

Dé Céadaoin, 12 Bealtaine, 2004
Wednesday, 12th May, 2004

10.30 a.m.

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Motion *re* Management of Public Funds (*resumed*).

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Tairiscint (atógáil) (1 ur. 30 n fágtha):

Motion (resumed) (1 hr. 30 m remaining):

36. “That Dáil Éireann:

— notes:

- that the Government has squandered up to €60 million of taxpayers money on the electronic voting fiasco;
 - that the Government has squandered up to €199.8 million on the clearing of the site at Abbotstown;
 - that hundreds of millions of euro in taxation is forgone due to exemptions granted by Government to wealthy tax exiles, stud farm owners, mega rich rock stars and authors;
 - that the Government has squandered up to €15 million on the Punchestown Equestrian Centre;
 - that the Government has squandered up to €100 million due to its failure to address the excessive fees paid to the legal profession in the Tribunals of Enquiries;
 - the two recent Budgets where tax reductions on the profits of major corporations resulted in a loss of €634 million each year to the Exchequer; and
 - the mis-management by the Government causing massive cost over-runs on the Luas Project;
- in the context of the accumulated loss of up to €1 billion by Government mis-management and reckless policies, further notes:
- the failure of the Government to address the rich-poor gap in Ireland which is the widest in the E.U., whilst the Government has reneged on its own commitment to raise the lowest social welfare rate to an adequate level to address poverty;
 - the failure of the Government to address health apartheid with continuing poor access to services and ongoing crises in public accident and emergency hospitals while private hospitals thrive on massive tax breaks;
 - the failure of the Government to address the spiralling housing waiting lists which have now grown to 48,000 households;
 - the continuing neglect of disadvantage in education and the failure to address appalling conditions in schools;

- the failure of the Government to introduce a rights based Disability Bill;
 - the refusal of the Government to honour the task force recommendation to provide €18 million for the care of elderly emigrants in Britain; and
 - the dramatic reduction by the Government of community employment scheme places from 40,000 to 20,000 with the subsequent reduction or elimination of essential community services;
- calls for:
- an equitable taxation and improved social welfare system to reverse the widening rich/poor gap;
 - the ending of the two tier health system, the proper funding of a health service providing guaranteed comprehensive health care for all with access based on need, an end to waiting lists, the granting of the additional 200,000 medical cards, the immediate provision of a dedicated inter-hospital helicopter emergency medical service and an effective ground ambulance system;
 - an emergency programme of social/affordable homes while imposing controls on speculation and profiteering in housing development land giving rise to unacceptably high house prices;
 - the immediate introduction of a rights based Disability Bill;
 - the allocation in 2004 of the full €18 million for the care of elderly emigrants;
 - the restoration of the lost community employment places to restore essential community services and the mainstreaming of community employment in the health services; and
- calls on the Irish people to turn out in overwhelming numbers in the Local and European Elections on 11th June to reject this Government’s squandering and mismanagement of public funds at the expense of workers, the poor and the disabled.”
- *Jerry Cowley, Tony Gregory, Joe Higgins, Finian McGrath, James Breen, Marian Harkin, Paudge Connolly, Seamus Healy, Paddy McHugh, Liam Twomey.*
- [11 May, 2004]

Leasú (atógáil):

Amendment (resumed):

1. To delete all words after “Dáil Éireann” and substitute the following:

“commends the Government for its continuing prudent management of the economy and the public finances since 1997;

congratulates the Government for:

- the creation of 300,000 new jobs;
- reducing unemployment dramatically, from 10.9% to 4.4% at present;
- exempting nearly 700,000 low paid from the tax net;
- tackling tax evasion and tax dodges in a vigorous manner;
- further developing and enhancing our public services;
- record levels of expenditure on the schools capital programme;
- the weekly increase of €10 in social welfare rates in Budget 2004, three and a half times the projected rate of inflation in 2004;

- the introduction of a national minimum wage which is now €7 per hour;
- cooperating with the Commission on Electronic Voting in completing the further recommended testing programme while noting that the many benefits of electronic voting have been acknowledged by the Commission and that this approach will safeguard the investment in the system;
- investing historically high levels of funds in public infrastructure, specifically noting that LUAS is being completed within the approved cost; and
- building record levels of new housing for our people; and

supports and welcomes the Government's determination to continue implementing its economic Programme to the benefit of all." — *An tAire Airgeadais*.

MEMORANDA

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Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Fhiontraíocht agus Mionghnóthaí i Seomra Coiste 4, LH2000, ar 9.30 a.m.

Meeting of the Joint Committee on Enterprise and Small Business in Committee Room 4, LH2000, at 9.30 a.m.

Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Iompar i Seomra Coiste 1, LH2000, ar 9.30 a.m.

Meeting of the Joint Committee on Transport in Committee Room 1, LH2000, at 9.30 a.m.

Meastacháin (Iompar):

Estimates (Transport):

Cruinniú den Roghchoiste um Iompar i Seomra Coiste 1, LH2000, ar 12 meán lae.

Meeting of the Select Committee on Transport in Committee Room 1, LH2000, at 12 noon.

Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Chomhshaol agus Rialtas Áitiúil i Seomra Coiste 3, LH2000, ar 2 p.m.

Meeting of the Joint Committee on the Environment and Local Government in Committee Room 3, LH2000, at 2 p.m.

Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Ghnóthaí Eorpacha i Seomra Coiste 1, LH2000, ar 2 p.m.

Meeting of the Joint Committee on European Affairs in Committee Room 1, LH2000, at 2 p.m.

Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Sheirbhísí an Tí i Seomra Coiste 2, LH2000, ar 2.30 p.m. (*príobháideach*).

Meeting of the Joint House Services Committee in Committee Room 2, LH2000, at 2.30 p.m. (*private*).

Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Airgeadas agus an tSeirbhís Phoiblí i Seomra Coiste 4, LH2000, ar 3 p.m.
Meeting of the Joint Committee on Finance and the Public Service in Committee Room 4, LH2000, at 3 p.m.

Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Dhlí agus Ceart, Comhionannas, Cosaint agus Cearta na mBan i Seomra Coiste 1, LH2000, ar 4 p.m. (*príobháideach*).
Meeting of the Joint Committee on Justice, Equality, Defence and Women's Rights in Committee Room 1, LH2000, at 4 p.m. (*private*).

Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Iompar i Seomra Coiste 4, LH2000, ar 6 p.m. (*príobháideach*).
Meeting of the Joint Committee on Transport in Committee Room 4, LH2000, at 6 p.m. (*private*).

SCRÍBHINNÍ A LEAGADH FAOI BHRÁID NA DÁLA DOCUMENTS LAID BEFORE THE DÁIL

Reachtúil:

1) Togra le haghaidh Rialacháin ón gComhairle ar chríochnú an Phrótacail lena míneofar, don tréimhse 3 Nollaig 2003 go 2 Nollaig 2007, na deiseanna iascaireachta agus an cuiteamh airgeadais dá bhforáiltear leis an gComhaontú idir Comhphobal Eacnamaíochta na hEorpa agus Rialtas Oileán Mhuirís maidir le hiascaireacht in uisce Oileán Mhuirís mar aon le nóta faisnéise míniúcháin. COM (2004) 197.

2) Togra le haghaidh Rialacháin ón gComhairle lena socraítear an uas-iarracht bhliantúil iascaireachta i leith limistéar agus iascach áirithe mar aon le nóta faisnéise míniúcháin. COM (2004) 166.

3) Togra le haghaidh Cinnidh ón gComhairle maidir le malartú faisnéise agus le comhar i dtaca le cionta sceimhlitheoireachta mar aon le nóta faisnéise míniúcháin. COM (2004) 221.

4) Togra le haghaidh Treorach ón gComhairle maidir le nós imeachta sonracha chun náisiúnaigh de chuid tríú tíortha a ghlacadh chun críocha taighde eolaíochta mar aon le nóta faisnéise míniúcháin. COM (2004) 178.

5) Togra le haghaidh Treorach ón gComhairle lena leasaítear Treoir 2003/49/CE maidir leis an bhféidearthacht atá ann do Bhallstáit áirithe idirthréimhsí a chur i bhfeidhm maidir le feidhmiú comhchórais cánachais is infheidhme i gcás íocaíochtaí

Statutory:

1) Proposal for a Council Regulation on the conclusion of the Protocol defining, for the period 3 December 2003 to 2 December 2007, the fishing opportunities and the financial compensation provided for by the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Government of Mauritius on fishing in the waters of Mauritius together with explanatory information note. Com (2004) 197.

2) Proposal for a Council Regulation fixing the maximum annual fishing effort for certain areas and fisheries together with explanatory information note. COM (2004) 166.

3) Proposal for a Council Decision on the exchange of information and cooperation concerning terrorist offences together with explanatory information note. COM (2004) 221.

4) Proposal for a Council Directive on a specific procedure for admitting third-country nationals for purposes of scientific research together with explanatory information note. COM (2004) 178.

5) Proposal for a Council Directive amending Directive 2003/49/EC as regards the possibility for certain Member States to apply transitional periods for the application of a common system of taxation applicable to interest and royalty payments

úis agus ríchíosa a dhéantar idir cuideachtaí comhlachaithe de chuid Ballstát éagsúil mar aon le nóta faisnéise míniúcháin. COM (2004) 243.

6) Togra le haghaidh Cinnidh ón gComhairle ar chríochnú an Chomhaontaithe ar mhodh Malartú Litreacha maidir le cur chun feidhme sealadach an Phrótacaíl lena míneofar, don tréimhse 3 Nollaig 2003 go 2 Nollaig 2007, na deiseanna iascaireachta agus an cúiteamh airgeadais dá bhforáiltear leis an gComhaontú idir Comhphobal Eacnamaíochta na hEorpa agus Rialtas Oileán Mhuirís maidir le hiascaireacht in uiscí Oileán Mhuirís mar aon le nóta faisnéise míniúcháin. COM (2004) 194.

7) Togra le haghaidh Rialacháin ón gComhairle maidir le críochnú an Chomhaontaithe ar mhodh Malartú Litreacha i dtaobh leathnú an Phrótacaíl inar leagadh amach na deiseanna iascaireachta agus an ranníocaíocht airgid dá bhforáiltear sa Chomhaontú idir Comhphobal Eacnamaíochta na hEorpa agus Poblacht Rinn Verde maidir le hiascaireacht amach ó chósta Rinn Verde don tréimhse 1 Iúil 2004 go 30 Meitheamh 2005 mar aon le nóta faisnéise míniúcháin. COM (2004) 183.

8) Togra le haghaidh Cinnidh ón gComhairle maidir le síniú, thar ceann an Chomhphobail Eorpaigh, agus maidir le cur chur feidhme sealadach, an Chomhaontaithe ar mhodh Malartú Litreacha i dtaobh leathnú an Phrótacaíl inar leagadh amach na deiseanna iascaireachta agus an ranníocaíocht airgid dá bhforáiltear sa Chomhaontú idir Comhphobal Eacnamaíochta na hEorpa agus Poblacht Rinn Verde maidir le hiascaireacht amach ó chósta Rinn Verde don tréimhse 1 Iúil 2004 go 30 Meitheamh 2005 mar aon le nóta faisnéise míniúcháin. COM (2004) 186.

9) Togra le haghaidh Rialacháin ón gComhairle lena gcinntear na rátaí agus coinníollacha a bhainfidh leis na liúntais speisialta dá bhforáiltear in Airteagal 56c de na Rialacháin Foirne agus is féidir a dheonú i gcúiteamh ar dhálaí oibre fiordhiana;

made between associated companies of different Member States together with explanatory information note. COM (2004) 243.

6) Proposal for a Council Decision on the conclusion of the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters on the provisional application of the Protocol defining, for the period 3 December 2003 to 2 December 2007, the fishing opportunities and the financial compensation provided for by the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Government of Mauritius on fishing in the waters of Mauritius together with explanatory information note. COM (2004) 194.

7) Proposal for a Council Regulation on the conclusion of the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters concerning the extension of the Protocol setting out the fishing opportunities and financial contribution provided for in the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Cape Verde on fishing off the coast of Cape Verde for the period 1 July 2004 to 30 June 2005 together with explanatory information note. COM (2004) 183.

8) Proposal for a Council Decision on the signature on behalf of the European Community and the provisional application of the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters concerning the extension of the Protocol setting out the fishing opportunities and financial contribution provided for in the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Cape Verde on fishing off the coast of Cape Verde for the period 1 July 2004 to 30 June 2005 together with explanatory information note. COM (2004) 186.

9) Proposal for a Council Regulation determining the rates and conditions of the special allowances provided for in Article 56c of the Staff Regulations which may be granted to compensate for particularly arduous working conditions; Proposal for a

Togra le haghaidh Rialacháin ón gComhairle lena leasaítear Rialachán (CEE, Euratom, CEEG) Uimh. 495/77 lena gcinntear na hearnálacha oifigeach atá i dteideal liúntas, agus na coinníollacha agus rátaí a bhainfidh le liúntais, i leith dualgais rialta ar aire [agus] Togra le haghaidh Rialacháin ón gComhairle lena leasaítear Rialachán (CEGC, CEE, Euratom) Uimh. 300/76 lena gcinntear na hearnálacha oifigeach atá i dteideal liúntas i leith uain-oibre, agus na rátaí agus coinníollacha a bhainfidh leis an gcéanna mar aon le nóta faisnéise míniúcháin.
COM (2004) 253.

10) Na Rialacháin fán Acht um Thruailliú Aeir 1987 (Sonraíochtaí Comhshaoil do Bhreoslaí Peitрил agus Díosail) (Leasú) 2004 (I.R. Uimh. 202 de 2004).

11) An tOrdú fán Acht um Barántas Gabhála Eorpach 2003 (Ballstáit Ainmnithe) (Uimh. 3) 2004 (I.R. Uimh. 206 de 2004).

Council Regulation amending Regulation (EEC, Euratom, ECSC) No. 495/77 determining the categories of officials entitled to, and the conditions for and rates of, allowances for regular standby duty [and] Proposal for a Council Regulation amending Regulation (ECSC, EEC, Euratom) No. 300/76 determining the categories of officials entitled to allowances for shift-work, and the rates and conditions thereof together with explanatory information note.
COM (2004) 253.

10) Air Pollution Act 1987 (Environmental Specifications for Petrol and Diesel Fuels) (Amendment) Regulations 2004 (S.I. No. 202 of 2004).

11) European Arrest Warrant Act 2003 (Designated Member States) (No. 3) Order 2004 (S.I. No. 206 of 2004).