

## Notice of Available Appointment

*Friday 21 April*

The Health Research Board (HRB) is currently accepting applications for the role of Chief Executive Officer.

The HRB are a statutory body that provides supports and funding for health research in Ireland, and is under the aegis of the Department of Health. The role of the Chief Executive Officer is to help drive the delivery of the HRB's Strategy 2016-2020. The successful candidate will report to the Board. They will also be responsible for managing the staff and resources of the HRB.

The ideal candidate would have experience in strategic leadership and have strong management skills. A deep knowledge of health research is desirable, as well as an interest in "improving health through research and information".

More in-depth information on the requirements for applicants and the role can be found in the informational booklet, [available here](#).

The closing date for applications is Thursday 11 May. This competition is facilitated by the Public Appointments Service. The listing can be found [here](#).

## Amendments to Diplomatic Relations provisions

This week, the members of Dáil Éireann will discuss the Diplomatic Relations (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2017 (Order for Second Stage and Second Stage).

The Bill, in the main, makes key amendments to pieces of legislation already enacted, namely the Irish Nationality and Citizenship Act 1956, the Diplomatic Relations and Immunities Act 1967, the Employment Permits Act 2003, and the Immigration Act 2004. When enacted, the Bill would "enhance the efficiency, efficacy and clarity of arrangements with respect to the staff of diplomatic missions and international organisations".

Sections 5-7 will adjust the parameters of the powers of Government to make and adapt the privileges and immunities of those parties defined as relevant under the Act. Section 8 will ensure the validity of those privileges and immunities.

Section 9 would mean time spent in the State while exempt from immigration controls is no longer reckonable in the naturalisation purposes. Section 10 clarifies "particular categories of diplomatic and associated persons who are exempt from mainstream immigration controls". Section 11 provides for exemptions for family members of diplomats.

[You can view the Bill here.](#)

## Labour Party Wage Gap Bill discussed in PMB

On Thursday 9 March, Brendan Howlin TD, Labour's Justice Spokesperson published a Bill entitled the "Irish Human Rights and Equality Commission (Gender Pay Gap Information) Bill 2017". This Bill will be discussed during Private Members' Business this week in the Upper House of the Oireachtas.

Primarily, this Bill would provide for a requirement for medium to large companies to publish wage transparency surveys regularly. These surveys would seek to highlight any disparities in the pay of male employees versus female employees. The aim of this Bill would be to help close the Gender Pay Gap in Ireland. It would, if enacted, amend the Irish Human Rights and Equality Commission Act 2014.

[You can view the Bill, as published by the Labour Party, here.](#)

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17 May

DiSC© has long been used in HR to help managers and leaders harness innate behavioural preferences of their teams and others to produce better results. This one-day course includes the use of the DiSC© profiling tool can help attendees better understand their own behaviours and how they relate to others that they may interact with. Understanding peoples' different natures will help create more productive and beneficial channels of communication.

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#### Upcoming Update Series: Construction Procurement

Recently, changes have occurred in the regulatory and policy areas for procurement in the construction industry. Among them are the introduction of the 2016 Procurement Regulations and alterations to Public Works Contracts. This half-day update will discuss what has, or has not, changed with the procurement process, and the case law that backs up these changes. Delivered in association with Quigg Golden.

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# PAI Corporate Governance Conference 2017



The Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform, Paschal Donohoe TD, last year published a revised and updated Code of Practice for the Governance of State Bodies. It came into effect on 1 September 2016. This is the fourth version of the Code, coming 25 years after it was first introduced. The Code promotes high standards of corporate governance in regulatory, commercial and non-commercial State bodies.

With enhanced public scrutiny, demand for accountability and transparency, the Code aims to ensure that both commercial and non-commercial State bodies meet the highest standards of corporate governance. The Code is based on the underlying principles of good governance: accountability, transparency, probity and a focus on the sustainable success of the organisation over the longer term.

A balance has been struck in the updated Code between the need for strong accountability and the requirement to support the appropriate autonomy of the State body under the legal framework and the environment within which it operates.

## *Key themes to be addressed*

- o **Values** – Good governance supports a culture of behaviour with integrity and ethical values;
- o **Purpose** – Each body should be clear about its mandate with clearly defined roles and responsibilities;
- o **Performance** – Defined priorities and outcomes to achieve efficient use of resources resulting in the delivery of effective public services;
- o **Developing Capacity** – Appropriate balance of skills and knowledge within the organisation, to be updated as required.
- o **Roles and relationships** – the roles of Chair, members, CEO, relationships with parent Department, Minister, the Oireachtas

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# This week in Dáil Éireann

## Tuesday 09 May

2.00 p.m.  
Leaders' Questions (FF, SF, Sol-PBP, I4C) (32 mins)

2.32 p.m.  
Order of Business (30 mins)  
Motion re: Framework Agreement between the EU and Mongolia (Referral to Committee) (without debate) (Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade)  
Motion re. PQ Rota Change (without debate) (Department of Finance and Department of Justice)

3.02 p.m.  
Taoiseach's Questions (45 mins)

3.47 p.m.  
Parliamentary Questions: Oral - Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment (90 mins)

5.17 p.m.  
Topical Issues (48 mins)  
Private Notice Question (if any)

6.05 p.m.  
Government Business: (115 mins)  
Statements re. Ireland and the negotiations on the UK's withdrawal from the European Union

8.00 p.m.  
Private Members Business (Labour): Motion re. Sale of AIB (120 mins)

10.00 p.m.  
Dáil Adjourns

## Thursday 11 May

11.30 a.m.  
Exchange of views with Mr. Michel Barnier, Chief Negotiator of the Taskforce for the Preparation and Conduct of Negotiations with the United Kingdom (in Committee of Dáil Éireann and Seanad Éireann) (75 mins)

2.00 p.m.  
Leaders' Questions (FF, SF, LAB, RIG) (32 mins)

2.32 p.m.  
Questions on Promised Legislation (15 mins)

2.47 p.m.  
Government Business (43 mins)  
Companies (Amendment) Bill 2017 [Seanad] - Second Stage (Department of Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation)

3.30 p.m.  
Parliamentary Questions: Oral - Minister for Children and Youth Affairs (90 mins)

5.00 p.m.  
Topical Issues (48 mins)  
Private Notice Question (if any)

5.48 p.m.  
Committee Report/PMB: Sale of Tickets (Sporting and Cultural Events) Bill 2017 - Second Stage (Deputy Maurice Quinlivan) (120 mins)

7.48 p.m.  
Dáil Adjourns

## Wednesday 10 May

12.00 p.m.  
Leaders' Questions (FF, SF, RIG, SD-GP) (32 mins)

12.32 p.m.  
Questions on Promised Legislation (30 mins)  
Motion re. Exchange of views with Mr. Michel Barnier in joint committee with Seanad Éireann (without debate)

1.02 p.m.  
Taoiseach's Questions (45 mins)

1.47 p.m.  
P.Q.s: Oral - Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport (90 mins)

3.17 p.m.  
Topical Issues (48 mins)  
Private Notice Question (if any)

4.05 p.m.  
SOS (40 mins)

4.45 p.m.  
Private Members Business (Fianna Fáil): (120 mins)  
Motion re. Dublin Transport

6.45 p.m.  
Government Business (210 mins)  
Statements re. Ireland and the negotiations on the UK's withdrawal from the European Union (resumed, if not previously concluded)  
Civil Liability (Amendment) Bill 2017 [Seanad] - Second Stage (Department of Justice and Equality)  
Companies (Amendment) Bill 2017 [Seanad] - Second Stage (Department of Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation)

10.15 p.m.  
Dáil Adjourns

# This week in Seanad Éireann

## Tuesday 09 May

2.30 p.m.  
Commencement Matters

3.30 p.m.  
Order of Business

4.45 p.m.  
Companies (Accounting) Bill 2016 - Report and Final Stages  
(Department of Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation)

6.00 p.m.  
Courts (No. 2) Bill 2016 - Second Stage (Department of Justice and  
Equality)

## Wednesday 10 May

10.30 a.m.  
Commencement Matters

11.30 a.m.  
Order of Business Motion regarding Exchange of views with Mr.  
Michel Barnier in joint committee with Dáil Éireann (without debate)

12.45 p.m.  
Misuse of Drugs (Supervised Injecting Facilities) Bill 2017 - Committee  
& Remaining Stages (Department of Health)

2.00 p.m.  
Private Members Business - Gender Recognition (Amendment) Bill  
2017 - Second Stage (Senators Fintan Warfield, David Norris, Grace  
O'Sullivan)

4.00 p.m.  
Courts (No. 2) Bill 2016 - Committee and Remaining Stages  
(Department of Justice and Equality)

5.00 p.m.  
Private Members Business - Litter Pollution (Amendment) Bill 2017 -  
Second Stage (Senators Catherine Ardagh, Jennifer Murnane O'Connor,  
Ned O'Sullivan, Aidan Davitt, Robbie Gallagher, Gerry Horkan)

7.00 p.m.  
Seanad Adjourns

## Thursday 11 May

11.30 a.m.  
Exchange of views with Mr. Michel Barnier in joint committee with  
Dáil Éireann

# This week's Committee Meetings

## Tuesday 09 May

Social Protection (Joint)  
CR2, LH 2000 11 a.m.  
AGENDA: Private Meeting

Future of Healthcare (Select)  
CR3, LH 2000 12 noon  
AGENDA: Private Meeting

Agriculture, Food and the Marine (Joint)  
CR1, LH 2000 4 p.m.  
AGENDA: (i) Scrutiny of EU legislative proposals:  
Schedule A: COM(2017)150 (Adjustment rate for financial discipline)  
Schedule B: COM(2017)97; COM(2017)125; COM(2017)126; and COM(2017)153;  
(ii) Pre-legislative scrutiny on the General Scheme of the Greyhound Industry Bill 2017 [Representatives from the Irish Society for the Prevention of Cruelty of Animals and Dogs Trust Ireland]; and  
(iii) Issues relating to the Agriculture Cashflow Support Loan Scheme [Representatives from Allied Irish Bank, Bank of Ireland and Ulster Bank]

Budgetary Oversight  
CR3, LH 2000 4 p.m.  
AGENDA: The revised capital plan [Representatives from Dublin Chamber of Commerce]

Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation (Joint)  
CR4, LH 2000 4 p.m.  
AGENDA: (i) Scrutiny of EU legislative proposals:  
Schedule A: COM(2017)142 (Enforcement of EU Competition rules); COM(2016)593 (Digital Single Market)  
Schedule B: COM(2016)703; COM(2016)712; COM(2016)721; COM(2016)779; COM(2016)783; COM(2016)784;  
(ii) Detailed scrutiny of the Banded Hours Contract Bill 2016 [PMB] (resumed)  
Session A: [Representatives from Teachers Union of Ireland and Association of Secondary Teachers of Ireland]  
Session B: [Representatives from TASC, Union of Students of Ireland, and Migrant Rights Association of Ireland]

Communications, Climate Action and Environment (Select)  
CR2, LH 2000 5.30 p.m.  
AGENDA: Prohibition of the Exploration and Extraction of Onshore Petroleum Bill 2016 [PMB] [Mr. Tony McLoughlin, T.D.]

Communications, Climate Action and Environment (Joint)  
CR2, LH 2000 7 p.m.  
AGENDA: Ireland's Electricity Grid Development Strategy 2017 and the proposed Celtic Interconnector (Ireland - France) in the context of Brexit [Mr. Fintan Slye, Chief Executive, Eirgrid]

## Wednesday 10 May

Future of Healthcare (Select)  
CR3, LH 2000 9 a.m.  
AGENDA: Private Meeting

Justice and Equality (Select)  
CR2, LH 2000 9 a.m.  
AGENDA: Coroners Bill 2015 [PMB] [Ms. Clare Daly, T.D.]

Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government (Joint)  
CR1, LH 2000 9.30 a.m.  
AGENDA: Housing in Ireland - Census 2016 Results [Officials from the Central Statistics Office]

Transport, Tourism and Sport (Joint)  
CR3, LH 2000 1.30 p.m.  
AGENDA: Engagement with Mr. Declan Bedford, Chairperson Designate, Medical Bureau of Road Safety.

European Union Affairs (Joint)  
CR1, LH 2000 2 p.m.  
AGENDA: European Semester - Engagement on the National Reform Programme  
Session A: 2 p.m. [Dr. Alan Barrett and Dr. Edgar Morgenroth, ERSI]  
Session B: 2.45 p.m. [Ms. Michelle Murphy, Research and Policy Analyst and Mr. Eamon Murphy, Economic and Social Analyst, Social Justice Ireland]

Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs (Joint)  
CR4, LH 2000 2.15 p.m.  
AGENDA: 2.15 p.m. Gnó an Choiste  
Forbairt phobail, shóisialta agus eacnamaíochta agus comhar i gcontaetha na teorann sa toadhcháil  
(i) 2.30 p.m. [Peter Sheridan Uasal CEO, Brian Ó Caoidealbháin Uasal, Susan McKay Uasal, Julie Wietrich Uasal, Comhar Éireann]  
(ii) 3.30 p.m. [Dr. Kathy Hayward Uasal agus Dr. Anthony Soares Uasal, An Lárionad um Staidéar Trasteorann ]  
(iii) 4.30 p.m. [Thomas Hunter McGowan Uasal agus Kerry Curran Uasal, Idir-Thrádáil Éireann 2.15 p.m. Business of the Committee  
The future of community, social and economic development and co-operation in border counties  
(i) 2.30 p.m. [Mr. Peter Sheridan CEO, Mr. Brian Ó Caoidealbháin, Ms. Susan McKay and Ms. Julie Wietrich, Co-operation Ireland ]  
(ii) 3.30 p.m. [Dr. Kathy Hayward and Dr. Anthony Soares, Centre for Cross Border Studies ]  
(iii) 4.30 p.m. [Mr. Thomas Hunter McGowan and Ms. Kerry Curran, InterTrade Ireland ]

## Thursday 11 May

Health (Joint)  
CR4, LH 2000 9 a.m.  
AGENDA: (i) Scrutiny of EU legislative proposal: Schedule B: COM(2017)16; and  
(ii) Uptake levels for vaccinations in Ireland [Representatives from the Department of Health; the Health Service Executive; the National Immunisation Office; the Health Products Regulatory Authority; the National Immunisation Advisory Committee; and the Royal College of Physicians of Ireland]

Public Accounts  
CR3, LH 2000 9 a.m.  
AGENDA: (i) Business of the Committee  
(ii) 2015 Appropriation Accounts - Vote 24  
C&AG Report 2015 - Chapter 6: Procurement and Management of Contracts for Direct Provision  
[Officials from the Department of Justice and Equality]

Finance, Public Expenditure and Reform, and Taoiseach (Select)  
CR2, LH 2000 9.30 a.m.  
AGENDA: Central Bank and Financial Services Authority of Ireland (Amendment) Bill 2014 [PMB] [Mr. Pearse Doherty T.D.]

Foreign Affairs and Trade, and Defence (Joint)  
CR1, LH 2000 9.30 a.m.  
AGENDA: The implications of Brexit for Irish foreign policy [Professor Gary Murphy, DCU and Professor Gavin Barrett, UCD]

Dáil Business  
Room 2, LH 10 a.m.  
AGENDA: Private Meeting

Withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the European Union (Seanad Select)  
Seanad Chamber 10 a.m.  
AGENDA: Session A: 10 a.m. Transport [Ms. Anne Graham, Chief Executive, National Transport Authority; and Mr. Sean Kennedy, Senior Vice-President, Airlines for America]  
Session B: 2.30 p.m. Engagement with former Tánaiste and former Minister for Foreign Affairs, Mr. Eamon Gilmore

Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs (Select)  
CR4, LH 2000 2.15 p.m.  
AGENDA: 2017 Meastacháin Athbheithnithe i gcomhair Seirbhísí Poiblí - Vóta 33 (Ealaíona, Oidhreacht, Gnóthaí Réigiúnacha, Tuaithe agus Gaeltachta) [An tAire Ealaíon, Oidhreacht, Gnóthaí Réigiúnacha, Tuaithe agus Gaeltachta]  
2017 Revised Estimates for Public Services - Vote 33 (Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs) [Minister for Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs]