

Notice of Appointments

Tuesday 18 October

Qualtrics employs over 150 people at its headquarters in Dublin. Last week they announced the appointment of Zig Serafin as the company's COO.

Prior to joining Qualtrics, Serafin spent 17 years at Microsoft. Serafin previously served as general manager of Microsoft's Tellme Networks.

Friday 21 October

Position Available.

Publicjobs.ie is currently advertising for a Chief Registrar and Head of Supreme Court, Court of Appeal and High Court Operations with the Courts Service. This is a Top level Appointments Committee (TLAC) position, and applications close Thursday 10 November. [More information is available here.](#)

"The Chief Registrar and Head of Supreme Court, Court of Appeal and High Court Operations is a significant leadership role with responsibility for ensuring the appropriate operational arrangements are in place for the delivery of excellent services to court users and the provision of administrative support to senior members of the judiciary. Reporting to the Chief Executive, the successful candidate will be a member of the senior management team."

Budgetary changes reach Dáil in under 2 weeks

This week's Dáil debates will be dominated largely by the Second Stage discussions of the Finance Bill 2016.

In the main, it contains provisions for making the changes announced in Budget 2017, just under two weeks ago. Within its 57 sections, it provides for

- measures to help housing supply, first time buyers and renters including the new Help to Buy Scheme;
- the increases in the home carer tax credit and the earned income tax credit; and
- the reductions in the USC.

It also provides for the Budget Day announcement of the increase in the excise duty on cigarettes by 50 cent.

Seanad discuss new measures for alcohol

This week, the Seanad will discuss the Public Health (Alcohol) Bill, which the Government approved in December 2015. Its provisions are aimed at reducing the amount of alcohol consumed by Irish citizens.

The five main provisions of the Bill are:

- health notices, like those on cigarettes, on alcohol containers;
- minimum pricing per unit;
- physical separation of alcoholic products in shops with several different types of products (ie grocery stores);
- regulation of advertising or sponsorship by alcohol companies; and
- the regulation of the sale and supply of alcohol in certain circumstances.

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Conference Report

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Dismantling JobBridge can pave the way to better workplace activation schemes

Niall Shanahan

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The Living Wage in an Irish Context

Tom Ferris

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Mentoring and Positive Career Progression

Dr Áine Mahon

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Training

Core Skills for COs

2-day course

Thursday 27 and Friday 28 October

9.30am to 4.30pm

More information [here](#)

Certificate in Public Financial Management

3-day course

Tuesday 8, 22, 29 November

9.30am to 4.30pm

More information [here](#)

ILM Certificate in Leadership

3-day course

Thursday 10, Wednesday 16 and Thursday 17 November

9.30am to 4.30pm

More information [here](#)

Editing Skills

Half-day course

Tuesday 15 November

9am to 1pm

More information [here](#)

Certificate in Policy Development & Legislative Drafting

2-day course

Wednesday 16 and 23 November

9.30am to 4pm

More information [here](#)

ICM Certificate in Public Law

2-day course

Wednesday 16 and Tuesday 22 November

9.30am to 4pm

More information [here](#)

This week in Dáil Éireann

Tuesday 25 October

2.00 p.m.
Leaders' Questions (FF, SF, LAB, AAA-PBP)
SO 34 (if any)

2.32 p.m.
Order of Business
Motion re. changes to Standing Orders (without debate)

3.02 p.m.
Taoiseach's Questions

3.47 p.m.
P.Q.s: Oral - Minister for Foreign Affairs & Trade

5.17 p.m.
Topical Issues
Private Notice Question (if any)

6.05 p.m.
Government Business
Finance Bill 2016 - Order for Second Stage and Second Stage
(Department of Finance)

8.00 p.m.
Private Members Business (AAA-PBP): Thirty-fifth Amendment of the
Constitution (Repeal of the Eighth Amendment) Bill 2016 Second
Stage

10.00 p.m.
Dáil Adjourns

Thursday 27 October

10.00 a.m.
Government Business
Motion re: Ireland's agreement to formally ratify the UN Paris
Agreement on Climate Change (Department of Communications,
Climate Action and Environment)

12.00 p.m.
Leaders' Questions (FF, SF, I4C, SD-GP)
SO 34 (if any)

12.32 p.m.
Questions on Promised Legislation

12.47 p.m.
Weekly divisions

1.30 p.m.
Government Business
Finance Bill 2016 - Second Stage (resumed) (Department of Finance)

3.30 p.m.
P.Q.s: Oral - Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine

5.00 p.m.
Topical Issues
Private Notice Question (if any)

5.48 p.m.
Private Member's Business: Prohibition of the Exploration and
Extraction of Onshore Petroleum Bill 2016 Second Stage

7.48 p.m.
Dáil Adjourns

Wednesday 26 October

10.00 a.m.
Government Business
Finance Bill 2016 - Second Stage (resumed) (Department of Finance)

12.00 p.m.
Leaders' Questions (FF, SF, I4C, RIG)
SO 34 (if any)

12.32 p.m.
Questions on Promised Legislation

12.47 p.m.
Expressions of sympathy on the death of former member Paddy Lalor

1.07 p.m.
Taoiseach's Questions

1.52 p.m.
Post-European Council Statements

3.37 p.m.
P.Q.s: Oral - Minister for Communications, Climate Action and
Environment

5.07 p.m.
SOS

5.37 p.m.
Topical Issues
Private Notice Question (if any)

6.25 p.m.
Private Members Business (Fianna Fáil): Judicial Appointments
Commission Bill 2016 Second Stage

8.25 p.m.
Government Business
Finance Bill 2016 - Second Stage (resumed) (Department of Finance)

10.50 p.m.
Dáil Adjourns

This week in Seanad Éireann

Tuesday 25 October

2.30 p.m.
Commencement Matters

3.30 p.m.
Order of Business

4.45 p.m.
Statements on Agricultural Product Prices and the decision by the United Kingdom to leave the European Union (Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine)

6.30 p.m.
Seanad Adjourns

Wednesday 26 October

10.30 a.m.
Commencement Matters

11.30 a.m.
Order of Business

12.45 p.m.
Public Health (Alcohol) Bill 2015 – Committee Stage (Department of Health)

4.00 p.m.
Private Members Business Corporate Manslaughter (No. 2) Bill 2016 – Second Stage (Senators Mark Daly, Lorraine Clifford-Lee, Robbie Gallagher)

6.00 p.m.
Seanad Adjourns

Thursday 27 October

10:30 a.m.
Commencement Matters

11:30 a.m.
Order of Business

2.00 p.m.
Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict (Hague Convention) Bill 2016 – Order for Second Stage and Second Stage (Minister for Foreign Affairs)

This week's Committee Meetings

Tuesday 25 October

Public Accounts

CR3, LH 2000

(a) 10 a.m.

(b) 10.30 a.m.

AGENDA:

(i) Examination of C&AG Special Report 94: National Asset Management Agency's sale of Project Eagle (resumed) [Mr. John Collison, Deputy Head of Asset Recovery at time of project Eagle, Mr. Michael Moriarty now Current Head of Asset Recovery, NAMA, Mr. Alan Stewart, Senior Divisional Solicitor; and Former NAMA Official Mr. Donal Rooney, Former Chief Financial Officer,]

(ii) Business of the Committee

Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs (Joint)

CR4, LH 2000 11 a.m.

AGENDA: (i) Staid agus freagrachtaí Chomhar na nOileán agus Chomhpháirtíocht Forbartha Iarthar Chorcaí.

(ii) Na ciorruithe i mBuiséad 2017 ar an tacaíocht don Ghaeilge, agus an maoiniú d'Fhoras na Gaeilge agus d'Udarás na Gaeltachta.

(i) The position and responsibilities of Comhar na nOileán and the West Cork Development Partnership

(ii) The cuts in the 2017 Budget to supporting the Irish Language, and the funding for Foras na Gaeilge and Udarás na Gaeltachta

Agriculture, Food and the Marine (Joint)

CR1, LH 2000 5 p.m.

AGENDA: (i) Scrutiny of EU legislative proposals:

Schedule A: COM(2016)157; COM(2016)159;

Schedule B: COM(2015)687; COM(2016)123; COM(2016)143;

COM(2016)145; COM(2016)146; COM(2016)208; COM(2016)211;

COM(2016)225; COM(2016)241; COM(2016)315; COM(2016)373;

COM(2016)384; COM(2016)459; COM(2016)493; COM(2016)523;

COM(2016)545; COM(2016)563; COM(2016)564; COM(2016)579; and

(ii) Priorities of the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine [Mr. Aidan O'Driscoll, Secretary General, Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine]

Budgetary Oversight

CR3, LH 2000 5 p.m.

AGENDA: Private Meeting

Communications, Climate Action and Environment (Joint)

CR2, LH 2000 5 p.m.

AGENDA: Further scrutiny of COM(2016)479 (the inclusion of greenhouse gas emissions and removals from land use, land use change and forestry into the 2030 climate and energy framework) and COM(2016)482 (binding annual greenhouse gas emission reductions by Member States from 2021 to 2030) [Officials from the Department of Communications, Climate Action and Environment; the Environmental Protection Agency; the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine; and Mr. Joseph Curtin and Mr Tom Arnold, Institute of International and European Affairs]

Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation (Joint)

CR4, LH 2000 5 p.m.

AGENDA: Session A: 5 p.m. The likely economic impact of Brexit with particular emphasis on jobs and enterprise and the steps being taken to mitigate these risks (resumed) [Representatives from the Centre for Cross Border Studies; Institute of International and European Affairs; and the Economic and Social Research Institute]

Session B: 6.15 p.m. The likely economic impact of Brexit with particular emphasis on jobs and enterprise and the steps being taken to mitigate these risks (resumed) [Representatives from Irish Congress of Trade Unions; Nevin Economic Research Institute; and the Irish National Organisation for the Unemployed]

Wednesday 26 October

Future of Healthcare (Select)

CR4, LH 2000 9 a.m.

AGENDA: Session A: 9 a.m. Health Service Reform [Officials from the Irish Congress of Trade Unions (ICTU)]

Session B: 10.35 a.m. Health Service Reform [Representatives from the Irish Medical Organisation (IMO)]

Session C: 11.35 a.m. Health Service Reform [Representatives from the Irish Nurses and Midwives Organisation (INMO)]

Justice and Equality (Joint)

CR2, LH 2000 9 a.m.

AGENDA: Season A: 9 a.m. Recognition of Traveller Ethnicity [Irish Traveller Movement]

Season B: 10 a.m. Recognition of Traveller Ethnicity [Chief Commissioner, Ms. Emily Logan, Irish Human Rights and Equality Commission]

Dáil Reform (Sub)

Room 2 (off the Main Hall), Leinster House 10.30 a.m.

AGENDA: Private Meeting

Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs (Joint)

CR4, LH 2000 2.15 p.m.

AGENDA: (i) Céard a theastaíonn a dhéanamh chun pobal tuaithe inmharthana a chaomhnú [Ionadaithe ó Fiontraíocht Éireann; Feirmeoirí Aontaithe na hÉireann; Gnóthais Bheaga agus Mheánmhéide na hÉireann; Comhlachas na nGnólachtaí Beaga; Coimisiún Forbartha an Iarthair; Udarás na Gaeltachta]

(ii) What it takes to sustain a viable rural community [Representatives from Enterprise Ireland; Irish Farmers Association; Irish Small and Medium Enterprises; Small Firms Association; Western Development Commission; Udarás na Gaeltachta]

Working Group of Committee Chairmen

CR2, LH 2000 4 p.m.

AGENDA: Private Meeting

Thursday 27 October

Education and Skills (Joint)

CR1, LH 2000 9 a.m.

AGENDA: The Proposed New Model for Allocating Teaching Resources for Children with Special Educational Needs; an update on the Pilot of the new Allocation Model which took place in a number of schools during 2015/16; and the recently published Policy Advice by the National Council for Special Education (NCSE) on supporting Children with Autism Spectrum Disorder in Schools [Officials from the Department of Education and Skills and the National Council for Special Education (NCSE)]

Health (Joint)

CR4, LH 2000 9 a.m.

AGENDA: (i) Scrutiny of EU legislative proposal: Schedule B COM(2016)674

(ii) Engagement with the National Paediatric Hospital Development Board and Connolly 4 Kids Hospital Group in relation to the location of the new Children's Hospital

Finance, Public Expenditure and Reform, and Taoiseach (Joint)

CR2, LH 2000 9.30 a.m.

AGENDA: Scrutiny on the General Scheme of the Financial Services and Pensions Ombudsman Bill 2016

Session A: 9.30 a.m. Business of the Committee

Session B: 10 a.m. [Minister for Finance]; and

Session C: 11.30 a.m. [Representatives of the Financial Services Ombudsman's Bureau and Free Legal Advice Centres (FLAC)]

Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government (Joint)

CR3, LH 2000 9.30 a.m.

AGENDA: Annual Report and Accounts of An Bord Pleanála for 2015 [An Bord Pleanála]

Dáil Business

Room 2 (off the Main Hall), Leinster House 10.30 a.m.

AGENDA: Private Meeting