO Ms. Lianne Murphy, Senior Equality Officer **UN High Commissioner for Refugees Ireland** Ms. Maria Hennessy, Government Liaison Officer Ms. Caroline Stephens, Legal Associate

		Safetynet Primary Care Ms. Nicola Perry, CEO Dr. Angela Skuce, Medical Director **Nasc** Ms. Fiona Hurley, CEO Mr. Kostas Kapantais, Casework Manager **The Bar of Ireland** Ms. Patricia Brazil SC Ms. Siobhan Clabby BL **Irish Refugee Council** Mr. Nick Henderson, CEO Mr. Alan O'Leary, Policy and Advocacy Officer **Dept of Justice, Home Affairs and Migration** Ms Tracy O'Keeffe, Principal Officer Ms Kerry Doyle, Assistant Principal Officer
J14 04-11-2025	Pre-Legislative Scrutiny on the General Scheme of the Children (Amendment) Bill 2024	**School of Law and Criminology, Maynooth University** Dr Ian D. Marder, Associate Professor in Criminology **Irish Penal Reform Trust** Ms Saoirse Brady, Executive Director Ms Niamh McCormack, Legal Policy and Public Affairs Manager **Citizen** Ms Valerie McAllorum Ryan **Irish Council for Civil Liberties**

		Ms Claire Mc Evoy, Head of Research and Policy Mr Sean Egan BL, Procedural Rights Fellow **Law Society of Ireland** Ms Amanda Connolly, Vice-Chair of the Criminal Law Committee of the Law Society of Ireland Dr Brian Hunt, Director of Policy **Brunel University of London** Dr Louise Forde, Senior Lecturer in Law **Dept of Justice, Home Affairs and Migration** Ms Marisa Gomez, Principal Officer Ms Susanna Gillespie, Higher Executive Officer
J15 11-11-2025	Engagement with the Garda Commissioner on Policing Matters	**An Garda Síochána** Mr Justin Kelly, Garda Commissioner Ms Shawna Coxon, Deputy Commissioner Mr Paul Cleary, Acting Deputy Commissioner Ms Siobhan Toale, Chief Corporate Officer
J16 25-11-2025	Pre-Legislative Scrutiny on the General Scheme of the National Cyber Security Bill 2024	**Garda National Cyber Crime Bureau** Detective Chief Superintendent Barry Walsh Detective Superintendent Pat Ryan **Partner, Philip Lee LLP** Mr Sean McElligott **Digital Rights Ireland**

		Dr TJ McIntyre, Chairperson **Irish Council for Civil Liberties** Ms Olga Cronin, Senior Policy Officer **IBEC** Mr Erik O'Donovan, Head of Digital Economy Policy Ms Áine Clarke, Digital & AI Policy Executive **Dept of Justice, Home Affairs and Migration** Mr. David Mc Gill, Principal Officer Ms Clare Heenan, Assistant Principal Officer
J17 09-12-2025	Pre-Legislative Scrutiny Briefing on the General Scheme of the Criminal Justice (International Cooperation Office) Bill 2025	**Dept of Justice, Home Affairs and Migration** Mr. Jimmy Martin, Former Assistant Secretary Mr Fiachra Byrne, Principal Officer
J18 16-12-2025	Housekeeping	N/A

APPENDIX 4: Minutes of Proceedings of the Joint Committee

JOINT COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE, HOME AFFAIRS AND MIGRATION

MINUTES OF MEETING OF TUESDAY 20TH MAY 2025

Public Session

1. The Joint Committee met in public session at 3:07 p.m., in Committee Room 1, LH2000, and online remotely, a quorum being present.

2. Members Present

The following members were present:

Deputies: Tom Brabazon, Paula Butterly, Michael Cahill, Catherine Callaghan, Matt Carthy [in the Chair], Gary Gannon, Alan Kelly, Pádraig O'Sullivan and Mark Ward.

Senators: Robbie Gallagher, Garret Kelleher, Michael McDowell and Anne Rabbitte.

Apologies was received from Senator Lynn Ruane.

3. Declaration of Cathaoirleach

In accordance with Standing Orders, the Cathaoirleach, Deputy Matt Carthy made the following declaration:

> "I do solemnly declare that I will duly and faithfully and to the best of my knowledge and ability, execute the office of Cathaoirleach of the Joint Committee on Justice, Home Affairs and Migration without fear or favour, apply the rules as laid down by the House in an impartial and fair manner, maintain order and uphold the rights and privileges of members in accordance with the Constitution and Standing Orders."

4. Introductory Remarks by Cathaoirleach

The declaration was then followed by introductory remarks by the Cathaoirleach, Deputy Matt Carthy.

The Cathaoirleach was joined by a number of members expressing their condolences on the death of Garda Kevin Flatley and acknowledged the issues facing An Garda Síochána at present.

5. Nominations for Leas-Chathaoirleach

It was agreed that nominations for Leas-Chathaoirleach should be sent by email to the Clerk of the Committee by 3pm on Friday, 23rd May 2025 in order for the election of the Leas-Chathaoirleach to take place at the 27th May 2025 meeting of the Committee.

The Committee agreed to go into private session at 3.25 p.m.

Private Session

6. ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE
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11. ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE
12. ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE
13. ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE
14. ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE
15. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

(a) ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE
(b) ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE

16. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3.52 p.m. until Tuesday, 27th May 2025 at 3.00 p.m. when the Committee will meet to discuss:

- Election of Leas-Cathaoirleach
- Minutes
- Correspondence
- Work Programme
- Committee press releases
- Letters to Minister
- Calendar of meetings

Matt Carthy

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Matt Carthy TD,
Cathaoirleach
27th May 2025

JOINT COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE, HOME AFFAIRS AND MIGRATION

MINUTES OF MEETING OF TUESDAY 27TH MAY 2025

Public Session

1. The Joint Committee met in public session at 6.42 p.m., in Committee Room 1, LH2000, and online remotely, a quorum being present.

2. Members Present

The following members were present:

Deputies: Tom Brabazon, Paula Butterly, Michael Cahill, Catherine Callaghan, Matt Carthy [in the Chair], Alan Kelly, Pádraig O'Sullivan and Mark Ward.

Senators: Robbie Gallagher and Anne Rabbitte.

Apologies were received from Senator Michael McDowell, Senator Garret Kelleher and Senator Lynn Ruane.

Senator Cathal Byrne attended in substitution for Senator Garret Kelleher.

3. Election of Leas-Chathaoirleach

The Committee was informed that there was a single nomination for the position of Leas-Chathaoirleach of the Committee in respect of Deputy Paula Butterly.

In the absence of any other nominations, it was agreed that Deputy Paula Butterly be elected as Leas-Chathaoirleach.

Deputy Butterly thanked the Committee for her election and Members followed in wishing her well in her role.

The Committee agreed to go into private session at 6.46 p.m.

Private Session

4. ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE

5. ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE

6. ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE

7. ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE

8. ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE

9. ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE

10. ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE

11. Any other business

a) ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE

b) ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE

12. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7.40p.m. until Thursday, 29th May 2025 at 2.00 p.m. when the Committee will meet with the Minister for Justice for a briefing on the Opt-in to Council Decision on negotiating mandate for Readmission agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Kazakhstan.

Matt Carthy

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Matt Carthy TD,
Cathaoirleach
29th May 2025

JOINT COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE, HOME AFFAIRS AND MIGRATION

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THURSDAY 29TH MAY 2025

Public Session

1. The Joint Committee met in public session at 2.04 p.m., in Committee Room 2, LH2000, and online remotely, a quorum being present.

2. Members Present

The following members were present:

Deputies: Paula Butterly, Catherine Callaghan, Matt Carthy [in the Chair], Gary Gannon, Pádraig O'Sullivan and Mark Ward.

Senators: Garret Kelleher, Anne Rabbitte and Lynn Ruane.

Apologies were received from Senator Robbie Gallagher.

Senator Diarmaid Wilson attended in substitution for Senator Gallagher.

3. Briefing from the Minister on the Opt-in to Council Decision on negotiating mandate for Readmission agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Kazakhstan

The Minister briefed the Committee on the Opt-in to Council Decision on negotiating mandate for Readmission agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Kazakhstan.

The Cathaoirleach welcomed Minister Jim O'Callaghan and his officials to the meeting.

The Minister was invited to brief the Committee.

Discussion ensued.

The Cathaoirleach thanked the Minister and his officials for their attendance and for briefing the Committee on this matter.

The Minister and his officials withdrew from the meeting.

The Committee agreed to go into private session at 3.00 p.m.

Private Session

4. ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE

5. Any other business

a) ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE

b) ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE

6. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3.03 p.m. until Tuesday, 10th June 2025 at 3.00 p.m. when the Committee will meet with the Garda Commissioner, Mr Drew Harris to discuss Policing matters generally, but with particular interest in:

- Recruitment and retention;
- The Divisional and Operating Model;
- Community Policing; and
- Roads Traffic Policing.

Matt Carthy

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Matt Carthy TD,
Cathaoirleach
10th June 2025

JOINT COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE, HOME AFFAIRS AND MIGRATION

MINUTES OF MEETING OF TUESDAY 10TH JUNE 2025

Public Session

1. The Joint Committee met in public session at 3.08 p.m., in Committee Room 1, LH2000, and online remotely, a quorum being present.

2. Members Present

The following members were present:

Deputies: Tom Brabazon, Michael Cahill, Catherine Callaghan, Matt Carthy [in the Chair], Gary Gannon, Alan Kelly and Mark Ward.

Senators: Robbie Gallagher, Garrett Kelleher, Michael McDowell, Anne Rabbitte, and Lynn Ruane.

No apologies were received in advance of the meeting.

Also in attendance were Deputies Shónagh Ní Raghallaigh and Fionntán Ó Súilleabháin.

3. Engagement with the Garda Commissioner on Policing Matters

The Committee had an engagement with the Garda Commissioner, Mr Drew Harris on the topic of 'Policing Matters'.

The Cathaoirleach welcomed the following to the meeting:

Representatives	
Mr. Drew Harris, Commissioner	Garda Síochána
Ms Shawna Coxon, Deputy Commissioner	Garda Síochána
Mr Justine Kelly, Deputy Commissioner	Garda Síochána

The Commissioner made an opening statement which was followed by a questions and answer session with the Members.

Discussion ensued.

The Committee agreed to publish the Commissioner's opening statement on the Committee's website.

The Cathaoirleach thanked the Garda Commissioner and his team for their attendance today and for briefing the Committee on this matter.

The Commissioner and his team withdrew from the meeting.

The Committee agreed to go into private session at 5.29 p.m.

Private Session

4. ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE

5. ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE

6. ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE

7. ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE

8. ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE

9. Any other business

a) ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE

10. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5.35 p.m. until Tuesday, 17th June 2025 at 3.00 p.m.

Matt Carthy

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Matt Carthy TD,
Cathaoirleach
17th June 2025

JOINT COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE, HOME AFFAIRS AND MIGRATION

MINUTES OF MEETING OF TUESDAY 17TH JUNE 2025

Public Session

1. The Joint Committee met in public session at 3.10 p.m., in Committee Room 1, LH2000, and online remotely, a quorum being present.

2. Members Present

The following members were present:

Deputies: Tom Brabazon, Paula Butterly, Michael Cahill, Catherine Callaghan, Matt Carthy [in the Chair], Alan Kelly, Pádraig O'Sullivan and Mark Ward.

Senators: Robbie Gallagher, Garrett Kelleher, Michael McDowell, Anne Rabbitte and Lynn Ruane.

No apologies were received in advance of the meeting.

3. Engagement on Policing Matters

The purpose of this part of the meeting was to engage with the Association of Garda Sergeants and Inspectors and the Garda Representative Association on the topic of 'Policing Matters'.

The Cathaoirleach welcomed the following to the meeting:

Representatives	
Mr. Ronan Clogher, General Secretary	Association of Garda Sergeants and Inspectors
Mr. Kevin Bolger, Deputy General Secretary	Association of Garda Sergeants and Inspectors
Mr. Declan Higgins, President	Association of Garda Sergeants and Inspectors
Mr. Ronan Slevin, General Secretary	Garda Representative Association
Mr. Niall Hodgins, Vice President	Garda Representative Association
Ms Tara McManus, Assistant General Secretary	Garda Representative Association

The witnesses made an opening statement which was followed by a questions and answer session with the Members.

Discussion ensued.

The Committee agreed to publish all opening statements on the Committee's website.

The Cathaoirleach thanked the witnesses for their attendance and for briefing the Committee on this matter.

The witnesses withdrew from the meeting.

The Committee agreed to go into private session at 5.32 p.m.

Private Session

4. ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE

5. ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE

6. ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE

7. ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE

8. Any other business

a) ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE

b) ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE

c) ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE

d) ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE

9. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6.16 p.m. until Tuesday, 24th June 2025 at 3.00 p.m.

Matt Carthy

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Matt Carthy TD,
Cathaoirleach
1st July 2025

JOINT COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE
JOINT COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE, HOME AFFAIRS AND MIGRATION

MINUTES OF MEETING OF TUESDAY 24TH JUNE 2025

Private Session

1. The Joint Committee met in private session at 3.12 p.m., in Committee Room 1, LH2000, and online remotely, a quorum being present.

2. Members Present

The following members were present:

Deputies: Paula Butterly, Catherine Callaghan, Matt Carthy [in the Chair], Gary Gannon, Alan Kelly, Pádraig O'Sullivan and Mark Ward.

Senators: Robbie Gallagher, Garret Kelleher, Michael McDowell, Anne Rabbitte and Lynn Ruane.

Apologies were received in advance of the meeting from Deputy Tom Brabazon.

3. ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE

4. Any other business

a) ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE

5. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3.26 p.m. until Tuesday, 1st July 2025 at 3.00 p.m.

Matt Carthy

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Matt Carthy TD,
Cathaoirleach
1st July 2025

JOINT COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE, HOME AFFAIRS AND MIGRATION

MINUTES OF MEETING OF TUESDAY 1ST JULY 2025

Public Session

1. The Joint Committee met in public session at 3.06 p.m., in Committee Room 1, LH2000, and online remotely, a quorum being present.

2. Members Present

The following members were present:

Deputies: Tom Brabazon, Paula Butterly, Catherine Callaghan, Matt Carthy [in the Chair], Gary Gannon, Alan Kelly and Pádraig O'Sullivan.

Senators: Robbie Gallagher, Garrett Kelleher and Anne Rabbitte.

Apologies were received from Deputy Mark Ward and Senator Lynn Ruane in advance of the meeting.

Deputy Máire Devine attended in substitution for Deputy Mark Ward.

3. PLS on the Guardianship of Infants (Amendment) Bill 2025

The purpose of this part of the meeting was to engage with a stakeholder as part of the Committee's Pre-Legislative scrutiny on the General Scheme of the 'Guardianship of Infants (Amendment) Bill 2025'.

The Committee welcomed the following to the meeting:

Representatives	
Mr David French	Individual

The following Officials from the Department attended as observers:

Representatives	
Ms Lisa Doherty, Principal Officer	Department of Justice, Home Affairs and Migration
Mr Chris Quattrociocchi, Assistant Principal	Department of Justice, Home Affairs and Migration

Mr French made an opening statement which was followed by a questions and answer session with the Members.

Discussion ensued.

The Committee agreed to publish the opening statement on the Committee's website.

The Cathaoirleach thanked Mr French and the officials from the Department for their attendance.

The witness withdrew from the meeting.

4. Suspension of Sitting

The Committee agreed to suspend the meeting at 4.08 p.m.

The Committee resumed in private session at 4.13 p.m.

Private Session

5. ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE

6. ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE

7. ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE

8. Any other business

a) ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE

b) ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE

c) ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE

d) ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE

9. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4.24 p.m. until Tuesday, 15th July 2025 at 3.00 p.m.

Matt Carthy

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Matt Carthy TD,
Cathaoirleach
15th July 2025

JOINT COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE, HOME AFFAIRS AND MIGRATION

MINUTES OF MEETING OF TUESDAY 15TH JULY 2025

Public Session

1. The Joint Committee met in public session at 3.07 p.m., in Committee Room 1, LH2000, and online remotely, a quorum being present.

2. Members Present

The following members were present:

Deputies: Tom Brabazon, Paula Butterly, Catherine Callaghan, Matt Carthy [in the Chair], Gary Gannon, Alan Kelly and Pádraig O'Sullivan.

Senators: Robbie Gallagher, Garret Kelleher, Anne Rabbitte and Lynn Ruane.

Apologies were received from Deputy Mark Ward.

3. PLS Briefings on General Schemes

The purpose of this part of the meeting was to receive oral briefings on the General Schemes of three Bills referred to the Committee for Pre-Legislative Scrutiny.

i. The National Cyber Security Bill 2024

The Cathaoirleach welcomed the following to the meeting from the Department of Justice, Home Affairs and Migration:

Representatives	
Mr David Mc Gill	Principal Officer
Ms Clare Heenan	Assistant Principal Officer

Mr David Mc Gill briefed the Committee on the General Scheme of the National Cyber Security Bill 2024, which was followed by a questions and answer session with the Members.

The Cathaoirleach thanked the officials from the Department for their attendance and for briefing the Committee on this matter.

The witnesses withdrew from the meeting.

The Committee agreed to have the briefing on the next two General Schemes together.

ii. The Criminal Justice (Violation of EU Restrictive Measures) Bill 2025, and The Children (Amendment) Bill 2024

The Cathaoirleach welcomed the following to the meeting from the Department of Justice, Home Affairs and Migration:

Representatives	
Mr Brendan Bruen	Principal Officer
Mr Stephen Downey	Assistant Principal Officer
Ms Marisa Gomez	Principal Officer
Ms Susanna Gillespie	Higher Executive Officer

Mr Brendan Bruen briefed the Committee on the General Scheme of the Criminal Justice (Violation of EU Restrictive Measures) Bill 2025.

Ms Marisa Gomez briefed the Committee on the General Scheme of the Children (Amendment) Bill 2024.

Both briefings were followed by a questions and answer session with the Members.

The Cathaoirleach thanked the officials from the Department for their attendance and for briefing the Committee on these matters.

The witnesses withdrew from the meeting.

The Committee agreed to go into private session at 4.06 p.m.

Private Session

4. ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE

5. ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE

6. ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE

7. ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE

8. ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE

9. Any other business

a) ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE

b) ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE

10. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4.45 p.m. *sine die*.

Matt Carthy

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Matt Carthy TD,
Cathaoirleach
18th September 2025

JOINT COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE, HOME AFFAIRS AND MIGRATION

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THURSDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER 2025

Private Session

1. The Joint Committee met in private session at 11.07 a.m., online remotely via Microsoft Teams, a quorum being present.

2. Members Present

The following members were present:

Deputies: Tom Brabazon, Catherine Callaghan, Matt Carthy [in the Chair], Gary Gannon and Mark Ward.

Senators: Michael McDowell, Garret Kelleher and Lynn Ruane.

No apologies were received in advance of the meeting.

3. ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE
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6. ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE
7. ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE
8. ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE
9. ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE
10. ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE

11. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11.55 a.m. until 3.30 p.m. on Tuesday, 23rd September 2025 for an engagement with the Minister on IPAS and immigration matters.

Matt Carthy

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Matt Carthy TD,
Cathaoirleach
23rd September 2025

JOINT COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE, HOME AFFAIRS AND MIGRATION

MINUTES OF MEETING OF TUESDAY 23RD SEPTEMBER 2025

Public Session

1. The Joint Committee met in public session at 3.35 p.m., in Committee Room 1, LH2000, and online remotely, a quorum being present.

2. Members Present

The following members were present:

Deputies: Matt Carthy [in the Chair], Alan Kelly, Pádraig O'Sullivan, Tom Brabazon, Gary Gannon, Michael Cahill, Paula Butterly, Johnny Guirke[1] and Michael Murphy[2].

Senators: Michael McDowell, Garret Kelleher and Anne Rabbitte.

Apologies were received from Senator Lynn Ruane.

[1]In substitution for Deputy Mark Ward.

[2]In substitution for Deputy Catherine Callaghan.

Also in attendance was Senator Sharon Keogan.

3. Engagement with the Minister on the management and operation of the IPAS system and other immigration matters

The purpose of the meeting was to have an engagement with the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration – Deputy Jim O'Callaghan, to discuss the management and operation of the IPAS system generally, but with particular interest in:

- Processes for application decision making, appeals and enforcement of decisions;
- Processes for determination of locations for IPAS accommodation and suitability of accommodation; and
- Concerns regarding profiteering in the system.

The Cathaoirleach welcomed the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration, Deputy Jim O'Callaghan and his officials to the meeting.

The Minister made an opening statement which was followed by a questions and answer session with the Members.

The Committee agreed to publish the Minister's opening statement on the Committee's website.

The Cathaoirleach thanked the Minister [and his officials] for his attendance and for briefing the Committee on this matter.

The Minister withdrew from the meeting.

The Committee agreed to go into Private Session.

Private Session

4. DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE

5. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5.29 p.m. until Tuesday, 30th September 2025 for a meeting to conduct Pre-Legislative Scrutiny on the General Scheme of the Criminal Law and Civil Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2025.

Matt Carthy

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Matt Carthy TD,
Cathaoirleach
30th September 2025

JOINT COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE, HOME AFFAIRS AND MIGRATION

MINUTES OF MEETING OF TUESDAY 30TH SEPTEMBER 2025

Public Session

1. The Joint Committee met in public session at 3.14 p.m., in Committee Room 1, LH2000, and online remotely, a quorum being present.

2. Members Present

The following members were present:

Deputies: Tom Brabazon, Paula Butterly, Michael Cahill, Matt Carthy [in the Chair], Gary Gannon, Pádraig O'Sullivan and Mark Ward.

Senators: Shane Curley[1], Garret Kelleher and Anne Rabbitte.

Apologies were received from Deputy Alan Kelly, Senator Lynn Ruane, Senator Michael McDowell and Senator Robbie Gallagher.

[1]In substitution for Senator Robbie Gallagher.

Also in attendance was Deputy Ruth Coppinger.

3. Pre-Legislative Scrutiny on the General Scheme of the Criminal Law and Civil Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2025

The Committee met in public session for an engagement with several stakeholders who made a written submission on the General Scheme of the 'Criminal Law and Civil Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2025'.

The Cathaoirleach welcomed the following witnesses to the meeting:

Representatives	
Ms Saoirse Brady Ms Niamh McCormack	Executive Director, Irish Penal Reform Trust Legal Policy and Public Affairs Manager, Irish Penal Reform Trust
Ms Hazel Behan	Individual
Dr. Susan Leahy	Associate Professor in Law; and Director of the Centre for Crime, Justice and Victim Studies, University of Limerick
Ms Deirdre Kenny	CEO, One in Four Ireland
Ms Aoife O'Leary BL Mr. Michael Hourigan SC	Chair of the Criminal State Bar Committee of The Bar of Ireland Chair of the Professional Practices Committee of The Bar of Ireland
Mr. Liam Herrick Ms Maria Mullan	Chief Commissioner, Irish Human Rights and Equality Commission Assistant Principal, Irish Human Rights and Equality Commission
Ms Angela Denning Mr. Owen Harrison	Chief Executive Officer, The Courts Service Chief Information Officer, The Courts Service

Officials from the Department of Justice, Home Affairs and Migration also attended as observers:

Representative	
Mr Paul O'Farrell	Principal Officer
Ms Marisa Gomez	Principal Officer
Ms Rosaleen Killian	Principal Officer

The witnesses made an opening statement which was followed by a questions and answer session with the Members.

Discussion ensued.

The Cathaoirleach thanked the witnesses for their contributions.

The Committee agreed to publish the opening statements on the Committee webpage.

The witnesses withdrew.

The Committee agreed to go into Private Session to consider a number of housekeeping matters.

Private Session

4. DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE
5. DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE
6. DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE
7. DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE

8. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5.35 p.m. until 3 p.m. on Tuesday, 14th October 2025 for a meeting to conduct Pre-Legislative Scrutiny on the General Scheme of the International Protection Bill 2025.

Matt Carthy

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Matt Carthy TD,
Cathaoirleach
14th October 2025

JOINT COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE, HOME AFFAIRS AND MIGRATION

MINUTES OF MEETING OF TUESDAY 14TH OCTOBER 2025

Public Session

1. The Joint Committee met in public session at 3.11 p.m., in Committee Room 1, LH2000, and online remotely, a quorum being present.

2. Members Present

The following members were present:

Deputies: Tom Brabazon, Michael Cahill, Matt Carthy [in the Chair], Gary Gannon, Alan Kelly and Mark Ward.

Senators: Robbie Gallagher, Michael McDowell, Anne Rabbitte and Lynn Ruane.

Apologies were received from Deputy Paula Butterly, Deputy Catherine Callaghan and Senator Garret Kelleher.

Also in attendance was Deputy Fionntán Ó Súilleabháin.

3. Pre-Legislative Scrutiny on the General Scheme of the International Protection Bill 2025

The Committee met in public session for an engagement with several stakeholders who made a written submission on the General Scheme of the 'International Protection Bill 2025'.

The Cathaoirleach welcomed the following witnesses to the meeting:

Representatives	
Mr Gerry Hone	Interim Director of Services and Integration, Tusla
Ms Lorna Kavanagh	Interim Service Director (Separated Children Seeking International Protection), Tusla
Mr John Lannon	CEO, Doras

Ms Donnah Vuma	Migrant Victim Support Programme Coordinator, Doras
Mr Liam Herrick Mr Stephen Collins	Chief Commissioner, Irish Human Rights and Equality Commission Senior Solicitor, Irish Human Rights and Equality Commission
Dr Tricia Keilthy Ms Nuala Ward	Head of Policy, Ombudsman for Children's Office Director of Complaints and Investigations, Ombudsman for Children's Office

Officials from the Department of Justice, Home Affairs and Migration also attended as observers:

Representative	
Ms Tracy O'Keeffe	Principal Officer, Civil Policy
Ms Kerry Doyle	Assistant Principal, Civil Policy

The witnesses made an opening statement which was followed by a questions and answer session with the Members.

Discussion ensued.

The Cathaoirleach thanked the witnesses for their contributions.

The Committee agreed to publish the opening statements on the Committee webpage.

The witnesses withdrew.

The Committee agreed to go into Private Session to consider a number of housekeeping matters.

Private Session

4. DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE
5. DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE
6. DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE
7. DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE
8. DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE

9. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5.16 p.m. until 3 p.m. on Tuesday, 21st October 2025, to resume Pre-Legislative Scrutiny on the General Scheme of the International Protection Bill 2025.

Matt Carthy

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Matt Carthy TD,
Cathaoirleach
21st October 2025

JOINT COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE, HOME AFFAIRS AND MIGRATION

MINUTES OF MEETING OF TUESDAY 21ST OCTOBER 2025

Public Session

1. The Joint Committee met in public session at 3.09 p.m., in Committee Room 1, LH2000, and online remotely, a quorum being present.

2. Members Present

The following members were present:

Deputies: Tom Brabazon, Paula Butterly, Catherine Callaghan, Matt Carthy [in the Chair], Gary Gannon, Pádraig O'Sullivan and Mark Ward.

Senators: Robbie Gallagher, Garret Kelleher, Anne Rabbitte and Lynn Ruane.

Apologies were received from Deputy Alan Kelly.

3. Pre-Legislative Scrutiny on the General Scheme of the International Protection Bill 2025

The Committee resumed Pre-Legislative Scrutiny on the General Scheme of the International Protection Bill 2025 in public session.

The Cathaoirleach welcomed the following witnesses to the meeting:

Representatives	
Ms. Tanya Ward Ms. Lianne Murphy	CEO, Children's Rights Alliance Senior Equality Officer, Children's Rights Alliance
Ms. Maria Hennessy Ms. Caroline Stephens	Government Liaison Officer, UN High Commissioner for Refugees Ireland Legal Associate, UN High Commissioner for Refugees Ireland
Ms. Nicola Perry Dr. Angela Skuce MCRN 12553	CEO, Safetynet Primary Care Medical Director, Safetynet Primary Care
Ms. Fiona Hurley Mr. Kostas Kapantais	CEO, Nasc Casework Manager, Nasc
Ms. Patricia Brazil SC Ms. Siobhan Clabby BL	The Bar of Ireland The Bar of Ireland
Mr. Nick Henderson Mr. Alan O'Leary	CEO, Irish Refugee Council Policy and Advocacy Officer, Irish Refugee Council

Officials from the Department of Justice, Home Affairs and Migration also attended as observers:

Representative	
Ms Tracy O'Keeffe	Principal Officer, Civil Policy
Ms Kerry Doyle	Assistant Principal, Civil Policy

The witnesses made an opening statement which was followed by a questions and answer session with the Members.

Discussion ensued.

At 3.49p.m. Deputy Paula Butterly took the Chair.

At 3.53p.m. Deputy Matt Carthy resumed the Chair.

The Cathaoirleach thanked the witnesses for their contributions.

The Committee agreed to publish the opening statements on the Committee webpage.

The witnesses withdrew.

The Committee agreed to go into Private Session to consider a number of housekeeping matters.

Private Session

4. **DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE**
5. **DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE**
6. **DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE**
7. **DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE**
8. **DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE**

9. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5.20 p.m. until 3 p.m. on Tuesday, 4th November 2025, to conduct Pre-Legislative Scrutiny on the General Scheme of the Children (Amendment) Bill 2024.

Matt Carthy

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Matt Carthy TD,
Cathaoirleach
4th November 2025

JOINT COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE, HOME AFFAIRS AND MIGRATION

MINUTES OF MEETING OF TUESDAY 4TH NOVEMBER 2025

Public Session

1. The Joint Committee met in public session at 3.09 p.m., in Committee Room 1, LH2000, and online remotely, a quorum being present.

2. Members Present

The following members were present:

Deputies: Paula Butterly, Michael Cahill, Catherine Callaghan, Matt Carthy [in the Chair], Gary Gannon, Pádraig O'Sullivan and Mark Ward.

Senators: Garret Kelleher, Anne Rabbitte and Lynn Ruane.

Apologies were received from Deputy Tom Brabazon and Senator Michael McDowell.

3. Pre-Legislative Scrutiny on the General Scheme of the Children (Amendment) Bill 2024

The Committee met in public session for an engagement with several stakeholders who made a written submission on the General Scheme of the 'Children (Amendment) Bill 2024'.

The Cathaoirleach welcomed the following witnesses to the meeting:

Representatives	
Dr Ian D. Marder	Associate Professor in Criminology, School of Law and Criminology, Maynooth University
Ms Saoirse Brady Ms Niamh McCormack	Executive Director, Irish Penal Reform Trust Legal Policy and Public Affairs Manager
Ms Valerie McAllorum Ryan	Individual
Ms Claire Mc Evoy Mr Sean Egan BL	Head of Research and Policy, Irish Council for Civil Liberties Procedural Rights Fellow, Irish Council for Civil Liberties
Ms Amanda Connolly Dr Brian Hunt	Member of the Criminal Law Committee of the Law Society of Ireland and the incoming Vice-Chair of that Committee Director of Policy, Law Society of Ireland
Dr Louise Forde	Senior Lecturer in Law at Brunel University of London

Officials from the Department of Justice, Home Affairs and Migration also attended as observers:

Representatives	
Ms Marisa Gomez	Principal Officer [Criminal Legislation]
Ms Susanna Gillespie	Higher Executive Officer

The witnesses made an opening statement which was followed by a questions and answer session with the Members.

Discussion ensued.

The Cathaoirleach thanked the witnesses for their contributions.

The Committee agreed to publish the opening statements on the Committee webpage.

The witnesses withdrew.

The Committee agreed to go into Private Session to consider a number of housekeeping matters.

Private Session

4. DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE
5. DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE
6. DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE
7. DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE
8. DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE

9. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5.23 p.m. until 3 p.m. on Tuesday, 11th November 2025, for an engagement with the newly appointed Garda Commissioner, Mr Justin Kelly, on Policing Matters.

Matt Carthy

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Matt Carthy TD,
Cathaoirleach
11th November 2025

JOINT COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

JOINT COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE, HOME AFFAIRS AND MIGRATION

MINUTES OF MEETING OF TUESDAY 11TH NOVEMBER 2025

Public Session

1. The Joint Committee met in public session at 3.03 p.m., in Committee Room 1, LH2000, and online remotely, a quorum being present.

2. Members Present

The following members were present:

Deputies: Tom Brabazon, Paula Butterly, Catherine Callaghan, Matt Carthy [in the Chair], Gary Gannon, Eoghan Kenny[1], Pádraig O'Sullivan and Mark Ward.

Senators: Robbie Gallagher, Garret Kelleher and Anne Rabbitte.

Apologies were received from Deputy Alan Kelly and Senator Michael McDowell.

Also in attendance was Deputy Pearse Doherty and Deputy Ruairí Ó Murchú.

[1]In substitution for Deputy Alan Kelly.

3. Engagement with the Garda Commissioner on Policing Matters

The Committee had an engagement with the Garda Commissioner, Mr Justin Kelly on the topic of 'Policing Matters'.

The Cathaoirleach welcomed the following witnesses to the meeting:

Representatives	
Mr Justin Kelly, Garda Commissioner	An Garda Síochána
Ms Shawna Coxon, Deputy Commissioner (Policing Operations)	An Garda Síochána
Mr Paul Cleary, Acting Deputy Commissioner	An Garda Síochána

Ms Siobhan Toale, Chief Corporate Officer	An Garda Síochána

The Commissioner made an opening statement which was followed by a questions and answer session with the Members.

Discussion ensued.

The Cathaoirleach thanked the witnesses for their contributions.

The Committee agreed to publish the Garda Commissioner's opening statement on the Committee webpage.

The witnesses withdrew.

The Committee agreed to go into Private Session to consider a number of housekeeping matters.

Private Session

4. DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE
5. DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE
6. DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE

7. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5.19 p.m. until 3 p.m. on Tuesday, 25th November 2025, to conduct Pre-Legislative Scrutiny on the General Scheme of the National Cyber Security Bill 2024.

Matt Carthy

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Matt Carthy TD,
Cathaoirleach
25th November 2025

JOINT COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

JOINT COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE, HOME AFFAIRS AND MIGRATION

MINUTES OF MEETING OF TUESDAY 25TH NOVEMBER 2025

Public Session

1. The Joint Committee met in public session at 3.10 p.m., in Committee Room 1, LH2000, and online remotely, a quorum being present.

2. Members Present

The following members were present:

Deputies: Tom Brabazon, Michael Cahill, Catherine Callaghan, Matt Carthy [in the Chair], Gary Gannon and Mark Ward.

Senators: Robbie Gallagher, Garrett Kelleher, Michael McDowell, Anne Rabbitte and Lynn Ruane.

3. Pre-Legislative Scrutiny on the General Scheme of the National Cyber Security Bill 2024

The Committee met in public session for an engagement with several stakeholders who made a written submission on the General Scheme of the 'National Cyber Security Bill 2024'.

The Cathaoirleach welcomed the following witnesses to the meeting:

Representatives	
Detective Chief Superintendent Barry Walsh	Garda National Cyber Crime Bureau
Detective Superintendent Pat Ryan	Garda National Cyber Crime Bureau
Mr Sean McElligott	Partner, Philip Lee LLP
Dr TJ McIntyre	Chairperson, Digital Rights Ireland

Jointly with… Ms Olga Cronin	 Senior Policy Officer, Irish Council for Civil Liberties
Mr Erik O'Donovan Ms Áine Clarke	Head of Digital Economy Policy, IBEC Digital & AI Policy Executive, IBEC

Officials from the Department of Justice, Home Affairs and Migration also attended as observers:

Representatives	
Mr David Mc Gill	Principal Officer, Dept of Justice, Home Affairs and Migration
Ms Clare Heenan	Assistant Principal, Dept of Justice, Home Affairs and Migration

The witnesses made an opening statement which was followed by a questions and answer session with the Members.

Discussion ensued.

At 3.34p.m. Senator Lynn Ruane took the Chair.

At 3.48p.m. Deputy Matt Carthy resumed the Chair.

The Cathaoirleach thanked the witnesses for their contributions.

The Committee agreed to publish the opening statements on the Committee webpage.

The witnesses withdrew.

At 4.34p.m. the Committee agreed to suspend the meeting for a Dáil vote.

At 5.00p.m. the meeting resumed in Private Session to consider a number of housekeeping matters.

Private Session

4. **DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE**
5. **DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE**
6. **DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE**
7. **DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE**
8. **DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE**
9. **DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE**

10. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5.26 p.m. until 3 p.m. on Tuesday, 9th December 2025, for a briefing from the Department on the General Scheme of the Criminal Justice (International Cooperation Office) Bill 2025.

Dáil Members were reminded that the Select Committee is scheduled to meet at 3 p.m. on Tuesday, 2nd December 2025 for Committee Stage Consideration of the Proceeds of Crime and Related Matters Bill 2025.

Matt Carthy

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Matt Carthy TD,
Cathaoirleach
9th December 2025

JOINT COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE, HOME AFFAIRS AND MIGRATION

MINUTES OF MEETING OF TUESDAY 9TH DECEMBER 2025

Public Session

1. The Joint Committee met in public session at 3.05 p.m., in Committee Room 1, LH2000, and online remotely, a quorum being present.

2. Members Present

The following members were present:

Deputies: Tom Brabazon, Paula Butterly, Catherine Callaghan, Matt Carthy [in the Chair], Gary Gannon and Mark Ward.

Senators: Robbie Gallagher, Garret Kelleher, Michael McDowell and Lynn Ruane.

3. Pre-Legislative Scrutiny Briefing on the General Scheme of the Criminal Justice (International Cooperation Office) Bill 2025

The Committee met in public session to receive an oral briefing on the General Scheme of the Criminal Justice (International Cooperation Office) Bill 2025 which has been referred to the Committee for Pre-Legislative Scrutiny.

The Cathaoirleach welcomed the following to the meeting from the Department of Justice, Home Affairs and Migration:

Representatives	
Mr. Jimmy Martin	Advisor | Former Assistant Secretary
Mr. Fiachra Byrne	Principal Officer

Mr Martin briefed the Committee on the General Scheme, which was followed by a questions and answer session with the Members.

Discussion ensued.

At 4.16 p.m. Senator Lynn Ruane took the Chair.
At 4.20 p.m. Deputy Matt Carthy resumed the Chair.

The Cathaoirleach thanked the officials from the Department for their attendance and for briefing the Committee on this matter.

The witnesses withdrew.

The Committee agreed to go into private session at 4.41 p.m. to consider the matter further in order communicate its decision to the Minister as soon as possible; and also to deal with a number of Housekeeping items.

Private Session

4. DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE
5. DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE
6. DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE
7. DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE
8. DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE

9. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5.05 p.m. until 3 p.m. on Tuesday, 16th December 2025 to deal with a number of housekeeping matters before the Christmas Recess.

Matt Carthy

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Matt Carthy TD,
Cathaoirleach
16th December 2025

JOINT COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE, HOME AFFAIRS AND MIGRATION

MINUTES OF MEETING OF TUESDAY 16TH DECEMBER 2025

Private Session

1. The Joint Committee met in private session at 3.07 p.m., in Committee Room 1, LH2000, and online remotely, a quorum being present.

2. Members Present

The following members were present:

Deputies: Tom Brabazon, Paula Butterly, Michael Cahill, Matt Carthy [in the Chair] and Gary Gannon.

Senators: Robbie Gallagher, Garrett Kelleher, Michael McDowell and Lynn Ruane.

Apologies were received from Deputy Catherine Callaghan.

3. DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE

4. **DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE**
5. **DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE**
6. **DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE**
7. **DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE**
8. **DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE**
9. **DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE**
10. **DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE**
11. **DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE**

12. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4.06 p.m. *Sine Die.*

Matt Carthy

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Matt Carthy TD,
Cathaoirleach
13th January 2026

JOINT COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

APPENDIX 5: Meetings of the Dáil Select Committee

The following are the details, in date order, of the scheduled meetings of the Select Committee which took place during the period under report.

Meeting No. and Date	Topic	Organisations, Groups and Individuals who attended
S01 24-06-2025	2025 Revised Estimates for Public Services - Votes 20, 21, 22, 44; and 2025 Second Further Revised Estimates for Public Services - Vote 24	Mr Jim O'Callaghan T.D, Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration
S02 08-07-2025	Criminal Justice (Terrorist Offences) (Amendment) Bill 2025 - Committee Stage	Mr Jim O'Callaghan, Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration
S03 18-11-2025	Consideration of Estimates for Public Service - Votes 20, 21, 22, and 24	Mr Jim O'Callaghan, Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration
S04 02-12-2026	Proceeds of Crime and Related Matters Bill 2025 – Committee Stage	Mr Jim O'Callaghan, Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration

APPENDIX 6: Proceedings of the Select Committee

IMEACHTAÍ AN ROGHCHOISTE

PROCEEDINGS OF THE SELECT COMMITTEE

Dé Máirt, 24 Meitheamh, 2025

Tuesday, 24 June, 2025

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1. Chruinnigh an Coiste ar 3.47 p.m.

2. COMHALTAÍ I LÁTHAIR.

Bhí na comhaltaí seo a leanas i láthair:

An Teachta Maitiú Ó Cárthaigh (*i gCeannas*), An Teachta Séamus Ó Ceallacháin *(an tAire Dhlí agus Ceart, Gnóthaí Baile agus Imirce)*, na Teachtaí Tomás Brabazon, Paula Butterly, Micheál Ó Cathail, Cáit Ní Cheallacháin, Gearóid Ó Fionnáin, Alan Ó Ceallaigh, Pádraig Ó Súileabháin, Marc Mac an Bháird agus Micheál Ó Murchú.

3. BREITHNIÚ AR MHEASTACHÁIN I GCOMHAIR SEIRBHÍSÍ POIBLÍ.

Bhreithnigh an Coiste na Meastacháin seo a leanas i gcomhair Seirbhísí Poiblí don bhliain dar críoch an 31 Nollaig, 2025 –

Vóta 20 (An Garda Síochána) (Meastachán Athbhreithnithe)

Vóta 21 (Príosúin) (Meastachán Athbhreithnithe)

Vóta 22 (An tSeirbhís Chúirteanna) (Meastachán Athbhreithnithe)

1. The Committee met at 3.47 p.m.

2. MEMBERS PRESENT.

The following Members were present:

Deputy Matt Carty (*in the Chair*), Deputy Jim O'Callaghan (*Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration)*, Deputies Tom Brabazon, Paula Butterly, Michael Cahill, Catherine Callaghan, Gary Gannon, Alan Kelly, Pádraig O'Sullivan, Mark Ward and Michael Murphy.

3. CONSIDERATION OF ESTIMATES FOR PUBLIC SERVICES.

The Committee considered the following Estimates for Public Services for the year ending 31st December, 2025 –

Vote 20 (An Garda Síochána) (Revised Estimate)

Vote 21 (Prisons) (Revised Estimate)

Vote 22 (Courts Service) (Revised Estimate)

Vóta 24 (Dlí agus Ceart) (An Dara Measatchán Athbhreithnithe Breise)

Vóta 44 (An Coimisiún um Chosaint Sonraí) (Measatchán Athbhreithnithe)
Críochnaíodh an breithniú ar na Meastacháin.

Cuireadh teachtaireacht chun na Dála de réir Bhuan-Ordú 90 á chur in iúl di gur chríochnaigh an Coiste a bhreithniú ar na Meastacháin.

Vote 24 (Justice) (Second Further Revised Estimate)

Vote 44 (Data Protection Commission) (Revised Estimate)
Consideration of the Estimates were concluded.

Message sent to the Dáil in accordance with Standing Order 90 acquainting it that the Committee had completed its consideration of the Estimates.

4. ATHLÁ.

Chuaigh an Coiste ar athló ar 5.44 p.m. *sine die.*

4. ADJOURNMENT.

The Committee adjourned at 5.44 p.m. *sine die*.

Matt Carty, T.D.
Chairman
24th June 2025

IMEACHTAÍ AN ROGHCHOISTE

PROCEEDINGS OF THE SELECT COMMITTEE

Dé Máirt, 8 Iúil, 2025

Tuesday, 8th July, 2025

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1. Chruinnigh an Coiste ar 3.03 p.m.

1. The Committee met at 3.03 p.m.

2. COMHALTAÍ I LÁTHAIR[1].

2. MEMBERS PRESENT[2].

An Teachta Maitiú Ó Cárthaigh (*i gCeannas*), An Teachta Séamus Ó Ceallacháin *(an tAire um Dhlí and Ceart, Gnóthaí Baile agus Imirce)*, na Teachtaí Gráinne Ní Bheoláin, Tomás Brabazon, Cáit Ní Cheallacháin, Gearóid Ó Fionnáin, Alan Ó Ceallaigh agus Marc Mac an Bháird.

Deputy Matt Carthy (*in the Chair*), Deputy Jim O'Callaghan (*Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration)*, Deputies Grace Boland, Tom Brabazon, Catherine Callaghan, Gary Gannon, Alan Kelly and Mark Ward.

3. CATHAOIRLEACH SEALADACH A THOGHADH.

3. ELECTION OF TEMPORARY CHAIRMAN.

Rinneadh tairiscint (An Teachta Alan Ó Ceallaigh):

Motion made (Deputy Alan Kelly):

That Deputy Catherine Callaghan take the Chair.

Cuireadh agus *aontaíodh* an Cheist.

Question put, and *agreed to*.

Chuaigh an Teachta Cáit Ní Cheallacháin i gCeannas dá réir sin.

Deputy Catherine Callaghan took the Chair accordingly.

4. AN CRUINNIÚ AR FIONRAÍ.

4. MEETING SUSPENDED.

Ordaíodh: An Cruinniú a chur ar fionraí anois. *(An Teachta Cáit Ní Cheallacháin).*

Ordered: That the Meeting be now suspended. *(Deputy Catherine Callaghan).*

Cuireadh an Cruinniú ar fionraí dá réir sin ar 3.04 p.m.

The Meeting was accordingly suspended at 3.04 p.m.

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[1] Ghlac an Teachta Gráinne Ní Bheoláin ionad an Teachta Paula Butterly [B.O. 95(2)].

[2] Deputy Grace Boland substituted for Deputy Paula Butterly [S.O. 95(2)].

Ar 3.07 p.m. athchromadh ar an gCruinniú.

The Meeting was resumed at 3.07 p.m.

5. AN BILLE UM CHEARTAS COIRIÚIL (CIONTA SCEIMHLITHEOIREACHTA) (LEASÚ), 2025.

5. CRIMINAL JUSTICE (TERRORIST OFFENCES) (AMENDMENT) BILL 2025.

Chrom an Coiste ar an mBille a bhreithniú.

The Committee took the Bill into consideration.

(i) *Aontaíodh* alt 1.

(i) Section 1 *agreed to.*

(ii) Alt 2.

(ii) Section 2.

Tairgeadh leasú 1 *(An Teachta Maitiú Ó Cárthaigh).*

Amendment 1 (*Deputy Matt Carthy*) proposed.

Cuireadh an Cheist.

Question put.

Rinne an Coiste vótáil: Tá, 4; Níl, 6.

The Committee divided: For, 4; Against, 6.

Tá:- Na Teachtaí Marc Mac an Bháird, Maitiú Ó Carthaigh, Alan Ó Ceallaigh, Gearóid Ó Fionnáin.

For:- Deputies Mark Ward, Matt Carthy, Alan Kelly, Gary Gannon.

Níl:- Na Teachtaí Séamus Ó Ceallacháin (an tAire um Dhlí and Ceart, Gnóthaí Baile agus Imirce), Tomás Brabazon, Gráinne Ní Bheoláin, Cáit Ní Cheallacháin, Micheál Ó Cathail, Pádraig Ó Súilleabháin.

Against:- Deputies Jim O'Callaghan (Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration), Tom Brabazon, Grace Boland, Catherine Callaghan, Michael Cahill, Pádraig O'Sullivan.

Faisnéiseadh dá réir sin go rabhthas tar éis diúltú don Cheist – *diúltaíodh don alt nua.*

The Question was declared negatived accordingly – *new section negatived.*

Tairgeadh leasú 2 *(An Teachta Maitiú Ó Cárthaigh)* agus *diúltaíodh dó.*

Amendment 2 (*Deputy Matt Carthy*) proposed and *negatived.*

Tairgeadh leasú 3 *(An Teachta Maitiú Ó Cárthaigh)* agus *diúltaíodh dó.*

Amendment 3 (*Deputy Matt Carthy*) proposed and *negatived.*

Tairgeadh leasú 4 *(An Teachta Maitiú Ó Cárthaigh)* agus *diúltaíodh dó.*

Amendment 4 (*Deputy Matt Carthy*) proposed and *negatived.*

Tairgeadh leasú 5 *(An Teachta Maitiú Ó Cárthaigh)* agus *diúltaíodh dó.*

Amendment 5 (*Deputy Matt Carthy*) proposed and *negatived.*

Tairgeadh leasú 6 *(An Teachta Maitiú Ó Cárthaigh)* agus *diúltaíodh dó.*

Amendment 6 (*Deputy Matt Carthy*) proposed and *negatived.*

Tairgeadh leasú 7 *(An Teachta Maitiú Ó Cárthaigh)* agus *diúltaíodh dó.*

Amendment 7 (*Deputy Matt Carthy*) proposed and *negatived.*

Tairgeadh leasú 8 *(An Teachta Alan Ó Ceallaigh).*

Amendment 8 (*Deputy Alan Kelly*) proposed.

Cuireadh an Cheist.

Question put.

Rinne an Coiste vótáil: Tá, 4; Níl, 6.

The Committee divided: For, 4; Against, 6.

Tá:- Na Teachtaí Marc Mac an Bháird, Maitiú Ó Carthaigh, Alan Ó Ceallaigh, Gearóid Ó Fionnáin.

For:- Deputies Mark Ward, Matt Carthy, Alan Kelly, Gary Gannon.

Níl:- Na Teachtaí Séamus Ó Ceallacháin (an tAire um Dhlí and Ceart, Gnóthaí Baile agus Imirce), Tomás Brabazon, Gráinne Ní Bheoláin, Cáit Ní Cheallacháin, Micheál Ó Cathail, Pádraig Ó Súilleabháin.

Against:- Deputies Jim O'Callaghan (Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration), Tom Brabazon, Grace Boland, Catherine Callaghan, Michael Cahill, Pádraig O'Sullivan.

Faisnéiseadh dá réir sin go rabhthas tar éis diúltú don Cheist – *diúltaíodh don leasú.*

The Question was declared negatived accordingly – *amendment negatived.*

Aontaíodh an t-alt.

Section *agreed to.*

(iii) Alt 3.

(iii) Section 3.

Tairgeadh leasú 9 *(An Teachta Alan Ó Ceallaigh).*

Amendment 9 (*Deputy Alan Kelly*) proposed.

Cuireadh an Cheist.

Question put.

Rinne an Coiste vótáil: Tá, 4; Níl, 6.

The Committee divided: For, 4; Against, 6.

Tá:- Na Teachtaí Marc Mac an Bháird, Maitiú Ó Carthaigh, Alan Ó Ceallaigh, Gearóid Ó Fionnáin.

For:- Deputies Mark Ward, Matt Carthy, Alan Kelly, Gary Gannon.

Níl:- Na Teachtaí Séamus Ó Ceallacháin (an tAire um Dhlí and Ceart, Gnóthaí Baile agus Imirce), Tomás Brabazon, Gráinne Ní Bheoláin, Cáit Ní Cheallacháin, Micheál Ó Cathail, Pádraig Ó Súilleabháin.

Against:- Deputies Jim O'Callaghan (Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration), Tom Brabazon, Grace Boland, Catherine Callaghan, Michael Cahill, Pádraig O'Sullivan.

Faisnéiseadh dá réir sin go rabhthas tar éis diúltú don Cheist – *diúltaíodh don leasú.*

The Question was declared negatived accordingly – *amendment negatived.*

(iv) Alt 3.

(iv) Section 3.

Cuireadh an Cheist.

Question put.

Rinne an Coiste vótáil: Tá, 6; Níl, 4.

The Committee divided: For, 6; Against, 4.

Tá:- Na Teachtaí Séamus Ó Ceallacháin (an tAire um Dhlí and Ceart, Gnóthaí Baile agus Imirce), Tomás Brabazon, Gráinne Ní Bheoláin, Cáit Ní Cheallacháin, Micheál Ó Cathail, Pádraig Ó Súilleabháin.

For:- Deputies Jim O'Callaghan (Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration), Tom Brabazon, Grace Boland, Catherine Callaghan, Michael Cahill, Pádraig O'Sullivan.

Níl:- Na Teachtaí Marc Mac an Bháird, Maitiú Ó Carthaigh, Alan Ó Ceallaigh, Gearóid Ó Fionnáin.

Against:- Deputies Mark Ward, Matt Carthy, Alan Kelly, Gary Gannon.

Faisnéiseadh dá réir sin go rabhthas tar éis glacadh leis an gCeist – *aontaíodh an t-alt.*

The Question was declared carried accordingly – *section agreed to.*

(v) Aontaíodh alt 4.

(v) Section 4 agreed to.

(vi) Alt 5.

(vi) Section 5.

Tairgeadh leasú *10 (An Teachta Maitiú Ó Carthaigh).*

Amendment 10 (*Deputy Matt Carthy*) proposed.

Cuireadh an Cheist.

Question put.

Rinne an Coiste vótáil: Tá, 4; Níl, 6.

The Committee divided: For, 4; Against, 6.

Tá:- Na Teachtaí Marc Mac an Bháird, Maitiú Ó Carthaigh, Alan Ó Ceallaigh, Gearóid Ó Fionnáin.

For:- Deputies Mark Ward, Matt Carthy, Alan Kelly, Gary Gannon.

Níl:- Na Teachtaí Séamus Ó Ceallacháin (an tAire um Dhlí and Ceart, Gnóthaí Baile agus Imirce), Tomás Brabazon, Gráinne Ní

Against:- Deputies Jim O'Callaghan (Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration), Tom Brabazon, Grace Boland,

Bheoláin, Cáit Ní Cheallacháin, Micheál Ó Cathail, Pádraig Ó Súilleabháin.

Faisnéiseadh dá réir sin go rabhthas tar éis diúltú don Cheist – *diúltaíodh don leasú.*

Tairgeadh leasú 11 (An Teachta Maitiú Ó Cárthaigh) agus diúltaíodh dó.

Tairgeadh leasú 12 (An Teachta Maitiú Ó Cárthaigh) agus diúltaíodh dó.

Tairgeadh leasú 13 (An Teachta Maitiú Ó Cárthaigh) agus diúltaíodh dó.

(vii) *Aontaíodh* ailt 6 go 9, go huile.

(viii) *Aontaíodh* an Sceideal.

6. TEACHTAIREACHT CHUIG DÁIL ÉIREANN.

Cuireadh teachtaireacht chun na Dála á chur in iúl di gur chríochnaigh an Coiste a bhreithniú ar an mBille agus nach raibh aon leasú déanta aige air.

7. CRÍOCHNÚ AN GHNÓ.

Chríochnaigh an Coiste a bhreithniú ar an mBille ar 5.05 p.m.

8. ATHLÁ.

Chuaigh an Coiste ar athló ar 5.05 p.m. *sine die.*

Catherine Callaghan, Michael Cahill, Pádraig O'Sullivan.

The Question was declared negatived accordingly – *amendment negatived.*

Amendment 11 (Deputy Matt Carthy) proposed and negatived.

Amendment 12 (Deputy Matt Carthy) proposed and negatived.

Amendment 13 (Deputy Matt Carthy) proposed and negatived.

(vii) Sections 6 to 9, inclusive, *agreed to.*

(viii) The Schedule was *agreed to.*

6. MESSAGE TO DÁIL ÉIREANN.

Message sent to the Dáil acquainting it that the Committee had completed its consideration of the Bill and had made no amendment thereto.

7. CONCLUSION OF BUSINESS.

The Committee concluded its consideration of the Bill at 5.05 p.m.

8. ADJOURNMENT.

The Committee adjourned at 5.05 p.m. *sine die.*

Matt Carty, T.D.
Chairman
8th July 2025

IMEACHTAÍ AN ROGHCHOISTE

PROCEEDINGS OF THE SELECT COMMITTEE

Dé Máirt, 18 Samhain, 2025

Tuesday, 18 November, 2025

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1. Chruinnigh an Coiste ar 3.02 p.m.

2. COMHALTAÍ I LÁTHAIR.

Bhí na comhaltaí seo a leanas i láthair:

An Teachta Maitiú Ó Cárthaigh (*i gCeannas*), An Teachta Séamus Ó Ceallacháin *(an tAire Dhlí agus Ceart, Gnóthaí Baile agus Imirce)*, na Teachtaí Tomás Brabazon, Paula Butterly, Micheál Ó Cathail, Cáit Ní Cheallacháin, Gearóid Ó Fionnáin and Marc Mac an Bháird.

3. BREITHNIÚ AR MHEASTACHÁIN I GCOMHAIR SEIRBHÍSÍ POIBLÍ.

Bhreithnigh an Coiste na Meastacháin seo a leanas i gcomhair Seirbhísí Poiblí don bhliain dar críoch an 31 Nollaig, 2025 –

Vóta 20 (An Garda Síochána) (Meastachán Forlíontach)

Vóta 21 (Príosúin) (Meastachán Forlíontach)

Vóta 22 (An tSeirbhís Chúirteanna) (Meastachán Forlíontach)

Vóta 24 (Dlí agus Ceart) (Meastachán Forlíontach)

Críochnaíodh an breithniú ar na Meastacháin.

1. The Committee met at 3.02 p.m.

2. MEMBERS PRESENT.

The following Members were present:

Deputy Matt Carty (*in the Chair*), Deputy Jim O'Callaghan (*Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration)*, Deputies Tom Brabazon, Paula Butterly, Michael Cahill, Catherine Callaghan, Gary Gannon, and Mark Ward.

3. CONSIDERATION OF ESTIMATES FOR PUBLIC SERVICES.

The Committee considered the following Estimates for Public Services for the year ending 31st December, 2025 –

Vote 20 (An Garda Síochána) (Supplementary Estimate)

Vote 21 (Prisons) (Supplementary Estimate)

Vote 22 (Courts Service) (Supplementary Estimate)

Vote 24 (Justice) (Supplementary Estimate)

Consideration of the Estimates were concluded.

Cuireadh teachtaireacht chun na Dála de réir Bhuan-Ordú 90 á chur in iúl di gur chríochnaigh an Coiste a bhreithniú ar na Meastacháin.

Message sent to the Dáil in accordance with Standing Order 90 acquainting it that the Committee had completed its consideration of the Estimates.

4. ATHLÁ.

Chuaigh an Coiste ar athló ar 5.10 p.m. *sine die.*

4. ADJOURNMENT.

The Committee adjourned at 5.10 p.m. *sine die*.

Matt Carty, T.D.
Chairman
18th November 2025

IMEACHTAÍ AN ROGHCHOISTE

PROCEEDINGS OF THE SELECT COMMITTEE

Dé Máirt, 2 Nollaig, 2025

Tuesday, 2nd December, 2025

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1. Chruinnigh an Coiste ar 6.02 p.m.

1. The Committee met at 6.02 p.m.

2. COMHALTAÍ I LÁTHAIR[1].

2. MEMBERS PRESENT[2].

An Teachta Maitiú Ó Cárthaigh (*i gCeannas*), An Teachta Séamus Ó Ceallacháin *(an tAire um Dhlí and Ceart, Gnóthaí Baile agus Imirce)*, na Teachtaí Tomás Brabazon, Gráinne Ní Bheoláin[1], Cáit Ní Cheallacháin, Gearóid Ó Fionnáin, Alan Ó Ceallaigh, Pádraig Ó Súilleabháin agus Pól Ó Donnghaile[1].

Deputy Matt Carthy (*in the Chair*), Deputy Jim O'Callaghan (*Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration)*, Deputies Tom Brabazon, Grace Boland[2], Michael Cahill, Catherine Callaghan, Gary Gannon, Alan Kelly, Pádraig O'Sullivan, and Paul Donnelly[2].

3. AN BILLE UM FHÁLTAIS Ó CHOIREACHT AGUS NITHE GAOLMHARA.

3. Proceeds of Crime and Related Matters Bill 2025.

Chrom an Coiste ar an mBille a bhreithniú.

The Committee took the Bill into consideration.

(i) *Aontaíodh* ailt 1 go 7, go huile.

(i) Sections 1 to 7, inclusive, *agreed to.*

(ii) Alt 8.

(ii) Section 8.

Tairgeadh leasú *1 (An Teachta Pól Ó Donnghaile).*

Amendment 1 (*Deputy Paul Donnelly*) proposed.

Cuireadh an Cheist.

Question put.

Rinne an Coiste vótáil: Tá, 4; Níl, 5.

The Committee divided: For, 4; Against, 5.

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Ghlac an Teachta Pól Ó Donnghaile ionad an Teachta Marc Mac an Bháird [B.O. 95(2)].
Ghlac an Teachta Gráinne Ní Bheoláin ionad an Teachta Paula Butterly [B.O. 95(2)].

2

Deputy Paul Donnelly substituted for Deputy Mark Ward [S.O. 95(2)].
Deputy Grace Bolan substituted for Deputy Paula Butterly [S.O. 95(2)].

Tá:- Na Teachtaí Maitiú Ó Cárthaigh, Gearóid Ó Fionnáin, Alan Ó Ceallaigh, Pól Ó Donnghaile.
Níl:- Na Teachtaí Séamus Ó Ceallacháin, Tomás Brabazon, Gráinne Ní Bheoláin, Cáit Ní Cheallacháin, Pádraig Ó Súilleabháin.

For:- Deputies Matt Carthy, Gary Gannon, Alan Kelly, Paul Donnelly.

Against:- Deputies Jim O'Callaghan, Tom Brabazon, Grace Boland, Catherine Callaghan, Pádraig O'Sullivan.

Faisnéiseadh dá réir sin go rabhthas tar éis diúltú don Cheist – *diúltaíodh don leasú.*

The Question was declared negatived accordingly – *amendment negatived.*

Aontaíodh an t-alt.

Section agreed to.

(iii) *Aontaíodh* ailt 9 go 14, go huile.

(iii) Sections 9 to 14, inclusive, *agreed to.*

(iv) Alt Nua.

(iv) New Section.

Tairgeadh leasú *2 (An tAire um Dhlí and Ceart, Gnóthaí Baile agus Imirce) agus aontaíodh an leasú -cuireadh isteach an t-alt nua.*

Amendment 2 (*Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration*) proposed and *agreed to – new section inserted.*

(v) *Aontaíodh* alt 15.

(v) Section 15 *agreed to.*

(vi) Alt 16.

(vi) Section 16.

Tairgeadh leasú *3 (An tAire um Dhlí and Ceart, Gnóthaí Baile agus Imirce)* agus *aontaíodh an leasú.*

Amendment 3 (*Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration*) proposed and *agreed to.*

Aontaíodh an t-alt, mar a leasaíodh.

Section, as amended, *agreed to.*

(vii) Alt Nua.

(vii) New Section .

Tairgeadh leasú *4 (An tAire um Dhlí and Ceart, Gnóthaí Baile agus Imirce) agus aontaíodh an leasú -cuireadh isteach an t-alt nua.*

Amendment 4 (*Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration*) proposed and *agreed to – new section inserted.*

(viii) *Aontaíodh* alt 17.

(viii) Section 17 *agreed to.*

(ix) An Teideal

Tairgeadh leasú 5 (An tAire um Dhlí and Ceart, Gnóthaí Baile agus Imirce) agus aontaíodh an leasú.

Aontaíodh an Teideal, mar a leasaíodh.

(ix) Title

Amendment 5 (Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration) proposed and agreed to.

Title, as amended, *agreed to.*

4. TEACHTAIREACHT CHUIG DÁIL ÉIREANN.

Cuireadh teachtaireacht chun na Dála á chur in iúl di gur chríochnaigh an Coiste a bhreithniú ar an mBille agus go raibh leasuithe déanta aige air agus go raibh leasú déanta aige ar an Teideal chun go léifidh sé mar a leanas:

4. MESSAGE TO DÁIL ÉIREANN.

Message sent to the Dáil acquainting it that the Committee had completed its consideration of the Bill and had made amendments thereto and had amended the Title to read as follows:

"Acht do dhéanamh socrú chun go leanfar de mhaoin a choinneáil chun críoch imscrúdaithe ag an mBiúró um Shócmhainní Coiriúla in imthosca áirithe; do dhéanamh socrú maidir le hoifigeach biúró do thabhairt treoruithe calctha íocaíochtaí, agus maidir leis an gCúirt Dúiche do dhéanamh orduithe calctha íocaíochtaí, i leith cistí i gcuntais in imthosca áirithe; do laghdú na tréimhse ama arb ar a feadh is gá d'ordú idirbhreitheach a bheith i bhfeidhm sular féidir ordú diúscartha a dhéanamh i leith maoin áirithe; do dhéanamh socrú maidir le glacadóir a cheapadh chun an cumas tairbhe agus úsáid leanúnach a bhaint as maoin a bhaint de dhuine in imthosca áirithe agus chun na gcríoch sin agus chun críoch eile do leasú an Achta um Fháltais ó Choireacht, 1996; do leasú an Achta um Chartlann Náisiúnta, 1986; do leasú an Achta um Cheartas Coiriúil, 1994; do leasú an Achta fán mBiúró um Shócmhainní Coiriúla, 1996; do leasú an Achta um Cheartas Coiriúil (Cionta Sceimhlitheoireachta), 2005; do leasú an Achta um Cheartas Coiriúil (Cionta Éillithe), 2018; agus do dhéanamh socrú i dtaobh nithe gaolmhara.

An Act to provide for the continued detention of property for the purposes of an investigation by the Criminal Assets Bureau in certain circumstances; to provide for the giving of payment freezing directions by a bureau officer, and the making of payment freezing orders by the District Court, in respect of funds in accounts in certain circumstances; to reduce the period of time an interlocutory order is required to be in place before a disposal order can be made in respect of certain property; to provide for the appointment of a receiver to deprive a person of the ongoing benefit and use of property in certain circumstances and for those and other purposes to amend the Proceeds of Crime Act 1996; to amend the National Archives Act 1986; to amend the Criminal Justice Act 1994; to amend the Criminal Assets Bureau Act 1996; to amend the Criminal Justice (Terrorist Offences)

Act 2005; to amend the Criminal Justice (Corruption Offences) Act 2018; and to provide for related matters."

5. CRÍOCHNÚ AN GHNÓ.

Chríochnaigh an Coiste a bhreithniú ar an mBille ar 6.54 p.m.

5. CONCLUSION OF BUSINESS.

The Committee concluded its consideration of the Bill at 6.54 p.m.

6. ATHLÁ.

Chuaigh an Coiste ar athló ar 6.54 p.m. *sine die.*

6. ADJOURNMENT.

The Committee adjourned at 6.54 p.m. *sine die.*

Matt Carty, T.D.
Chairman
2nd December 2025