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1. Content and Format of Report

This report has been prepared pursuant to Standing Order 86(3), (4), (5) and (6) (Dáil Éireann) and Standing Order 75(3), (4), (5) and (6) (Seanad Éireann) which provide for the Joint Committee to-

- undertake a review of its procedure and its role generally;
- prepare an annual work programme;
- lay minutes of its proceedings before both Houses;
- make an annual report to both Houses.

At its meeting on 5 February 2013, the Joint Committee agreed that all these items should be included in this report covering the period from 19 June 2012 to 20 December 2012.

2. Establishment and Functions

2.1 Establishment of Select Committee

The Dáil Select Committee was established by Order of Dáil Éireann of 12 June, 2012 with effect from 19 June, 2012 to consider Bills, Estimates for Public Services, Motions, and the terms of any international agreement involving a charge on public funds, which come within the aegis of the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine.

The Select Committee may also consider Annual Output Statements, Value for Money Reviews and Policy Reviews prepared by the relevant Government Departments.

2.2 Establishment of Joint Committee

The Dáil Select Committee, under the same Order, was enjoined with a Select Committee of Seanad Éireann, established by Order of Seanad Éireann of 12 June, 2012, to form the Joint Committee on Agriculture, Food and the Marine.

2.3 Functions of Joint Committee

Among the principal functions of the Joint Committee are to consider—

- public affairs administered by the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine;
- matters of policy for which the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine are responsible;
- legislative and expenditure proposals of the Department;
- EU legislative proposals;
- certain matters relating to bodies under the aegis of the Department of Agriculture Food and the Marine.

2.4 Establishment of Joint sub-Committee

Standing Order 83 (3) (Dáil) and Standing Order 71 (3) (Seanad) confer on Committees the power to appoint Joint sub-Committees and to refer to such sub-Committees any matter covered by its orders of reference and to delegate any of its powers to such Joint sub-Committees, including power to report directly to the Dáil and Seanad.

The Joint Committee agreed at its meeting on 12 December 2012, to establish a sub-Committee on Fisheries to examine matters relating to strategies for promoting sustainable coastal and island communities and to focus on the communities' socio-economic situation and on promoting sustainable industries; The Joint Committee was aware that inland fishing and island fishing came under the remit of the Joint Committee on Transport and Communications and the Joint Committee on Environment, Culture and the Gaeltacht and believed that a fuller study and examination of issues of common concern in relation to these issues could take place with participation of members from each of the three Committees. The Joint Committee invited both Committees to consider establishing similar sub-Committees so as to participate in joint meetings of the three sub-Committees to commence in the New Year. It was also agreed that the sub-Committees would consist of nine members in total.

The Orders of Reference of the Dáil Select Committee, the Joint Committee and the Joint sub-Committee are set out at **Appendix 1**.

3. Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Membership

Deputy Andrew Doyle was elected as Chairman of the Joint Committee on 19 June 2012. Deputy Pat Deering was elected as Vice-Chairman of the Joint Committee on the same day.

The Chairman of the Joint Committee is also Chairman of the Dáil Select Committee

The Chairman was appointed as Chairman of the Joint sub-Committee on 12 December 2012

Membership of the Committees, including all internal changes within the reported period, is listed at **Appendix 2**.

4. Meetings, Attendance and Recording

Meetings of the Joint Committee, Select Committee and Joint sub-Committee took place in the Committee rooms in Leinster House 2000. Meetings were in public unless otherwise ordered by the Committee.

Televised coverage of public meetings of the Committee was broadcast live within the Leinster House complex and was available for subsequent public broadcasting by RTE and TV3. It was also webcast making it available worldwide on the internet. Since the pilot launch of the Oireachtas TV channel in November 2011, the proceedings of committees in public session, typically recorded but occasionally live, are now broadcast on UPC channel 207.

An Official Report (Parliamentary Debates) of the public meetings of the Committee may be viewed on the Houses of the Oireachtas website at www.oireachtas.ie.

Copies of other reports published by the Joint Committee are also available on the Oireachtas Committee website pages at www.oireachtas.ie. A list of these reports is set out at paragraph 7.

5. Number and Duration of Meetings

5.1 Joint Committee

Period	Number of Meetings	Number of hours discussion
June – December, 2012	24	43

The Joint Committee met on 24 occasions during the period under report. The number of hours of discussion involved in these meetings was in excess of 43 hours.

The subject matter of each meeting of the Joint Committee, including the groups, organisations or individuals who attended the meetings, is detailed in **Appendix 3**. The Minutes of Proceedings of the Joint Committee in public session are attached at **Appendix 4**.

5.2 Select Committee

Period	Number of Meetings	Number of hours discussion
June – December, 2012	6	10

The Dáil Select Committee met on 6 occasions during the period under report. The number of hours of discussion involved in these meetings was in excess of 10 hours.

The subject matter of the meeting is detailed in **Appendix 5**. The proceedings (Imeachtaí) of the Select Committee are attached at **Appendix 6**.

5.3 Joint sub-Committee on Fisheries

The sub-Committee on Fisheries met once during the period under report and the number of hour's discussion involved in this meeting was less than one hour. The subject matter of the meeting of the Joint sub-Committee is detailed in **Appendix 7**. The Minutes of Proceedings are attached at **Appendix 8**.

6. Witnesses attending before the Committee

During the period, the number of speaking witnesses before the Joint Committee was 69.

COMMITTEE NAME	PERIOD	NUMBER OF WITNESSES
Joint Committee on Agriculture, Food and the Marine	June – December, 2012	71

7. Committee Reports Published

During the period under report, the Joint Committee published the following reports:

- Work Programme June - December 2012
- Contribution on the Reform of the Common Agricultural Policy from the Joint Committee on Agriculture, Food and the Marine (Irish Parliament) in the context of Political Dialogue – December 2012.

8. Travel

The Joint Committee undertook the following travel in accordance with its Orders of Reference in connection with its Work Programme.

1. Purpose of travel: Conference on CAP Reform and Multiannual Financial Framework
Date and Destination: 25 June, 2012: Brussels
Members travelling: Deputies Andrew Doyle (Chairman) and Michael Moynihan
Accompanying Official: None
2. Purpose of travel: Conference on the CAP Towards 2020 – Taking Stock with Civil Society
Date and Destination: 13 July, 2012: Brussels
Members travelling: Deputy Andrew Doyle (Chairman)
Accompanying Official: Josie Briody (Clerk)
3. Purpose of travel: Conference of the Chairpersons of Agriculture Committees of Parliaments of the EU Member States, the European Parliament and the Parliaments of the Candidate States on the reform of the Common Agricultural Policy and the Common Fisheries Policy and the impact of climate change on agriculture
Date and Destination: 11-12 November 2012: Nicosia, Cyprus
Members travelling: Deputy Andrew Doyle (Chairman)
Accompanying Official: Josie Briody (Clerk)
4. Purpose of travel: Meetings with Permanent Representation of Ireland to the EU, Director General, Mr Silva Rodriguez and officials from DG AGRI on sugar quotas.
Date and Destination: 23 November, 2012: Brussels
Members travelling: Deputies Andrew Doyle (Chairman), Tom Barry and Martin Heydon
Accompanying Official: Josie Briody (Clerk)

9. EU Mainstreaming

9.1 Legislative Proposals

For the period 19 June 2012 to 20 December 2012, the Joint Committee considered EU matters at 6 meetings involving consideration of some 49 legislative proposals, of which further action or scrutiny was taken on the following 2 proposals:

PROPOSAL No.	PROPOSAL TITLE	OUTCOME
COM(2012) 357	Proposal for a Council Regulation on trade related measures to guarantee the supply of certain fishery products to Union processors from 2013 to 2015 amending Regulations (EC) No 104/2000 and (EU) No 1344/2011 and repealing Regulation (EC) No 1062/2009	Agreed, by way of further scrutiny to instruct the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine to keep the Committee informed of any developments regarding the Proposal.
COM(2012) 498	Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Council Regulation (EC) No 1342/2008 of 18 December 2008 establishing a long-term plan for cod stocks and the fisheries exploiting those stocks	Agreed, by way of further scrutiny to instruct the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine to keep the Committee informed of any developments regarding the Proposal.

One contribution on the Common Agricultural Policy was submitted to the Presidents of the Parliament, Council and Commission and the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine as follows:

PROPOSAL NO.	PROPOSAL TITLE
COMS (2012) 625 to 629 inclusive	Contribution on the Reform of the Common Agricultural Policy from the Joint Committee on Agriculture, Food and the Marine (Irish Parliament) in the context of Political Dialogue – December 2012

9.2 EU Council Meetings

The Joint Committee heard oral briefings from the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine in advance of and following his attendance at EU Council meetings on the following dates:

JC MEETING DATE	EU COUNCIL MEETING
19 July, 2012	Agricultural and Fisheries 16 July, 2012
6 December, 2012	Agricultural and Fisheries 18-20 December, 2012

10. Report on Functions and Powers

The Joint Committee is currently satisfied with its present procedures and role.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Andrew Doyle', followed by a stylized flourish.

Andrew Doyle T.D.
Chairman
5th February, 2013

APPENDIX 1: ORDERS OF REFERENCE

a. Functions of the Committee – derived from Standing Orders [DSO 82A; SSO 70A]

- (1) The Select Committee shall consider and report to the Dáil on—
 - (a) such aspects of the expenditure, administration and policy of the relevant Government Department or Departments and associated public bodies as the Committee may select, and
 - (b) European Union matters within the remit of the relevant Department or Departments.
- (2) The Select Committee may be joined with a Select Committee appointed by Seanad Éireann to form a Joint Committee for the purposes of the functions set out below, other than at paragraph (3), and to report thereon to both Houses of the Oireachtas.
- (3) Without prejudice to the generality of paragraph (1), the Select Committee shall consider, in respect of the relevant Department or Departments, such—
 - (a) Bills,
 - (b) proposals contained in any motion, including any motion within the meaning of Standing Order 164,
 - (c) Estimates for Public Services, and
 - (d) other mattersas shall be referred to the Select Committee by the Dáil, and
 - (e) Annual Output Statements, and
 - (f) such Value for Money and Policy Reviews as the Select Committee may select.
- (4) The Joint Committee may consider the following matters in respect of the relevant Department or Departments and associated public bodies, and report thereon to both Houses of the Oireachtas:
 - (a) matters of policy for which the Minister is officially responsible,
 - (b) public affairs administered by the Department,
 - (c) policy issues arising from Value for Money and Policy Reviews conducted or commissioned by the Department,
 - (d) Government policy in respect of bodies under the aegis of the Department,

- (e) policy issues concerning bodies which are partly or wholly funded by the State or which are established or appointed by a member of the Government or the Oireachtas,
 - (f) the general scheme or draft heads of any Bill published by the Minister,
 - (g) statutory instruments, including those laid or laid in draft before either House or both Houses and those made under the European Communities Acts 1972 to 2009,
 - (h) strategy statements laid before either or both Houses of the Oireachtas pursuant to the Public Service Management Act 1997,
 - (i) annual reports or annual reports and accounts, required by law, and laid before either or both Houses of the Oireachtas, of the Department or bodies referred to in paragraph (4)(d) and (e) and the overall operational results, statements of strategy and corporate plans of such bodies, and
 - (j) such other matters as may be referred to it by the Dáil and/or Seanad from time to time.
- (5) Without prejudice to the generality of paragraph (1), the Joint Committee shall consider, in respect of the relevant Department or Departments—
- (a) EU draft legislative acts standing referred to the Select Committee under Standing Order 105, including the compliance of such acts with the principle of subsidiarity,
 - (b) other proposals for EU legislation and related policy issues, including programmes and guidelines prepared by the European Commission as a basis of possible legislative action,
 - (c) non-legislative documents published by any EU institution in relation to EU policy matters, and
 - (d) matters listed for consideration on the agenda for meetings of the relevant EU Council of Ministers and the outcome of such meetings.
- (6) A sub-Committee stands established in respect of each Department within the remit of the Select Committee to consider the matters outlined in paragraph (3), and the following arrangements apply to such sub-Committees:
- (a) the matters outlined in paragraph (3) which require referral to the Select Committee by the Dáil may be referred directly to such sub-Committees, and
 - (b) each such sub-Committee has the powers defined in Standing Order 83(1) and (2) and may report directly to the Dáil, including by way of Message under Standing Order 87.
- (7) The Chairman of the Joint Committee, who shall be a member of Dáil Éireann, shall also be the Chairman of the Select Committee and of any sub-Committee or Committees standing established in respect of the Select Committee.

- (8) The following may attend meetings of the Select or Joint Committee, for the purposes of the functions set out in paragraph (5) and may take part in proceedings without having a right to vote or to move motions and amendments:
- (a) Members of the European Parliament elected from constituencies in Ireland, including Northern Ireland,
 - (b) Members of the Irish delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, and
 - (c) at the invitation of the Committee, other Members of the European Parliament.

b. Scope and Context of Activities of Committees (as derived from Standing Orders [DSO 82; SSO 70])

- (1) The Joint Committee may only consider such matters, engage in such activities, exercise such powers and discharge such functions as are specifically authorised under its orders of reference and under Standing Orders.
- (2) Such matters, activities, powers and functions shall be relevant to, and shall arise only in the context of, the preparation of a report to the Dáil and/or Seanad.
- (3) It shall be an instruction to all Select Committees to which Bills are referred that they shall ensure that not more than two Select Committees shall meet to consider a Bill on any given day, unless the Dáil, after due notice given by the Chairman of the Select Committee, waives this instruction on motion made by the Taoiseach pursuant to Dáil Standing Order 26. The Chairmen of Select Committees shall have responsibility for compliance with this instruction.
- (4) The Joint Committee shall not consider any matter which is being considered, or of which notice has been given of a proposal to consider, by the Committee of Public Accounts pursuant to Dáil Standing Order 163 and/or the Comptroller and Auditor General (Amendment) Act 1993.
- (5) The Joint Committee shall refrain from inquiring into in public session or publishing confidential information regarding any matter if so requested, for stated reasons given in writing, by—
 - (a) a member of the Government or a Minister of State, or
 - (b) the principal office-holder of a body under the aegis of a Department or which is partly or wholly funded by the State or established or appointed by a member of the Government or by the Oireachtas:

Provided that the Chairman may appeal any such request made to the Ceann Comhairle / Cathaoirleach whose decision shall be final.

JOINT SUB-COMMITTEE ON FISHERIES - ORDERS OF REFERENCE

1. That a sub-Committee, to be called the sub-Committee on Fisheries, be established pursuant to Standing Orders [DSO 83(3); SSO 71(3)]¹ to be joined with a sub-Committee to be established by the Joint Committee on Transport and Communications and a sub-Committee to be established by the Joint Committee on Environment, Culture and the Gaeltacht, to examine issues of common concern in relation to the fishing sector and sustainable fishing in inland waters, coastal (within a 12 mile limit) and island regions, including the experience of other jurisdictions, in respect of—
 - a. the development of Aquaculture,
 - b. Island and coastal (within the 12 mile zone) fisheries,
 - c. Inshore fisheries (specifically sea angling), and
 - d. Tourismand to report thereon to both Houses of the Oireachtas.
2. Notwithstanding the generality of paragraph 1, the sub-Committee may consider, in respect of the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine, the matters comprehended by Dáil Standing Order 82A(4)(a) to (e), inclusive, and Seanad Standing Order 70A(3)(a) to (e), inclusive;
3. The sub-Committee shall have the powers defined in Dáil Standing Order 83(1), (2), (4), (5), (7), (8) and (9) and Seanad Standing Order 71(1), (2), (4), (5), (7), (8) and (9);
4. The sub-Committee shall consist of 5 Members of whom at least 1 shall be a Member of Dáil Éireann and 1 shall be a Member of Seanad Éireann;
5. The quorum of the sub-Committee shall be 3, of whom at least 1 shall be a Member of Dáil Éireann and 1 a Member of Seanad Éireann;
6. The Chairman of the Joint Committee on Agriculture, Food and the Marine, shall also be Chairman of the sub-Committee.

¹ 'DSO' means Dáil Standing Order and 'SSO' means Seanad Standing Order

APPENDIX 2: MEMBERSHIP

List of Members (Joint Committee)

Chairman: Andrew Doyle (FG)

Deputies: Tom Barry (FG)
Pat Deering (FG) (Vice-Chairman)
Martin Ferris (SF)
Martin Heydon (FG)
Colm Keaveney (LAB)
Michael McNamara (LAB)
Éamon Ó Cuív (FF)
Thomas Pringle (IND)

Senators: Michael Comiskey (FG)
Paschal Mooney (FF)
Mary Ann O'Brien (IND)
Brian Ó Domhnaill (FF)
Susan O'Keeffe (LAB)
Pat O'Neill (FG)

Notes:

1. Deputies appointed to the Committee by Order of the Dáil on 12 June 2012
2. Senators appointed to the Committee by Order of the Seanad on 14 June 2012
3. Deputy Andrew Doyle elected as Chairman on 19 June 2012
4. Deputy Pat Deering elected as Vice-Chairman on 19 June 2012
5. Deputy Michael Moynihan was discharged from the Committee and Deputy Éamon ÓCuív was appointed to the Committee in substitution for him by Order of the Dáil on 19 July 2012
6. Deputy Michael Colreavy was discharged from the Committee and Deputy Martin Ferris was appointed to the Committee in substitution for him by Order of the Dáil on 25 September 2012

List of Members (Select Committee)

Chairman: Andrew Doyle (FG)

Deputies: Tom Barry (FG)
Pat Deering (FG) (Vice-Chairman)
Martin Ferris (SF)
Martin Heydon (FG)
Colm Keaveney (LAB)
Michael McNamara (LAB)
Éamon Ó Cuív (FF)
Thomas Pringle (IND)

Notes:

1. Deputies appointed to the Committee by Order of the Dáil on 12 June 2012
2. Deputy Michael Moynihan was discharged from the Committee and Deputy Éamon Ó Cuív was appointed to the Committee in substitution for him by Order of the Dáil on 19 July 2012
3. Deputy Michael Colreavy was discharged from the Committee and Deputy Martin Ferris was appointed to the Committee in substitution for him by order of the Dáil on 25 September 2012.

List of Members (sub-Committee on Fisheries)

Chairman: Andrew Doyle (FG)

Deputies: Martin Ferris (SF)
Michael McNamara (LAB)
Thomas Pringle (IND)

Senator: Brian Ó Domhnaill (FF)

Notes:

1. Members appointed to the sub-Committee on 12 December 2012

APPENDIX 3: MEETINGS OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE

The following are the details, in date order, of the scheduled meetings of the Joint Committee which took place during 2011.

MEETING No.	DATE	TOPIC	ORGANISATIONS, GROUPS AND INDIVIDUALS WHO ATTENDED
J01	19/6/2012	Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman	
J02	20/6/2012	(1) Salmon conservation measures; (2) Common Fisheries Policy Reform; and (3) Common Agricultural Policy Reform (4) Hydraulic Fracturing	<i>Northern Ireland Assembly and Business Trust</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Phil Flanagan MLA, NIABT Borad • Mr. John Rooney, Rooney Fish, NIABT Board • Mr. Peter Hall, NIABT Secretary • Ms. Joanne Stuart OBE, Attrus Ltd, NIABT Board • Glyn Roberts, NIIRTA, NIABT vice Chair • Mr. Leslie Cree MBE, MLA • Mr. Alban Maginness, MLA • Mr. David McClarty, MLA
J03	26/6/2012	The future of aquaculture in the marine environment	<i>Federation of Irish Salmon and Sea Trout Anglers</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Noel Carr, Secretary, • Mr. Paul Lawton, Chairman
J04	3/07/2012	(1) Scrutiny of EU Legislative Proposals (2) Survival of the Islands and impact of fishing restrictions	<i>Donegal Islands Fishermen's Committee</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Jerry Early, Spokeperson • Fr. John Joe Duffy, Representative of the Arranmore Community, Donegal • Mr. John O'Brien, Representative of the Inis Boffine Island

MEETING No.	DATE	TOPIC	ORGANISATIONS, GROUPS AND INDIVIDUALS WHO ATTENDED
J05	10/07/2012	Redevelopment of the Irish sugar beet industry	<p>(1) <i>Sugar Beet Ireland</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Michael Hoey, Chairman • Mr. Pat Cleary • Mr. Chris Harmon • Mr. Brian Arnold • Mr. Jim O'Regan • Mr. Simon Cross <p>(2) <i>Sugar Beet Bio Refinery Group</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Chris Comerford • Mr. Alan Navratill • Mr. Sean Gannon • Mr. Vincent Grogan • Mr. Eamon Collins • Mr. Michael Kelly
J06	17/07/2012	Private Meeting	
J07	19/07/2012	<p>(1) Post EU Council of Ministers Meeting</p> <p>(2) S.I. No 214 of 2012 Fishery Harbour Centres (Rates and Charges) Order, 2012</p> <p>(3) Allocation of herring quota in Irish waters</p>	<p><i>Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine (1)(2)&(3) • Mr. Cecil Beamish, Assistant Secretary (2) • Ms. Josephine Kelly, PO (2) • Mr. Paul Savage (2) • Mr. Kevin Hodvett (2)
J08	18/09/2012	Farm Management IT Systems-Getting the Public/Private Balance Right	<p><i>AgriNet / Kingswood Computing</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Barry Lynch, Technical Director • Mr. Gerry Lynskey, Managing Director
J09	02/10/2012	<p>(1) Scrutiny of EU Legislative Proposals</p> <p>(2) Coillte Annual Report and the future direction of the forestry industry</p>	<p><i>Coillte</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. David Gunning, Chief Executive • Mr. Gerry Egan, Group Director
J10	09/10/2012	Review of "Food Harvest 2020"	<p><i>Food and Drink Industry Ireland/Consumer Foods</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Paul Kelly, Director • Mr. Shane Dempsey, Head of Consumer Foods <p><i>Irish Dairy Industries Association</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Michael Barry, Director <p><i>Meat Industry Ireland</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Cormac Healy, Director • Mr. Ciaran Fitzgerald, Chairman

MEETING No.	DATE	TOPIC	ORGANISATIONS, GROUPS AND INDIVIDUALS WHO ATTENDED
J11	16/10/2012	Review of "Food Harvest 2020"	<i>Irish Dairy Board</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Vincent Buckley, Chairman Mr. Joe O'Flynn, Managing Director, Consumer Foods Division Mr. Bernard Condon, Director of Dairy Trade and Ingredients Ms. Anne Randles, Secretary <i>Bord Bia</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Aidan Cotter, Chief Executive Officer Mr. Padraig Brennan, Senior Business Analyst
J12	23/10/2012	(1) Scrutiny of EU Legislative Proposals (2) Farm Management IT Systems	<i>Teagasc</i> (1) Dr. Tom Kelly, Head of Knowledge Transfer <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr. Pat Dillon, Head of Animal & Grassland Research Programme <i>Irish Cattle Breeders Federation</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Sean Coughlan, Chief Executive Mr. John O'Sullivan, Chairman Mr. Michael Doran, Vice-Chairman Mr. Andrew Cromie, Head of Genetics
J13	25/10/2012	2013 Allocation for public expenditure - Agriculture, Food and the Marine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine
J14	06/11/2012	(1) Scrutiny of EU Legislative Proposals (2) Briefing on Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) and the Common Fisheries Policy (3) Review of "Food Harvest 2020"	<i>Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine Officials</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Tom Moran, Secretary General Ms. Brid Cannon, Head of EU and International Trade Division Mr. Paul Savage, Assistant Principal Ms. Ann Derwin, Chief Economist Mr. Cecil Beamish, Assistant Secretary Ms. Josephine Kelly, Head of Seafood Policy Division
J15	08/11/2012	Private Meeting	

MEETING No.	DATE	TOPIC	ORGANISATIONS, GROUPS AND INDIVIDUALS WHO ATTENDED
J16	13/11/2012	(1) Scrutiny of EU Legislative Proposals; (2) 2013 Pre-Budget Submission (3) Common Agricultural Policy (CAP)	(2) & (3) <i>Irish Creamery Milk Suppliers Association</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. John Comer, President • Mr. Pat McCormack, Deputy President • Mr. John Enright, General Secretary • Ms. Mary Buckley, Policy Officer
J17	14/11/2012	Private Meeting	
J18	15/11/2012	2013 Pre-Budget Submission	<i>Irish Farmers' Association</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. John Bryan, President • Mr. Flor McCarthy, Rural Development Chairman • Mr. Tom Doyle, Farm Business Chairman • Mr. Pat Smith, General Secretary • Ms. Rowena Dwyer, Chief Economist <i>Irish Cattle and Sheep Farmers' Association</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Gabriel Gilmartin, President • Mr. Eddie Punch, General Secretary • Mr. John Cleary, Hon. Secretary • Mr. Edmond Phelan, Beef Chairman • Mr. Billy Gray, CAP Chairman
J19	20/11/2012	(1) Chairman Designate Coillte (2) 2013 Pre-Budget Submission	(1) <i>Coillte</i> Mr. Brendan McKenna, Chairman (2) <i>Marca na Feirme</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Alan Jagoe, National President • Mr. John Joyce, Chairman Agriculture Affairs Committee • Mr. Edmond Connelly, CEO

MEETING No.	DATE	TOPIC	ORGANISATIONS, GROUPS AND INDIVIDUALS WHO ATTENDED
J20	04/12/2012	(1) Scrutiny of EU Legislative Proposals (2) Review of Food Harvest 2020	(2) <i>Irish Farm Managers Association</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Liam Moyles, Former CEO Farm Apprenticeship Board • Mr. John Fitzgerald, Secretary IFMA • Mr. Kevin Cummins, Nuffield Scholar, Chirman of the Policy Committee IFMA • Mr. Seamus Quigley, Nuffield Scholar IFMA Committee Member
J21	06/12/2012	(1) Agriculture and Fisheries EU Council Meeting (2) Sea Fisheries Sustainability Assessment	<i>Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine • Mr. Cecil Beamish, Assistant Secretary • Ms. Josephine Kelly, PO <i>Marine Institute</i> • Mr. Norman Graham
J22	13/12/2012	Motion re. Horse and Greyhound Racing Fund Regulations 2012	<i>Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine • Ms. Emer McGeough, Assistant Principal • Mr. Dermot A Ryan, Deputy Chief Inspector
J23	18/12/2012	(1) Objectives and Activities in promoting a healthy Ireland (2) Reform of the Common Agricultural Policy	(1) <i>Nutrition and Health Foundation</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Muireann Cullen (2) <i>The Environmental Pillar</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Anja Murray • Mr. Alex Copland • Mr. Andrew St Ledger • Mr. Cillian Lohan
J24	20/12/2012	Private Meeting	

APPENDIX 4: MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING OF TUESDAY, 19 JUNE 2012

1. The Joint Committee met at 2.00 p.m. in Committee Room 3, LH 2000, a quorum being present.

2 MEMBERS PRESENT

The following members were present:-

Deputies Michael Colreavy, Pat Deering Andrew Doyle Martin Heydon, Michael McNamara and Michael Moynihan.

Senators Michael Comiskey, Mary Ann O'Brien, Susan O'Keeffe and Pat O'Neill.

3 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

The Clerk invited nominations for the position of Chairman of the Committee.

Deputy Martin Heydon moved "That Deputy Andrew Doyle be elected Chairman of the Committee". Senator Mary Ann O'Brien seconded the motion.

Deputy Doyle took the Chair accordingly.

4. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

The Chairman invited nominations for the position of Vice-Chairman.

Senator Pat O'Neill moved "That Deputy Pat Deering be elected Vice-Chairman of the Committee". Senator Michael Comiskey seconded the motion. Deputy Deering was elected unanimously as Vice-Chairman.

5. PRIVATE SESSION

The Committee agreed to go into private session at 2.10 p.m.

6. ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION.

7. ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The Committee adjourned at 2.30 p.m. until Wednesday, 20 June 2012 at 12 noon.

Andrew Doyle T.D.
Chairman
26 June 2012

MINUTES OF MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, 20 JUNE 2012

1. The Joint Committee met at 12 noon in Committee Room 1, LH 2000, a quorum being present.

2. MEMBERS PRESENT

The following members were present:-

Deputies Tom Barry, Michael Colreavy, Pat Deering, Andrew Doyle (*in the Chair*), Martin Heydon, Colm Keaveney, Michael McNamara and Michael Moynihan

Senators Michael Comiskey, Paschal Mooney, Brian Ó Domhnaill and Pat O'Neil.

3. EXCHANGE OF VIEWS WITH REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY AND BUSINESS TRUST (NIABT)

The Committee met with representatives from the Northern Ireland Assembly and Business Trust (NIABT) and exchanged views on issues affecting agriculture and fisheries including Common Fisheries Policy reform and Common Agricultural Policy reform and hydraulic fracturing (known as fracking).

A question and answer session with members ensued.

4. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 1.10 p.m. until Tuesday, 26 June 2012 at 2 p.m.

Andrew Doyle T.D.
Chairman
26 June 2012

MINUTES OF MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, 26 JUNE 2012

1. The Joint Committee met at 2.05 p.m. in Committee Room 3, LH 2000, a quorum being present.

2. MEMBERS PRESENT

The following members were present:-

Deputies Michael Colreavy, Pat Deering, Andrew Doyle (*in the Chair*), Colm Keaveney and Michael Moynihan

Senators Michael Comiskey and Mary Ann O'Brien.

Apologies were received from Deputy Martin Heydon and Senator Brian Ó Domhnaill.

Deputy Noel Harrington was in attendance pursuant to Standing Order [DSO 92(3)].

3. PRIVATE SESSION

The Committee agreed to go into private session at 2.05 p.m.

4. ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION

5. ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION

6. ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION

The Committee went out of private session.

7. DISCUSSION WITH FEDERATION OF IRISH SALMON AND SEA TROUT ANGLERS

The Committee met with representatives from the Federation of Irish Salmon & Sea Trout Anglers to discuss the future of aquaculture in the marine environment.

Debate ensued and concluded.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4.05p.m. until Tuesday, 3 July 2012 at 2 p.m.

Andrew Doyle T.D.
Chairman
3 July 2012

MINUTES OF MEETING OF TUESDAY, 3 JULY 2012

1. The Joint Committee met at 2.10 p.m. in Committee Room 3, LH 2000, a quorum being present.

2. MEMBERS PRESENT

The following members were present:-

Deputies Michael Colreavy, Pat Deering, Andrew Doyle (*in the Chair*), Martin Heydon, Michael Moynihan and Thomas Pringle.

Senators Michael Comiskey, Paschal Mooney, Mary Ann O'Brien, Brian Ó Domhnaill, Susan O'Keeffe and Pat O'Neill.

Deputies Éamon Ó Cuív and Charlie McConalogue were in attendance [DSO 92(3)] and Senator Trevor Ó Clochartaigh was in attendance [SSO 80(2)].

3. PRIVATE SESSION

The Committee agreed to go into private session at 2.10 p.m.

4. ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION

5. ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION

6. ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION

7. ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION

The Committee went out of private session.

8. SCRUTINY OF EU LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS

The Committee considered the following list of European legislative proposals:-

COM (2012) 150 – Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Directives 1999/4/EC, 2000/36/EC, 2001/111/EC, 2001/113/EC and 2001/114/EC as regards the powers to be conferred on the Commission.

COM (2012) 155 – Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Council Regulation (EC) No 1098/2007 of 18 September 2007 establishing a multi-annual plan for the cod stocks in the Baltic Sea and the fisheries exploiting those stocks.

COM (2012) 162 – Amended proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EC) No 1760/2000 as regards electronic identification of bovine animals and deleting the provisions on voluntary beef labelling.

COM (2012) 172 – Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on imports of rice originating in Bangladesh.

COM (2012) 182 – Proposal for a Council Regulation amending Regulations (EU) No 43/2012 and (EU) No 44/2012 as regards the protection of the species "giant manta ray" and certain fishing opportunities.

COM (2012) 192 - Proposal for a Council Decision establishing the position to be adopted on behalf of the European Union with regard to certain resolutions to be voted in the framework of the International Organisation for Vine and Wine (OIV).

COM (2012) 211- Proposal for a Council Decision establishing the position to be adopted, on behalf of the EU, within the Food Aid Committee as regards the extension of the Food Aid Convention, 1999

COM (2012) 246 - Proposal for a Council Regulation on the allocation of fishing opportunities under the Protocol setting out the fishing opportunities and financial contribution provided for in the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Community on the one hand, and the Government of Denmark and the Home Rule Government of Greenland, on the other hand.

COM (2012) 247- Proposal for a Council Decision on the conclusion of the Protocol setting out the fishing opportunities and financial contribution provided for in the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Community on the one hand, and the Government of Denmark and the Home Rule Government of Greenland, on the other hand.

COM (2012) 248- Proposal for a Council Decision on the signing, on behalf of the European Union, and the provisional application of the Protocol setting out the fishing opportunities and financial contribution provided for in the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Community on the one hand and the Government of Denmark and the Home Rule Government of Greenland, on the other hand

COM (2012) 277- Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Council Regulation (EC) No 2371/2002 on the conservation and sustainable exploitation of fisheries resources under the Common Fisheries Policy.

COM (2012) 296- Proposal for Council Decision on the position to be taken by the European Union in the EEA Joint Committee concerning an amendment to Annex II (Technical regulations, standards, testing and certification) to the EEA Agreement

It was agreed that none of the Proposals warrant further scrutiny.

9. MEETING SUSPENDED

The meeting was suspended at 2.39 p.m. until 2.41 p.m.

10. DISCUSSION WITH DONEGAL ISLANDS FISHERMEN'S COMMITTEE

The Committee met with representatives from the Donegal Islands Fishermen's Committee in relation to the survival of the Islands and impact of fishing therein.

Debate ensued.

It was agreed that clarification should be sought to see if it is possible to establish a sub-group of the three Oireachtas Committees that shadow the three relevant Departments with responsibility for the marine, natural resources and island policy and if that is feasible, that group should have representatives from the three Departments on it.

It was also agreed that a transcript of the debate along with a copy of the group's submission be sent to the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine and the Minister for Communications, Energy and Natural Resources for their consideration.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4.35 p.m. until Tuesday, 10 July 2012 at 2 p.m.

Andrew Doyle T.D.
Chairman
10 July 2012

MINUTES OF MEETING OF TUESDAY 10 JULY 2012

1. The Joint Committee met at 2.00 p.m. in Committee Room 3, LH 2000, a quorum being present.

2. MEMBERS PRESENT

The following members were present:-

Deputies Tom Barry, Michael Colreavy, Pat Deering, Andrew Doyle (*in the Chair*), Martin Heydon, Michael McNamara, Michael Moynihan and Thomas Pringle.

Senators Michael Comiskey, Paschal Mooney, Mary Ann O'Brien, Brian Ó Domhnaill, Susan O'Keeffe and Pat Ó'Neill

Also present: Deputies Jack Wall, Brendan Ryan and Noel Coonan [DSO 92(3)].

3. PRIVATE SESSION

The Committee agreed to go into private session at 2.00 p.m.

4. ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION

5. ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION

6. ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION

The Committee went out of private session.

7. POTENTIAL OF THE REDEVELOPMENT OF THE SUGAR BEET INDUSTRY

The Committee met with representatives from Beet Ireland in relation to the potential of the redevelopment of the sugar beet industry.

Debate ensued.

8. MEETING SUSPENDED

The meeting was suspended at 3.54 p.m. until 4.02 p.m.

9. POTENTIAL OF THE REDEVELOPMENT OF THE SUGAR BEET INDUSTRY - RESUMED

The Committee met with representatives from the Sugar Beet Bio Refinery Group in relation to the potential of the redevelopment of the sugar beet industry.

Debate ensued and concluded

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5.00 p.m. until Tuesday, 17 July 2012 at 2 p.m.

Andrew Doyle T.D.
Chairman
17 July 2012

MINUTES OF MEETING OF TUESDAY 17 JULY 2012

1. The Joint Committee met at 2.00 p.m. in Committee Room 3, LH 2000, a quorum being present.

2. MEMBERS PRESENT

The following members were present:-

Deputies, Michael Colreavy, Pat Deering, Andrew Doyle (*in the Chair*) and Michael McNamara.

Senators Mary Ann O'Brien, Brian Ó Domhnaill, Susan O'Keeffe and Pat Ó'Neill.

Apology was received from Deputy Michael Moynihan.

Also present: Deputies Martin Ferris and Éamon Ó Cuív [DSO 92(3)]

3. PRIVATE SESSION

The Committee agreed to go into private session at 2.05 p.m.

4. ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION

5. ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION

6. ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION

The Committee went out of private session.

7. DEFERRAL OF DISCUSSION WITH THE MINISTER FOR AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND THE MARINE

The Chairman advised that due to unforeseen circumstances, the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine who was due to brief the Committee on EU Council Meetings was unavailable to attend today's meeting. This item on the Agenda would be deferred to a meeting of the Committee scheduled to take place on Thursday, 19 July 2012 at 10 a.m.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2.50 p.m. until Tuesday, 19 July 2012 at 10 a.m.

Andrew Doyle T.D.
Chairman
19 July 2012

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THURSDAY 19 JULY 2012

1. The Joint Committee met at 10.05 a.m. in Committee Room 4, LH 2000, a quorum being present.

2. MEMBERS PRESENT

The following members were present:-

Deputies, Pat Deering, Andrew Doyle (*in the Chair*), Martin Heydon, Michael McNamara and Thomas Pringle.

Senators Michael Comiskey, Paschal Mooney, Susan O'Keeffe and Pat O'Neill.

Apologies were received from Deputy Michael Colreavy and Senator Brian Ó Domhnaill.

Also present:

Deputy Martin Ferris attended [DSO 92(2)] and Deputy Éamon Ó Cuív attended [DSO 92(3)].

3. PRIVATE SESSION

The Committee agreed to go into private session at 2.05 p.m.

4. ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION

5. ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION

6. ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION

The Committee went out of private session.

7. POST EU COUNCIL OF MINISTER'S MEETINGS AND ALLOCATION OF MACKEREL AND HERRING QUOTAS

The Committee met with the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine in relation to (i) the outcome of recent EU Council meetings and (ii) allocation of mackerel and herring quotas in Irish waters.

Debate ensued.

8. MEETING SUSPENDED

The meeting was suspended at 11.10 a.m. until 11.35 a.m. due to a vote in the Dáil

9. POST EU COUNCIL OF MINISTER'S MEETINGS AND ALLOCATION OF MACKEREL AND HERRING QUOTAS

The Committee resumed discussion with the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine in relation to (i) the outcome of recent EU Council meetings and (ii) allocation of mackerel and herring quotas in Irish waters.

Debate ensued.

It was agreed that arrangements would be made for officials from the Department to give detailed briefing to the Committee on key issues under the CAP and CFP negotiations (in private session) after the summer recess.

10. FISHERY HARBOUR CENTRES (RATES AND CHARGES) ORDER 2012

The Committee met with officials from the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine in relation to the Fishery Harbour Centres (Rates and Charges) Order 2012.

Debate ensued and concluded.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 1.20 p.m. until 2 p.m. on Tuesday, 18 September 2012.

Andrew Doyle T.D.
Chairman
18 September 2012

MINUTES OF MEETING OF TUESDAY, 18 SEPTEMBER 2012

1. The Joint Committee met at 2.05 p.m. in Committee Room 3, LH 2000, a quorum being present.

2. MEMBERS PRESENT

The following members were present:-

Deputies Michael Colreavy, Pat Deering, Andrew Doyle (*in the Chair*), Martin Heydon, Michael McNamara and Éamon Ó Cuív.

Senators Michael Comiskey, Paschal Mooney, Mary Ann O'Brien and Pat O'Neill.

Apology was received from Senator Susan O'Keeffe.

Also present: Deputies Dominic Hannigan and Mattie McGrath [DSO 92(3)].

3. PRIVATE SESSION

The Committee agreed to go into private session at 2.05 p.m.

4. ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION

5. ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION

6. ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION

7. ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION

8. ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION

The Committee went out of private session.

9. MEETING SUSPENDED

The meeting was suspended at 2.48 p.m. until 2.50 p.m.

10. TAKING OF EVIDENCE

The Committee took oral evidence from Mr. Barry Lynch, Technical Director, AgriNet and Mr. Gerry Lynskey, Managing Director, Kingswood Computing Ltd. in relation to farm management IT systems to Irish farmers.

Debate ensued and concluded.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The Committee adjourned at 4.05 p.m. until 2 p.m. on Tuesday, 2 October, 2012.

Andrew Doyle T.D.
Chairman
2 October, 2012

MINUTES OF MEETING OF TUESDAY, 2 OCTOBER 2012

1. The Joint Committee met at 2.05 p.m. in Committee Room 3, LH 2000, a quorum being present.

2. MEMBERS PRESENT

The following members were present:-

Deputies Tom Barry, Pat Deering, Andrew Doyle (*in the Chair*), Martin Ferris, Martin Heydon and Éamon Ó Cuív.

Senators Michael Comiskey, Mary Ann O'Brien, Susan O'Keeffe and Pat O'Neill.

3. PRIVATE SESSION

The Committee agreed to go into private session at 2.05 p.m.

4. ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION

5. ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION

6. ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION

7. ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION

8. ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION

9. ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION

The Committee went out of private session.

10. SCRUTINY OF EU LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS

The Committee considered the European legislative proposals. A description of each Proposal and the decisions taken are contained at **Appendix 1**.

11. MEETING SUSPENDED

The meeting was suspended at 2.42 p.m. until 2.45 p.m.

12. TAKING OF EVIDENCE

The Committee took oral evidence from Mr. David Gunning, Chief Executive and Mr. Gerry Egan, Group Director, Strategy and Corporate Affairs, Coillte in relation to Coillte Annual Report 2011 and the future direction of the forestry industry.

Debate ensued.

13. MEETING SUSPENDED

The meeting was suspended at 3.56 p.m. until 4.15 p.m. due to a vote in the Seanad.

14. TAKING OF EVIDENCE - RESUMED

The Committee resumed discussion with Mr. David Gunning, Chief Executive and Mr. Gerry Egan, Group Director, Strategy and Corporate Affairs, Coillte in relation to Coillte Annual Report 2011 and the future direction of the forestry industry.

Debate ensued and concluded.

15. ADJOURNMENT

The Committee adjourned at 5.15 p.m. until 2 p.m. on Tuesday, 9 October, 2012.

Andrew Doyle T.D.
Chairman
9 October, 2012

Appendix 1

List of EU Legislative Proposals as scrutinised in Committee Date of Meeting: 2 October 2012

(1) Having considered the following proposals and based on the information provided, it was agreed that the following proposals warrant no further scrutiny:

COM(2012)256 – Proposal for a Council Decision on the signature, on behalf of the European Union, and the provisional application of the Protocol agreed between the European Union and the Republic of Guinea-Bissau setting out fishing opportunities and the financial contribution provided for in the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the two parties currently in force

COM(2012)260 – Proposal for a Council Decision on the conclusion of the Protocol agreed between the European Union and the Republic of Guinea-Bissau setting out fishing opportunities and the financial contribution provided for in the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the two parties currently in force

COM(2012)262 – Proposal for a Council Regulation on the allocation of the fishing opportunities under the Protocol agreed between the European Union and the Republic of Guinea-Bissau setting out fishing opportunities and the financial contribution provided for in the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the two parties currently in force

COM(2012)293 – Proposal for a Council Decision establishing the position to be taken by the European Union within the General Council of the World Trade Organization on the Philippines' request for a WTO waiver to extend the special treatment for rice

COM(2012)298 – Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Council Regulation (EC) No 850/98 concerning the conservation of fishery resources through technical measures for the protection of juveniles of marine organisms and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 1288/2009

COM(2012)332 – Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Council Regulation (EC) No 1005/2008 establishing a Community system to prevent, deter and eliminate illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing

COM(2012)345 – Proposal for a Council Decision on the signing, on behalf of the European Union, of the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Union and the United States of America pursuant to Article XXIV:6 and Article XXVIII of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) 1994 relating to the modification of concessions in the schedules of the Republic of Bulgaria and Romania in the course of their accession to the European Union.

COM(2012)346 – Proposal for a Council Decision concluding an Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Union and the United States of America pursuant to Article XXIV:6 and Article XXVIII of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) 1994 relating to the modification of concessions in the schedules of the Republic of Bulgaria and Romania in the course of their accession to the European Union

COM(2012)355 – Proposal for a Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Council Decision 2008/971/EC as regards the inclusion of forest reproductive material of the 'qualified' category within the scope of that Decision and the updating of the name of the authorities responsible for the approval and control of the production.

(2) Having considered the following proposal and based on the information provided, it was agreed that the proposal warranted further scrutiny:

COM(2012)357 – Proposal for a Council Regulation on trade related measures to guarantee the supply of certain fishery products to Union processors from 2013 to 2015 amending Regulations (EC) No 104/2000 and (EU) No 1344/2011 and repealing Regulation (EC) No 1062/2009

It was agreed to write to the Secretary General of the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine:

- stating that the Committee is keeping a close watching brief on all developments regarding the Common Fisheries Policy (CFP) negotiations including this proposal;
- stating that the Committee supports the Department's negotiating position regarding the Proposal; and
- to ask to be kept informed of all developments regarding the Proposal specifically any attempts to increase the volume of certain imports of fish products that are subject to decreased duties and/or to reduce the duties even further.

MINUTES OF MEETING OF TUESDAY, 9 OCTOBER 2012

1. The Joint Committee met at 2.10 p.m. in Committee Room 3, LH 2000, a quorum being present.

2. MEMBERS PRESENT

The following members were present:-

Deputies Tom Barry, Pat Deering, Andrew Doyle (*in the Chair*), Martin Ferris, Martin Heydon and Éamon Ó Cuív.

Senators Michael Comiskey, Paschal Mooney, Mary Ann O'Brien, Susan O'Keeffe and Pat O'Neill.

3. PRIVATE SESSION

The Committee agreed to go into private session at 2.10 p.m.

4. ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION

5. ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION

6. ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION

7. ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION

The meeting went out of private session.

8. MEETING SUSPENDED

The meeting was suspended at 2.38 p.m. until 2.41 p.m.

9. TAKING OF EVIDENCE – REVIEW OF FOOD HARVEST 2020

The Committee took oral evidence from Mr. Paul Kelly, Director, Food and Drink Industry Ireland, Mr. Michael Barry, Irish Dairy Industries Association, Mr. Cormac Healy, Meat Industry Ireland and Mr. Shane Dempsey, Head of Consumer Foods on '*Food Harvest 2020*'.

Debate ensued and concluded.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The Committee adjourned at 5.10 p.m. until 2 p.m. on Tuesday, 16 October, 2012.

Andrew Doyle T.D.
Chairman
16 October, 2012

MINUTES OF MEETING OF TUESDAY, 16 OCTOBER 2012

1. The Joint Committee met at 2.10 p.m. in Committee Room 3, LH 2000, a quorum being present.

2. MEMBERS PRESENT

The following members were present:-

Deputies Pat Deering, Andrew Doyle (*in the Chair*), Martin Ferris, Martin Heydon, Michael McNamara, Éamon Ó Cuív and Thomas Pringle.

Senators Michael Comiskey, Paschal Mooney, Mary Ann O'Brien, Susan O'Keeffe and Pat O'Neill.

3. PRIVATE SESSION

The Committee agreed to go into private session at 2.10 p.m.

4. ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION

5. ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION

6. ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION

The meeting went out of private session.

7. MEETING SUSPENDED

The meeting was suspended at 2.26 p.m. until 2.28 p.m.

8. TAKING OF EVIDENCE – FOOD HARVEST 2020

The Committee took oral evidence from Mr. Vincent Buckley, Chairman, Irish Dairy Board, Mr. Joe O'Flynn, Managing Director Consumer Foods Division, Irish Dairy Board, Mr. Bernard Condon, Director of Dairy Trade and Ingredients, Irish Dairy Board and Ms. Anne Randles, Secretary, Irish Dairy Board in relation to '*Food Harvest 2020*'.

Debate ensued.

9. MEETING SUSPENDED

The meeting was suspended at 4.03 p.m. until 4.05 p.m.

10. TAKING OF EVIDENCE – RESUMED

The Committee took oral evidence from Mr. Aidan Cotter, Chief Executive Officer, Bord Bia in relation to '*Food Harvest 2020*'.

Debate ensued and concluded.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The Committee adjourned at 4.30 p.m. until 2 p.m. on Tuesday, 23 October, 2012.

Andrew Doyle T.D.
Chairman
23 October, 2012

MINUTES OF MEETING OF TUESDAY, 23 OCTOBER 2012

1. The Joint Committee met at 2.05 p.m. in Committee Room 3, LH 2000, a quorum being present.

2. MEMBERS PRESENT

The following members were present:-

Deputies Tom Barry, Pat Deering, Andrew Doyle (*in the Chair*), Colm Keaveney, Michael McNamara and Éamon Ó Cuív.

Senators Michael Comiskey, Brian Ó Domhnaill, Susan O’Keeffe and Pat O’Neill.

Apology was received from Deputy Martin Heydon.

3. PRIVATE SESSION

The Committee agreed to go into private session at 2.05 p.m.

4. ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION

5. ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION

6. ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION

7. ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION

The Committee went out of private session.

8. SCRUTINY OF EU LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS

The Committee considered the European legislative proposals. A description of each Proposal and the decisions taken are contained at **Appendix 1**.

9. MEETING SUSPENDED

The meeting was suspended at 2.35 p.m. until 2.37 p.m.

10. TAKING OF EVIDENCE – FARM MANAGEMENT IT SYSTEMS

The Committee took oral evidence from Teagasc representatives – Dr. Tom Kelly, Head of Knowledge Transfer and Dr. Pat Dillon, Head of Animal and Grassland Research Programme and from Irish Cattle Breeders Federation representatives – Mr. Seán Coughlan, Chief Executive, Mr. John O’Sullivan, Chairman, Mr. Michael Doran, Vice-Chairman and Mr. Andrew Cromie, Head of Genetics on Farm Management IT Systems.

Debate ensued and concluded.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The Committee adjourned at 4.05 p.m. until 10 a.m. on Thursday, 25 October, 2012.

Andrew Doyle T.D.
Chairman
6 November, 2012

Appendix 1

List of EU Legislative Proposals as scrutinised in Committee Date of Meeting: 23 October 2012

(1) Having considered the following proposals and based on the information provided, it was agreed that the following proposals warrant no further scrutiny:

COM(2012)343 – Proposal for a Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Council Decision 2003/17/EC by extending its period of application and by updating the names of a third country and of the authorities responsible for the approval and control of the production

COM(2012)378 – Proposal for a Council Decision on the conclusion, on behalf of the European Union, of the Food Assistance Convention

COM(2012)379 – Proposal for a Council Decision on the signing, on behalf of the European Union, of the Food Assistance Convention

COM(2012)437 – Proposal for a Council Regulation on the allocation of fishing opportunities under the Protocol to the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Mauritius

COM(2012)441 – Proposal for a Council Decision on the signing, on behalf of the Union, of the Fishery Partnership Agreement and of the Protocol setting out the fishing opportunities and the financial contribution provided for by the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Mauritius

COM(2012)442 – Proposal for a Council Decision on the conclusion of a new Fishery Partnership Agreement and of a new Protocol setting out the fishing opportunities and the financial contribution provided for by the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Mauritius

COM(2012)466 – Proposal for a Council Regulation on the allocation of fishing opportunities under the Protocol setting out the fishing opportunities and financial contribution provided for in the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Community, on the one hand, and the Republic of Kiribati, on the other

COM(2012)467 – Proposal for a Council Decision on the signing, on behalf of the European Union, and the provisional application of the Protocol setting out the fishing opportunities and financial contribution provided for in the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Community, on the one hand, and the Republic of Kiribati, on the other

COM(2012)468 – Proposal for a Council Decision on the conclusion of the Protocol between the European Union and the Republic of Kiribati, setting out opportunities and financial contribution provided for in the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Community, on the one hand, and the Republic of Kiribati, on the other

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THURSDAY, 25 OCTOBER 2012

1. The Joint Committee met at 10.05 a.m. in Committee Room 3, LH 2000, a quorum being present.

2. MEMBERS PRESENT

The following members were present:-

Deputies Tom Barry, Pat Deering, Andrew Doyle (*in the Chair*), Martin Ferris, Martin Heydon, Colm Keaveney, Michael McNamara and Éamon Ó Cuív.

Senators Michael Comiskey, Mary Ann O'Brien, Brian Ó Domhnaill and Pat O'Neill.

3. PRIVATE SESSION

The Committee agreed to go into private session at 10.05 a.m.

4. ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION

The Committee went out of private session.

5. MEETING SUSPENDED

The meeting was suspended at 10.28 a.m. until 10.30 a.m.

6. DISCUSSION ON THE 2013 ALLOCATIONS OF EXPENDITURE IN RESPECT OF VOTE 30 – AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND THE MARINE

The Committee met with Mr. Simon Coveney T.D., Minister Agriculture, Food and the Marine in relation to the 2013 allocation of expenditure in respect of Vote 30 – Agriculture, Food and the Marine.

Debate ensued.

7. MEETING SUSPENDED

The meeting was suspended at 11.11 a.m. until 11.26 a.m. due to a vote in the Dáil.

8. DISCUSSION ON THE 2013 ALLOCATIONS OF EXPENDITURE IN RESPECT OF VOTE 30 – AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND THE MARINE - RESUMED

The Committee resumed discussion with the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine on the 2013 allocation of expenditure in respect of Vote 30 – Agriculture, Food and the Marine.

Debate ensued.

It was agreed that the Department would furnish the Committee with additional information on issues identified and that a further engagement with the Minister in private session would be scheduled as soon as possible.

9. PRIVATE SESSION

The Committee agreed to go into private session at 12.10 p.m.

10. ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION

11. ADJOURNMENT

The Committee adjourned at 12.15 p.m. until 2 p.m. on Tuesday, 6 November, 2012.

Andrew Doyle T.D.
Chairman
6 November, 2012

MINUTES OF MEETING OF TUESDAY, 6 NOVEMBER 2012

1. The Joint Committee met at 3.30 p.m. in Committee Room 3, LH 2000, a quorum being present.

2. MEMBERS PRESENT

The following members were present:-

Deputies Tom Barry, Pat Deering, Andrew Doyle (*in the Chair*), Martin Heydon, Colm Keaveney, Michael McNamara and Éamon Ó Cuív.

Senators Michael Comiskey, Brian Ó Domhnaill, Susan O’Keeffe and Pat O’Neill.

Apology was received from Senator Mary Ann O’Brien.

Also present: Deputy Noel Harrington [DSO 92(3)].

3. PRIVATE SESSION

The Committee agreed to go into private session at 3.30 p.m.

4. ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION

5. ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION

6. ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION

7. ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION

The Committee went out of private session.

8. SCRUTINY OF EU LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS

The Committee considered the European legislative proposals. A description of each Proposal and the decisions taken are contained at **Appendix 1**.

9. BRIEFING ON COMMON AGRICULTURAL POLICY AND THE COMMON FISHERIES POLICY

The Committee met with officials from the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine in relation to issues under the Common Agricultural Policy, Food Harvest 2020 and the Common Fisheries Policy.

Debate ensued and concluded.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The Committee adjourned at 6.40 p.m. until 11.30 a.m. on Thursday, 8 November, 2012.

Pat Deering, T.D.
Vice-Chairman
13 November, 2012

Appendix 1

List of EU Legislative Proposals as scrutinised in Committee Date of Meeting: 6 November 2012

(1) Having considered the following proposals and based on the information provided, it was agreed that the following proposals warrant no further scrutiny:

COM(2012)371 – Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing specific conditions to fishing for deep-sea stocks in the North-East Atlantic and provisions for fishing in international waters of the North-East Atlantic and repealing Regulation (EC) No 2347/2002

COM(2012)383 – Proposal for a Council Regulation amending Regulation (EU) No 44/2012 as regards fishing opportunities for capelin in Greenland waters.

COM(2012)402 – Proposal for a Council Regulation on establishing the fishing opportunities for anchovy in the Bay of Biscay for the 2012/2013 fishing season

COM(2012)413 – Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Council Regulation (EC) No 1100/2007 establishing measures for the recovery of the stock of European eel.

COM(2012)432 – Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Council Regulation (EC) No 850/98 concerning the conservation of fishery resources through technical measures for the protection of juveniles of marine organisms

COM(2012)434 – Proposal for a Council Decision on the position to be taken by the European Union within the Joint Committee set up by Article 11 of the Agreement between the European Union, of the one part, and Georgia, on the other part, on protection of geographical indications of agricultural products and foodstuffs, as regards the adoption of the rules of procedure of the Joint Committee

COM(2012)447 – Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Council Regulation (EC) No 812/2004 laying down measures concerning incidental catches of cetaceans in fisheries and amending Regulation (EC) No 88/98

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THURSDAY, 8 NOVEMBER 2012

1. The Joint Committee met **in private** at 11.40 a.m. in Committee Room 1, LH 2000, a quorum being present.

2. MEMBERS PRESENT

The following members were present:-

Deputies Pat Deering, Andrew Doyle (*in the Chair*), Martin Heydon, Michael McNamara and Éamon Ó Cuív.

Senators Paschal Mooney and Pat O'Neill.

3. ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION

4. ADJOURNMENT

The Committee adjourned at 12.15 p.m. until 2 p.m. on Tuesday, 13 November, 2012.

Andrew Doyle T.D.
Chairman
20 November, 2012

MINUTES OF MEETING OF TUESDAY, 13 NOVEMBER 2012

1. The Joint Committee met at 2.10 p.m. in Committee Room 3, LH 2000, a quorum being present.

2. MEMBERS PRESENT

The following members were present:-

Deputies Pat Deering (*in the Chair*), Colm Keaveney and Éamon Ó Cuív.

Senators Michael Comiskey, Paschal Mooney, Mary Ann O'Brien and Pat O'Neill.

Apologies were received from Deputy Andrew Doyle, Senators Brian Ó Domhnaill and Susan O'Keeffe.

Also present: Deputy John O'Mahony [DSO 92(3)].

3. PRIVATE SESSION

The Committee agreed to go into private session at 2.10 p.m.

4. ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION

5. ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION

6. ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION

7. ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION

The Committee went out of private session.

8. SCRUTINY OF EU LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS

The Committee considered the European legislative proposals. A description of each Proposal and the decisions taken are contained at **Appendix 1**.

9. MEETING SUSPENDED

The meeting was suspended at 2.27 p.m. until 2.28 p.m.

10. TAKING OF EVIDENCE

The Committee took oral evidence from ICMSA representatives – Mr. John Comer, President, Mr. Pat McCormack, Vice-President and Mr. John Enright, General Secretary on their 2013 pre-budget submission and the Common Agricultural Policy.

Debate ensued and concluded.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The Committee adjourned at 4 p.m. until 9.30 a.m. on Wednesday, 14 November, 2012.

Andrew Doyle T.D.
Chairman
20 November, 2012

APPENDIX 1

List of EU Legislative Proposals as scrutinised in Committee

Date of Meeting: 13 November 2012

(1) Having considered the following proposal and based on the information provided, it was agreed that the proposal warranted further scrutiny:

COM (2012) 498 – Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Council Regulation (EC) No 1342/2008 of 18 December 2008 establishing a long-term plan for cod stocks and the fisheries exploiting those stocks

It was agreed to write to the Secretary General of the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine:

- Stating that the Committee is keeping a close watching brief on all developments regarding cod-stocks and in particular this proposal amending the Commission's long term plan for cod stocks and the fisheries exploiting those cod stocks;
- and to ask to be kept informed of all developments regarding the Proposal specifically in relation to amendments proposing to strengthen the obligation on Member States to take action where data confirms high levels of discards in certain fisheries.

(2) Having considered the following proposals and based on the information provided, it was agreed that the following proposals warrant no further scrutiny

COM(2012)458 – Proposal for a Council Regulation fixing for 2013 the fishing opportunities for certain fish stocks and groups of fish stocks applicable in the Baltic Sea

COM(2012)471 – Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on certain technical and control measures in the Skagerrak and amending Regulation (EC) No 850/98 and Regulation (EC) No 1342/2008

COM(2012)505 – Proposal for a Council Decision on the conclusion of the Protocol agreed between the European Union and the Republic of Madagascar setting out fishing opportunities and the financial contribution provided for in the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the two parties currently in force

COM(2012)506 – Proposal for a Council Decision on the signature, on behalf of the European Union, and on the provisional application of the Protocol agreed between the European Union and the Republic of Madagascar setting out fishing opportunities and the financial contribution provided for in the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the two parties currently in force

COM(2012)519 – Proposal for a Council Regulation on the allocation of the fishing opportunities under the Protocol agreed between the European Union and the Republic of Madagascar setting out fishing opportunities and the financial contribution provided for in the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the two parties currently in force

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THURSDAY, 14 NOVEMBER 2012

1. The Joint Committee met **in private** at 11.40 a.m. in Committee Room 1, LH 2000, a quorum being present.

2. MEMBERS PRESENT

The following members were present:-

Deputies Pat Deering, Andrew Doyle (*in the Chair*), Martin Heydon and Éamon Ó Cuív.

Senators Michael Comiskey, Paschal Mooney, Brian Ó Domhnaill and Pat O'Neill.

Apology was received from Senator Susan O'Keeffe.

Also present: Deputy John O'Mahony [DSO 92(3)].

3. ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION

4. ADJOURNMENT

The Committee adjourned at 12.15 p.m. until 2 p.m. on Tuesday, 13 November, 2012.

Andrew Doyle T.D.
Chairman
20 November, 2012

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THURSDAY, 15 NOVEMBER 2012

1. The Joint Committee met at 9.45 a.m. in Committee Room 4, LH 2000, a quorum being present.

2. MEMBERS PRESENT

The following members were present:-

Deputies Tom Barry, Pat Deering, Andrew Doyle (*in the Chair*), Éamon Ó Cuív and Thomas Pringle.

Senators Michael Comiskey, Paschal Mooney and Brian Ó Domhnaill.

Also present: Deputies Noel Harrington, Michael Healy-Rae, Eamonn Maloney, Charlie McConalogue [DSO 92(3)]

Senator Jillian van Turnhout [SSO 80(2)].

3. TAKING OF EVIDENCE

The Committee took oral evidence from ICSA representatives – Mr. Gabriel Gilmartin, President, Mr. Eddie Punch, General Secretary and Mr. Billy Gray, CAP Chairman on their 2013 pre-budget submission.

Debate ensued and concluded.

4. MEETING SUSPENDED

The meeting was suspended at 10.50 a.m. until 10.51 a.m.

5. TAKING OF EVIDENCE – RESUMED

The Committee took oral evidence from IFA representatives – Mr. John Bryan, President, Mr. Flor McCarthy, Rural Development Chairman and Mr. Pat Smith, General Secretary on their 2013 pre-budget submission.

Debate ensued and concluded.

6. ADJOURNMENT

The Committee adjourned at 11.45 a.m. until 2 p.m. on Tuesday, 20 November, 2012.

Andrew Doyle T.D.
Chairman
20 November, 2012

MINUTES OF MEETING OF TUESDAY, 20 NOVEMBER 2012

1. The Joint Committee met at 2.10 p.m. in Committee Room 3, LH 2000, a quorum being present.

2. MEMBERS PRESENT

The following members were present:-

Deputies Andrew Boyle (*in the Chair*), Martin Ferris, Martin Heydon and Thomas Pringle.

Senators Michael Comiskey, Mary Ann O'Brien, Susan O'Keeffe and Pat O'Neill.

Apologies were received from Deputies Pat Deering and Éamon Ó Cuív.

Also present: Deputy Michelle Mulherin [DSO 92(3)].

3. PRIVATE SESSION

The Committee agreed to go into private session at 2.10 p.m.

4. ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION

5. ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION

6. ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION

7. ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION

8. ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION

The Committee went out of private session.

9. MEETING SUSPENDED

The meeting was suspended at 2.31 p.m. until 2.33 p.m.

10. ENGAGEMENT WITH CHAIRMAN DESIGNATE OF COILLTE

The Committee engaged with Mr. Brendan McKenna, Chairperson Designate, Coillte.

Debate ensued and concluded.

It was agreed to inform the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine that the Committee had concluded its engagement with Mr. McKenna on his recent appointment as Chairperson of Coillte and to forward a copy of the transcript of the debate to him for his information.

11. MEETING SUSPENDED

The meeting was suspended at 3.18 p.m. until 3.22 p.m.

13. TAKING OF EVIDENCE

The Committee took oral evidence from Macra na Feirme representatives – Mr Alan Jagoe, National President, Mr John Joyce, Chairman of Agricultural Affairs Committee and Mr Edmond Connelly, Chief Executive Officer on its 2013 pre-budget submission.

Debate ensued and concluded.

14. ADJOURNMENT

The Committee adjourned at 4.15 p.m. until 2 p.m. on Tuesday, 4 December, 2012.

Andrew Doyle T.D.
Chairman
4 December, 2012

MINUTES OF MEETING OF TUESDAY, 4 DECEMBER 2012

1. The Joint Committee met at 2.10 p.m. in Committee Room 3, LH 2000, a quorum being present.

2. MEMBERS PRESENT

The following members were present:-

Deputies Tom Barry, Pat Deering, Andrew Doyle (*in the Chair*), Martin Ferris, Martin Heydon, Michael McNamara and Éamon Ó Cuív.

Senators Michael Comiskey, Brian Ó Domhnaill and Pat O'Neill.

Apologies were received from Senators Susan O'Keeffe and Mary Ann O'Brien.

Also present: Deputy John O'Mahony [DSO 92(3)].

3. PRIVATE SESSION

The Committee agreed to go into private session at 2.10 p.m.

4. MINUTES OF MEETING OF 20 NOVEMBER 2012

The minutes of the meeting of 20 November 2012 were agreed.

5. ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION

6. ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION

7. ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION

The Committee went out of private session.

8. SCRUTINY OF EU LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS

The Committee considered the European legislative proposals. A description of each Proposal and the decisions taken are contained at **Appendix 1**.

9. MEETING SUSPENDED

The meeting was suspended at 2.38 p.m. until 2.39 p.m.

10. TAKING OF EVIDENCE

The Committee took oral evidence from representatives from the Irish Farm Managers Association (IFMA) - Mr. Liam Moyles, Mr. John Fitzgerald, Mr. Kevin Cummins and Mr. Seamus Quigley in relation to the potential growth in the Irish agriculture sector – Food Harvest 2020.

Debate ensued and concluded.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The Committee adjourned at 3.40 p.m. until 9.30 a.m. on Thursday, 6 December, 2012.

Andrew Doyle T.D.
Chairman
18 December, 2012

APPENDIX 1

List of EU Legislative Proposals as scrutinised in Committee Date of Meeting: 4 December 2012

Having considered the following proposals and based on the information provided, it was agreed that the following proposals warrant no further scrutiny:

COM(2012)530 - Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Council Directive 2001/110/EC relating to honey

COM(2012)545 - Proposal for a Council Decision on the signature, on behalf of the European Union, and the provisional application of the Protocol between the European Union and the Islamic Republic of Mauritania setting out fishing opportunities and the financial contribution provided for in the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the two parties currently in force

COM(2012)546 - Proposal for a Council Decision on conclusion of the Protocol between the European Union and the Islamic Republic of Mauritania setting out fishing opportunities and the financial contribution provided for in the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the two Parties currently in force

COM(2012)547 - Proposal for a Council Regulation on the allocation of the fishing opportunities under the Protocol between the European Union and the Islamic Republic of Mauritania setting out fishing opportunities and the financial contribution provided for in the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the two parties currently in force and amending Regulation 1801/2006

COM(2012)578 - Proposal for a Council Regulation concerning the use of lactic acid to reduce microbiological surface contamination on bovine carcasses

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THURSDAY, 6 DECEMBER 2012

1. The Joint Committee met at 9.40 a.m. in Committee Room 4, LH 2000, a quorum being present.

2. MEMBERS PRESENT

The following members were present:-

Deputies Pat Deering, Andrew Doyle (*in the Chair*), Martin Ferris and Thomas Pringle.

Senators Michael Comiskey, Paschal Mooney, Brian Ó Domhnaill and Susan O'Keeffe.

Apology was received from Deputy Martin Heydon.

Also present: Deputies John Browne and Noel Harrington [DSO 92(3)].

3. EU AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES PRE-COUNCIL MEETING

The Committee met with Mr. Simon Coveney, T.D., Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine in relation to the forthcoming EU Agriculture and Fisheries Council meeting scheduled to take place later in December including the issue of the Sea Fisheries Sustainability Impact Assessment.

Debate ensued and concluded.

4. ADJOURNMENT

The Committee adjourned at 10.55 a.m. until 10 a.m. on Thursday, 13 December, 2012.

Andrew Doyle T.D.
Chairman
18 December, 2012

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THURSDAY, 13 DECEMBER 2012

1. The Joint Committee met at 10.15 a.m. in Committee Room 4, LH 2000, a quorum being present.

2. MEMBERS PRESENT

The following members were present:-

Deputies Pat Deering (*in the Chair*), Simon Coveney, Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine), Martin Heydon and Éamon Ó Cuív.

Senators Michael Comiskey, Paschal Mooney, Mary Ann O'Brien and Pat O'Neill.

Apologies were received from Deputy Andrew Doyle and Martin Ferris.

3. MOTION RE. DRAFT HORSE AND GREYHOUND RACING FUND REGULATIONS 2012

(i) Motion

The Committee considered the following motions referred by Dáil Éireann and Seanad Éireann on 11 December 2012:

“That Dáil Éireann approves the following Order in draft:

Horse and Greyhound Racing Fund Regulations
2012,

a copy of which Order in draft was laid before Dáil Éireann on
6th December, 2012.”, and

“That Seanad Éireann approves the following Order in draft:

Horse and Greyhound Racing Fund Regulations
2012,

a copy of which Order in draft was laid before Seanad Éireann
on 6th December, 2012.”.

Consideration of the motion concluded. The Committee agreed that a message would be sent to the Clerk of the Dáil and the Clerk of the Seanad acquainting them that the Committee had completed its consideration of the motion.

(ii) Report on Motion

The Committee also agreed that the Report on the motion be laid before both Houses of the Oireachtas.

4. ADJOURNMENT

The Committee adjourned at 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. on Tuesday, 18 December, 2012.

Andrew Doyle T.D.
Chairman
18 December, 2012

MINUTES OF MEETING OF TUESDAY, 18 DECEMBER 2012

1. The Joint Committee met at 2.15 p.m. in Committee Room 3, LH 2000, a quorum being present.

2. MEMBERS PRESENT

The following members were present:-

Deputies Andrew Doyle (*in the Chair*), Martin Ferris, Martin Heydon, Michael McNamara, Éamon Ó Cuív and Thomas Pringle.

Senators Michael Comiskey and Pat O'Neill.

Also present: Senator Terry Leydon [SSO 80(2)].

3. PRIVATE SESSION

The Committee agreed to go into private session at 2.15 p.m.

4. ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION

5. ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION

6. ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION

7. ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION

8. ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION

9. ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION

The Committee went out of private session.

10. MEETING SUSPENDED

The meeting was suspended at 2.57 p.m. until 3 p.m.

11. TAKING OF EVIDENCE

The Committee took oral evidence from Dr. Muireann Cullen, Manager of Nutrition and Health Foundation (NHF) in relation to NHF's objectives and activities in promoting a health Ireland.

Debate ensued and concluded.

12. MEETING SUSPENDED

The meeting was suspended at 3.27 p.m. until 3.29 p.m.

13. TAKING OF EVIDENCE

The Committee took oral evidence from Environmental Pillar representatives – Ms. Anja Murray, Mr. Alex Copland, Mr. Andrew St. Ledger and Mr. Cillian Lohan on the reform of the Common Agricultural Policy relating to environmental benefits.

Debate ensued and concluded.

14. ADJOURNMENT

The Committee adjourned at 4.40 p.m. until 10 a.m. on Thursday, 20 December, 2012.

Andrew Doyle T.D.
Chairman
15 January, 2013

APPENDIX 5: MEETINGS OF THE DÁIL SELECT COMMITTEE

The following are the details, in date order, of the scheduled meetings of the Select Committee on Agriculture, Food and Marine which took place during the period under report.

MEETING No.	DATE	TOPIC	ORGANISATIONS, GROUPS AND INDIVIDUALS WHO ATTENDED
S01	10/10/2012	Private Meeting	
S02	08/11/2012	Animal Health & Welfare Bill 2012	Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine
S03	22/11/2012	Animal Health & Welfare Bill 2012 (Resumed)	Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine
S04	27/11/2012	Animal Health & Welfare Bill 2012 (Resumed)	Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine
S05	05/12/2012	Animal Health & Welfare Bill 2012 (Resumed)	Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine
S06	11/12/2012	Animal Health & Welfare Bill 2012 (Resumed)	Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine

APPENDIX 6: PROCEEDINGS OF THE SELECT COMMITTEE (IMEACHTAÍ)

IMEACHTAÍ AN ROGHCHOISTE

PROCEEDINGS OF THE SELECT COMMITTEE

Déardaoin, 8 Samhain, 2012

Thursday, 8th November, 2012

1. Chruinnigh an Coiste ar 9.50 a.m.

1. The Committee met at 9.50 a.m.

2. COMHALTAÍ I LÁTHAIR¹.

2. MEMBERS PRESENT².

An Teachta Aindrias Ó Dubhaill (*i gCeannas*), an tAire Talmhaíocht, Bia agus Muir, na Teachtaí Clare Daly, Pádraig Ó Dúing, Máirtín Ó hEideáin, Micheál Mac Conmara, Éamon Ó Cuív, Máirín Ní Shúilleabháin agus Thomas Pringle.

Deputy Andrew Doyle (*in the Chair*), the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine, Deputies Clare Daly, Pat Deering, Martin Heydon, Michael McNamara, Éamon Ó Cuív, Maureen O'Sullivan and Thomas Pringle.

3. AN BILLE UM SHLÁINTE AGUS LEAS AINMHITHE, 2012.

3. ANIMAL HEALTH AND WELFARE BILL 2012.

Chrom an Coiste ar an mBille a bhreithniú.

The Committee took the Bill into consideration.

(i) *Aontaíodh* alt 1.

(i) Section 1 *agreed to*.

(ii) Alt 2.

(ii) Section 2.

Tairgeadh leasú (*An Teachta Thomas Pringle*):

Amendment proposed (*Deputy Thomas Pringle*):

1. In page 8, subsection (1), between lines 23 and 24, to insert the

¹ Ghlac an Teachta Máirín Ní Shuilleabháin ionad an Teachta Thomas Pringle (ar feadh cuid den chruinniú) [B.O. 92(2)].
Bhí an Teachta Clare Daly i láthair [S.O. 92(3)].

² Deputy Maureen O'Sullivan substituted for Deputy Thomas Pringle (for part of the meeting) [S.O. 92(2)].
Deputy Clare Daly attended [S.O. 92(3)].

following:

“(d) an inspector of the Minister;”.

Cuireadh an Cheist:- “Go ndéanfar an leasú” – agus cinneadh gur freagra diúltach a tugadh uirthi.

Question:- “That the amendment be made”- put, and *decided in the negative*.

Tairgeadh leasú (*An Teachta Máirín Ní Shúilleabháin*):

Amendment proposed (*Deputy Maureen O’Sullivan*):

3. In page 9, subsection (1), between lines 8 and 9, to insert the following:

“ “fur” means animal skin including its hair cover;

“fur farming” means the act of keeping, breeding, selling or slaughter of animals solely or primarily for the value of their fur;

“fur product” means a product made of, or containing, fur used as a garment, fashion accessory, toy, decoration or any other use;”.

Tharla Díospóireacht.

Debate ensued.

Cuireadh breithniú breise ar an mBille ar athló.

Further consideration of the Bill adjourned.

4. ATHLÁ.

4. ADJOURNMENT.

Chuaigh an Coiste ar athló ar 11.20 a.m. go dtí 11.30 a.m. Déardaoin, 22 Samhain, 2012.

The Committee adjourned at 11.20 a.m. until 11.30 a.m. on Thursday, 22 November, 2012.

ANDREW DOYLE, T.D.
Chairman

Déardaoin, 22 Samhain, 2012

Thursday, 22nd November, 2012

1. Chruinnigh an Coiste ar 11.35 a.m.

1. The Committee met at 11.35 a.m.

2. COMHALTAÍ I LÁTHAIR¹.

2. MEMBERS PRESENT².

An Teachta Aindrias Ó Dubhaill (*i gCeannas*), an tAire Talmhaíocht, Bia agus Muir, na Teachtaí Tomás de Barra, Micheál Colreavy, Clare Daly, Nollaig Ó hÚrdail, Máirtín Ó hEideáin, Micheál Mac Cárthaigh, Maitiú Mac Craith, Micheál Mac Conmara, Éamon Ó Cuív, Máirín Ní Shúilleabháin agus Thomas Pringle.

Deputy Andrew Doyle (*in the Chair*), the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine, Deputies Tom Barry, Michael Colreavy, Clare Daly, Noel Harrington, Martin Heydon, Michael McCarthy, Mattie McGrath, Michael McNamara, Éamon Ó Cuív, Maureen O'Sullivan and Thomas Pringle.

3. AN BILLE UM SHLÁINTE AGUS LEAS AINMHITHE, 2012.

3. ANIMAL HEALTH AND WELFARE BILL 2012.

Alt 2.

Section 2.

Athchromadh ar an Díospóireacht ar an leasú seo a leanas a thairg an Teachta Máirín Ní Shúilleabháin ar 8 Samhain, 2012:-

Debate was resumed on the following amendment proposed by Deputy Maureen O'Sullivan on 8 November, 2012:-

3. In page 9, subsection (1), between lines 8 and 9, to insert the following:

“ “fur” means animal skin including its hair cover;
“fur farming” means the act of keeping, breeding, selling or slaughter of animals solely or primarily for the value of their fur;
“fur product” means a product made of, or containing, fur used as a garment, fashion accessory, toy, decoration or any other use;”.

¹ Ghlac na Teachtaí Micheál Colreavy agus Nollaig Ó hÚrdail ionad na Teachtaí Máirtín Ó Fearghusa agus Pádraig Ó Diring faoi seach [S.O. 92(2)].

Ghlac na Teachtaí Micheál Mac Cárthaigh agus Máirín Ní Shuilleabháin ionad na Teachtaí Micheál Mac Conmara agus Thomas Pringle (ar feadh cuid den chruinniú) [B.O. 92(2)].

Bhí na Teachtaí Clare Daly agus Maitiú Mac Craith i láthair [S.O. 92(3)].

² Deputies Michael Colreavy and Noel Harrington substituted for Deputies Martin Ferris and Pat Deering respectively [S.O. 92(2)].

Deputies Michael McCarthy and Maureen O'Sullivan substituted for Deputies Michael McNamara and Thomas Pringle respectively (for part of the meeting) [S.O. 92(2)].

Deputies Clare Daly and Mattie McGrath attended [S.O. 92(3)].

Cuireadh an Cheist:- “Go ndéanfar an leasú”: rinne an Coiste vótáil: Tá, 2; Níl, 7.

Tá:- Na Teachtaí Micheál Colreavy agus Máirín Ní Shúilleabháin.

Níl:- an tAire Talmhaíocht, Bia agus Muir, na Teachtaí Tomás de Barra, Aindrias Ó Dubhaill, Nollaig Ó hÚrdail, Máirtín Ó hEideáin, Micheál Mac Cárthaigh agus Éamon Ó Cuív.

Faisnéiseadh dá réir sin go rabhthas tar éis diúltú don Cheist.

Cuireadh breithniú breise ar an mBille ar athló.

4. ATHLÁ.

Chuaigh an Coiste ar athló ar 1.10 p.m. go dtí 2.30 p.m. Dé Máirt, 27 Samhain, 2012.

Question:- “That the amendment be made” - put: the Committee divided: For, 2; Against, 7.

For:- Deputies Michael Colreavy and Maureen O’Sullivan.

Against:- Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine, Deputies Tom Barry, Andrew Doyle, Noel Harrington, Martin Heydon, Michael McCarthy and Éamon Ó Cuív.

The Question was declared negatived accordingly.

Further consideration of the Bill adjourned.

4. ADJOURNMENT.

The Committee adjourned at 1.10 p.m. until 2.30 p.m. on Tuesday, 27 November, 2012

ANDREW DOYLE, T.D.
Chairman

Dé Máirt, 27 Samhain, 2012

Tuesday, 27th November, 2012

1. Chruinnigh an Coiste ar 3.10 p.m.

1. The Committee met at 3.10 p.m.

2. COMHALTAÍ I LÁTHAIR¹.

2. MEMBERS PRESENT².

An Teachta Aindrias Ó Dubhail (i gCeannas), an tAire Talmhaíocht, Bia agus Muir, na Teachtaí Tomás de Barra, Clare Daly, Pádraig Ó Dúring, Máirtín Ó Fearghusa, Máirtín Ó hEideáin, Micheál Mac Conmara, Éamon Ó Cuív agus Máirín Ní Shúilleabháin.

Deputy Andrew Doyle (*in the Chair*), the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine, Deputies Tom Barry, Clare Daly, Pat Deering, Martin Ferris, Martin Heydon, Michael McNamara, Éamon Ó Cuív and Maureen O'Sullivan.

3. AN BILLE UM SHLÁINTE AGUS LEAS AINMHITHE, 2012.

3. ANIMAL HEALTH AND WELFARE BILL 2012.

D'athchrom an Coiste ar an mBille a bhreithniú.

The Committee resumed consideration of the Bill.

(i) Alt 2.

(i) Section 2.

Tairgeadh leasú (*An Teachta Máirín Ní Shúilleabháin*):

Amendment proposed (*Deputy Maureen O'Sullivan*):

4. In page 9, subsection (1), between lines 8 and 9, to insert the following:

“ “inspector” means a person being a veterinary practitioner appointed by the Minister or a local authority to be an inspector for the purposes of this Act;”.

Tarraingíodh siar an leasú, faoi chead.

Amendment, by leave, *withdrawn*.

Tairgeadh leasú (*An tAire Talmhaíocht, Bia agus Muir*):

Amendment proposed (*Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine*):

¹ Ghlac an Teachta Máirín Ní Shuilleabháin ionad an Teachta Thomas Pringle [B.O. 92(2)].
Bhí an Teachta Clare Daly i láthair [S.O. 92(3)].

² Deputy Maureen O'Sullivan substituted for Deputy Thomas Pringle [S.O. 92(2)].
Deputy Clare Daly attended [S.O. 92(3)].

5. In page 9, subsection (1), to delete lines 9 to 14.

Aontaíodh an leasú.

Amendment agreed to.

Tairgeadh leasú (*An tAire Talmhaíocht, Bia agus Muir*):

Amendment proposed (Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine):

6. In page 9, line 22, to delete “of a kind commonly”.

Aontaíodh an leasú.

Amendment agreed to.

Aontaíodh an t-alt, mar a leasaíodh.

Section, as amended, agreed to.

(ii) *Aontaíodh ailt 3 go 7, go huile.*

(ii) *Sections 3 to 7, inclusive, agreed to.*

(iii) *Alt 8.*

(iii) *Section 8.*

Tairgeadh leasú (*An tAire Talmhaíocht, Bia agus Muir*):

Amendment proposed (Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine):

7. In page 11, subsection (1), lines 10 and 11, to delete “necessary” and substitute “reasonable”.

Aontaíodh an leasú.

Amendment agreed to.

Tairgeadh leasú (*An tAire Talmhaíocht, Bia agus Muir*):

Amendment proposed (Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine):

8. In page 11, subsection (1)(b)(ii), line 19, to delete “kept.” and substitute the following:

“kept,

having regard to shared boundaries or commonage.”.

Aontaíodh an leasú.

Amendment agreed to.

Tairgeadh leasú (*An Teachta Máirín Ní Shúilleabháin*):

Amendment proposed (Deputy Maureen O’Sullivan):

10. In page 11, subsection (1)(b), between lines 19 and 20, to insert the following:

“(iii) the risk that the animal will damage the surrounding population of indigenous wild animals or the natural flora and fauna of the surrounding environment.”.

Aontaíodh an leasú.

Amendment agreed to.

Aontaíodh an t-alt, mar a leasaíodh.

Section, as amended, agreed to.

(iv) Alt 9.

(iv) Section 9.

Tairgeadh leasú (*An Teachta Máirín Ní Shúilleabháin*):

Amendment proposed (*Deputy Maureen O'Sullivan*):

11. In page 11, lines 35 and 36, to delete paragraph (a) and substitute the following:

“(a) there is a risk or a suspicion that disease is present, or”.

Tarraingíodh siar an leasú, faoi chead.

Amendment, by leave, *withdrawn*.

Aontaíodh an t-alt.

Section *agreed to*.

(v) *Aontaíodh alt 10.*

(v) Section 10 *agreed to*.

(vi) Alt 11.

(vi) Section 11.

Tairgeadh leasú (*An Teachta Éamon Ó Cuív*):

Amendment proposed (*Deputy Éamon Ó Cuív*):

12. In page 13, subsection (1), line 5, to delete “necessary” and substitute “reasonable”.

Tarraingíodh siar an leasú, faoi chead.

Amendment, by leave, *withdrawn*.

Tairgeadh leasú (*An Teachta Máirín Ní Shúilleabháin*):

Amendment proposed (*Deputy Maureen O'Sullivan*):

13. In page 13, subsection (1)(a)(i)(II), line 11, after “animal” to insert the following:

“including animals prior, during and after an entertainment or sporting event,”.

Tarraingíodh siar an leasú, faoi chead.

Amendment, by leave, *withdrawn*.

Tairgeadh leasú (*An Teachta Máirín Ní Shúilleabháin*):

Amendment proposed (*Deputy Maureen O'Sullivan*):

14. In page 13, subsection (1)(a), between lines 16 and 17, to insert the following:

“(iii) treated in a manner that they are not kept in close quarters preventing them from experiencing their natural animal behaviour including the freedom to roam pasture land,”.

Tarraingíodh siar an leasú, faoi chead.

Amendment, by leave, *withdrawn*.

Tairgeadh leasú (*An Teachta Máirín Ní Shúilleabháin*):

Amendment proposed (*Deputy Maureen O'Sullivan*):

15. In page 13, subsection (1), between lines 18 and 19, to insert the following:

“(b) the animal’s physiological and behavioural needs shall be taken to include—

(i) its need for a suitable environment,

(ii) its need for a suitable diet,

(iii) its need to be able to exhibit normal behaviour patterns,

(iv) any need it has to be housed with, or apart from, other animals, and

(v) its need to be protected from pain, suffering, injury and disease.”.

Tarraingíodh siar an leasú, faoi chead.

Amendment, by leave, *withdrawn*.

Aontaíodh an t-alt.

Section *agreed to*.

(vii) Alt 12.

(vii) Section 12.

Tairgeadh leasú (*An Teachta Éamon Ó Cuív*):

Amendment proposed (*Deputy Éamon Ó Cuív*):

16. In page 13, subsection (1)(a), line 35, before “do,” where it firstly occurs to insert “intentionally”.

Tarraingíodh siar an leasú, faoi chead.

Amendment, by leave, *withdrawn*.

Tairgeadh leasú (*An Teachta Éamon Ó Cuív*):

Amendment proposed (*Deputy Éamon Ó Cuív*):

17. In page 13, subsection (1)(a), lines 36 and 37, to delete “injury (including disfigurement) or”.

Aontaíodh an leasú.

Amendment *agreed to*.

Tairgeadh leasú (*An Teachta Máirín Ní Shúilleabháin*):

Amendment proposed (*Deputy Maureen O'Sullivan*):

18. In page 13, line 41 and in page 14, lines 1 to 7, to delete subsection (2).

Tarraingíodh siar an leasú, faoi chead.

Amendment, by leave, *withdrawn*.

Tairgeadh leasú (*An Teachta Éamon Ó Cuív*): Amendment proposed (*Deputy Éamon Ó Cuív*):

- 19.** In page 14, subsection (5)(b), line 21, to delete “or a code of practice”.

Tarraingíodh siar an leasú, faoi chead. Amendment, by leave, *withdrawn*.

Tairgeadh leasú (*An Teachta Éamon Ó Cuív*): Amendment proposed (*Deputy Éamon Ó Cuív*):

- 20.** In page 14, subsection (6), line 30, to delete “reasonable grounds” and substitute “evidence”.

Tarraingíodh siar an leasú, faoi chead. Amendment, by leave, *withdrawn*.

Tairgeadh leasú (*An Teachta Máirín Ní Shúilleabháin*): Amendment proposed (*Deputy Maureen O’Sullivan*):

- 21.** In page 14, subsection (8), line 38, after “been” to insert “or will be”.

Aontaíodh an leasú. Amendment *agreed to*.

Tairgeadh leasú (*An tAire Talmhaíocht, Bia agus Muir*): Amendment proposed (*Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine*):

- 22.** In page 14, subsection (8), line 39, after “concerned” to insert “(and any dependant offspring of the animal)”.

Aontaíodh an leasú. Amendment *agreed to*.

Tairgeadh leasú (*An Teachta Máirín Ní Shúilleabháin*): Amendment proposed (*Deputy Maureen O’Sullivan*):

- 25.** In page 15, subsection (12), lines 10 to 12, to delete paragraph (c).

Tharla Díospóireacht. Debate ensued.

Cuireadh breithniú breise ar an mBille ar athó Further consideration of the Bill adjourned.

4. ATHLÁ.

Chuaigh an Coiste ar athló ar 4.30 p.m. go dtí 10 a.m. Dé Máirt, 5 Nollaig, 2012.

4. ADJOURNMENT.

The Committee adjourned at 4.30 p.m. until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, 5 December, 2012.

ANDREW DOYLE, T.D.
Chairman

Dé Máirt, 5 Nollaig, 2012

Tuesday, 5th December, 2012

1. Chruinnigh an Coiste ar 10.10 a.m.

1. The Committee met at 10.10 a.m.

2. COMHALTAÍ I LÁTHAIR¹.

2. MEMBERS PRESENT².

An Teachta Aindrias Ó Dubhaill (*i gCeannas*), an tAire Talmhaíocht, Bia agus Muir, na Teachtaí Tomás de Barra, Clare Daly, Pádraig Ó Dúring, Máirtín Ó Fearghusa, Máirtín Ó hEideáin, Micheál Mac Conmara, Éamon Ó Cuív agus Máirín Ní Shúilleabháin.

Deputy Andrew Doyle (*in the Chair*), the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine, Deputies Tom Barry, Clare Daly, Pat Deering, Martin Ferris, Martin Heydon, Michael McNamara, Éamon Ó Cuív and Maureen O'Sullivan.

3. AN BILLE UM SHLÁINTE AGUS LEAS AINMHITHE, 2012.

3. ANIMAL HEALTH AND WELFARE BILL 2012.

D'athchrom an Coiste ar an mBille a bhreithniú.

The Committee resumed consideration of the Bill.

(i) Alt 12.

(i) Section 12.

Athchromadh ar an Díospóireacht ar an leasú seo a leanas a thairg an Teachta Máirín Ní Shúilleabháin ar 27 Samhain, 2012:-

Debate was resumed on the following amendment proposed by Deputy Maureen O'Sullivan on 27 November, 2012:-

25. In page 15, subsection (12), lines 10 to 12, to delete paragraph (c).

Cuireadh an Cheist:- “Go ndéanfar an leasú”: rinne an Coiste vótáil: Tá, 1; Níl, 7.

Question:- “That the amendment be made” - put: the Committee divided: For, 1; Against, 7.

Tá:- An Teachta Máirín Ní Shúilleabháin.

For:- Deputy Maureen O'Sullivan.

Níl:- An tAire Talmhaíocht, Bia agus Muir, na Teachtaí Tomás de Barra, Pádraig Ó Dúring, Aindrias Ó Dubhaill,

Against:- Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine, Deputies Tom Barry, Pat Deering, Andrew Doyle, Martin Ferris,

¹ Ghlac an Teachta Máirín Ní Shúilleabháin ionad an Teachta Thomas Pringle [B.O. 92(2)].
Bhí an Teachta Clare Daly i láthair [S.O. 92(3)].

² Deputy Maureen O'Sullivan substituted for Deputy Thomas Pringle [S.O. 92(2)].
Deputy Clare Daly attended [S.O. 92(3)].

Máirtín Ó Fearghusa, Máirtín Ó hEideáin agus Éamon Ó Cuív.

Martin Heydon and Éamon Ó Cuív.

Faisnéiseadh dá réir sin go rabhthas tar éis diúltú don Cheist.

The Question was declared negatived accordingly.

Aontaíodh an t-alt, mar a leasaíodh.

Section, as amended, agreed to.

(ii) *Aontaíodh* alt 13.

(ii) Section 13 *agreed to*.

(iii) Alt 14.

(iii) Section 14.

Tairgeadh leasú (*An tAire Talmhaíocht, Bia agus Muir*):

Amendment proposed (*Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine*):

25a. In page 16, subsection (3)(c), lines 27 and 28, to delete subparagraphs (ii) and (iii) and substitute the following:

“(ii) shelter and warmth,

(iii) adequate light and ventilation, and

(iv) adequate exercise.”.

Aontaíodh an leasú.

Amendment agreed to.

Aontaíodh an t-alt, mar a leasaíodh.

Section, as amended, *agreed to*.

(iv) Alt 15.

(iv) Section 15.

Tairgeadh leasú (*An Teachta Máirín Ní Shúilleabháin*):

Amendment proposed (*Deputy Maureen O’Sullivan*):

26. In page 17, subsection (1), between lines 4 and 5, to insert the following:

“(a) hare coursing and track racing, the netting of hares, the shooting of hares and the use of hares in the training of greyhounds before, during and after sporting events,

(b) the use of animals in sporting events which may result in the mutilation and/or mental and physical suffering of the animal before, during and after the event including the risk of temporary or permanent injury, death as a result of an injury, or death as a result of the killing of the animal due to excessive suffering,

(c) the use of canines for the hunting of any animal, digging out of any wild mammal gone to ground and the use of terriers to attack and extract the wild mammal above or below ground,

- (d) the hunting of stags for the purpose of sport and/or leisure on private or public grounds,
- (e) the hunting of foxes including the digging out of foxes, the use of trapping foxes and mink underground, to protect nesting birds where alternative forms of protection shall be used such as fencing,
- (f) the shooting of wild birds, except for the purposes of disease control or environmental control carried out by legitimate personnel,
- (g) the use of Ladder traps and Larsen traps to trap birds and mammals,
- (h) the use of ferrets for the hunting of an animal,
- (i) badger culling and the use of wire snares to capture badgers,
- (j) farming of mink or foxes for their fur,
- (k) the use of wild animals in circus performances.”.

Cuireadh an Cheist:- “Go ndéanfar an leasú”: rinne an Coiste vótáil: Tá, 1; Níl, 8.

Question:- “That the amendment be made” - put: the Committee divided: For, 1; Against, 8.

Tá:- An Teachta Máirín Ní Shúilleabháin.

For:- Deputy Maureen O’Sullivan.

Níl:- An tAire Talmhaíocht, Bia agus Muir, na Teachtaí Tomás de Barra, Pádraig Ó Dúring, Aindrias Ó Dubhaill, Máirtín Ó Fearghusa, Máirtín Ó hEideáin, Micheál Mac Conmara agus Éamon Ó Cuív.

Against:- Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine, Deputies Tom Barry, Pat Deering, Andrew Doyle, Martin Ferris, Martin Heydon, Michael McNamara and Éamon Ó Cuív.

Faisnéiseadh dá réir sin go rabhthas tar éis diúltú don Cheist.

The Question was declared negatived accordingly.

Tairgeadh leasú (*An Teachta Éamon Ó Cuív*):

Amendment proposed (*Deputy Éamon Ó Cuív*):

- 27.** In page 17, subsection (1)(a), line 5, after “animal” to insert “, save for normal, necessary farm practices”.

Tarraingíodh siar an leasú, faoi chead.

Amendment, by leave, *withdrawn*.

Tairgeadh leasú (*An tAire Talmhaíocht, Bia agus Muir*):

Amendment proposed (*Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine*):

- 28.** In page 17, subsection (1)(e), line 10, to delete “bull” and substitute “bovine”.

Aontaíodh an leasú.

Amendment agreed to.

Tairgeadh leasú (*An Teachta Éamon Ó Cuív*):

Amendment proposed (*Deputy Éamon Ó Cuív*):

- 29.** In page 17, subsection (1)(e), line 10, after “bull” to insert “, save for normal, necessary farm practices”.

Tarraingíodh siar an leasú, faoi chead.

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Tairgeadh leasú (*An tAire Talmhaíocht, Bia agus Muir*):

Amendment proposed (*Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine*):

- 29a.** In page 18, subsection (7), line 2, after “not,” to insert “save for an investigative purpose or”.

Aontaíodh an leasú.

Amendment agreed to.

Tairgeadh leasú (*An tAire Talmhaíocht, Bia agus Muir*):

Amendment proposed (*Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine*):

- 29b.** In page 18, subsection (7), line 4, after “means” to insert “or supply, display, show or publish such”.

Aontaíodh an leasú.

Amendment agreed to.

Tairgeadh leasú (*An Teachta Máirtín Ó Fearghusa*):

Amendment proposed (*Deputy Martin Ferris*):

- 29c.** In page 18, subsection (7), line 4, after “means.” to insert the following:

“It shall also be an offence to knowingly supply, publish, show or display a photograph, image or video of an animal fight without lawful authority or reasonable excuse.”.

Tarraingíodh siar an leasú, faoi chead.

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Tairgeadh leasú (*An tAire Talmhaíocht, Bia agus Muir*):

Amendment proposed (*Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine*):

- 30.** In page 18, between lines 30 and 31, to insert the following subsection:

“(12) Nothing in *subsection (1)(a) or (e)* prevents the training of an animal by persons competent to train the animal provided—

- (a) unnecessary suffering is not thereby caused to the animal,
- (b) the public does not have access to the place where training occurs, and
- (c) any activity involved in the training of the animal is not prohibited by animal health and welfare regulations.”.

Tarraingíodh siar an leasú, faoi chead.

Amendment, by leave, *withdrawn*.

Aontaíodh an t-alt, mar a leasaíodh.

Section, as amended, *agreed to*.

(v) Alt nua.

(v) New section.

Tairgeadh leasú (*An tAire Talmhaíocht, Bia agus Muir*):

Amendment proposed (*Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine*):

31. In page 18, before section 16, to insert the following new section:

“16.—(1) A person shall not carry out, or cause or permit another person to carry out, on an animal, an operation or procedure which involves interference with, or the removal of, the sensitive tissue or the bone structure of the animal—

- (a) for a purpose other than veterinary treatment, unless the operation or procedure is carried out in accordance with—
 - (i) animal health and welfare regulations, or
 - (ii) regulations under section 54A (inserted by section 2 of the Veterinary Practice (Amendment) Act 2012) of the Veterinary Practice Act 2005,
- (b) for cosmetic reasons, or
- (c) in a manner that—
 - (i) obliterates or obscures any mark identifying the animal, or
 - (ii) renders the identification of the owner of the animal more difficult.

(2) A person shall not show an animal at an event to which members of the public have access, if an operation or procedure referred to in *subsection (1)* has been carried out on the animal other than in accordance with animal health and welfare regulations or regulations under section 54A of the Veterinary Practice Act 2005.

(3) A person who contravenes this section commits an offence.

(4) In this section “veterinary treatment” means treatment of an animal carried out by a veterinary practitioner or veterinary nurse (registered under the Veterinary Practice Act 2005), but does not include an operation or procedure—

(a) prohibited by subsection (1)(b) or (c) or animal health and welfare regulations, or

(b) the subject of animal health and welfare regulations, but carried out other than in accordance with those regulations.

(5) Nothing in the Veterinary Practice Act 2005 renders lawful anything done in contravention of animal health and welfare regulations.”.

Cuireadh agus *aontaíodh* an Cheist:- “Go gcuirfear an t-alt nua isteach ansin”.

Question:- “That the new section be there inserted” – put and *agreed to*.

(vi) Alt 16.

(vi) Section 16.

Cuireadh an Cheist:- “Go bhfanfaidh an t-alt mar chuid den Bhille” agus *cinneadh gur freagra diúltach a tugadh uirthi*.

Question:- “That the section stand part of the Bill” - put, and *decided in the negative*.

(vii) *Aontaíodh* alt 17.

(vii) Section 17 *agreed to*.

(viii) Alt nua.

(viii) New section.

Tairgeadh leasú (*An tAire Talmhaíocht, Bia agus Muir*):

Amendment proposed (*Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine*):

35. In page 19, before section 18, to insert the following new section:

18.—(1) A person shall not—

(a) poison a protected animal, or

(b) lay poison by a method or in a manner that a protected animal has or would have access to the poison.

(2) The owner, occupier or person in charge of land shall not lay or cause to be laid a poison or a substance containing a poison on land unless, before laying the poison or substance, he or she erects or causes to be erected, and maintains, a notice or notices of the laying of poison upon the land so that at least one notice is clearly visible from every public place adjoining or being upon the land.

(3) The owner, occupier or person in charge of land on which a poison or a substance containing a poison is laid shall give at least 7 days' notice in writing in advance of the laying of the substance to the local authority for the functional area in which the land is situated.

(4) In proceedings for an offence under this section consisting of a contravention of *subsection (1)*, it is a defence for the accused to show that all reasonable precautions were taken to prevent access to the poison or substance by protected animals.

(5) A person who contravenes this section commits an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a class B fine.

(6) In this section—

“poison” does not include the administration of an animal remedy (within the meaning of the Animal Remedies Act 1993) to an animal;

“land” means land on which a protected animal is kept or to which a protected animal has access but does not include areas within the structure of a building or used for purposes ancillary to the use of the building.

(7) This section is in addition to and not in substitution for any enactment relating to the laying of poison.”.

Cuireadh agus *aontaíodh* an Cheist:- “Go gcuirfear an t-alt nua isteach ansin”.

Question:- “That the new section be there inserted” – put and *agreed to*.

(ix) Alt 18.

(ix) Section 18.

Cuireadh an Cheist:- “Go bhfanfaidh an t-alt mar chuid den Bhille” agus *cinneadh gur freagra diúltach a tugadh uirthi*.

Question:- “That the section stand part of the Bill” - put, and *decided in the negative*.

(x) Alt 19.

(x) Section 19.

Tairgeadh leasú (*An tAire Talmhaíocht, Bia agus Muir*):

Amendment proposed (*Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine*):

35a. In page 21, subsection (7), line 24, after “section” to insert “or *section 20*”.

Aontaíodh an leasú.

Amendment *agreed to*.

Tairgeadh leasú (*An tAire Talmhaíocht, Bia agus Muir*):

Amendment proposed (*Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine*):

36. In page 21, lines 29 and 30, to delete subsection (8) and substitute

the following:

“(8) In this section “intensive unit” means a premises on which protected animals are kept under a husbandry system relying, for the purpose of providing for the care of the animals, on automatic equipment to such an extent that a failure of that equipment would, if it were not rectified or if some alternative arrangements were not made for the care of the animals contained therein, cause the animals unnecessary suffering.”.

Aontaíodh an leasú.

Amendment agreed to.

Aontaíodh an t-alt, mar a leasaíodh.

Section, as amended, agreed to.

(xi) Alt 20.

(xi) Section 20.

Tairgeadh leasú (*An tAire Talmhaíocht, Bia agus Muir*):

Amendment proposed (*Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine*):

37. In page 22, between lines 5 and 6, to insert the following subsection:

“(5) In this section “intensive unit” has the meaning assigned to it in section 19(8).”.

Aontaíodh an leasú.

Amendment agreed to.

Aontaíodh an t-alt, mar a leasaíodh.

Section, as amended, agreed to.

(xii) Alt 21.

(xii) Section 21.

Tairgeadh leasú (*An Teachta Máirín Ní Shúilleabháin*):

Amendment proposed (*Deputy Maureen O’Sullivan*):

38. In page 22, subsection (1)(c), between lines 21 and 22, to insert the following:

“(iii) the substandard animal health and welfare conditions of the destination country of Irish animal exports,”.

Cuireadh an Cheist:- “Go ndéanfar an leasú” – agus cinneadh gur freagra diúltach a tugadh uirthi.

Question:- “That the amendment be made”- put, and decided in the negative.

Tairgeadh leasú (*An Teachta Máirín Ní Shúilleabháin*):

Amendment proposed (*Deputy Maureen O’Sullivan*):

39. In page 22, between lines 29 and 30, to insert the following subsections:

“(2) The Minister will draft guidelines outlining acceptable animal health and welfare standards in countries receiving Irish animal exports and which will determine the standard of living to be experienced by that animal in the receiving country.

(3) The animal is not exported to countries that have substandard animal health and welfare regulations as determined by the guidelines defined by the Minister.”.

Cuireadh an Cheist:- “Go ndéanfar an leasú” – agus cinneadh gur freagra diúltach a tugadh uirthi.

Question:- “That the amendment be made”- put, and *decided in the negative*.

Aontaíodh an t-alt.

Section agreed to.

(xiii) Alt 22.

(xiii) Section 22.

Tairgeadh leasú (*An Teachta Máirtín Ó Fearghusa*):

Amendment proposed (*Deputy Martin Ferris*):

39a. In page 22, subsection (1)(a), line 41, after “years” to insert the following:

“unless the person under 16 is accompanied by an adult and who has care of the person under 16 and the vendor is satisfied that the animal will be properly cared for in a family context”.

Cuireadh an Cheist:- “Go ndéanfar an leasú” – agus cinneadh gur freagra diúltach a tugadh uirthi.

Question:- “That the amendment be made”- put, and *decided in the negative*.

Aontaíodh an t-alt.

Section agreed to.

(xiv) Alt 23.

(xiv) Section 23.

Tairgeadh leasú (*An Teachta Máirín Ní Shúilleabháin*):

Amendment proposed (*Deputy Maureen O’Sullivan*):

40. In page 23, subsection (2), lines 12 and 13, to delete all words from and including “If” in line 12 down to and including “regulations” in line 13 and substitute the following:

“If an inspector, an authorised officer acting on the advice of a veterinary practitioner or a person specified in animal health and welfare regulations acting on the advice of a veterinary practitioner,”.

Tarraingíodh siar an leasú, faoi chead.

Amendment, by leave, *withdrawn*.

Tairgeadh leasú (*An Teachta Éamon Ó Cuív*):

Amendment proposed (*Deputy Éamon Ó Cuív*):

41. In page 23, subsection (2), lines 12 and 13, to delete all words from and including “If” in line 12 down to and including “regulations” in line 13 and substitute the following:

“If an authorised officer acting on the advice of a veterinary practitioner or a person specified in animal health and welfare regulations acting on the advice of a veterinary practitioner”.

Cuireadh an Cheist:- “Go ndéanfar an leasú” – agus cinneadh gur freagra diúltach a tugadh uirthi.

Question:- “That the amendment be made”- put, and *decided in the negative*.

Tairgeadh leasú (*An Teachta Micheál Mac Conmara*):

Amendment proposed (*Deputy Michael McNamara*):

42. In page 23, subsection (2), line 12, after “officer” to insert “acting on the advice of a veterinary practitioner”.

Tarraingíodh siar an leasú, faoi chead.

Amendment, by leave, *withdrawn*.

Tairgeadh leasú (*An Teachta Micheál Mac Conmara*):

Amendment proposed (*Deputy Michael McNamara*):

43. In page 23, subsection (2), line 13, after “regulations” to insert “acting on the advice of a veterinary practitioner”.

Tarraingíodh siar an leasú, faoi chead.

Amendment, by leave, *withdrawn*.

Tairgeadh leasú (*An tAire Talmhaíocht, Bia agus Muir*):

Amendment proposed (*Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine*):

- a43a.** In page 23, between lines 26 and 27, to insert the following subsection:

“(3) An authorised officer or person specified in animal health and welfare regulations (who is not a veterinary practitioner) shall not do anything under *subsection (2)(a), (b) or (c)* unless he or she has consulted with, or made a reasonable attempt in the circumstances to consult with, a veterinary practitioner in that regard.”.

Aontaíodh an leasú.

Amendment *agreed to*.

Tairgeadh leasú (*An tAire Talmhaíocht, Bia agus Muir*):

Amendment proposed (*Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine*):

- 43a.** In page 23, line 38, to delete subsection (5) and substitute the following:

“(5) In forming an opinion for the purposes of *subsection (2)*, an authorised officer may, among other considerations, have regard to—

(a) veterinary or other reputable opinion or advice which may be of general application or, in a particular instance, be obtained remotely, or

(b) a code of practice.

(6) A person who contravenes *subsection (1)* commits an offence.”.

Aontaíodh an leasú.

Amendment agreed to.

Aontaíodh an t-alt, mar a leasaíodh.

Section, as amended, agreed to.

Cuireadh breithniú breise ar an mBille ar athló.

Further consideration of the Bill adjourned.

4. ATHLÁ.

4. ADJOURNMENT.

Chuaigh an Coiste ar athló ar 11.50 a.m. go dtí 3 p.m. Dé Máirt, 11 Nollaig, 2012.

The Committee adjourned at 11.50 a.m. until 3 p.m. on Tuesday, 11 December, 2012.

ANDREW DOYLE, T.D.
Chairman

Dé Máirt, 11 Nollaig, 2012

Tuesday, 11th December, 2012

1. Chruinnigh an Coiste ar 2.45 p.m.

1. The Committee met at 2.45 p.m.

2. COMHALTAÍ I LÁTHAIR¹.

2. MEMBERS PRESENT².

An Teachta Aindrias Ó Dubhail (i gCeannas), an tAire Talmhaíocht, Bia agus Muir, na Teachtaí Tomás de Barra, Clare Daly, Pádraig Ó Dúring, Máirtín Ó Fearghusa, Máirtín Ó hEideáin, Colm Ó Caomhnaigh, Micheál Mac Conmara, Éamon Ó Cuív agus Máirín Ní Shúilleabháin.

Deputy Andrew Doyle (*in the Chair*), the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine, Deputies Tom Barry, Clare Daly, Pat Deering, Martin Ferris, Martin Heydon, Colm Keaveney, Michael McNamara, Éamon Ó Cuív and Maureen O'Sullivan.

3. AN BILLE UM SHLÁINTE AGUS LEAS AINMHITHE, 2012.

3. ANIMAL HEALTH AND WELFARE BILL 2012.

D'athchrom an Coiste ar an mBille a bhreithniú.

The Committee resumed consideration of the Bill.

(i) Alt 24.

(i) Section 24.

Tairgeadh leasú (*An Teachta Máirín Ní Shúilleabháin*):
2012:-

Amendment proposed (*Deputy Maureen O'Sullivan*):

44. In page 23, subsection (1), lines 39 to 41, to delete all words from and including "If" in line 39 down to and including "may" in line 41 and substitute the following:

"If an inspector or an authorised officer acting on the advice of a veterinary practitioner has reasonable grounds for believing that a protected animal is injured or suffering or is in a state of neglect or distress, the inspector or officer may".

Cuireadh an Cheist:- "Go ndéanfar an leasú" – agus cinneadh gur freagra diúltach a tugadh uirthi.

Question:- "That the amendment be made"- put, and *decided in the negative*.

Tairgeadh leasú (*An Teachta Éamon Ó Cuív*):

Amendment proposed (*Deputy Éamon Ó Cuív*):

¹ Ghlac na Teachtaí Clare Daly agus Máirín Ní Shuilleabháin ionad an Teachta Thomas Pringle (ar feadh cuid den chruinniú) [B.O. 92(2)].

² Deputies Clare Daly and Maureen O'Sullivan substituted for Deputy Thomas Pringle (for part of the meeting) [S.O. 92(2)].

- 45.** In page 23, subsection (1), line 39, to delete “authorised officer” and substitute the following:

“inspector or an authorised officer acting on the advice of a veterinary practitioner”.

Cuireadh an Cheist:- “Go ndéanfar an leasú” – agus cinneadh gur freagra diúltach a tugadh uirthi.

Question:- “That the amendment be made”- put, and *decided in the negative*.

Tairgeadh leasú (*An Teachta Éamon Ó Cuív*):

Amendment proposed (*Deputy Éamon Ó Cuív*):

- 46.** In page 23, subsection (1), line 41, to delete “acute”.

Tarraingíodh siar an leasú, faoi chead.

Amendment, by leave, *withdrawn*.

Aontaíodh an t-alt.

Section *agreed to*.

(ii) Alt 25.

(ii) Section 25.

Tairgeadh leasú (*An tAire Talmhaíocht, Bia agus Muir*):

Amendment proposed (*Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine*):

- 48.** In page 24, subsection (1)(b), line 31, after “adopt” to insert “, in whole or in part,”.

Aontaíodh an leasú.

Amendment *agreed to*.

Tairgeadh leasú (*An tAire Talmhaíocht, Bia agus Muir*):

Amendment proposed (*Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine*):

- 49.** In page 24, subsection (2), line 36, to delete “guidelines”.

Aontaíodh an leasú.

Amendment *agreed to*.

Tairgeadh leasú (*An tAire Talmhaíocht, Bia agus Muir*):

Amendment proposed (*Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine*):

- 49a.** In page 25, subsection (2), lines 2 and 3, to delete paragraphs (f) and (g) and substitute the following:

“(f) the provision of housing and shelter for animals,

(g) allowing animals to exhibit their natural and normal behaviour, or

(h) safeguarding animals from environmental hazards.”.

Aontaíodh an leasú.

Amendment agreed to.

Tairgeadh leasú (*An tAire Talmhaíocht, Bia agus Muir*):

Amendment proposed (*Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine*):

51. In page 25, subsection (4), line 13, to delete “(if any)”.

Aontaíodh an leasú.

Amendment agreed to.

Aontaíodh an t-alt, mar a leasaíodh.

Section, as amended, agreed to.

(iii) Alt 26.

(iii) Section 26.

Tairgeadh leasú (*An tAire Talmhaíocht, Bia agus Muir*):

Amendment proposed (*Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine*):

52. In page 26, subsection (2), line 14, to delete “an”.

Aontaíodh an leasú.

Amendment agreed to.

Tairgeadh leasú (*An Teachta Éamon Ó Cuív*):

Amendment proposed (*Deputy Éamon Ó Cuív*):

53. In page 26, subsection (3), line 23, after “House” to insert the following:

“having been discussed by the relevant Committee of the House”.

Cuireadh an Cheist:- “Go ndéanfar an leasú”: rinne an Coiste vótáil: Tá, 2; Níl, 6.

Question:- “That the amendment be made” - put: the Committee divided: For, 2; Against, 6.

Tá:- Na Teachtaí Éamon Ó Cuív agus Thomas Pringle.

For:- Deputies Éamon Ó Cuív and Thomas Pringle.

Níl:- An tAire Talmhaíocht, Bia agus Muir, na Teachtaí Tomás de Barra, Pádraig Ó Dúring, Aindrias Ó Dubhaill, Máirtín Ó hEideáin agus Micheál Mac Conmara.

Against:- Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine, Deputies Tom Barry, Pat Deering, Andrew Doyle, Martin Heydon and Michael McNamara.

Faisnéiseadh dá réir sin go rabhthas tar éis diúltú don Cheist.

The Question was declared negatived accordingly.

Aontaíodh an t-alt, mar a leasaíodh.

Section, as amended, agreed to.

(iv) *Aontaíodh ailt 27, 28 agus 29.*

(iv) Sections 27, 28 and 29 *agreed to.*

(v) Alt 30.

Tairgeadh leasú (*An Teachta Éamon Ó Cuív*):

(v) Section 30.

Amendment proposed (*Deputy Éamon Ó Cuív*):

- 54.** In page 28, subsection (1)(h), line 26, to delete “identified” and substitute “possible to identify”.

Cuireadh an Cheist:- “Go ndéanfar an leasú” – agus cinneadh gur freagra diúltach a tugadh uirthi.

Question:- “That the amendment be made”- put, and *decided in the negative*.

Tairgeadh leasú (*An Teachta Éamon Ó Cuív*):

Amendment proposed (*Deputy Éamon Ó Cuív*):

- 56.** In page 29, subsection (4), line 9, to delete “may” and substitute “shall”.

Tarraingíodh siar an leasú, faoi chead.

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Tairgeadh leasú (*An Teachta Máirín Ní Shúilleabháin*):

Amendment proposed (*Deputy Maureen O’Sullivan*):

- 57.** In page 29, between lines 12 and 13, to insert the following subsection:

“(5) The Minister will ensure that humane practices are used in the eradication of mink for their fur or by products and that the use of gas in the killing and eradication of mink on mink farms is not practised, while ensuring that minimal suffering is caused to the animal during the eradication process.”.

Cuireadh an Cheist:- “Go ndéanfar an leasú”: rinne an Coiste vótáil: Tá, 3; Níl, 6.

Question:- “That the amendment be made” - put: the Committee divided: For, 3; Against, 6.

Tá:- Na Teachtaí Máirtín Ó Fearghusa, Éamon Ó Cuív agus Máirín Ní Shúilleabháin.

For:- Deputies Martin Ferris, Éamon Ó Cuív and Maureen O’Sullivan.

Níl:- An tAire Talmhaíocht, Bia agus Muir, na Teachtaí Tomás de Barra, Pádraig Ó Dúring, Aindrias Ó Dubhail, Máirtín Ó hEideáin agus Micheál Mac Conmara.

Against:- Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine, Deputies Tom Barry, Pat Deering, Andrew Doyle, Martin Heydon and Michael McNamara.

Faisnéiseadh dá réir sin go rabhthas tar éis diúltú don Cheist.

The Question was declared negatived accordingly.

Aontaíodh an t-alt.

Section agreed to.

(vi) Alt 31.

(vi) Section 31.

Tairgeadh leasú (*An tAire Talmhaíocht, Bia agus Muir*):

Amendment proposed (*Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine*):

58a. In page 29, subsection (1), line 16, to delete “*section 32(9)*” and substitute “*section 32(6)*”.

Aontaíodh an leasú.

Amendment agreed to.

Aontaíodh an t-alt, mar a leasaíodh.

Section, as amended, agreed to.

(vii) Alt nua.

(vii) New section.

Tairgeadh leasú (*An tAire Talmhaíocht, Bia agus Muir*):

Amendment proposed (*Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine*):

60. In page 29, before section 32, to insert the following new section:

“32.—(1) The Minister may appoint, for the purposes of assessing an amount of compensation for farm animals, animal products, animal feed or other thing relating to farm animals, such persons as valuers, if the Minister is satisfied that a person appointed has—

(a) the requisite experience in valuing, or

(b) knowledge of the value of,

farm animals, animal products, animal feed or other thing relating to farm animals having regard to criteria laid down in regulations under *subsection (8)* (if any).

(2) A valuer shall be furnished with a warrant of his or her appointment and, if requested by a person affected, the valuer shall produce the warrant, or other evidence that he or she is so appointed, for inspection.

(3) The owner or person in possession or control of a farm animal, animal product, animal feed or other thing relating to a farm animal, the subject of a claim for compensation and his or her employees, servants or agents shall give all assistance required and co-operate with a valuer or a person accompanying a valuer, during the valuation.

(4) Subject to *subsection (6)* or regulations under *subsection (8)*, a valuer is independent in the performance of his or her functions.

(5) A second valuation shall be carried out by another valuer chosen in accordance with regulations under *subsection (8)*.

(6) The Minister may issue guidelines relating to the valuation of a farm animal, animal product, animal feed or other thing relating to a farm animal and a valuer, or an arbitrator appointed under *section 34*, shall have regard to those guidelines (if any) when carrying out valuations.

(7) The killing, destruction or disposal of an animal, animal product, animal feed or other thing relating to a farm animal shall, in the interests of—

- (a) disease control,
- (b) minimising the risk of disease, or
- (c) curtailing the spread of disease or a disease agent,

proceed, without delay, under the direction of an authorised officer notwithstanding that there might subsequently be a question of the determination of ownership or value of the animal, animal product, animal feed or thing or an issue relating to valuation and compensation in respect of it.

(8) The Minister may by regulations provide for any or all of the following:

- (a) the method of assessing the value, subject to any limitation provided for under *section 34*, of a farm animal, animal product, animal feed or other thing relating to a farm animal;
- (b) historical reference periods on which to base the valuation of farm animals, animal products, animal feed or other things relating to farm animals, and different reference periods may be provided for farm animals, animal products, animal feeds or other things relating to farm animals generally or of farm animals, animal products, animal feed or other things relating to farm animals of a particular class or description;
- (c) the manner of assessment of compensation;
- (d) criteria to be taken into account in the assessment of compensation;
- (e) the determination of compensation by agreement between the applicant and the Minister;
- (f) the manner in which a valuer or arbitrator is chosen to act in a particular case whether agreement, by appointment by the applicant or the Minister, by lot, or by any other method that the Minister may prescribe in the regulations;

(g) the periods within which—

(i) an application for compensation must be made,

(ii) a valuation, or part of a valuation, process must be completed,
and

(iii) a request for arbitration must be made;

(h) the consequences of failure to comply with a period set out in
accordance with *paragraph (g)*.

(9) Regulations under *subsection (8)* may contain such incidental, supplementary and consequential provisions as appear to the Minister to be necessary for the purposes of the regulations.”.

Cuireadh agus *aontaíodh* an Cheist:- “Go gcuirfear an t-alt nua isteach ansin”.

Question:- “That the new section be there inserted” – put and *agreed to*.

(viii) Alt 32.

(viii) Section 32.

Cuireadh an Cheist:- “Go bhfanfaidh an t-alt mar chuid den Bhille” agus *cinneadh gur freagra diúltach a tugadh uirthi*.

Question:- “That the section stand part of the Bill” - put, and *decided in the negative*.

(ix) Alt 33.

(ix) Section 33.

Tairgeadh leasú (*An Teachta Éamon Ó Cuív*):

Amendment proposed (*Deputy Éamon Ó Cuív*):

62. In page 31, line 12, to delete “arbitration” and substitute the following:

“an arbitration panel which includes a representative of the applicant and”.

Tarraingíodh siar an leasú, faoi chead.

Amendment, by leave, *withdrawn*.

Tairgeadh leasú (*An tAire Talmhaíocht, Bia agus Muir*):

Amendment proposed (*Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine*):

62a. In page 31, line 12, to delete “*by the Minister*” and substitute “*in accordance with regulations under section 32*”.

Aontaíodh an leasú.

Amendment *agreed to*.

Aontaíodh an t-alt, mar a leasaíodh.

Section, as amended, *agreed to*.

(x) *Aontaíodh alt 34.*

(x) Section 34 *agreed to*.

(xi) Alt 35.

(xi) Section 35.

Tairgeadh leasú (*An Teachta Éamon Ó Cuív*):

Amendment proposed (*Deputy Éamon Ó Cuív*):

64. In page 33, subsection (3), between lines 3 and 4, to insert the following:

“(d) shall inform the owner of the independent appeals process to the decision and the associated timeframe.”.

Tarraingíodh siar an leasú, faoi chead.

Amendment, by leave, *withdrawn*.

Aontaíodh an t-alt.

Section *agreed to*.

(xii) Alt 36.

(xii) Section 36.

Tairgeadh leasú (*An Teachta Éamon Ó Cuív*):

Amendment proposed (*Deputy Éamon Ó Cuív*):

65. In page 34, between lines 14 and 15, to insert the following subsection:

“(5) All such regulations will be brought before the relevant committee of the House for discussion before being approved by the House.”.

Cuireadh an Cheist:- “Go ndéanfar an leasú” – agus *cinneadh gur freagra diúltach a tugadh uirthi*.

Question:- “That the amendment be made”- put, and *decided in the negative*.

Aontaíodh an t-alt.

Section *agreed to*.

(xiii) Alt 37.

(xiii) Section 37.

Tairgeadh leasú (*An Teachta Éamon Ó Cuív*):

Amendment proposed (*Deputy Éamon Ó Cuív*):

66. In page 34, subsection (1), line 17, after “Minister” to insert “or an authorised officer of the Department”.

Tarraingíodh siar an leasú, faoi chead.

Amendment, by leave, *withdrawn*.

Tairgeadh leasú (*An Teachta Máirín Ní Shúilleabháin*):

Amendment proposed (*Deputy Maureen O’Sullivan*):

67. In page 34, between lines 21 and 22, to insert the following subsections:

“(2) The Minister will appoint an independent animal welfare officer to inspect all greyhound breeding establishments in order to ensure the following—

- (a) hygiene standards are maintained and the greyhounds’ environment is protected,
- (b) adequate food, medicine, equipment, and space is provided for the greyhounds, and
- (c) access to essential facilities is provided to each greyhound.

(3) The Minister will appoint an independent animal welfare officer to monitor coursing clubs, gun clubs and fishery clubs whether privately, semi-State or publicly owned on an annual basis.”.

Cuireadh an Cheist:- “Go ndéanfar an leasú” – agus cinneadh gur freagra diúltach a tugadh uirthi.

Question:- “That the amendment be made”- put, and *decided in the negative*.

Tairgeadh leasú (An Teachta Éamon Ó Cuív):

Amendment proposed (Deputy Éamon Ó Cuív):

- 68.** In page 34, subsection (3), line 27, after “Minister” to insert “or an authorised officer of the Department”.

Tarraingíodh siar an leasú, faoi chead.

Amendment, by leave, *withdrawn*.

Tairgeadh leasú (An Teachta Éamon Ó Cuív):

Amendment proposed (Deputy Éamon Ó Cuív):

- 69.** In page 34, subsection (3), lines 29 to 32, to delete all words from and including “appoint” in line 29 down to and including “agreement.” in line 32 and substitute the following:

“submit the names of persons he or she considers appropriately qualified to be authorised officers for the purpose of all or any of the functions that the person may exercise under the service agreement to the Minister who may appoint in writing any or all such person to be authorised officers.”.

Cuireadh an Cheist:- “Go ndéanfar an leasú” – agus cinneadh gur freagra diúltach a tugadh uirthi.

Question:- “That the amendment be made”- put, and *decided in the negative*.

Tairgeadh leasú (An Teachta Máirín Ní Shúilleabháin):

Amendment proposed (Deputy Maureen O’Sullivan):

- 70.** In page 34, between lines 32 and 33, to insert the following

subsection:

“(4) Persons may only be appointed authorised officers under *subsections (1), (2) and (3)* where they have satisfied the Minister or appointing authority that they have the experience, technical competence, and other qualifications to undertake the functions of an authorised officer.”.

Cuireadh an Cheist:- “Go ndéanfar an leasú” – agus cinneadh gur freagra diúltach a tugadh uirthi.

Question:- “That the amendment be made”- put, and *decided in the negative*.

Aontaíodh an t-alt.

Section agreed to.

(xiv) Alt 38.

(xiv) Section 38.

Tairgeadh leasú (*An Teachta Máirín Ní Shúilleabháin*):

Amendment proposed (*Deputy Maureen O’Sullivan*):

71. In page 35, subsection (1), line 21, to delete “may” and substitute “should”.

Tarraingíodh siar an leasú, faoi chead.

Amendment, by leave, *withdrawn*.

Tairgeadh leasú (*An Teachta Máirín Ní Shúilleabháin*):

Amendment proposed (*Deputy Maureen O’Sullivan*):

72. In page 37, between lines 15 and 16, to insert the following subsection:

“(5) The power conferred on an authorised officer under *subsection (4)(a) and (b)* may only be exercised by an inspector of the Minister.”.

Cuireadh an Cheist:- “Go ndéanfar an leasú” – agus cinneadh gur freagra diúltach a tugadh uirthi.

Question:- “That the amendment be made”- put, and *decided in the negative*.

Tairgeadh leasú (*An Teachta Máirín Ní Shúilleabháin*):

Amendment proposed (*Deputy Maureen O’Sullivan*):

73. In page 37, between lines 26 and 27, to insert the following subsection:

“(7) The Minister will appoint an independent animal welfare official to inspect the conditions of fur farms on a regular basis to ensure the highest animal health and welfare standards are achieved in respects of the natural behaviour attributed to mink.”.

Cuireadh an Cheist:- “Go ndéanfar an leasú” – agus cinneadh gur freagra

Question:- “That the amendment be made”- put, and *decided in the negative*.

diúltach a tugadh uirthi.

Aontaíodh an t-alt.

Section agreed to.

(xv) *Aontaíodh ailt 39, 40 agus 41.*

(xv) *Sections 39, 40 and 41 agreed to.*

(xvi) *Alt 42.*

(xvi) *Section 42.*

Tairgeadh leasú (An Teachta Máirín Ní Shúilleabháin):

Amendment proposed (Deputy Maureen O'Sullivan):

74. In page 39, subsection (1), line 13, to delete “Where an authorised officer” and substitute the following:

“Where an inspector, or an authorised officer on the advice of a veterinary practitioner,”.

Cuireadh an Cheist:- “Go ndéanfar an leasú” – agus cinneadh gur freagra diúltach a tugadh uirthi.

Question:- “That the amendment be made”- put, and decided in the negative.

Tairgeadh leasú (An Teachta Éamon Ó Cuív):

Amendment proposed (Deputy Éamon Ó Cuív):

75. In page 39, subsection (1), line 13, to delete “authorised officer” and substitute the following:

“inspector, or an authorised officer on the advice of a veterinary practitioner”.

Cuireadh an Cheist:- “Go ndéanfar an leasú” – agus cinneadh gur freagra diúltach a tugadh uirthi.

Question:- “That the amendment be made”- put, and decided in the negative.

Tairgeadh leasú (An tAire Talmhaíocht, Bia agus Muir):

Amendment proposed (Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine):

76. In page 39, subsection (1)(b), line 18, to delete “as” substitute “or”.

Aontaíodh an leasú.

Amendment agreed to.

Aontaíodh an t-alt, mar a leasaíodh.

Section, as amended, agreed to.

(xvii) *Aontaíodh ailt 43 agus 44.*

(xvii) *Sections 43 and 44 agreed to.*

(xviii) *Alt 45.*

(xviii) *Section 45.*

Tairgeadh leasú (An tAire Talmhaíocht, Bia agus Muir):

Amendment proposed (Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine):

- 78.** In page 43, subsection (1), lines 43 and 44, to delete “on the sworn information” and substitute “by information on oath”.

Aontaíodh an leasú.

Amendment agreed to.

Aontaíodh an t-alt, mar a leasaíodh.

Section, as amended, agreed to.

(xix) Aontaíodh ailt 46, 47 agus 48.

(xix) Sections 46, 47 and 48 agreed to.

(xx) Alt 49.

(xx) Section 49.

Tairgeadh leasú (*An Teachta Éamon Ó Cuív*):

Amendment proposed (*Deputy Éamon Ó Cuív*):

- 78a.** In page 45, subsection (1), line 20, to delete “has reasonable grounds” and substitute “evidence”.

Cuireadh an Cheist:- “Go ndéanfar an leasú”: rinne an Coiste vótáil: Tá, 2; Níl, 7.

Question:- “That the amendment be made” - put: the Committee divided: For, 2; Against, 7.

Tá:- Na Teachtaí Máirtín Ó Fearghusa agus Éamon Ó Cuív.

For:- Deputies Martin Ferris and Éamon Ó Cuív.

Níl:- An tAire Talmhaíocht, Bia agus Muir, na Teachtaí Tomás de Barra, Pádraig Ó Diring, Aindrias Ó Dubhaill, Máirtín Ó hEideáin, Colm Ó Caomhnaigh agus Micheál Mac Conmara.

Against:- Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine, Deputies Tom Barry, Pat Deering, Andrew Doyle, Martin Heydon, Colm Keaveney and Michael McNamara.

Faisnéiseadh dá réir sin go rabhthas tar éis diúltú don Cheist.

The Question was declared negatived accordingly.

Aontaíodh an t-alt.

Section agreed to.

(xxi) Alt 50.

(xxi) Section 50.

Tairgeadh leasú (*An tAire Talmhaíocht, Bia agus Muir*):

Amendment proposed (*Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine*):

- 79.** In page 47, between lines 5 and 6, to insert the following subsection:

“(5) In proceedings under this Act, evidence of information contained in a record may be given by producing a copy in legible form of that record, whether that record is maintained in legible or non-legible form and the copy is, until the contrary is shown, sufficient evidence of the information contained in the record.”.

Aontaíodh an leasú.

Amendment agreed to.

Aontaíodh an t-alt, mar a leasaíodh.

Section, as amended, agreed to.

(xxii) Alt 51.

(xxii) Section 51.

Tairgeadh leasú (*An Teachta Éamon Ó Cuív*):

Amendment proposed (*Deputy Éamon Ó Cuív*):

- 80.** In page 47, subsection (1)(a), line 11, to delete “a copy” and substitute “the notice”.

Tarraingíodh siar an leasú, faoi chead.

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Tairgeadh leasú (*An Teachta Éamon Ó Cuív*):

Amendment proposed (*Deputy Éamon Ó Cuív*):

- 81.** In page 47, subsection (1)(a), line 13, to delete “a copy” and substitute “the notice”.

Tarraingíodh siar an leasú, faoi chead.

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Tairgeadh leasú (*An Teachta Éamon Ó Cuív*):

Amendment proposed (*Deputy Éamon Ó Cuív*):

- 82.** In page 47, subsection (1)(b), line 14, to delete “a copy” and substitute “the notice”.

Tarraingíodh siar an leasú, faoi chead.

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Tairgeadh leasú (*An Teachta Éamon Ó Cuív*):

Amendment proposed (*Deputy Éamon Ó Cuív*):

- 83.** In page 47, subsection (1)(c), line 19, to delete “a copy” and substitute “the notice”.

Tarraingíodh siar an leasú, faoi chead.

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Tairgeadh leasú (*An Teachta Éamon Ó Cuív*):

Amendment proposed (*Deputy Éamon Ó Cuív*):

- 84.** In page 47, subsection (1)(d), line 28, to delete “a copy” where it firstly occurs and substitute “the notice”.

Tarraingíodh siar an leasú, faoi chead.

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Tairgeadh leasú (*An Teachta Éamon Ó Cuív*):

Amendment proposed (*Deputy Éamon Ó Cuív*):

- 85.** In page 47, subsection (1)(d), lines 28 and 29, to delete “a copy” where it secondly occurs and substitute “the notice”.

Tarraingíodh siar an leasú, faoi chead.

Amendment, by leave, *withdrawn*.

Tairgeadh leasú (*An Teachta Éamon Ó Cuív*):

Amendment proposed (*Deputy Éamon Ó Cuív*):

- 86.** In page 47, subsection (1)(e), line 31, to delete “a copy” and substitute “the notice”.

Tarraingíodh siar an leasú, faoi chead.

Amendment, by leave, *withdrawn*.

Aontaíodh an t-alt.

Section *agreed to*.

(xxiii) Alt 52.

(xxiii) Section 52.

Tairgeadh leasú (*An tAire Talmhaíocht, Bia agus Muir*):

Amendment proposed (*Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine*):

- 89.** In page 48, subsection (2), line 15, to delete “16(4)” and substitute “16(3)”.

Aontaíodh an leasú.

Amendment *agreed to*.

Tairgeadh leasú (*An tAire Talmhaíocht, Bia agus Muir*):

Amendment proposed (*Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine*):

- 89a.** In page 48, subsection (2), line 15, to delete “23(5)” and substitute “23(6)”.

Aontaíodh an leasú.

Amendment *agreed to*.

Aontaíodh an t-alt, mar a leasaíodh.

Section, as amended, *agreed to*.

(xxiv) *Aontaíodh ailt 53 agus 54.*

(xxiv) Sections 53 and 54 *agreed to*.

(xxv) Alt 55.

(xxv) Section 55.

Tairgeadh leasú (*An tAire Talmhaíocht, Bia agus Muir*):

Amendment proposed (*Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine*):

- 89b.** In page 49, subsection (1), line 2, to delete “may be so prosecuted”.

Aontaíodh an leasú.

Amendment *agreed to*.

Tairgeadh leasú (*An Teachta Éamon Ó Cuív*):

Amendment proposed (*Deputy Éamon Ó Cuív*):

- 90.** In page 49, subsection (2), line 11, to delete “12 months” and substitute “two years”.

Tarraingíodh siar an leasú, faoi chead.

Amendment, by leave, *withdrawn*.

Tairgeadh leasú (*An Teachta Máirtín Ó Fearghusa*):

Amendment proposed (*Deputy Martin Ferris*):

- 90a.** In page 49, subsection (2), line 11, to delete “12 months” and substitute “3 years”.

Tarraingíodh siar an leasú, faoi chead.

Amendment, by leave, *withdrawn*.

Tairgeadh leasú (*An Teachta Máirtín Ó Fearghusa*):

Amendment proposed (*Deputy Martin Ferris*):

- 90b.** In page 49, subsection (2), line 11, after “offence” to insert the following:

“or within 12 months of the prosecutor being satisfied that there is evidence to justify a prosecution”.

Cuireadh an Cheist:- “Go ndéanfar an leasú” – agus *cinneadh gur freagra diúltach a tugadh uirthi*.

Question:- “That the amendment be made”- put, and *decided in the negative*.

Aontaíodh an t-alt, mar a leasaíodh.

Section, as amended, *agreed to*.

(xxvi) *Aontaíodh ailt 56 agus 57.*

(xxvi) Sections 56 and 57 *agreed to*.

(xxvii) *Alt 58.*

(xxvii) Section 58.

Tairgeadh leasú (*An tAire Talmhaíocht, Bia agus Muir*):

Amendment proposed (*Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine*):

- 91.** In page 51, subsection (1), line 3, to delete “section 52(1),” and substitute “section 52(1)”.

Aontaíodh an leasú.

Amendment *agreed to*.

Aontaíodh an t-alt, mar a leasaíodh.

Section, as amended, *agreed to*.

(xxviii) *Aontaíodh ailt 59 go 72, go huile.*

(xxviii) Sections 59 to 72, inclusive, *agreed to*.

(xxix) *Alt 73.*

(xxix) Section 73.

Tairgeadh leasú (*An tAire Talmhaíocht, Bia agus Muir*):

Amendment proposed (*Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine*):

94a. In page 61, subsection (2), line 34, after “*subsection (1)*” to insert the following:

“but may not exceed the cost of providing the service, estimated by the Minister, to which the fee relates”.

Aontaíodh an leasú.

Amendment agreed to.

Aontaíodh an t-alt, mar a leasaíodh.

Section, as amended, agreed to.

(xxx) *Aontaíodh ailt 74, 75 agus 76.*

(xxx) *Sections 74, 75 and 76 agreed to.*

(xxxi) *Aontaíodh Sceideal 1.*

(xxxi) *Schedule 1 agreed to.*

(xxxii) *Sceideal 2.*

(xxxii) *Schedule 2.*

Tairgeadh leasú (*An tAire Talmhaíocht, Bia agus Muir*):

Amendment proposed (*Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine*):

103. In page 67, line 16, to delete “postular” and substitute “pustular”.

Aontaíodh an leasú.

Amendment agreed to.

Tairgeadh leasú (*An tAire Talmhaíocht, Bia agus Muir*):

Amendment proposed (*Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine*):

104. In page 68, between lines 30 and 31, to insert the following:

“85. Varroasis in bees”.

Aontaíodh an leasú.

Amendment agreed to.

Aontaíodh an Sceideal, mar a leasaíodh.

Schedule, as amended, agreed to.

(xxxiii) *Aontaíodh Sceideal 3.*

(xxxiii) *Schedule 3 agreed to.*

(xxxiv) *Sceideal 4.*

(xxxiv) *Schedule 4.*

Tairgeadh leasú (*An tAire Talmhaíocht, Bia agus Muir*):

Amendment proposed (*Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine*):

105. In page 75, between lines 26 and 27, to insert the following:

“

14.	Bovine Tuberculosis (Attestation of the State and General Provisions) (Amendment) Order 1996 (S.I. No. 85 of 1996)
15.	Brucellosis in Cattle (General Provisions) (Amendment) Order 1996 (S.I. No. 86 of 1996)

”

Aontaíodh an leasú.

Amendment agreed to.

Tairgeadh leasú (*An tAire Talmhaíocht, Bia agus Muir*):

Amendment proposed (*Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine*):

106. In page 75, between lines 27 and 28, to insert the following:

“

15.	Brucellosis in Cattle (General Provisions) (Amendment) Order 1998 (S.I. No. 39 of 1998)
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”

Aontaíodh an leasú.

Amendment agreed to.

Tairgeadh leasú (*An tAire Talmhaíocht, Bia agus Muir*):

Amendment proposed (*Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine*):

107. In page 75, to delete lines 32 and 33.

Aontaíodh an leasú.

Amendment agreed to.

Tairgeadh leasú (*An tAire Talmhaíocht, Bia agus Muir*):

Amendment proposed (*Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine*):

108. In page 75, between lines 35 and 36, to insert the following:

“

19.	Bovine Tuberculosis (Attestation of the State and General Provisions) (Amendment) Order 2000 (S.I. No. 161 of 2000)
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”

Aontaíodh an leasú.

Amendment agreed to.

Tairgeadh leasú (*An tAire Talmhaíocht, Bia agus Muir*):

Amendment proposed (*Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine*):

109. In page 75, between lines 44 and 45, to insert the following:

“

23.	Brucellosis in Cattle (General Provisions) (Amendment) Order 2002 (S.I. No. 415 of 2002)
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Aontaíodh an leasú.

Amendment agreed to.

*Tairgeadh leasú (An tAire Talmhaíocht,
Bia agus Muir):*

*Amendment proposed (Minister for
Agriculture, Food and the Marine):*

110. In page 76, between lines 29 and 30, to insert the following:

“

40.	Brucellosis in Cattle (General Provisions) (Amendment) Order 2009 (S.I. No. 357 of 2009)
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Aontaíodh an leasú.

Amendment agreed to.

*Tairgeadh leasú (An tAire Talmhaíocht,
Bia agus Muir):*

*Amendment proposed (Minister for
Agriculture, Food and the Marine):*

111. In page 76, between lines 37 and 38, to insert the following:

“

44.	Bovine Tuberculosis (Attestation of the State and General Provisions) (Amendment) Order 2010 (S.I. No. 307 of 2010)
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”.

Aontaíodh an leasú.

Amendment agreed to.

Aontaíodh an Sceideal, mar a leasaíodh.

Schedule, as amended, agreed to.

(xxxv) Aontaíodh an Teideal.

(xxxv) Title agreed to.

4. CRÍOCHNÚ AN GHNÓ.

4. CONCLUSION OF BUSINESS.

*Chríochnaigh an Coiste a bhreithniú ar an
mBille ar 5.20 p.m.*

*The Committee concluded its
consideration of the Bill at 5.20 p.m.*

**5. TEACHTAIREACHT CHUIG DÁIL
ÉIREANN.**

5. MESSAGE TO DÁIL ÉIREANN.

*Cuireadh teachtaireacht chun na Dála á
chur in iúl di gur chríochnaigh an Coiste a
bhreithniú ar an mBille agus go raibh
leasuithe déanta aige air.*

*Message sent to the Dáil acquainting it
that the Committee had completed its
consideration of the Bill and had made
amendments thereto.*

6. ATHLÁ.

6. ADJOURNMENT.

*Chuaigh an Coiste ar athló ar 5.20 p.m.
sine die.*

*The Committee adjourned at 5.20 p.m.
sine die.*

ANDREW DOYLE, T.D.
Chairman

APPENDIX 7 MEETING OF THE JONT SUB-COMMITTEE

The following are the details, in date order, of the scheduled meeting of the Joint sub-Committee on Fisheries which took place during the period under report:-

MEETING No.	DATE	TOPIC	ORGANISATIONS, GROUPS AND INDIVIDUALS WHO ATTENDED
SC01	12/12/2012	Private Meeting	

APPENDIX 8 MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE ON FISHERIES

MINUTES OF MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, 12 DECEMBER 2012

1. The sub-Committee met **in private** at 9.40 a.m. in Committee Room 1, LH 2000, a quorum being present.

2. MEMBERS PRESENT

The following members were present:-

Deputies Andrew Doyle (*in the Chair*), Martin Ferris, Noel Harrington and Thomas Pringle.

Also present: Deputy Éamon Ó Cuív [DSO 92(3)].

LIBRARY AND RESEARCH SERVICES

Mr Niall Ó Cléirigh and Ms Aoife O'Halligan also attended.

3. **ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION**
4. **ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION**
5. **ADJOURNMENT**

The sub-Committee adjourned at 10.15 a.m. *sine die*.



Andrew Doyle, T.D.
Chairman
13 February, 2013