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# Government Legislation Programme

## Autumn 2026

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# Legislation for Priority Publication Autumn Session 2026

| Title of Bill | Purpose of Bill | Status of Bill |
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| **Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine** | | |
| **Dog Breeding Establishments (Amendment) Bill** | The Bill will amend the Dog Breeding Establishments Act 2010. It will strengthen enforcement functions, enhance regulatory making powers and increase sanctions in order to safeguard the welfare of dogs within dog breeding establishments. | Heads of Bill approved May 2026. |
| **Irish Horseracing Industry Act (Amendment) Bill** | To amend section 48 of the Irish Horseracing Industry Act 1994 to allow an employee or agent of a licensed bookmaker to provide on-course betting services without requiring them to be obtain a separate full licence from the Gambling Regulatory Authority of Ireland, in line with the current arrangements. | Heads of Bill approved September 2026. |
| **Department of Children, Disability and Equality** | | |
| **Employment Equality (Gender Pay Gap Information) (Amendment), and Another Matter, Bill** | To clarify the legislative basis for employers to report their gender pay gap to the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality via a central online portal. | Heads of Bill approved June 2026. |
| **Disability (Amendment) Bill** | To adjust certain sections of Part 2 of the Disability Act relating to Assessments of Need. | Heads of Bill approved December 2025. |
| **Department of Climate, Energy and the Environment** | | |
| **Renewable Heat Obligation Bill** | To place an obligation on the suppliers of fossil fuels used for heat to demonstrate a proportion of the energy they supply is from a renewable source. | Heads of Bill approved July 2025. |
| **Private Wires Bill** | Primary legislation to amend the Electricity Regulation Act allowing for Private Wires (referring to the construction of private electricity lines) in certain specific circumstances. | Heads of Bill approved December 2025. |

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| **Department of Culture, Communications and Sport** | | |
| **Communications Regulation (Postal Services) Amendment Bill** | To put in place and amend legislation to provide for the continuation of postcode operations on the expiry of current contract, including regulatory powers. Legislative amendments required to the Communications Regulation (Postal Services) Act, 2011 and to the Communications Regulation Act 2002. | Heads of Bill approved in December 2025. |
| **Department of Education and Youth** | | |
| **Education (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill** | Legislation to make some necessary technical amendments to education legislation. | Heads of Bill approved in July 2025**.** |
| **Department of Enterprise, Tourism and Employment** | | |
| **Short Term Letting and Tourism Bill** | To provide for new regulatory controls requiring short-term lettings to be registered with Fáilte Ireland with a view to ensuring that houses are used to best effect in areas of housing need.<br><br>Additionally, the Bill provides for implementing measures necessary to give effect to the Short Term Rental Regulation (EU) 2024/1028 including the appointment of a competent authority, and penalty provisions.<br><br>The Bill will update existing provisions in the Tourist Traffic Acts for existing Fáilte Ireland registers (for Hotels, Bed and Breakfasts) to bring them into line with the new registration systems, and to update penalties for the enforcement of those registers. | Heads of Bill approved in April 2025. |
| **Non-Personal Data Bill** | To give full effect to the EU Data Act Regulation.<br><br>The Bill will designate the National Competent Authorities responsible for implementing and enforcing the EU regulation and will provide penalties for non-compliance. | Heads of Bill approved in December 2025. |
| **Industrial Relations (Amendment) Bill** | To amend the modalities of how Divisions of the Labour Court are composed. | Heads in preparation. |

| Department of Finance | | |
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| **Finance (No.2) Bill** | To give legislative form to taxation proposals in Budget 2027. It will also contain provisions which are consequential on the Budget measures and a number of other changes to the taxation code. | Heads in preparation. |
| **Finance (International Financial Institutions) Bill** | A Bill to put in place the legislative authority for the Minister and the Central Bank of Ireland to contribute to the IMF Resilience and Sustainability Trust using a portion of Irelands allocation of IMF Special Drawing Rights.<br><br>The Bill will also provide a government guarantee to the CBI for the purpose of contributing to the IMF Trust and make other administrative amendments relating to Ireland's membership of international financial institutions. | Heads of Bill approved in July 2025. |
| **Taxation and Certain Other Matters (International Mutual Assistance) Bill** | The purpose of the Bill is to give effect to certain provisions contained in two international agreements that provide for mutual assistance in the recovery of taxes and other relevant amounts, namely the Convention on Mutual Administrative Assistance in Tax Matters and the EU-Swiss Anti-Fraud Agreement. | Work is ongoing. |
| **Department of Health** | | |
| **Health Insurance (Amendment) Bill** | To amend the Health Insurance Act 1994 to specify the amount of premium to be paid from the Risk Equalisation Fund in respect of certain classes of insured persons to make a consequential amendment to the Stamp Duties Consolidation Act 1999 and to provide for related matters. | Heads in preparation. |

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| **Regulated Professions (Health and Social Care) (Amendment) Bill** | To amend the Health and Social Care Professionals Act 2005, the Medical Practitioners Act 2007, the Dentists Act 1985, and the Nurses and Midwives Act 2011. These amendments are intended to enable agreed Departmental policy on advanced practice for HSCPs, and on Fitness to Practise, as well as creating other internal operating efficiencies to support the regulators in fulfilling their public protection objectives. | Heads of Bill approved in September 2024. |
| **Health (Assisted Human Reproduction) (Amendment) Bill** | To address issues related to parentage and citizenship arising from the use of fertility clinics abroad by Irish residents and Irish citizens living abroad, in addition to seeking to bring forward other required amendments to the Health (Assisted Human Reproduction) Act 2024. | Heads of Bill approved in October 2024. |
| **Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage** | | |
| **Apartment and Duplex Defects Remediation Bill** | The Bill puts in place a statutory scheme to establish supports for the remediation of fire safety, structural safety and water ingress defects in purpose-built apartment buildings, including duplexes, constructed between 1991 and 2013. | Heads of Bill approved in September 2024. |
| **Department of Justice, Home Affairs and Migration** | | |
| **Civil Reform Bill** | To give effect to recommendations arising from the Review of the Administration of Civil Justice. | Heads of Bill approved December 2025. |
| **Criminal Justice (Protection, Preservation of and Access to Data on Information Systems) Bill** | To give effect to a number of the provisions of the Budapest Convention on Cybercrime and the EU e-Evidence Regulation (EU) 2021/784. | Heads of Bill approved February 2024. |
| **Criminal Justice (Violation of EU Restrictive Measures) Bill** | To transpose EU Directive 2024/1226 on the definition of criminal offences and penalties for the violation of Union restrictive measures. | Heads of Bill approved in March 2025. |

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| **Criminal Procedure (Remote Hearings) Bill** | To provide for major expansion of the courts' power to conduct criminal and international co-operation proceedings remotely. | Heads of Bill approved May 2025. |
| **Inspection of Places of Detention Bill** | To provide for inspection of all places of detention in the Justice area - prisons, Garda stations, courts. The Bill also provides for the appointment and functions of the Chief Inspector of Places of Detention. Enactment will enable ratification of the Optional Protocol on the Convention of Torture. | Work is ongoing. |
| **National Cyber Security Bill** | The Bill will transpose the EU Directive on measures for a high common level of cybersecurity across the Union into national law. It will incorporate provisions to establish the National Cyber Security Centre on a statutory basis and provide for related matters. | Work is ongoing. |
| **The Judicial Council (Amendment) Bill** | To ensure the process for the adoption of Personal Injuries Guidelines is more transparent and comprehensive. | Heads of Bill approved January 2026. |
| **Irish Nationality and Citizenship (Amendment) Bill** | To amend the Irish Nationality and Citizenship Act 1956 to include and amend certain provisions governing how Irish citizenship is acquired, retained and revoked; (and to provide for technical, drafting and operational amendments to the International Protection Act 2026 as well as an amendment to the International Protection Act 2015 in relation to the removal of Tribunal members from the International Protection Appeals Tribunal.). | Heads of Bill approved September 2026. |

| Department of Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation | | |
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| **Appropriation Bill** | An annual Bill to appropriate the proper supply services and purposes sums granted by the Central Fund (Permanent Provisions) Act 1965, to make provision in relation to deferred surrender to the Central Fund of certain undischarged appropriations by reference to the capital supply services and purposes as provided for by section 91 of the Finance Act 2004 and, for the purpose of maintaining a sufficient amount of moneys in the Paymaster General's supply account so as to enable the discharge of particular liabilities, to make provision for repayable advances from the Central Fund. | Heads in preparation. |
| **Data Sharing and Governance (Single Public Service Pension Scheme) Bill** | To establish a Single Public Service Pension Scheme Centralised Database and Information System. | Heads of Bill approved in December 2025. |
| **Arterial Drainage (Amendment) Bill** | To transfer responsibility for the assessment and confirmation of flood relief schemes under the Arterial Drainage Act to an appropriate body. | Heads of Bill approved January 2026. |
| **Civil Service Regulation and Public Service Management (Amendment) and Miscellaneous Provisions Bill** | The main purpose is to amend the Civil Service Regulation Acts 1956–2005 and the Public Service Management Act 1997 to provide that disciplinary action up to and including dismissal in the Civil Service can be assigned below the level of the head of the organisation (Appropriate Authority) and other miscellaneous amendments to modernise the legislation, including the establishment of a Senior Post Remuneration Committee and certain terms and conditions for Secretaries General. | Work is ongoing. |

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| **Department of Social Protection** | | |
| **Social Welfare (Budget) Bill** | To give legislative effect to measures announced on Budget Day. | Work is ongoing. |
| **Department of Transport** | | |
| **MetroLink Bill** | To establish MetroLink as a Statutory Body for delivery of Metrolink infrastructure. | Heads of Bill approved June 2026. |

# Legislation for Priority Drafting Autumn Session 2026

| Title of Bill | Purpose of Bill | Status of Bill |
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| **Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine** | | |
| **Deforestation and Forest Degradation Bill** | To give effect in national law as required to the EU Deforestation Regulation 23/1115. | Heads of Bill approved July 2026. |
| **Fisheries Amendment Bill** | To amend the Fisheries (Amendment) Act 1997 in order to update, modernise and streamline aquaculture licencing in the State; to bring 1997 Act into compliance with EU legislation. | Heads of Bill approved July 2026. |
| **Department of Children, Disability and Equality** | | |
| **Equality (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill** | To provide for amendments to the Employment Equality and Equal Status Acts, arising from a review of the Equality legislation. This Bill will also provide for Surrogacy Leave and leave for pregnancy loss. | Work is ongoing. |
| **Department of Climate, Energy and the Environment** | | |
| **Heat (Networks and Misc. Provisions) Bill** | To establish a regulatory model for district heating that ensures consumer protection and the delivery of a vibrant district heating industry, and to mandate all Public Sector buildings and facilities to connect to district heating where it is available and is technically and economically feasible. | Work is ongoing. |
| **Electricity (Supply) (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill** | To provide for enhanced proactive vegetation management measures to protect the electricity network. | Heads of Bill approved July 2025. |
| **Offshore Transmission Asset Investment Fund Bill** | To provide a mechanism to facilitate Government equity investment in EirGrid of €2 billion to support the development of offshore electricity grid infrastructure by EirGrid. | Heads in preparation. |
| **Maritime Area Planning (Marine Protected Areas) (Amendment) Bill** | To make amendments to the Maritime Area Planning Act 2021 to support the application of the regulatory system and to ensure a streamlined, effective, and efficient Regulatory Regime for the Maritime Area. The Bill will also provide a legislative basis for the designation and effective management of Marine Protected Areas in the Irish Maritime Area. | Heads of Bill approved November 2025. |

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| **Department of Culture, Communications and Sport** | | |
| **Postal and Telecommunications Services (Amendment) Bill [Statutory Borrowing Limit]** | To revise An Post's statutory borrowing limit as prescribed by section 27 of the Postal and Telecommunications Services Act 1983. | Heads in preparation. |
| **Department of Defence** | | |
| **Defence (Amendment) (No.2) Bill** | To amend the Defence Acts to revise the Command-and-Control structures of the Defence Forces and make other necessary changes. | Heads in preparation. |
| **Department of Education and Youth** | | |
| **State Examinations Commission (Establishment) and Education (Amendment) Bill** | To update the powers and functions of the State Examinations Commission in the Education Acts to align with current and future operations and delivery. | Heads in preparation. |
| **Education (Welfare) (Amendment) Bill** | Amendment to the Education (Welfare) Act 2000 to strengthen statutory supports for young children, including bringing children under 6 attending recognised primary school within its scope to ensure earlier intervention from the Education Welfare Service. | Heads in preparation. |
| **Department of Enterprise, Tourism and Employment** | | |
| **Co-operative Societies Bill** | The proposed legislation aims to place the co-operative model on a more favourable and clearer legal basis, thereby creating a level playing field with companies and encouraging the consideration of the co-operative model as an attractive formation option for entrepreneurs. | Work is ongoing. |
| **Leave for Pregnancy Loss Bill** | To provide for five days of paid leave per year for individuals who experience a pregnancy loss prior to 23 weeks gestation. | Heads of Bill approved July 2026. |

| Department of Finance | | |
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| **Finance (Tax Appeals and Fiscal Responsibility) Bill** | To amend the Finance (Tax Appeals) Act 2015; to make provision for different grades of Appeal Commissioners; to amend the Taxes Consolidation Act 1997 to revise the law concerning the making of appeals in matters of taxation; to amend the Fiscal Responsibility Act 2012; and to provide for related matters. | Heads of Bill approved in September 2025. |
| **Asset Covered Securities (Amendment) Bill** | To amend the Asset Covered Securities Act 2001 to facilitate the issuance of asset covered securities (covered bonds) either by specialist covered bond subsidiary entities under a specialist banking model or from non-specialist credit institutions operating under a universal banking model and related matters. | Heads of Bill approved June 2026. |
| **Department of Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science** | | |
| **Technological University (Amendment) Bill** | To provide a legislative basis for Dundalk to become a university college of Queen's University Belfast on the basis of a North/South all-island strategic partnership. | Heads of Bill approved April 2026. |
| **Grangegorman Development Agency (Amendment) Bill** | To amend the Act to provide for additional functions of the Grangegorman Development Agency. | Heads of Bill approved September 2026. |

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| **Department of Health** | | |
| **Children's Health Ireland Bill** | To provide for the integration of Children's Health Ireland into the Health Service Executive. | Heads of Bill approved July 2026. |
| **Dentists (Amendment) Bill** | To amend the Dentists Act 1985 in order to provide a statutory basis for Continuous Professional Development for Dentists. | Heads of Bill approved July 2026. |
| **Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage** | | |
| **Land Development Agency (Amendment) Bill** | To amend the governing legislation of the Land Development Agency to expand the agency's role and remit. | Heads of Bill approved July 2026. |
| **Energy Performance of Buildings Directive Bill** | To transpose the Energy Performance of Buildings EU Directive. | Heads in preparation. |
| **Property Services (Regulation) Amendment Bill** | This Bill will amend several provisions relating to the Property Services Regulatory Authority and the Property Services Appeal Board to bring them up to date. | Heads in preparation. |
| **Housing (Regulation of Approved Housing Bodies Act 2019) Amendment Bill** | To amend the Housing (Regulation of Approved Housing Bodies) Act 2019 on foot of a review of the Act, as legislated for under Section 4. | Heads in preparation. |

| Department of Justice, Home Affairs and Migration | | |
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| **Legacy of the Troubles Bill** | To support the implementation of the Joint Framework to address the Legacy of the Troubles approved by Government on 1 October 2025 including to provide for the establishment of the Independent Commission on Information Retrieval, and to enable cooperation with UK legacy processes. | Heads of Bill approved June 2026. |
| **Criminal Law (Sexual Offences, Domestic Violence and International Instruments) Bill** | To provide for the reform of belief in consent provisions in relation to rape and sexual assault offences; Information sharing between An Garda Síochána and schools (Operation Encompass); References to "child pornography" in enactments, legal proceedings or other documents to be construed as references to "child sexual abuse material".<br><br>The Bill will also provide for transposition by the deadline of 15 July 2026 of EU Directive 2024/1712/EU on preventing and combating trafficking in human beings and protecting its victims; and the removal of dual criminality in respect of certain offences, in compliance with the requirements of EU Directive 2024/1385 on combating violence against women and domestic violence and the Istanbul Convention. | Heads of Bill approved October 2025. |
| **Courts Security Bill** | To address any specific deficiencies in the existing powers/legislative protections available to challenge misconduct in or in the vicinity of courts and courthouses and to strengthen the ability of the Judiciary to manage disruptive behaviour in court rooms. | Heads in preparation. |
| **Criminal Justice (Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing) (Amendment) Bill** | To transpose certain aspects of the EU's 6th Anti-Money laundering package that require primary legislation. | Heads in preparation. |

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| **Life Sentences Bill** | The proposed Bill will allow judges to recommend a minimum period to be served in custody before a person is released on parole, reflecting the circumstances of the case. The recommendation will go to the minimum period which should be served and will not give rise to a presumption towards release on its expiry. | Work is ongoing. |
| **Department of Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation** | | |
| **Public Service Pay Bill** | The Bill seeks to repeal specific provisions of the Financial Emergency Measures in the Public Interest Acts that are no longer applicable or necessary. | Heads of Bill approved March 2026. |
| **Ethics in Public Office Bill** | Reform and consolidation of the Ethics in Public Office legislation. | Heads in preparation. |
| **Department of Transport** | | |
| **eScooters Bill** | To include Personal Powered Transporter as a required vehicle type to require driving licence and insurance, to give legal protection to Garda pursuits of e-scooters. | Heads in preparation. |
| **Merchant Shipping (International Conventions and Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill** | To provide a legislative basis to enable the implementation of certain International Maritime Conventions at national level; to provide for the updating of existing legislation in respect of some other international maritime conventions that are already in force in the State; and to make provision for some additional miscellaneous maritime safety amendments. The Conventions in the Bill concern safety standards, training and working conditions for fishing vessels and personnel (fishers), ship recycling, the removal of maritime wreck, and membership of the International Mobile Satellite Organisation. | Heads of Bill approved July 2026. |

# All Other Legislation Autumn Session 2026

| Title of Bill | Purpose of Bill | Status of Bill |
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| **Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine** | | |
| **Control of Horses Bill** | To simplify and modernise the Control of Horses Act 1996, ensuring a cohesive national approach to enforcement powers around detention, notice and release of stray horses seized by local authorities, and related issues. | Heads in preparation. |
| **Animal Health and Welfare Amendment Bill** | To amend the 2013 Animal Health and Welfare Act to provide for changes which would give effect to recommendations relating to dog welfare from the report of the Control of Dogs Working Group. | Heads in preparation. |
| **Veterinary Practice (Amendment) Bill** | To amend and update the Veterinary Practice Act 2005, as amended, which governs the regulation of the practice of Veterinary Medicine. | Heads in preparation. |
| **Fishery Harbour Centres Amendment Bill** | To amend the Fishery Harbour Centres Act 1968 for the purpose of subsuming the current receipts and payments funding mechanism into the Department's Vote on foot of the recommendations of the Financial Reporting and Financial Management Review Group. | Heads in preparation. |
| **Department of Children, Disability and Equality** | | |
| **Pay Transparency Bill** | To transpose the EU Pay Transparency Directive. | Heads in preparation. |
| **Prohibition of Conversion Practices** | To advance legislation to ban conversion practices. | Heads in preparation. |
| **Disability and Miscellaneous Provisions Bill** | To make any necessary amendments to the Disability Act 2005 arising from a review of the Act in light of the provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, and of practical experience of its operation. The Bill is also intended to provide for necessary amendments to the Assisted Decision-Making (Capacity) Act 2015 and the Irish Sign Language Act 2017. | Heads in preparation. |

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| **Supports for Irish Survivors of Thalidomide Bill** | To provide a special care package to Irish survivors of thalidomide including certain health and personal social services; home adaptation grants to support independent living; vehicle adaptations; and management of ex-gratia payments to Irish survivors. | Heads in preparation. |
| **Department of Climate, Energy and the Environment** | | |
| **Inland Fisheries (Amendment) Bill** | The legal framework for inland fisheries is outdated and fragmented. The purpose of these amendments is to modernise and strengthen regulatory and enforcement tools, to ensure proportionate penalties and support compliance. | Heads in preparation. |
| **Aarhus Legal Costs Bill** | To extend the revised legal costs provisions of Part 9 of the Planning and Development Act 2024 to over 20 other environmental consent regimes in order to ensure a consistency of approach in all planning and environment consents. | Heads in preparation. |
| **Strategic Gas Emergency Reserve (Operational) Bill** | To amend Gas Network Ireland functions and introduce the required regulatory framework, to support a state led strategic gas emergency reserve. | Heads in preparation. |
| **Gas (Amendment) Bill** | To support the transposition of the EU Hydrogen & Decarbonised Gas Market Package by conferring additional statutory functions to Gas Networks Ireland in respect of hydrogen. | Heads in preparation. |
| **Electricity Ownership Unbundling Bill** | To amend the Ministerial shareholding arrangements to comply with Directive 2019/944 of the European Parliament in relation to the unbundling of ownership of generation/supply and transmissions systems in the energy market. | Heads in preparation. |

| Department of Culture, Communications and Sport | | |
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| **General Post Office Bill** | To vest the General Post Office (GPO) in the Commissioners for Public Works (and thereby Office of Public Works) to allow for management and redevelopment. | Heads in preparation. |
| **Communications Regulation (Amendment) Bill** | Legislate to create a statutory right of exit without penalty from electronic communications service contracts when the mechanism used to increase the price is an in-contract price increase clause. | Heads in preparation. |
| **Gigabit Infrastructure Bill** | To provide national standing for several provisions of Regulation (EU) 2024/1309 (Gigabit Infrastructure Act) including to designate a Dispute Settlement Body and to provide for exemptions to certain provisions. | Work is underway. |
| **Digital Identity Framework Regulation Bill** | To provide national standing for several provisions of Regulation (EU) 2024/1183 on electronic identification and trust services for electronic transactions | Heads of Bill approved July 2026. |
| **Digital Hub Development Agency (Dissolution) Bill** | To put in place the legislation required to dissolve the Digital Hub Development Agency and the transfer of its lands. | Heads of Bill approved July 2026. |
| **Department of Enterprise, Tourism and Employment** | | |
| **Employment (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill** | To amend the Employment Permits Act 2024 to provide the Minister with the power to adjust the balance of Irish/EEA workers to non-EEA workers in specific sectors of the economy providing critical care services to vulnerable members of our society. | Heads in preparation. |
| **Miscellaneous Provisions (Registration of Limited Partnerships and Business Names) Bill** | This Bill will reform the Limited Partnerships Act 1907 and the Registration of Business Names Act 1963, strengthening Ireland's regulatory framework and the transparency of Limited Partnerships. | Work is ongoing. |

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| **Consumer Protection, Competition and Enforcement Bill** | The Bill will align domestic law with EU standards on consumer rights and product liability and update consumer protection provisions where a trader has engaged in prohibited practices resulting in an impediment for a consumer to make an informed decision.<br><br>It will seek to protect the integrity of public procurement by providing bid-rigging detection powers and it will also provide for administrative financial sanctions for breaches of consumer law and enhance the Competition and Consumer Protection Commission powers for enforcement. | Heads in preparation. |
| **Department of Finance** | | |
| **Restrictive Measures Bill** | To create a mechanism by which persons would be obliged to adhere to the asset freezing requirements of certain UN Security Council Sanctions Resolutions in the period prior to their incorporation in an EU legislative act, i.e. a 'bridging measure', in order to meet Ireland's international obligations and prevent sanctions evasion. | Heads in preparation. |
| **Department of Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science** | | |
| **Open Research Bill** | The aim of this draft Bill is to underpin the rights of researchers and their employers and funders to publish publicly-funded research outputs on open access platforms. | Heads in preparation. |
| **Institute for Advanced Studies (Amendment) Bill** | To amend the Institute for Advanced Studies Act, 1940, to revise certain appointment provisions and to provide for related matters. | Heads in preparation. |
| **Student Support (Amendment) Bill** | To update the Student Support Act in line with Programme for Government Commitments to reform the delivery of student supports. | Heads in preparation. |

| Department of Health | | |
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| **Public Health (Sunbeds) (Amendment) Bill** | To amend Public Health legislation to further manage and restrict sunbed use or provide for a ban on commercial sunbed use. | Heads in preparation. |
| **The Patient Safety (Licensing) Bill** | The Bill will introduce a licensing requirement for all hospitals, public and private, and certain designated high-risk activities in the community. | Heads of Bill approved June 2025. |
| **National Research Ethics Bill (NREC) Bill** | The purpose of this Bill is to provide a legislative framework for National Research Ethics Committees (NREC) operating in key areas of health research. | Work is ongoing. |
| **Health (Adult Safeguarding) Bill** | To underpin a planned national policy on adult safeguarding in the health and social care sector. | Work is ongoing. |
| **Protection of Liberty Safeguards Bill** | To provide procedural safeguards to ensure that people who cannot consent to their care arrangements in relevant facilities are not unlawfully deprived of their liberty. | Work is ongoing. |
| **Health (Pharmacy) Bill** | To streamline existing fitness to practice processes for the pharmacy profession. | Work is ongoing. |
| **Northern Ireland (Planned Healthcare Scheme) Bill** | To introduce a statutory scheme enabling persons resident in the State to access and be reimbursed for private healthcare in Northern Ireland by the HSE, provided such healthcare is publicly available within Ireland. | Work is ongoing. |
| **Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage** | | |
| **Electoral (Amendment) Bill** | To provide for amendments to the Electoral Reform Act 2022 and other miscellaneous amendments to the Electoral Acts. | Heads in preparation. |
| **Local Government (Amendment) Bill** | To amend the Local Government Act 2001 to legislate for reforms arising from commitments in the Programme for Government and other miscellaneous local government matters; and to amend the Mayor of Limerick Act following a review of the legislation after 3 years, if necessary. | Work is underway. |

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| **Fire Services Bill** | Legislation to consolidate and update the Fire Services Act. | Work is ongoing. |
| **Building Standards Regulatory Authority Bill** | To establish a Building Standards Regulatory Authority to strengthen the oversight role of the State in respect of the design and construction of buildings and the marketing and use of construction products. | Heads in preparation. |
| **Strategic Environmental Assessment Bill** | To transpose the Second Amendment to the Espoo Convention and its Strategic Environmental Assessment Protocol. | Heads in preparation. |
| **Wildlife (Amendment) Bill** | A Bill to update the Wildlife Acts as part of a general review of wildlife legislation. | Work is ongoing. |
| **National Parks Bill** | A Bill to put Ireland's National Parks on a statutory footing. | Heads in preparation. |
| **Registration (Assisted Decision-Making) (Amendment) Bill** | To amend the Registration of Title Act 1964 and the Registration of Deeds and Title Act 2006 to incorporate necessary changes following a review of the Assisted Decision-Making (Capacity) Act 2015. | Heads in preparation. |
| **Valuation (Amendment) Bill** | To amend the Valuation Act 2001 to make necessary changes to enable the National Re-evaluation Programme and to make other necessary changes. | Heads in preparation. |
| **Planning and Development (Amendment) Bill** | Amendments to planning legislation to support the efficient and effective running of the Planning system. | Heads in preparation. |

| Department of Justice, Home Affairs and Migration | | |
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| **Irish Prison Service Bill** | To establish the Irish Prison Service on a statutory basis with defined functions, and to provide for enhanced governance and oversight structures including a board and an audit committee. | Pre-legislative scrutiny was completed in December 2023. Work is ongoing. |
| **European Investigation Order Bill** | To transpose the European Investigation Order Directive (EU) 2014/41.<br><br>The European Investigation Order is a judicial decision issued/validated by the judicial authority in one EU country to have investigative measures to gather or use evidence in criminal matters carried out in another EU country. | Heads in preparation. |
| **Criminal Justice (Legal Aid) Bill** | To update and strengthen the system of granting of criminal legal aid and to transfer the responsibility for the administration of the main scheme and ad-hoc schemes to the Legal Aid Board. | Pre-legislative scrutiny was completed in December 2023. Work is ongoing. |
| **Children (Amendment) Bill** | To amend the Children Act 2001 to provide for alternative sanctions to fully and partly suspended sentences, including for children who will transition to adulthood while subject to a court-ordered sanction. | Heads of Bill approved in July 2024. |
| **Communications (Interception and Lawful Access) Bill** | To update and replace the Interception of Postal Packets and Telecommunications Messages (Regulation) Act 1993 to reflect advances in technology. | Heads of Bill approved December 2025. |
| **Coroners Bill** | Bill to reform, update, amend, consolidate and extend the law relating to coroners, coroners' investigations and inquests. To provide for the establishment of an independent coronial agency to employ salaried coroners. | Work is ongoing. |
| **Criminal Injuries Compensation Bill** | Bill to place the Criminal Injuries Compensation Scheme on a statutory basis. | Heads in preparation. |
| **Criminal Justice (Community Sanctions) Bill** | To provide a modern statement of the law governing community sanctions and the role of the Probation Service in the criminal justice system. | Work is ongoing. |

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| **European Public Prosecutor's Office Bill** | To make the necessary legislative changes to enable Ireland to participate in the European Public Prosecutor's Office Regulation. | Heads in preparation. |
| **Garda Síochána (Recording Devices) (Amendment) No.2 Bill** | To include retrospective and live biometric identification in the principal act. | Heads in preparation. |
| **Intoxicating Liquor Bill** | Condensed Bill to introduce certain key reforms from the Sale of Alcohol Bill 2022. | Work is ongoing. |
| **Personal Insolvency (Amendment) Bill** | To update aspects of personal insolvency legislation, following statutory review of Personal Insolvency Acts. | Work is ongoing. |
| **Department of Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation** | | |
| **Freedom of Information (Amendment) Bill** | Update to the Freedom of Information legislation arising from the review of the current Act. | Work is ongoing. |
| **Critical Infrastructure (Emergency Powers) Bill** | To accelerate infrastructure delivery | Heads in preparation. |
| **Department of Social Protection** | | |
| **Pensions (Amendment) Bill** | To develop detailed policy and legislative proposals to provide for a new statutory scheme authorisation process, legal underpinning for a Master Trust regime, related supervisory powers for the Pensions Authority, and other amendments to 1990 Act including actions committed to by the Interdepartmental Pensions Reform and Taxation Group. | Heads in preparation. |
| **Department of Transport** | | |
| **Horse-Drawn Carriages for Hire or Reward Bill** | To repeal the Dublin Carriage Acts 1853-55 and relieve An Garda Síochána of responsibility for the regulation and licencing of horse-drawn carriages in Dublin; and assert the power of local authorities, including Dublin City Council, to regulate horse-drawn carriages within their respective functional areas. | Heads in preparation. |

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| **Transport Security Force Bill** | To introduce a Transport Security Force in Ireland. | Heads in preparation. |
| **Taxi Regulation (Amendment) Bill** | To provide for amendments to the Consolidated Taxi Regulation Acts 2013 – 2016. | Heads in preparation. |
| **Dublin Transport Authority (Amendment) Bill No. 2** | To extend the National Transport Authorities' (NTA) transport planning remit to the regional cities and related amendments, including to provide for the establishment of a National Transport Authority Advisory Council. Also to include provisions relating to NTA's role in the Transport Security Force. | Heads in preparation. |
| **LPSV (Large Public Service Vehicles) Reform Bill** | To ensure an effective licensing and regulatory framework for the LPSV sector. | Heads in preparation. |
| **Road Traffic and Roads Bill** | To support Programme for Government commitments in relation to a graduated penalty points system and further expansion of cameras to encourage safety driving. The Bill will also address a number of anomalies and issues that have been identified in road traffic legislation. | Heads in preparation. |
| **Road Safety Authority (Amendment) Bill** | To amend and update the existing Road Safety Authority (RSA) legislation. | Heads in preparation. |
| **Air Navigation and Transport (International Aviation Agreements) Bill** | The purpose of the Bill is to provide for the offences contained within three international aviation treaties in Irish legislation – The Beijing Convention 2010, the Montreal Protocol 2014 and the Beijing Protocol 2010 – in advance of ratification. | Heads in preparation. |

## Bills currently on the Dáil and Seanad Order Paper, as of 10 September 2026

| **Order Paper Bills** | **As of 10 September** |
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| **Bills on Dáil Order Paper** | **Stage** |
| Social Welfare, Civil Registration and Charities (Amendment) Bill 2026 | Order for Second Stage |
| National Vehicle and Driver File, Road Traffic and Roads Bill 2026 | Order for Second Stage |
| Railway Safety Bill 2026 | Order for Second Stage |
| Strategic Lawsuits against Public Participation Bill 2026 | Order for Second Stage |
| Garda Síochána (Powers) Bill 2026 | Order for Second Stage |
| Defence (Amendment) Bill 2026 | Order for Second Stage |
| Broadcasting (Amendment) Bill 2026 | Committee Stage |
| Child Care (Amendment) Bill 2025 | Committee Stage |
| Education (Student and Parent Charter) Bill 2019 | Committee Stage |
| Industrial Development (Amendment) and Miscellaneous Provisions Bill 2026 | Order for Report |
| Dublin Transport Authority (Amendment) Bill 2026 | Order for Report |
| Health (Amendment) Bill 2025 | Order for Report |
| Construction Safety Licensing Bill 2023 | Order for Report |
| **Bills on Seanad Order Paper** | **Stage** |
| Public Health (Tobacco and Nicotine Inhaling Products) Bill 2026 | Order for Second Stage |
| Gas Safety and Miscellaneous Amendments Bill 2026 | Order for Second Stage |
| Media Regulation Bill 2026 | Committee Stage |
| Proceeds of Crime and Related Matters Bill 2025 | Committee Stage |
| Forty-first Amendment of the Constitution (Agreement on a Unified Patent Court) Bill 2024 | Committee Stage |

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| 1. | Ministers and Secretaries and Ministerial, Parliamentary, Judicial and Court Offices (Amendment) Bill 2025 | 06/02/2025 |
| 2. | Social Welfare (Bereaved Partner's Pension) Bill 2025 | 13/03/2025 |
| 3. | Employment (Contractual Retirement Ages) Bill 2025 | 01/04/2025 |
| 4. | Protection of Employees (Employers' Insolvency) (Amendment) Bill 2024 | 23/05/2025 |
| 5. | Finance (Local Property Tax and Other Provisions) (Amendment) Bill 2025 | 12/06/2025 |
| 6. | Copyright and Related Rights (Amendment) Bill 2025 | 13/06/2025 |
| 7. | Criminal Justice (Terrorist Offences) (Amendment) Bill 2025 | 13/06/2025 |
| 8. | Residential Tenancies (Amendment) Bill 2025 | 18/06/2025 |
| 9. | Planning and Development (Amendment) Bill 2025 | 02/07/2025 |
| 10. | Health (Amendment) Bill | 11/07/2025 |
| 11. | Proceeds of Crime and Related Matters Bill 2025 | 09/07/2025 |
| 12. | Air Pollution (Amendment) Bill 2025 | 29/07/2025 |
| 13. | Environment (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2025 | 18/08/2025 |
| 14. | Housing Finance Agency (Amendment) Bill 2025 | 10/10/2025 |
| 15. | National Training Fund (Amendment) Bill 2025 | 07/10/2025 |
| 16. | Finance Bill 2025 | 16/10/2025 |
| 17. | Courts and Civil Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2025 | 31/10/2025 |
| 18. | Electricity (Supply) (Amendment) Bill 2025 | 30/10/2025 |
| 19. | Social Welfare and Automatic Enrolment Retirement Savings System (Amendment) Bill 2025 | 06/11/2025 |
| 20. | Irish Film Board (Amendment) Bill 2025 | 14/11/2025 |
| 21. | Health Insurance (Amendment) Bill 2025 | 18/11/2025 |
| 22. | Public Health (Single-Use Vapes) Bill 2025 | 27/11/2025 |
| 23. | Remediation of Dwellings Damaged by the Use of Defective Concrete Blocks (Amendment) Bill 2025 | 02/12/2025 |
| 24. | Arbitration (Amendment) Bill 2025 | 01/12/2025 |
| 25. | Child Care (Amendment) Bill 2025 | 09/12/2025 |
| 26. | Appropriation Bill 2025 | 10/12/2025 |
| 27. | Garda Siochána (Recording Devices)(Amendment) Bill 2025 | 11/12/2025 |
| 28. | Health (Amendment) (Home Support Providers) Bill 2025 | 16/12/2025 |
| 29. | Gas Safety (Amendment) Bill 2026 | 09/01/2026 |
| 30. | Criminal Law and Civil Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill | 09/01/2026 |
| 31. | Garda Síochána (Powers) Bill 2026 | 14/01/2026 |
| 32. | International Protection Bill 2026 | 22/01/2026 |
| 33. | Residential Tenancies (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2026 | 03/02/2026 |
| 34. | Media Regulation Bill 2026 | 26/02/2026 |
| 35. | Assisted Decision-Making (Capacity) (Amendment) Bill 2026 | 26/02/2026 |
| 36. | International Co-operation (Omagh Bombing Inquiry) Bill 2026 | 13/03/2026 |
| 37. | National Oil Reserves Agency (Amendment) Bill 2026* not on programme | 25/03/2026 |
| 38. | Public Health (Tobacco Products and Nicotine Inhaling Products) (Amendment) Bill 2026 | 07/04/2026 |
| 39. | Critical Infrastructure Bill 2026 | 08/04/2026 |
| 40. | Industrial Development (Amendment) and Miscellaneous Provisions Bill | 06/05/2026 |
| 41. | National Treasury Management Agency (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2026 | 12/05/2026 |
| 42. | Finance Bill 2026 | 14/05/2026 |

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| 43. | Dublin Transport Authority (Amendment) Bill 2026 | 15/05/2026 |
| 44. | Guardianship of Infants (Amendment) Bill 2026 | 15/05/2026 |
| 45. | Broadcasting (Amendment) Bill 2026 | 27/05/2026 |
| 46. | Israeli Settlements in the Occupied Palestinian Territory (Prohibition of Importation of Goods) Bill 2026 | 29/05/2026 |
| 47. | Housing and Residential Tenancies (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2026 | 03/06/2026 |
| 48. | Criminal Justice (International Cooperation on Electronic Evidence and Other Matters) Bill 2026 | 04/06/2026 |
| 49. | Domestic Violence Judgments Register Bill 2026 | 15/06/2026 |
| 50. | Defence (Amendment) Bill 2026 | 16/06/2026 |
| 51. | Regulation of Artificial Intelligence Bill 2026 | 19/06/2026 |
| 52. | Dublin Airport (Passenger Capacity) Bill 2026 | 19/06/2026 |
| 53. | Postal and Telecommunications Services (Amendment) Bill 2026 | 19/06/2026 |
| 54. | Development (Strategic Gas Reserve) Bill 2026 | 19/06/2026 |
| 55. | Health (Provision of Contraception Prescribing Service in Retail Pharmacy Businesses) Bill 2026 | 26/06/2026 |
| 56. | Planning and Development (Amendment) Bill 2026 | 26/06/2026 |
| 57. | Strategic Lawsuits against Public Participation Bill 2026 | 01/07/2026 |
| 58. | Railway Safety Bill 2026 | 24/07/2026 |
| 59. | National Vehicle and Driver File, Road Traffic and Roads Bill 2026 | 04/09/2026 |
| 60. | Social Welfare, Civil Registration and Charities (Amendment) Bill 2026 | 10/09/2026 |

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| 1. | Ministers and Secretaries and Ministerial, Parliamentary, Judicial and Court Offices (Amendment) Act 2025 (enacted before Legislative Programme published) | 21/02/2025 |
| 2. | Merchant Shipping (Investigation of Marine Accidents) Act 2025 | 14/04/2025 |
| 3. | Financial Services and Pensions Ombudsman (Amendment) Act 2025 | 15/04/2025 |
| 4. | Finance (Provision of Access to Cash Infrastructure) Act 2024 | 20/05/2025 |
| 5. | Residential Tenancies (Amendment) Act 2025 | 19/06/2025 |
| 6. | Finance (Local Property Tax and Other Provisions (Amendment) Act 2025 | 02/07/2025 |
| 7. | Supports for Survivors of Residential Institutional Abuse Act 2025 | 15/07/2025 |
| 8. | Social Welfare (Bereaved Partner's Pension and Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2025 | 21/07/2025 |
| 9. | Planning and Development (Amendment) Act 2025 | 23/07/2025 |
| 10. | Statute Law Revision Act 2025 | 23/07/2025 |
| 11. | Housing Finance Agency Act 2025 | 28/10/2025 |
| 12. | Electricity (Supply) (Amendment) Act 2025 | 20/11/2025 |
| 13. | Courts and Civil law (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2025 | 10/12/2025 |
| 14. | Health Insurance (Amendment) Act 2025 | 10/12/2025 |
| 15. | Irish Film Board (Amendment) Act 2025 | 16/12/2025 |
| 16. | Employment (Contractual Retirement Ages) Act 2025 | 16/12/2025 |
| 17. | Appropriation Act 2025 | 20/12/2025 |
| 18. | Finance Act 2025 | 23/12/2025 |
| 19 | Social Welfare and Automatic Enrolment Retirement Savings System (Amendment) Act 2025 | 23/12/2025 |
| 20. | Remediation of Dwellings Damaged by the Use of Defective Concrete Blocks (Amendment) Act 2025 | 23/12/2025 |
| 21. | National Training Fund (Amendment) Act 2025 | 23/12/2025 |
| 22. | Credit Review Act 2024 | 03/02/2026 |
| 23. | Defamation (Amendment) Act 2026 | 19/02/2026 |
| 24. | Residential Tenancies (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2026 | 24/02/2026 |
| 25. | Copyright and Related Rights (Amendment) Act 2026 | 12/03/2026 |
| 26. | Environment (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2026 | 12/03/2026 |
| 27. | National Oil Reserves Agency (Amendment) Act 2026 | 26/03/2026 |
| 28 | Protection of Employees (Employers' Insolvency) (Amendment) Act | 30/03/2026 |
| 29. | Assisted Decision-Making (Capacity) (Amendment) Act 2026 | 31/03/2026 |
| 30. | International Protection Act 2026 | 22/04/2026 |
| 31. | Health Information Act 2026 | 30/04/2026 |
| 32. | Mental Health Act 2026 | 07/05/2026 |
| 33. | International Co-Operation (Omagh Bombing Inquiry) Act 2026 | 03/06/2026 |
| 34. | Arbitration (Amendment) Act 2026 | 17/06/2026 |
| 35. | Air Pollution (Amendment) Act 2026 | 18/06/2026 |
| 36. | Microenterprise Loan Fund (Amendment) Act 2026 | 25/06/2026 |
| 37. | Critical Infrastructure Act 2026 | 25/06/2026 |
| 38. | Health (Amendment) (Home Support Providers) Act 2026 | 01/07/2026 |
| 39. | Údarás na Gaeltachta (Amendment) Act 2026 | 01/07/2026 |
| 40. | Criminal Justice (Terrorist Offences) (Amendment) Act 2026 | 08/07/2026 |
| 41. | Public Health (Single-Use Vapes) Act 2026 | 15/07/2026 |
| 42. | Criminal Justice (International Cooperation on Electronic Evidence and Other Matters) Act 2026 | 15/07/2026 |

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| 43. | National Treasury Management Agency (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2026 | 15/07/2026 |
| 44. | Insurance (Disregard of Certain Medical History and Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2026 | 15/07/2026 |
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| 50. | Domestic Violence Judgments Register, Act 2026 | 21/07/2026 |
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