

Notice of Appointments

Friday 7 July 2017

Two new appointments have been announced by An Tánaiste, and Minister for Enterprise and Innovation, Frances Fitzgerald TD. Both Mr Andrew Bradley and Mr Toby Scott will join the Board of the Design & Crafts Council of Ireland (DCCoI).

Mr Bradley runs Bradley Brand, who work with “owner-managed companies” to realise their commercial potential. He is a member of the Institute of Designers in Ireland (IDI) where he was President from 2013–2015. He currently chairs the training initiative IDI’s Design Enterprise Skillnet.

Mr Scott is a director of the UK Design Council and the Arts Council England, and head of Creative Industries for the UK Government. He is responsible for the establishment of the Irish Centre for Design Innovation. He also previously worked as the Senior Design Strategist for the Dublin City Local Enterprise Office (LEO) Design 4 Growth programme.

These appointments follow the departure of Mr Dermott Rowan and Mr Pat Hughes, whose time as directors on the Board had come to an end.

The DCCoI Board is made up of 12 directors – four of these, including the Chair, are appointed by the Minister for Enterprise and Innovation; the remaining eight are elected by the member organisations. Those appointed will sit on the Board for three years and may not serve more than two three-year terms.

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An independent media source has reported that a panel of 15 senior members of An Garda Síochána who will be considered for promotions to the rank of Chief Superintendent. These panellist will be appointed to positions “as vacancies arise and once final checks are made for any investigations involving them”.

A total of 79 officers applied. This included two PSNI officers and eight women. This is the largest independent selection process for the Gardaí.

Appointments to this panel were decided by a selection board, which included former Data Protection Commissioner Billy Hawkes, chair of the Policing Authority Josephine Feehily, and Deputy Commissioner of Policing and Security John Twomey. A retired member of the PSNI and a senior civil servant were also part of the board.

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This week in Dáil Éireann

Adjourned until 2.00 p.m. on Wednesday 20 September 2017

This week in Seanad Éireann

Tuesday 18 July

12.00 p.m.
Commencement Matters

1.00 p.m.
Order of Business
Motion regarding the Establishment of Joint Committee on the Future of Mental Health Care (without debate)

2.15 p.m.
Financial Services and Pensions Ombudsman Bill 2017 – Second Stage (Department of Finance)

3.30 p.m.
Mediation Bill 2017 – Second Stage (Department of Justice and Equality)

5.00 p.m.
Recognition of Irish Sign Language for the Deaf Community Bill 2016 - Report and Final Stages (Senators Mark Daly, Catherine Ardagh, Keith Swanick)

6.00 p.m.
Planning and Development (Amendment No. 2) Bill 2017 - All Stages
Motion for the earlier signature of the Planning and Development (Amendment No. 2) Bill – without debate (Department of Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government)

7.15 p.m.
National Shared Services Office Bill 2016 – Second Stage (Department of Public Expenditure and Reform)
Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank Bill 2017 – Second Stage (Department of Finance)

Wednesday 19 July

10.30 a.m.
Commencement Matters

11.30 a.m.
Order of Business

12.45 p.m.
Independent Reporting Commission Bill 2017 – Second Stage
Intoxicating Liquor (Amendment) Bill 2017- Committee and Remaining Stages
Mediation Bill 2017 - Committee and Remaining Stages (Department of Justice and Equality)

5:00 p.m.
Private Members Business - International Protection (Family Reunification) Bill 2017 – Second Stage
(Senator Colette Kelleher, Lynn Ruane, Frances Black, Alice Mary Higgins, Grace O’Sullivan, John Dolan)

7:00 p.m.
Minerals Development Bill 2015 – Report Stage (Amendments from Dáil Éireann) and Final Stage (Department of Communications, Climate Action and Environment)

Thursday 20 July

10.30 a.m.
Commencement Matters

11.30 a.m.
Order of Business
Motion regarding Standing Order 73 (without debate)
Motion regarding Orders of Reference of the Seanad Special Select Committee on the Withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the European Union (without debate)

12.45 p.m.
Independent Reporting Commission Bill 2017 – Committee and Remaining Stages (Department of Justice and Equality)

1.45 p.m.
Financial Services and Pensions Ombudsman Bill 2017 – Committee and Remaining Stages
Summer Economic Statement (to conclude after 90 minutes)
Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank Bill 2017 – Committee and Remaining Stages (Department of Finance)
National Shared Services Office Bill 2016 – Committee and Remaining Stages (Department of Finance)

This week's Committee Meetings

Tuesday 18 July

Education and Skills (Joint)
CR2, LH 2000 4 p.m.
AGENDA: Private Meeting

Wednesday 19 July

Communications, Climate Action and Environment (Joint)
CR3, LH 2000 6 p.m.
AGENDA: Private Meeting

Thursday 20 July

Budgetary Oversight
CR2, LH 2000 10.15 a.m. (T)
AGENDA: The Summer Economic Statement [Mr Paschal Donohoe T.D. Minister for Finance and Public Expenditure and Reform]