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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 14 January 2016, the Joint Committee agreed that all these items should be included in this report covering the period from 1 January 2015 to 31 January 2016.

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 Department.

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 of Agriculture, Food and the Marine are responsible;
- legislative and expenditure proposals of the Departments;
- EU legislative proposals;
- certain matters relating to bodies under the aegis of the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine

2.4 Establishment of sub-Committee on Fisheries

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 sub-Committees, including power to report directly to the Dáil and Seanad.

Following its establishment in June 2012, issues of common concern in relation to the fishing sector and the socio-economic challenge facing rural and island communities but especially for the fishing community were identified by the Joint Committee on Agriculture, Food and the Marine as meriting detailed consideration. It was considered vital to establish a sub-Committee to be co-joined with similar sub-Committees established for the purpose by the separate Joint Committee on Transport and Communications, and Joint Committee Environment, Culture and the Gaeltacht. Against

this background, the Joint sub-Committee on Fisheries was established in December 2012.

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

3. Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Convenors 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. In addition, he was appointed as Chairman of the above Joint sub-Committee on Fisheries 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 and Select 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

The Joint Committee met on 42 occasions during the period under report. The number of hours of discussion involved in these meetings was in excess of 88 hours.

One of these meetings was a joint meeting with the Joint Committee on Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation and the Joint Committee on European Union Affairs (in accordance with Orders of the Dáil and Seanad of 9 June 2015) to consider the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP), an EU-US trade agreement currently under negotiation with the Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation, Mr Richard Burton T.D.

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

The Dáil Select Committee met 3 times during the period under report and the number of hours of discussion involved in these meetings was 5.5 hours.

The subject matter of each meeting, including the groups, organisations or individuals who attended the meetings of the Select Committee, 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 Joint sub-Committee on Fisheries met once during the period under report and the duration of discussion involved in this meeting was 12 minutes.

The subject matter of each of the meetings of the Joint sub-Committee, including the groups, organisations or individuals who attended the meetings, is detailed in **Appendix 7**. The Minutes of Proceedings of the Joint sub-Committee are attached at **Appendix 8**.

6. Witnesses attending before the Committee(s)

COMMITTEE NAME	PERIOD	NUMBER OF WITNESSES
Joint Committee on Agriculture, Food and the Marine	January – December 2015	164
Joint sub-Committee on Fisheries	January – December 2015	0

7. Committee Reports Published

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

Policy Reports:

- Report on Managing Market Volatility in the Dairy Industry
- Designation of lands as Special Protection Areas for the conservation of breeding Hen Harriers
- Report on the Organic Farming Scheme
- Second Report on Managing Market Volatility in the Dairy Industry
- The Greyhound Industry
- The Irish Horse Industry

Political Contributions:

- Political Contribution - COM (2015) 41: Proposal for a Council Regulation amending Regulation (EU) 2015/104 as regards certain fishing opportunities for seabass
- Political Contribution – COM (2015) 177 : Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EC) No 1829/2003 as regards the possibility for the Member States to restrict or prohibit the use of genetically modified food and feed on their territory
- CAP Simplification – A contribution in the context of political dialogue
- Political Contribution – COM(2015)559: Proposal for a Council Regulation fixing for 2016 the fishing opportunities for certain fish stocks and groups of fish stocks, applicable in Union waters and, for Union vessels, in certain non-Union waters
- Political Contribution on the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP) – produced together with the Joint Committee on Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation, and Joint Committee on European Union Affairs

Submissions:

- Submission to Seafood Development Programme 2014 - 2020 Public Consultation
- Submission to the public consultation on the national strategic plan for sustainable aquaculture development

Committee Business:

- Annual Report 2014
- Work Programme 2015
- Annual Report January 2015 – January 2016

8. Travel

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

Purpose of travel: Meeting with the Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development, Northern Ireland Assembly and the Minister for Agriculture and Rural Development

Date and Destination: Belfast. 27 January 2015

Members travelling: Deputies Andrew Doyle (Chairman), Tom Barry, Pat Deering (Vice-Chairman), Éamon Ó Cuív, Thomas Pringle and Senators Michael Comiskey and Paschal Mooney

Accompanying Officials: Josie Briody (Clerk) and Ronan McCabe (Policy Advisor)

Purpose of travel: Meeting with Mr Phil Hogan, European Commissioner for Agriculture and Rural Development, Brussels; and meeting with Mr Kevin Cardiff, European Court of Auditors, Luxembourg

Date and Destination: Brussels and Luxembourg 2-3 March 2015

Members travelling: Deputies Andrew Doyle (Chairman) and Michael McNamara

Accompanying Official: Ronan McCabe (Policy Advisor)

Purpose of travel: Visit to Hungarian National Assembly

Date and Destination: Budapest, Hungary, 1-4 June 2015

Members travelling: Deputies Andrew Doyle (Chairman), Tom Barry, Pat Deering (Vice-Chairman) and Éamon Ó Cuív

Accompanying Official: Ronan McCabe (Policy Advisor)

Purpose of travel: Working dinner hosted by the Northern Ireland Agricultural Land Use Expert Working Group, reflecting on what could be learned from the Committee's 'Report on Land use: Maximising its potential' for land use in Northern Ireland.

Date and Destination: Portlaoise, 21 July 2015

Members travelling: Deputy Andrew Doyle (Chairman)

Accompanying Official: None

Purpose of travel: Teagasc Farm Business Conference for discussion of the 'Report on Land use: Maximising its potential', Agri-taxation measures and Foodwise 2025.

Date and Destination: Tullamore, 26 November 2015

Members travelling: Deputy Andrew Doyle (Chairman)

Accompanying Official: None

9. EU Mainstreaming

9.1 *Legislative Proposals*

From 15 January 2015 to 30 January 2016, the Joint Committee considered EU matters at 18 meetings involving consideration of some 50 legislative proposals, of which further action or scrutiny was taken on the following 5 proposals:

PROPOSAL NO.	PROPOSAL TITLE	OUTCOME
COM(2015)52	Proposal for a Council Decision establishing the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union within the International Grains Council with respect to the extension of the Grains Trade Convention 1995	Agreed by way of further action to seek further clarification on certain aspects of the proposal which was provided by the EU Commission
COM(2015)53	Proposal for a Council Decision establishing the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union within the International Sugar Council as regards the extension of the International Sugar Agreement 1992	Agreed by way of further action to seek further clarification on certain aspects of the proposal which was provided by the EU Commission
COM(2015)41	Proposal for a Council Regulation amending Regulation (EU) 2015/104 as regards certain fishing opportunities for seabass	Agreed, by way of further scrutiny to submit a Political Contribution
COM(2015)177	Proposal for a REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL amending Regulation (EC) No 1829/2003 as regards the possibility for the Member States to restrict or prohibit the use of genetically modified food and feed on their territory	Agreed, by way of further scrutiny to submit a Political Contribution
COM (2015) 559	Proposal for a Council Regulation fixing for 2016 the fishing opportunities for certain fish stocks and groups of fish stocks, applicable in Union waters and, for Union vessels, in certain non-Union waters	Agreed, by way of further scrutiny to submit a Political Contribution

The following 5 contributions were submitted to the Presidents of the Parliament, Council and Commission and the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine:

PROPOSAL NO.	PROPOSAL TITLE
COM(2015)41	Political Contribution - COM (2015) 41: Proposal for a Council Regulation amending Regulation (EU) 2015/104 as regards certain fishing opportunities for seabass – April 2015
COM(2015)177	Political Contribution – COM (2015) 177 : Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EC) No 1829/2003 as regards the possibility for the Member States to restrict or prohibit the use of genetically modified food and feed on their territory– June 2015
	CAP Simplification – A contribution in the context of political dialogue
COM (2015) 559	Political Contribution – COM(2015)559: Proposal for a Council Regulation fixing for 2016 the fishing opportunities for certain fish stocks and groups of fish stocks, applicable in Union waters and, for Union vessels, in certain non-Union waters – December 2015
	Political Contribution on the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP) - produced together with the Joint Committee on Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation, and Joint Committee on European Union Affairs

9.2 *EU Council Meetings*

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

JC MEETING DATE	MINISTER/OFFICIALS	EU COUNCIL MEETING
8 December 2015	Mr Simon Coveney T.D., Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine	AGRIFISH (14-15 December 2015) and the Sea Fisheries Sustainability Impact Assessment

9.3 *Six-Monthly Reports on Developments within the EU*

The Joint Committee met with Mr Aidan O'Driscoll, Secretary General at the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine on 2 occasions in relation to Six Monthly Reports on Developments in the EU - July to December 2014, on Tuesday 12 May 2015; and January to July 2015, on Tuesday 8 December 2015.

10. Report on Functions and Powers

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

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

Andrew Doyle T.D.
Chairman
26 January 2016

APPENDIX 1: Orders of Reference

Joint Committee on Agriculture, Food and the Marine

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

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)] 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.

APPENDIX 2: MEMBERSHIP

List of Members (Joint Committee)

Chairman: Andrew Doyle (FG)

Deputies: Tom Barry (FG)

Vice-Chair: Pat Deering (FG)

Martin Ferris (SF)

Martin Heydon (FG)

Willie Penrose (LAB)

Éamon Ó Cuív (FF)

Thomas Pringle (IND)

Arthur Spring (LAB)

Senators: Michael Comiskey (FG)

Denis Landy (LAB)

Paschal Mooney (FF)

Mary Ann O'Brien (IND)

Brian Ó Domhnaill (FF)

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 Ó Cuív 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
7. Deputy Colm Keaveney was discharged from the Committee and Deputy Willie Penrose was appointed to the Committee in substitution for him by Order of the Dáil on 10 October 2013
8. Senator Susan O'Keeffe was discharged from the Committee and Senator Denis Landy was appointed to the Committee in substitution for her by Order of the Seanad on 8 October 2014.
9. Deputy Michael McNamara was discharged from the Committee and Deputy Arthur Spring was appointed to the Committee in substitution for him by Order of the Dáil on 7 July 2015

List of Members (Select Committee)

Chairman: Andrew Doyle (FG)

Deputies: Tom Barry (FG)

Vice-Chair: Pat Deering (FG)

Martin Ferris (SF)

Martin Heydon (FG)

Willie Penrose (LAB)

Éamon Ó Cuív (FF)

Thomas Pringle (IND)

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List of Members (Joint sub-Committee on Fisheries)

Joint Committee on Agriculture, Food and the Marine

Chairman: Andrew Doyle (FG)

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

Senators: Brian Ó Domhnaill (FF)

Joint Committee on Transport and Communications

Deputies: Noel Harrington (FG)
Sean Kenny (LAB)

Joint Committee on Environment, Culture and the Gaeltacht

Senators: Ned O'Sullivan (FF)
Denis Landy (LAB)

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 the period under report.

MEETING No.	DATE	TOPIC	ORGANISATIONS, GROUPS AND INDIVIDUALS WHO ATTENDED
J113	15/01/2015	(i) Scrutiny of EU Legislative Proposals; (ii) Potential difficulties and price volatility facing the Dairy Industry in 2015	<i>(i) Irish Dairy Board</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Aaron Forde, Chairman • Mr Bernard Condon, Director of Dairy Trade and Ingredients Division • Ms Anne Randles, Secretary
J114	20/01/2015	Ireland's Submission to the European Commission on Rural Development Programme 2014-2020	<i>Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Simon Coveney, Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine • Mr Aidan O'Driscoll, Secretary General • Mr Paul Dillon, Assistant Secretary General • Mr Fintan O'Brien, Principal Officer
J115	29/01/2015	Concerns regarding Health and Safety Authority's planned proposal to cut back on farm inspections despite the rise in farm fatalities	<i>Health and Safety Authority</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Martin O'Halloran, Chief Executive Officer • Mr Brian Higgis, Assistant Chief Executive, Operational Compliance and Prevention • Mr Pat Griffin, Senior Inspector

MEETING No.	DATE	TOPIC	ORGANISATIONS, GROUPS AND INDIVIDUALS WHO ATTENDED
J116	03/02/2015	Potential difficulties and price volatility facing the Dairy Industry in 2015	<p><i>Bord Bia</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Aidan Cotter, Chief Executive • Mr Padraig Brennan, Sustainability Development Manager • Mr David Owens, Sector Manager, Dairy Ingredients <p><i>Irish Co-Operative Organisation Society (ICOS)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Martin Keane, President • Mr Seamus O'Donohoe, CEO • Mr TJ Flanagan, Dairy Policy Executive <p><i>Positive Farmers</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Michael Murphy • Mr Con Hurley
J117	10/02/2015	Potential difficulties and price volatility facing the Dairy Industry in 2015	<p><i>Banking and Payments Federation</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Maurice Crowley, Director of Banking and Payments <p><i>Allied Irish Bank (AIB)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Ken Burke, Head of Business Banking • Dr Anne Finnegan, Agri-Strategy Manager • Mr Tadhg Buckley, Senior Agricultural Adviser <p><i>Ulster Bank</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms Ailish Byrne, Senior Agricultural Manager • Mr Nigel Walsh, Head of Sectors and Specialist Business <p><i>Bank of Ireland</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Mark Cunningham, Director of Business Banking • Mr Sean Farrell, Head of Agriculture
J118	17/02/2015	Progress on the recommendations made in the Joint sub-Committee's Report on Promoting Sustainable Rural Coastal and Island Communities	<p><i>Irish Islands Marine Resource Organisation</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Jerry Early • Mr James O'Toole • Mr Enda Conneely • Mr John Walsh

MEETING No.	DATE	TOPIC	ORGANISATIONS, GROUPS AND INDIVIDUALS WHO ATTENDED
J119	10/03/2015	Teagasc's Annual Report 2013; and Potential difficulties and price volatility facing the Dairy Industry in 2015	<i>Teagasc</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Professor Gerry Boyle, Director • Dr Tom O'Dwyer, Head Dairy Knowledge Transfer
J120	24/03/2015	Bord Iascaigh Mhara's Annual Report 2013	<i>Bord Iascaigh Mhara</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Michael Keatinge, Interim CEO • Mr Donal Maguire, Director Aquaculture Development Services • Mr Donal Buckley, Business Development and Innovation Director • Mr Connie Kelleher, Director of Corporate Services
J121	31/03/2015	(i) Scrutiny of EU Legislative Proposals: Schedule B: COM (2015)52; COM (2015)53; COM (2015)71; COM (2015)72; and (ii) Progress made across various work programmes including national BVD eradication, Somatic Cell Count (SCC) reduction, and Johnes' disease control	<i>(ii) Animal Health Ireland</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Mike Magan, Chairman • Mr Joe O'Flaherty, CEO • Mr David Graham, Deputy CEO • Ms Finola McCoy, Programme Manager, CellCheck

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J122	14/04/2015	<p>(i) Scrutiny of EU Legislative Proposals: Schedule A: COM(2015)41</p> <p>(ii) Uncertainty faced by farmers regarding eligibility of marginal land under the Basic Payment Scheme and issues concerning GLAS</p>	<p>(ii) <i>Irish Farmers' Association</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Eddie Downey, President • Mr Pat Dunne, IFA Hill Chairman • Mr Flor McCarthy, IFA Rural Development Chairman • Mr Pat Smith, General Secretary • Mr Tom Turley, Connacht Regional Chairman <p>(ii) <i>Agricultural Consultants Association</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Tom Dawson, President • Mr Breian Carroll, ACA Member • Mr Brian Dolan, ACA Member <p>(ii) <i>Irish Natura and Hill Farmers Association</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Brendan Joyce, Director of Policy • Mr Colm O'Donnell, Director of Policy • Mr Joe Condon, Assistant Chairman <p>(ii) <i>Irish Cattle and Sheep Farmers' Association</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Patrick Kent, President • Mr Eddie Punch, General Secretary
J123	21/04/2015	<p>(i) Scrutiny of EU Legislative Proposals: COM(2015)41 – proposal for a Council Regulation amending Regulation (EU) 2015/14 as regards certain fishing opportunities for sea bass – Draft Contribution.</p> <p>(ii) Challenges in the indigenous fruit and vegetables sector in Ireland</p>	<p>(i) <i>Irish Farmers' Association</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Matt Foley, Chairman IFA Vegetable & Protected Crops Committee • Mr Paul Brophy, IFA Vegetable & Protected Crops Committee • Mr Colm Grimes, IFA Vegetable & Protected Crops Committee • Mr Eddie Doyle, Chairman IFA Potato Committee

MEETING No.	DATE	TOPIC	ORGANISATIONS, GROUPS AND INDIVIDUALS WHO ATTENDED
J124	28/04/2015	Uncertainty faced by farmers regarding eligibility of marginal land under the Basic Payment Scheme and issues concerning GLAS	<i>Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Kevin Smyth, Assistant Secretary • Dr Al Grogan, Senior Inspector • Mr Paud Evans, Principle Officer • Mr Thomas Harty, Assistant Agricultural Inspector • Mr Lorcan O'Shea, Senior Inspector
J125	12/05/2015	Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine Six-monthly Report on Developments in the EU (July to December 2014)	<i>Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Aidan O'Driscoll, Secretary General • Ms Brid Cannon, Principal Officer • Mr Paul Savage, Principle Officer • Ms Karen Hanlon, Assistant Principal Officer • Mr Thomas Harty, Assistant Agricultural Inspector • Mr Lorcan O'Shea, Higher Executive Office
J126	27/05/2015	(i) Scrutiny of EU Legislative Proposals: Schedule A: COM(2015)177; Schedule B: COM (2015)121; COM(2015)167; COM(2015)174 and COM(2015)180 (ii) Fisheries Local Action Groups (FLAGs)	<i>(ii) Bord Iascaigh Mhara</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Michael Keating, Interim CEO • Mr Donal Maguire, Director, Aquaculture Development Division

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J127	09/06/2015	(i) Scrutiny of EU Legislative Proposal: Schedule A: COM(2015)177	<p><i>Department of Agriculture:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dermot Ryan, Deputy Chief Inspector • Gerry Lohan, Agriculture Inspector, Feedingstuffs Division • Donal Coleman, Senior Inspector, Crops Division • Sineád McPhillips, Assistant Principle, EU and International Trade Division <p><i>Department of Health:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gregory Canning, Head of Food Unit • David Maguire, Deputy Head of Food Unit <p><i>Food Safety Authority Ireland:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Patrick O'Mahony, Chief Specialist, Food Technology <p><i>EPA</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Thomas McLoughlin, Senior Biotechnologist

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J128	16/06/2015	<p>(i) The Beef Data and Genomics Programme</p> <p>(ii) The difficulties experienced by the 'Forgotten Farmers.'</p>	<p>(i) <i>Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Brendan Gleeson, Assistant Secretary • Mr Gordon Conroy, Principal Officer • Mr Colm Hayes, Principal Officer • Fintan O'Brien, Principal Officer • Mr JP Mulherin, Assistant Principal <p>(ii) <i>Macra Na Feirme</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Sean Finan, National President • Mr Bryan Hynes, Agriculture Affairs Committee Chairman • Mr Derrie Dillon, Agriculture & Rural Affairs Manager <p>(ii) <i>ICSA</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Patrick Kent, President • Eddie Punch, General Secretary • Cathal O'Reilly • Kenneth O'Brien
J129	23/06/2015	<p><i>Combined meeting between the Committees for Agriculture, Food and the Marine; Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation; and EU Affairs led by the Jobs Committee</i></p> <p>Discussion on the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP)</p>	<p><i>Department for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Richard Bruton, Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation • Mr Phillip Kelly, Assistant Secretary • Lorraine Benson, Principle Officer • Ms Anne-Marie Finlay, Principle Officer <p><i>Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms Brid Cannon, Assistant Secretary

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J130	23/06/2015	Overview of developments in the Agricultural sector.	<i>EU Commission</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Phil Hogan, EU Commissioner for Agriculture and Rural Development • Mr Tom Tynan, Member of Commissioner's Cabinet • Mr Dermot Ryan, Senior Advisor • Ms Barbara Nolan, Head of Representation, European Commission representation in Ireland
J131	30/06/2015	Landing Obligations update and Abolishing the subsegmentation of tonnage & kW in Policy Directive 2/2013	<i>Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Simon Coveney, Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine • Mr Cecil Beamish, Assistant Secretary General, • Ms Josephine Kelly, Principal Officer, • Ms Johanna O'Sullivan, Higher Executive Officer.
J132	01/07/2015	National Strategic Plan for Sustainable Aquaculture Development	<i>Bord Iascaigh Mhara</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Donal Maguire, Director, Aquaculture Development Division • Ms Catherine Morrison, Project Development Manager <i>The Irish Fish Processor and Exporter Association</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Lorcán Ó Cinnéide
J133	02/07/2015	Issues concerning the Beef Data Genomics Program	<i>The Irish Cattle Breeding Federation</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Sean Coughlan, CEO of ICBF, and Sheep Ireland • Dr Andrew Cromie, Technical Director

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J134	07/07/2015	The Horse Industry	<p><i>Horse Sport Ireland</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Professor Patrick Wall, Chairman • Mr Damian McDonald, CEO • Mr James Kennedy, Chairman of the Finance Committee • Mr Mark Bolger, Finance Director <p><i>The Irish Bookmakers Association</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms Sharon Byrne, Chairperson • Mr Paul Tully, Director of Tully's Bookmakers
J135	08/07/2015	National Strategic Plan for Sustainable Aquaculture Development	<p><i>Irish Farmers' Association Aquaculture Committee</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Richie Flynn, Aquaculture Executive Secretary <p><i>The Irish Seal Sanctuary's Sea Fisheries Advisory Group</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Brendan Price <p><i>The Environmental Pillar</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Michael Ewing, Coordinator • Ms Karin Dubsky • Mr Rory Keatinge <p><i>Iascairí Intíre Cois Cladach na hÉireann</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Eamon O'Corcora • Mr John Connolly

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J136	14/07/2015	<p>(i) Scrutiny of EU Legislative Proposals: Schedule A: COM(2015)294</p> <p>(ii) National Strategic Plan for Sustainable Aquaculture Development (resumed)</p> <p>(iii) The Horse Industry (resumed)</p>	<p>(ii) <i>Inland Fisheries Ireland</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Gregory Forde, Head of Operations • Dr Paddy Gargan, Senior Research Officer <p>(iii) <i>Irish Thoroughbred Breeders Association</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Derek Icton, Chairman • Mr Shane O'Dwyer, Manager <p>(iii) <i>Irish Horse Welfare Trust</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms Sharon Power, Co-founder • Ms Jane Myerscough, Chairperson • Ms Claire Owens, Welfare Officer <p>(iii) <i>County and City Management Association</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Brendan McGrath, Chair CCMA Environment, Climate Change and Emergency Planning Committee & Chief Executive of Galway City Council. • Mr Joe Boland, Director of Services, Environment, Kildare County Council • Mr Garrett Shine, County Vet, Louth • Mr John McCarthy, Veterinary Officer, Limerick <p>(iii) <i>Irish Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Andrew Kelly, CEO • Ms Barbara Bent, Chair of the ISPCA Board of Directors
J137	21/07/2015	Financial loss due to lands being designated as Special Protection Areas (Hen Harrier)	<p><i>Irish Farmers with Designated Land (Hen Harrier) (IFDL)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Liam O Keefe, Chairman • Mr Michael Cronin, Acting Secretary • Mr Jason Fitzgerald • Mr Kennet Fitzgerald

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J138	29/09/2015	Private Meeting	
J139	30/09/2015	Mid-year Review of the 2015 Estimates for Public Services – Vote 30 (Department of Agriculture, Food and The Marine)	<i>Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Simon Coveney, Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine • Ann Derwin, Assistant Secretary General • Sinead McPhillips, Chief Economist • Heber McMahon, Principal Officer • Martin Crowley, Assistant Principal
J140	06/10/2015	Income volatility in the Dairy Sector and Targeted Support for the Sheep Sector	<i>Irish Farmers' Association</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eddie Downey, President • Pat Smith, General Secretary <i>On Sheep:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • John Lynskey, Sheep Chairman • Peter Shields, Sheep Vice-chairman • Kevin Kinsella, Director of Livestock <i>On Dairy:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sean O'Leary, Dairy Chairman • Teddy Cashman, Liquid Milk Chairman • Catherine Lascurettes, Dairy Executive
J141	08/10/2015	The Organic Farming Scheme	<i>Organic Farmers Representative Body</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Padraic Finnegan, Chairman • Padraic Connelly, Secretary • Enda Monaghan, Committee Member • Michael Lambert, Committee Member
J142	15/10/2015	CANCELLED	

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J143	20/10/2015	The Greyhound Racing Industry	<p><i>Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Tom Hayes T.D. Minister of State • Brendan Gleeson, Assistant Secretary • Gerry Greally, Senior Inspector <p><i>Irish Greyhound Owners and Breeders Federation (IGOBF)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brigid Frank, Chairperson • Edward Gus Ryan, Honorary Vice President • Tony Walsh, delegate for Mullingar Greyhound Owners & Breeders Association (GOBA) • Brenda Powderly, Secretary <p><i>Irish Greyhound Board (IGB)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Phil Meaney, Chairman of the Board • Geraldine Larkin, CEO • Mike Murnane, Chief Financial Officer • Colm Gaynor, Board Member

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J144	03/11/2015	The Dairy Industry	<p><i>Irish Creamery Milk Suppliers Association (ICMSA)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • John Comer, President • Pat McCormack, Deputy President • John Enright, General Secretary • Paul Smyth, Policy Officer <p><i>Irish Cattle and Sheep Farmers' Association (ICSA)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Patrick Kent, President • John Brooks, Sheep Chairman • Edmond Phelan, Beef Chairman • Nessa Fitzgibbons, PRO <p><i>Macra na Feirme</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sean Finan, Macra national president • Bryan Hynes, Chairman of Agricultural Affairs committee • Edmond Connolly, Macra CEO • Derrie Dillon, Agricultural Affairs manager
J145	10/11/2015	(i) EID Tagging (ii) The development needs of the Irish Harness Racing Industry	<p>(i) <i>ICOS</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Michael Spellman, Vice President • Ray Doyle, Livestock & Environmental Services Executive <p>(ii) <i>Irish Harness Racing Association</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mark Flanagan – Chairman James O'Sullivan - Treasurer Arthur Cooper - Consultant Ryan Ferris – Assistant • Peadar O'Scanaill – Veterinary Consultant

MEETING No.	DATE	TOPIC	ORGANISATIONS, GROUPS AND INDIVIDUALS WHO ATTENDED
J146	17/11/2015	(i) The Beef Data Genomics Program (ii) Organic Farming Scheme	<p>(i) <i>Irish Cattle Breeding Federation (ICBF)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sean Coughlan, Chief Executive • Andrew Cromie, Technical Director <p>(ii) <i>Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paul Dillon, Assistant Secretary • Ronan O'Flaherty, Principle Officer • Joan Furlong, Assistant Principle Officer • Frank Macken, Agricultural Inspector
J147	18/11/2015	Motion re: Horse and Greyhound Racing Fund Regulations 2015	<p><i>Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Simon Coveney, Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine • Brendan Gleeson, Assistant Secretary • Gerry Greally, Special Investigator • Anne Marie Daly, Higher Executive Officer

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J148	24/11/2015	The Dairy Industry	<p><i>ORNUA</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr Joe Collins, Managing Director, Ornua Dairy Trading and Ingredients Ms Anne Randles, Company Secretary <p><i>Allied Irish Bank</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr Ken Burke, Head of Business Banking Ms Margaret Brennan, Head of Sectors Dr Anne Finnegan, Head of Agriculture Sector <p><i>Bank of Ireland</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr Mark Cunningham, Managing Director Mr Sean Farrell, Head of Agriculture <p><i>Ulster Bank</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr Eddie Cullen, Managing Director, Commercial Banking Division Dr Ailish Byrne, Senior Agricultural Manager <p><i>Banking and Payments Federation of Ireland</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr Maurice Crowley, Director, Banking and Payments
J149	25/11/2015	Private Meeting	
J150	01/12/2015	<p>(i) Scrutiny of EU Legislative Proposals: Schedule A: COM(2015)559</p> <p>(ii) The Organic Farming Scheme</p> <p>(iii) Sea Fisheries Sustainability Impact Assessment</p>	<p>(ii) <i>Bord Bia</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mark Zieg, Sector Manager (Beef) Declan Fennell, Sector Manager (Sheep & Special Marketing Initiatives) Eileen Bentley, Entrepreneurship Manager <p>(iii) <i>Birdwatch Ireland</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Siobhán Egan, Head of Policy, Communications & People Engagement
J151	03/12/2015	CANCELLED	

MEETING No.	DATE	TOPIC	ORGANISATIONS, GROUPS AND INDIVIDUALS WHO ATTENDED
J152	08/12/2015	<p>(i) Pre-EU Council Meeting of Agriculture and Fisheries (AGRI FISH) and the Sea Fisheries Sustainability Impact Assessment</p> <p>(ii) DAFM Six-monthly Report on Developments in the EU</p> <p>(iii) Beef Data Genomics Program (resumed)</p>	<p><i>Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine</i></p> <p>(i)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Simon Coveney, Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine • Mr Cecil Beamish, Assistant Secretary General • Mr Josephine Kelly, Principal Officer • Mr Colm O'Suilleabhain, Assistant Principal <p>(ii)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Aidan O'Driscoll, Secretary General • Ms Brid Cannon, Assistant Secretary General • Mr Paul Savage, Principal Officer <p>(iii)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Brendan Gleeson, Assistant Secretary General • Mr Colm Hayes, Principle Officer • Mr Frank Macken, Agricultural Inspector • Mr Peter Johnston, Higher Executive Officer • Ms Carmel Delahunt, Assistant Principal
J153	15/12/2015	The Harness Racing Industry (Resumed)	<p><i>Horse Racing Ireland (HRI)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Brian Kavanagh – CEO • Mr. Michael O'Rourke – Director of Marketing & Communications <p><i>Horse Sport Ireland (HSI)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prof Patrick Wall, Chairman • Mr. Mark Bolger, Director of Finance and Operations
J154	14/01/2016	Private Meeting	
J155	20/01/2016	Private Meeting	
J156	26/01/2016	Private Meeting	

APPENDIX 4: MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THURSDAY, 15 JANUARY 2015

1. The Joint Committee met at 10 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 Ferris, Willie Penrose, Éamon Ó Cuív and Thomas Pringle.

Senators Mary Ann O'Brien and Brian Ó Domhnaill.

Apologies were received from Deputies Martin Heydon and Michael McNamara and Senators Michael Comiskey and Pat O'Neill.

3. PRIVATE SESSION

The Committee agreed to go into private session at 10.15 a.m.

4. ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION

5. ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION

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9. ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION

10. ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION

The Committee went out of private session

11. SCRUTINY OF EU LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS

The Committee discussed the European legislative proposals before it, as outlined in Schedule B. A description of the Proposals and the decision taken are contained in Appendix 1.

12. TAKING OF EVIDENCE

The Committee took oral evidence from representatives from the Irish Dairy Board - Mr Aaron Forde, Chairman, Mr Bernard Condon, Director of Dairy Trade and Ingredients Division and Ms Anne Randles, Secretary in relation to potential difficulties and price volatility facing the Dairy Industry in 2015.

Debate ensued and concluded.

13. ADJOURNMENT

The Committee adjourned at 12.40 p.m. until 2.00 p.m. on Tuesday 20 January 2015.

Andrew Doyle, T.D.
Chairman
20 January, 2015

APPENDIX 1

List of EU legislative proposals as scrutinised in Committee Date of meeting: Tuesday 15 January 2015

Schedule B:

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

COM (2014) 593 - Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council suspending certain concessions relating to the import into the Union of agricultural products originating in Turkey (codification);

COM (2014) 628 - Proposal for a Council Implementing Decision amending the list of non-cooperating third countries in fighting IUU fishing pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 1005/2008 establishing a Community system to prevent, deter and eliminate illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing;

COM (2014) 629 - Proposal for a Council Implementing Decision amending the list of non-cooperating third countries in fighting IUU fishing pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 1005/2008 establishing a Community system to prevent, deter and eliminate illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing;

COM (2014) 682 - Proposal for a Council Decision on the signature, on behalf of the European Union, and provisional application of the Protocol setting out the fishing opportunities and the financial contribution provided for in the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Community and the Republic of Madagascar;

COM (2014) 683 - Proposal for a Council Decision on the conclusion of the Protocol setting out the fishing opportunities and the financial contribution provided for in the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Community and the Republic of Madagascar;

COM (2014) 684 - Proposal for a Council Regulation concerning the allocation of the fishing opportunities under the Protocol setting out the fishing opportunities and the financial contribution provided for by the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Community and the Republic of Madagascar;

MINUTES OF MEETING OF TUESDAY, 20 JANUARY 2015

1. The Joint Committee met at 2.45 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, Éamon Ó Cuív, Willie Penrose and Thomas Pringle.

Senators Michael Comiskey, Denis Landy, Mary Ann O'Brien and Pat O'Neill.

Also present:

Deputies Michael Fitzmaurice, Michael Healy Rae and Charlie McConalogue attended [SSO 80(2)].

Senator Trevor Ó Clochartaigh attended [SSO 80(2)].

3. PRIVATE SESSION

The Committee agreed to go into private session at 2.52 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. MEETING SUSPENDED

The meeting was suspended at 3.16 p.m. until 3.18.

9. MEETING WITH THE MINISTER FOR AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND THE MARINE

The Minister and his officials took their seats.

The Chairman advised the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine of the Committee's dissatisfaction at the delay in forwarding the documentation to the Committee and that he would make himself available for another day so that the Members have more time to examine the documentation. The Minister alluded that the Commission's observations now superseded the Department's response to these and that he would not be in a position to come back before the Committee in the coming weeks due to his diary commitments.

It was agreed to suspend the meeting for five minutes and go back into private session to allow the Committee to decide its next step on how to proceed.

10. MEETING SUSPENDED

The meeting was suspended at 3.41 p.m. until 3.42 p.m.
The Minister and his officials withdrew from the meeting.

11. ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION

The Committee went out of private session.

12. MEETING WITH THE MINISTER FOR AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND THE MARINE

The Committee met with the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine, Mr Simon Coveney, T.D., Mr Aidan O'Driscoll, Secretary General, Mr Paul Dillon, Assistant Secretary General and Mr Fintan O'Brien, Principal Officer in relation to Ireland's submission to the European Commission on Rural Development Programme 2014-2020.

The Chairman advised the Minister and his officials of the decision of the Committee. The Chairman also extended congratulations to Mr O'Driscoll on his appointment as the new Secretary General of the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine. Debate ensued and concluded.

13. ADJOURNMENT

The Committee adjourned at 5.10 p.m. *sine die*.

Andrew Doyle, T.D.
Chairman
29 January, 2015

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THURSDAY, 29 JANUARY 2015

1. The Joint Committee met at 10 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, Martin Heydon, Éamon Ó Cuív and Willie Penrose.

Senators Michael Comiskey, Denis Landy, Paschal Mooney and Pat O'Neill.

Apologies were received from Deputies Tom Barry, Michael McNamara, Thomas Pringle and Senator Mary Ann O'Brien.

Also present:

Deputy Michael Fitzmaurice substituted for Deputy Thomas Pringle [DSO 92(2)]

3. PRIVATE SESSION

The Committee agreed to go into private session at 10.08 a.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. TAKING OF EVIDENCE

The Committee took oral evidence from representatives from the Health and Safety Authority - Mr Martin O'Halloran, Chief Executive Officer, Mr Brian Higgisson, Assistant Chief Executive, Operational Compliance and Prevention and Mr Pat Griffin, Senior Inspector in relation to concerns regarding the Authority's planned proposal to cut back on farm inspections despite the rise in farm fatalities.

Debate ensued and concluded.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The Committee adjourned at 12.35 p.m. until 2.00 p.m. on Tuesday 3 February 2015.

Andrew Doyle, T.D.
Chairman
3 February, 2015

MINUTES OF MEETING OF TUESDAY, 3 FEBRUARY 2015

1. The Joint Committee met at 2.19 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*), Willie Penrose, Michael McNamara, Éamon Ó Cuív and Thomas Pringle.

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

Apologies were received from Deputies Tom Barry, Martin Ferris and Martin Heydon.

3. PRIVATE SESSION

The Committee agreed to go into private session at 2.19 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. MEETING SUSPENDED

The meeting was suspended at 2.24 p.m. until 2.26 p.m. to allow witnesses to take their seats.

9. TAKING OF EVIDENCE

The Committee took oral evidence from representatives from Bord Bia, Mr Aidan Cotter, Chief Executive and Mr David Owens, Sector Manager in relation to difficulties facing the dairy industry in 2015.

Debate ensued and concluded.

10. MEETING SUSPENDED

The meeting was suspended at 3.27 p.m. until 3.31 p.m. to allow witnesses to take their seats.

11. TAKING OF EVIDENCE

The Committee took oral evidence from representatives from the Irish Co-operative Organisation Society, Mr Martin Keane, President, Mr Seamus ODonohoe, CEO and Mr TJ Flanagan, Dairy Policy Executive and Positive Farmers, Mr Michael Murphy and Mr Con Hurley in relation to difficulties facing the dairy industry in 2015.

Debate ensued and concluded.

12. ADJOURNMENT

The Committee adjourned at 4.47 p.m. until 2 p.m. on Tuesday 10 February 2015.

Andrew Doyle, T.D.
Chairman
10 February 2015

MINUTES OF MEETING OF TUESDAY, 10 FEBRUARY 2015

1. The Joint Committee met at 2.14 p.m. in Committee Room 3, LH 2000, a quorum being present.

2. MEMBERS PRESENT

The following members were present:-

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

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

Apologies were received from Deputy Pat Deering.

3. PRIVATE SESSION

The Committee agreed to go into private session at 2.14 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. TAKING OF EVIDENCE

The Committee took oral evidence from representatives from the Banking and Payments Federation, Mr Maurice Crowley; AIB, Mr Ken Burke, Dr Anne Finnegan and Mr Tadhg Buckley; Bank of Ireland, Mr Mark Cunningham and Mr Sean Farrell; and Ulster Bank, Ms Ailish Byrne and Mr Nigel Walsh in relation to the potential difficulties and price volatility facing the Dairy Industry in 2015.

Debate ensued and concluded.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The Committee adjourned at 3.48 p.m. until 2.00 p.m. on Tuesday 17 February 2015.

Andrew Doyle, T.D.
Chairman
17 February, 2015

MINUTES OF MEETING OF TUESDAY, 17 FEBRUARY 2015

1. The Joint Committee met at 2.30 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 Ferris, Willie Penrose and Thomas Pringle.

Senators Michael Comiskey and Pat O'Neill.

Apologies were received from Deputy Martin Heydon.

Also present:

Senators Terry Brennan and Trevor Ó Clochartaigh attended [SSO 80(2)].

3. PRIVATE SESSION

The Committee agreed to go into private session at 2.36 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. SCRUTINY OF EU LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS

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

10. MEETING SUSPENDED

The meeting was suspended at 2.46 p.m. until 2.48 p.m. to allow the witnesses to take their seats.

11. TAKING OF EVIDENCE

The Committee took oral evidence from representatives from the Irish Islands Marine Resource Organisation - Mr Jerry Early, Mr John O'Brien, Mr James O'Toole, Mr Enda Conneely and Mr John Walsh in relation to the progress being made on the recommendations made in the Joint sub-Committee's Report on *Promoting Sustainable Rural Coastal and Island Communities*.

A number of suggestions were put forward by Members in order for the Committee to progress the recommendations outlined in the Report. The Committee agreed to discuss these in more detail at its next meeting and to get agreement thereto. It was also agreed that the Irish Islands Marine Resource Organisation would identify the recommendations in the Report for priority action in the short and medium term and submit them to the Committee in advance of any debate in the Dáil

12. ADJOURNMENT

The Committee adjourned at 3.40 p.m. until 2 p.m. on Tuesday 10 March 2015.

Andrew Doyle, T.D.
Chairman
10 March 2015

APPENDIX 1

List of EU legislative proposals as scrutinised in Committee Date of meeting: Tuesday 17 February 2015

Schedule B:

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

COM (2014) 613 - Proposal for a Council Regulation fixing for 2015 and 2016 the fishing opportunities for Union fishing vessels for certain deep-sea fish stocks;

COM (2014) 614 - Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a multiannual plan for the stocks of cod, herring and sprat in the Baltic Sea and the fisheries exploiting those stocks, amending Council Regulation (EC) No 2187/2005 and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 1098/2007;

COM (2014) 690 - Proposal for a Council Decision on the position to be adopted on behalf of the European Union within the Council of Members of the International Olive Council concerning the accession of new Members;

COM (2014) 695 - Proposal for a Council Decision on the conclusion of the Protocol setting out the fishing opportunities and the financial contribution provided for in the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Cape Verde;

COM (2014) 696 - Proposal for a Council Decision on the signing, on behalf of the European Union, and provisional application 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 Cape Verde;

COM (2014) 697 - Proposal for a Council Regulation on the allocation of fishing opportunities under the Protocol setting out the fishing opportunities and the financial contribution provided for in the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Cape Verde

MINUTES OF MEETING OF TUESDAY, 10 MARCH 2015

1. The Joint Committee met at 2.14 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, Willie Penrose, Michael McNamara, Éamon Ó Cuív and Thomas Pringle.

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

Apologies were received from Deputy Martin Ferris and Senator Pat O'Neill.

3. PRIVATE SESSION

The Committee agreed to go into private session at 2.14 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

9. SCRUTINY OF EU LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS

The Committee discussed the European legislative proposals before it, as outlined in Schedule B. A description of the Proposals and the decision taken are contained in **Appendix 1**.

10. TAKING OF EVIDENCE

The Committee took oral evidence from Teagasc – Professor Gerry Boyle, Director and Dr. Tom O'Dwyer, Head of Dairy Knowledge Transfer in relation to its activities in 2014 and the potential difficulties and price volatility facing the dairy industry.

Debate ensued and concluded.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The Committee adjourned at 4.53 p.m. until 2 p.m. on Tuesday, 24 March 2015.

Andrew Doyle, T.D.
Chairman
24 March 2015

APPENDIX 1

List of EU legislative proposals as scrutinised in Committee Date of meeting: 10 March 2015

Schedule B:

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

COM (2015) 1 - Proposal for a Council Decision on the approval, on behalf of the European Union, of the Declaration on the granting of fishing opportunities in EU waters to fishing vessels flying the flag of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela in the exclusive economic zone off the coast of French Guiana;

COM (2014) 719 - Proposal for a Council Regulation fixing for 2015 the fishing opportunities for certain fish stocks and groups of fish stocks in the Black Sea;

COM (2014) 744 - Proposal for a Council Decision on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union within the Committee on Trade in Goods set up by the Free Trade Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Korea, of the other part, as regards the adoption of the rules on TRQ administration.

MINUTES OF MEETING OF TUESDAY, 24 MARCH 2015

1. The Joint Committee met at 2 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, Michael McNamara, Éamon Ó Cuív and Thomas Pringle.

Senators Denis Landy and Pat O'Neill.

Apologies were received from Deputies Martin Heydon, Willie Penrose and Senator Brian Ó Domhnaill.

3. PRIVATE SESSION

The Committee agreed to go into private session at 2.09 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. TAKING OF EVIDENCE

The Committee took oral evidence from representatives from Bord Iascaigh Mhara - Mr Michael Keatinge, Interim CEO, Mr Donal Maguire, Director, Aquaculture Development Services, Mr Donal Buckley, Business Development and Innovation Director and Mr Connie Kelleher, Director of Corporate Services in relation to the Bord's Annual Report 2013.

Debate ensued and concluded.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The Committee adjourned at 4.32 p.m. until 3.15 p.m. on Tuesday 31 March 2015.

Andrew Doyle, T.D.
Chairman
31 March, 2015

MINUTES OF MEETING OF TUESDAY, 31 MARCH 2015

1. The Joint Committee met at 3.28 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, Willie Penrose and Thomas Pringle.

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

Apologies were received from Deputies Pat Deering, Michael McNamara and Senator Michael Comiskey.

3. PRIVATE SESSION

The Committee agreed to go into private session at 3.28 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 discussed the European legislative proposals before it, as outlined in Schedule B. A description of the Proposals and the decision taken are contained in **Appendix 1**.

11. MEETING SUSPENDED

The meeting was suspended at 3.58 p.m. until 3.59 p.m. to allow witnesses to take their seats.

12. TAKING OF EVIDENCE

The Committee took oral evidence from representatives from Animal Health Ireland – Mr Mike Magan, Chairman, Mr Joe O'Flaherty, CEO, Mr David Graham, Deputy CEO and Ms Finola McCoy, Programme Manager Cell Check in relation to its Annual Report 2013.

Debate ensued and concluded.

13. ADJOURNMENT

The Committee adjourned at 4.52 p.m. until 2 p.m. on Tuesday 14 April 2015

Andrew Doyle, T.D.
Chairman
14 April 2015

APPENDIX 1

List of EU legislative proposals as scrutinised in Committee Date of meeting: Tuesday 31 March 2015

Schedule B:

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

COM(2015)52 - Proposal for a Council Decision establishing the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union within the International Grains Council with respect to the extension of the Grains Trade Convention 1995

COM(2015)53 - Proposal for a Council Decision establishing the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union within the International Sugar Council as regards the extension of the International Sugar Agreement 1992

COM(2015)71 - Proposal for a Council Decision to conclude, on behalf of the European Union, the Exchange of Letters to obtain membership of the Extended Commission of the Convention for the Conservation of Southern Bluefin Tuna

COM(2015)72 - Proposal for a Council Decision on the signing, on behalf of the European Union, and provisional application of the Exchange of Letters to obtain membership of the Extended Commission of the Convention for the Conservation of Southern Bluefin Tuna

MINUTES OF MEETING OF TUESDAY, 14 APRIL 2015

1. The Joint Committee met at 2 p.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, Éamon Ó Cuív and Thomas Pringle.

Senators Michael Comiskey and Pat O'Neill.

Apologies were received from Deputy Michael McNamara and Senators Denis Landy, Mary Ann O'Brien and Brian Ó Domhnaill.

Also present:

Deputies Paul Connaughton, Michael Fitzmaurice, Noel Harrington and Sean Kyne attended [DSO 92(3)].

3. PRIVATE SESSION

The Committee agreed to go into private session at 2.09 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 discussed the European legislative proposals before it, as outlined in Schedule A. A description of the Proposals and the decision taken are contained in **Appendix 1**.

9. TAKING OF EVIDENCE

The Committee took oral evidence from representatives from the Irish Farmers' Association - Mr Eddie Downey, President, Mr Pat Dunne, IFA Hill Chairman, Mr Flor McCarthy, IFA Rural Development Chairman, Mr Pat Smith, General Secretary and Mr Tom Turley, Connacht Regional Chairman; and the Agricultural Consultants Association - Mr Tom Dawson, President, Mr Breian Carroll and Mr Brian Dolan in relation to uncertainty faced by farmers regarding eligibility of marginal land under the Basic Payment Scheme and issues concerning GLAS.

Debate ensued and concluded.

10. TAKING OF EVIDENCE

The Committee took oral evidence from representatives from the Irish Natura and Hill Farmers Association - Mr Brendan Joyce, Director of Policy, Mr Colm O'Donnell, Director of Policy and Mr Joe Condon, Assistant Chairman; and from the Irish Cattle and Sheep Farmers' Association - Mr Patrick Kent, President and Mr Eddie Punch, General Secretary in relation to uncertainty faced by farmers regarding eligibility of marginal land under the Basic Payment Scheme and issues concerning GLAS.

Debate ensued and concluded.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The Committee adjourned at 5.20 p.m. until 2 p.m. on Tuesday 21 April 2015.

Andrew Doyle, T.D.
Chairman
21 April, 2015

MINUTES OF MEETING OF TUESDAY, 21 APRIL 2015

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

Senators Michael Comiskey and Pat O'Neill.

Apologies were received from Senators Denis Landy, Mary Anne O'Brien and Brian Ó Domhnaill.

Also present:

Senator Darragh O'Brien attended [SSO 80(2)].

3. PRIVATE SESSION

The Committee agreed to go into private session at 2.12 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. TAKING OF EVIDENCE

The Committee took oral evidence from representatives from the Irish Farmers' Association Protected Crops Committee - Mr Matt Foley, Chairman, Mr Paul Brophy, Mr Colm Grimes, and Mr Eddie Doyle, Chairman of the IFA Potato Committee in relation to the challenges in the indigenous fruit and vegetables sector in Ireland.

Debate ensued and concluded

It was agreed that a press statement would be issued highlighting the issues raised at today's meeting.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The Committee adjourned at 5.55 p.m. until 2.00 p.m. on Tuesday 28 April 2015.

Andrew Doyle, T.D.
Chairman
28 April, 2015

MINUTES OF MEETING OF TUESDAY, 28 APRIL 2015

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

Senators Michael Comiskey, Denis Landy, Paschal Mooney and Pat O'Neill.

Apologies were received from Deputy Martin Heydon.

Also present:

Deputies Michael Fitzmaurice, Noel Harrington and Sean Kyne attended [DSO 92(3)]. Senator Trevor Ó Clochartaigh attended [SSO 80(2)].

3. PRIVATE SESSION

The Committee agreed to go into private session at 2.13 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 2.30 p.m. until 3.30 p.m.

10. TAKING OF EVIDENCE

The Committee took oral evidence from representatives from the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine - Dr Kevin Smyth, Assistant Secretary, Dr Al Grogan, Senior Inspector, Mr Paud Evans, Principle Officer, Mr Thomas Harty, Assistant Agricultural Inspector and Mr Lorcan O'Shea, Senior Inspector in relation to uncertainty faced by farmers regarding eligibility of marginal land under the Basic Payment Scheme and issues concerning GLAS.

Debate ensued.

It was agreed that the officials would revert to the Committee with clarification on a number of issues raised at meeting.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The Committee adjourned at 6.15 p.m. *sine die*.

Andrew Doyle, T.D.
Chairman
12 May, 2015

APPENDIX 1

List of EU legislative proposals as scrutinised in Committee Date of meeting: Tuesday 28 April 2015

Schedule A:

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

COM (2015) 141 - Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council fixing the adjustment rate provided for in Regulation (EU) No 1306/2013 for direct payments in respect of calendar year 2015.

MINUTES OF MEETING OF TUESDAY, 12 MAY 2015

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

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

Apologies were received from Deputy Martin Heydon and Senator Denis Landy.

3. PRIVATE SESSION

The Committee agreed to go into private session at 2.14 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. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND THE MARINE SIX MONTH REPORT ON DEVELOPMENTS IN THE EU

The Committee took oral evidence from the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine - Mr Aidan O'Driscoll, Secretary General in relation to the Department's Six month Report on Developments in the EU.

Debate ensued and concluded.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The Committee adjourned at 4.40 p.m. until 2 p.m. on Wednesday 27 May 2015.

Andrew Doyle, T.D.
Chairman
27 May 2015

MINUTES OF MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, 27 MAY 2015

1. The Joint Committee met at 2.30 p.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, Martin Heydon, Willie Penrose, Éamon Ó Cuív and Thomas Pringle.

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

Apologies were received from Deputy Michael McNamara.

Also present:

Deputy Noel Harrington attended [DSO 92(3)]

Senator Trevor Ó Clochartaigh attended [SSO 80(2)]

3. PRIVATE SESSION

The Committee agreed to go into private session at 2.40 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. SCRUTINY OF EU LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS

The Committee discussed the European legislative proposals before it, as outlined in Schedule A and Schedule B. A description of the Proposals and the decision taken are contained in **Appendix 1**.

10. TAKING OF EVIDENCE

The Committee took oral evidence from representatives from Bord Iascaigh Mhara - Mr Michael Keatinge, Interim Chief Executive Officer and Mr Donal Maguire Director, Aquaculture Development in relation to Fishing Local Action Groups (FLAGs).

Debate ensued and concluded.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The Committee adjourned at 4.40 p.m. until 2.00 p.m. on Tuesday 9 June 2015.

Andrew Doyle, T.D.
Chairman
9 June, 2015

APPENDIX 1

List of EU legislative proposals as scrutinised in Committee Date of meeting: 27 May 2015

(1) Schedule A:

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

COM (2015) 177 - Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EC) No 1829/2003 as regards the possibility for the Member States to restrict or prohibit the use of genetically modified food and feed on their territory.

(2) Schedule B

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

COM (2015) 121 - Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EU) No 1236/2010 of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down a scheme of control and enforcement applicable in the area covered by the Convention on future multilateral cooperation in the North-East Atlantic fisheries.

COM (2015) 167 - Proposal for a Council Decision on the position to be adopted, on behalf of the European Union, in the EEA Joint Committee concerning an amendment to Annex II (Technical regulations, standards, testing and certification) of the EEA Agreement (Novel foods).

COM (2015) 174 - Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council repealing Council Directive 76/621/EEC relating to the fixing of the maximum level of erucic acid in oils and fats and Council Regulation (EC) No 320/2006 establishing a temporary scheme for the restructuring of the sugar industry.

COM (2015) 180 - Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on a multiannual recovery plan for Bluefin tuna in the eastern Atlantic and the Mediterranean repealing Regulation (EC) No 302/2009.

MINUTES OF MEETING OF TUESDAY, 9 JUNE 2015

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, Pat Deering, Andrew Doyle (*in the Chair*), Martin Ferris, Éamon Ó Cuív, Willie Penrose and Thomas Pringle.

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

Apologies were received from Deputy Martin Heydon and Senators Denis Landy and Mary Ann O'Brien.

3. PRIVATE SESSION

The Committee agreed to go into private session at 2.14 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 – COM (2015)177

The Committee met with the officials from the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine – Mr Dermot Ryan, Deputy Chief Inspector, Mr Gerry Lohan, Agriculture Inspector and Ms Sinéad McPhillips, Assistant Principal Officer; Department of Health – Mr Gregory Canning, Head of Food Unit and representatives from the Environmental Protection Agency – Dr Thomas McLoughlin, Senior Biotechnologist to consider the EU Legislative Proposal COM (2015) 177 – amending Regulation (EC) No 1829/2003 as regards the possibility for Member States to restrict or prohibit the use of genetically modified food and feed on their territory.

Debate ensued.

The Chairman proposed that a political contribution should be drafted outlining the Committee's views on this proposal. The draft contribution to be considered at the next Committee's meeting with a view to the finalised contribution issuing to the relevant institutions in the EU for consideration and a copy sent to the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine for his information.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The Committee adjourned at 4.22 p.m. until 2.00 p.m. on Tuesday 16 June 2015.

Andrew Doyle, T.D.
Chairman
16 June 2015

MINUTES OF MEETING OF TUESDAY, 9 JUNE 2015

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, Pat Deering, Andrew Doyle (*in the Chair*), Martin Ferris, Éamon Ó Cuív, Willie Penrose and Thomas Pringle.

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

Apologies were received from Deputy Martin Heydon and Senators Denis Landy and Mary Ann O'Brien.

3. PRIVATE SESSION

The Committee agreed to go into private session at 2.14 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 – COM (2015)177

The Committee met with the officials from the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine – Mr Dermot Ryan, Deputy Chief Inspector, Mr Gerry Lohan, Agriculture Inspector and Ms Sinéad McPhillips, Assistant Principal Officer; Department of Health – Mr Gregory Canning, Head of Food Unit and representatives from the Environmental Protection Agency – Dr Thomas McLoughlin, Senior Biotechnologist to consider the EU Legislative Proposal COM (2015) 177 – amending Regulation (EC) No 1829/2003 as regards the possibility for Member States to restrict or prohibit the use of genetically modified food and feed on their territory.

Debate ensued.

The Chairman proposed that a political contribution should be drafted outlining the Committee's views on this proposal. The draft contribution to be considered at the next Committee's meeting with a view to the finalised contribution issuing to the relevant institutions in the EU for consideration and a copy sent to the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine for his information.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The Committee adjourned at 4.22 p.m. until 2.00 p.m. on Tuesday 16 June 2015.

Andrew Doyle, T.D.
Chairman
16 June 2015

MINUTES OF MEETING OF TUESDAY, 16 JUNE 2015

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

Senators Michael Comiskey, Denis Landy, Mary Ann O'Brien and Pat O'Neill.

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. TAKING OF EVIDENCE

The Committee took oral evidence from officials from the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine – Mr Brendan Gleeson, Assistant Secretary, Mr Gordon Conroy, Principal Officer, Mr Colm Hayes, Principal Officer, Mr Fintan O'Brien, Principal Officer and Mr JP Mulherin, Assistant Principal Officer in relation to the Beef Data and Genomics Scheme.

At 3.40 p.m. Deputy Pat Deering, Vice Chairman took the Chair.

Debate ensued and concluded.

11. MEETING SUSPENDED

The meeting was suspended at 4.23 p.m. until 4.27 p.m.

12. TAKING OF EVIDENCE

The Committee took oral evidence from representatives from Macra na Feirme – Mr Sean Finan, National President, Mr Bryan Hynes, Agriculture Affairs Committee Chairman and Mr Derrie Dillon, Agriculture & Rural Affairs Manager; and the Irish Cattle and Sheep Farmers' Association – Mr Patrick Kent, President, Mr Eddie Punch,

General Secretary, Mr Cathal O'Reilly, Mr James Fitzgerald, Mr Kenneth O'Brien and Mr Michael Murphy in relation to difficulties effecting a cohort of old young farmers referred to as the 'Forgotten Farmers'.

Debate ensued.

13. MEETING SUSPENDED

The meeting was suspended at 4.59 p.m. until 5.17 p.m. due to a vote in the Dáil.

14. TAKING OF EVIDENCE

The Committee resumed taking oral evidence from representatives from Macra na Feirme and the Irish Cattle and Sheep Farmers' Association in relation to difficulties effecting a cohort of old young farmers referred to as the 'Forgotten Farmers'.

Debate ensued.

Deputy Denis Naughten proposed the following:-

"That a new category of special disadvantage be established for all farmers under the age of forty years in receipt of low payments established prior to 2008."

Deputy Michael Fitzmaurice seconded the proposal.

The Vice-Chairman advised the Committee that the proposal would be placed on the agenda for consideration for the next meeting of the Committee.

15. ADJOURNMENT

The Committee adjourned at 5.40 p.m. until 5 p.m. on Tuesday 23 June 2015.

Andrew Doyle, T.D.
Chairman
30 June, 2015

MINUTES OF MEETING OF TUESDAY, 23 JUNE 2015

1. The Joint Committee held a **joint meeting** with the Joint Committee on Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation and the Joint Committee on European Union Affairs at 1.35 p.m. in Committee Room 3, LH2000, a quorum being present.

2. MEMBERS PRESENT

The following members of the Joint Committee on Agriculture, Food and the Marine were present:-

Deputies: Andrew Doyle, Pat Deering, Martin Ferris, Éamon Ó Cuív, Willie Penrose and Thomas Pringle.

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

Apologies were received from: Deputy Michael McNamara.

The following members of the Joint Committee on Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation were present:-

Deputies: Marcella Corcoran-Kennedy, Anthony Lawlor, John Lyons and Peadar Tóibín.

Senators: Hildegard Naughton and Feargal Quinn.

Apologies were received from: Deputies Dara Calleary and Michael Conaghan and Senator Mary White.

The following members of the Joint Committee on European Union Affairs were present:-

Deputies: Seán Kyne, Eric Byrne, Timmy Dooley, Bernard J. Durkan and John Halligan.

Apologies were received from: Deputies Dominic Hannigan, Sean Crowe and Joe O'Reilly and Senator Terry Leydon.

Deputy Arthur Spring attended [DSO 92(3)]

The meeting was chaired by Deputy Marcella Corcoran Kennedy, Chair of the Joint Committee on Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation, who was joined by Deputy Andrew Doyle, Chair of the Joint Committee on Agriculture, Food and the Marine and Deputy Seán Kyne, Vice-Chair of the Joint Committee on EU Affairs.

3. MEETING SUSPENDED

The meeting was suspended at 1.36 p.m. until 1.41 p.m.

4. DISCUSSION ON THE TRANSATLANTIC TRADE AND INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP, A POTENTIAL EU-US TRADE AGREEMENT CURRENTLY UNDER NEGOTIATION

The Committee met with Mr Richard Bruton T.D., Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation in relation to the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership.

Debate ensued and concluded.

5. ADJOURNMENT

The Committee adjourned at 3.30 p.m. *sine die*.

Andrew Doyle, T.D.
Chairman
30 June 2015

MINUTES OF MEETING OF TUESDAY, 23 JUNE 2015

1. The Joint Committee met at 5.00 p.m. in Committee Room 2, 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, Éamon Ó Cuív and Thomas Pringle.

Senators Michael Comiskey, Denis Landy and Pat O'Neill.

Apologies were received from Deputy Michael McNamara.

Also present:

Deputy Paul Connaughton attended [DSO 92(3)].

3. ADDRESS BY THE EU COMMISSIONER FOR AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT ON AN OVERVIEW OF DEVELOPMENTS IN THE AGRICULTURE SECTOR

The Chairman welcomed the EU Commissioner for Agriculture and Rural Development, Mr Phil Hogan to the meeting.

The Commissioner addressed the Committee on matters affecting Irish and European agriculture, giving brief overviews on CAP simplification, the Beef Data and Genomics Scheme, the Milk Market situation and outlook, origin labelling, beef markets, fertiliser prices, climate change and the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Programme.

Debate ensued.

4. MEETING SUSPENDED

The meeting was suspended at 5.12 p.m. until 5.37 p.m. due to a vote in the Dáil.

5. ADDRESS BY THE EU COMMISSIONER FOR AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT ON AN OVERVIEW OF DEVELOPMENTS IN THE AGRICULTURE SECTOR

The Committee resumed its discussion with the EU Commissioner for Agriculture and Rural Development on matters affecting Irish and European Agriculture.

Debate ensued and concluded.

6. ADJOURNMENT

The Committee adjourned at 6.55 p.m. until 2.00 p.m. on Tuesday 30 June 2015.

Andrew Doyle, T.D.
Chairman
30 June 2015

MINUTES OF MEETING OF TUESDAY, 30 JUNE 2015

1. The Joint Committee met at 1.30 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, Éamon Ó Cuív, Willie Penrose and Thomas Pringle.

Senators Michael Comiskey, Denis Landy and Paschal Mooney.

Apologies were received from Deputy Pat Deering and Senator Pat O'Neill.

Also present:

Deputy Denis Naughten attended [DSO 92(3)].

Senator Trevor Ó Clochartaigh attended [SSO 80(2)].

3. PRIVATE SESSION

The Committee agreed to go into private session at 1.39 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. TAKING OF EVIDENCE

The Committee took oral evidence from the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine in relation to landing obligations and the mismanagement of fishing fleet capacity.

Debate ensued and concluded.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The Committee adjourned at 3.45 p.m. until 4.30 p.m. on Wednesday 1 July 2015.

Andrew Doyle, T.D.
Chairman
7 July 2015

MINUTES OF MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, 1 JULY 2015

1. The Joint Committee met at 4.30 p.m. in Committee Room 2, 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 and Willie Penrose.

Senators Michael Comiskey and Brian Ó Domhnaill.

Apologies were received from Deputies Eamon Ó Cuív and Thomas Pringle.

3. NATIONAL STRATEGY PLAN FOR SUSTAINABLE AQUACULTURE DEVELOPMENT

The Committee took oral evidence from representatives from Bord Iascaigh Mhara – Mr Donal Maguire, Director, Aquaculture Development Division and the Irish Fish Processor and Exporter Association – Lorcán Ó Cinnéide Uas. in relation to the Committee's submission on the National Strategic Plan for Sustainable Aquaculture Development.

Debate ensued.

4. MEETING SUSPENDED

The meeting was suspended at 4.42 p.m. until 5.47 p.m. due to a vote in the Dáil.

5. NATIONAL STRATEGY PLAN FOR SUSTAINABLE AQUACULTURE DEVELOPMENT

The Committee resumed its discussion with the representatives from Bord Iascaigh Mhara and the Irish Fish Processor and Exporter Association on the Committee's submission on the National Strategic Plan for Sustainable Aquaculture Development.

Debate ensued and concluded.

6. ADJOURNMENT

The Committee adjourned at 6.40 p.m. until 10 a.m. on Thursday, 2 July 2015.

Andrew Doyle, T.D.
Chairman
7 July, 2015

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THURSDAY, 2 JULY 2015

1. The Joint Committee met at 11.30 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, Martin Heydon, Michael McNamara, Éamon Ó Cuív and Willie Penrose.

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

Apologies were received from Deputy Thomas Pringle and Senator Denis Landy.

Also present:

Deputy Bobby Aylward attended [DSO 92(3)].

3. PRIVATE SESSION

The Committee agreed to go into private session at 11.39 a.m.

4. ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION

5. ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION

The Committee went out of private session

6. BEEF DATA GENOMICS PROGRAMME

The Committee took oral evidence from representatives from the Irish Cattle Breeding Federation – Mr Sean Coughlan, Chief Executive Officer and Dr Andrew Cromie, Technical Director, ICBF in relation to issues concerning the Beef Data Genomics Program.

Debate ensued.

7. MEETING SUSPENDED

The meeting was suspended at 12.43 p.m. until 1.28 p.m. due to a vote in the Dáil.

8. BEEF DATA GENOMICS PROGRAMME

The Committee resumed its discussion with representatives from the Irish Cattle Breeding Federation in relation to issues concerning the Beef Data Genomics Program.

Debate ensued and concluded.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The Committee adjourned at 2.20 p.m. until 2.00 p.m. on Tuesday 7 July 2015.

Andrew Doyle, T.D.
Chairman
7 July, 2015

MINUTES OF MEETING OF TUESDAY, 7 JULY 2015

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 Andrew Doyle (*in the Chair*), Martin Ferris, Martin Heydon, Éamon Ó Cuív, Willie Penrose and Thomas Pringle.

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

Apologies were received from Deputy Michael McNamara.

Also present:

Deputies Lucinda Creighton, Sean Kyne and Anthony Lawlor attended [DSO 92(3)].

Senator Paul Bradford attended [SSO 80(2)].

3. PRIVATE SESSION

The Committee agreed to go into private session at 4.17 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. SCRUTINY OF EU LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS

The Committee discussed the European legislative proposals before it, as outlined in Schedule A and Schedule B. A description of the Proposals and the decision taken are contained in **Appendix 1**.

10. HORSE INDUSTRY

The Committee took oral evidence from Horse Sport Ireland – Professor Patrick Wall, Chairman, Mr Damian McDonald, CEO, Mr James Kennedy, Chairman of the Finance Committee and Mr Mark Bolger, Finance Director; and from the Irish Bookmakers Association – Ms Sharon Byrne, Chairperson and Mr Paul Tully, Director of Tully's Bookmakers in relation to the horse industry.

Debate ensued.

11. MEETING SUSPENDED

The meeting was suspended at 3.58 p.m. until 4.18 p.m. due to a vote in the Dáil.

12. HORSE INDUSTRY

The Committee resumed its discussion with representatives from Horse Sport Ireland and the Irish Bookmakers Federation in relation to the horse industry.

Debate ensued and concluded.

13. ADJOURNMENT

The Committee adjourned at 4.30 p.m. until 6.30 p.m. on Wednesday, 8 July 2015.

Andrew Doyle, T.D.
Chairman
14 July, 2015

APPENDIX 1

List of EU legislative proposals as scrutinised in Committee Date of meeting: Wednesday 7 July 2015

(1) Schedule A:

Having considered the following proposals and based on the information provided, it was agreed that the following proposals warranted further scrutiny:

COM (2015) 212 - Proposal for a Council Regulation amending Regulation (EU) No 2015/104 as regards certain fishing opportunities.

(2) Schedule B:

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

COM (2015) 280 - 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).

MINUTES OF MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, 8 JULY 2015

1. The Joint Committee met at 6.30 p.m. in Committee Room 4, LH 2000, a quorum being present.

2. MEMBERS PRESENT

The following members were present:-

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

Senator Michael Comiskey.

Apologies were received from Senator Mary Ann O'Brien.

Also present:

Deputies Michael Colreavy, Sandra McLellan and Michael McNamara attended [DSO 92(3)].

Senator Trevor Ó Clochartaigh attended [SSO 80(2)].

3. NATIONAL STRATEGY PLAN FOR SUSTAINABLE AQUACULTURE DEVELOPMENT

The Committee took oral evidence from representatives from IFA Aquaculture – Mr Richie Flynn, Executive; Environment Pillar – Mr Michael Ewing, Co-ordinator, Ms Karin Dubsky and Mr Rory Keatinge; Iascairí Intíre Cois Cladach na hÉireann – an t-Uasal Éamon Ó Corcora and Mr John Connolly; and Irish Seal Sanctuary – Mr Brendan Price in relation to issues surrounding the aquaculture industry.

Debate ensued and concluded.

4. ADJOURNMENT

The Committee adjourned at 9.00 p.m. until 2.00 p.m. on Tuesday 14 July 2015.

Andrew Doyle, T.D.
Chairman
14 July, 2015

MINUTES OF MEETING OF TUESDAY, 14 JULY 2015

1. The Joint Committee met at 2 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 Éamon Ó Cuív, Willie Penrose and Thomas Pringle.

Senators Mary Ann O'Brien and Pat O'Neill.

Apologies were received from Deputy Arthur Spring and Senator Michael Comiskey.

Also present:

Deputies Noel Harrington, Denis Naughten, Anthony Lawlor and Michael McNamara attended [DSO 92(3)].

Senator Trevor Ó Clochtartaigh attended [SSO 80(2)].

3. PRIVATE SESSION

The Committee agreed to go into private session at 2.09 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 discussed the European legislative proposals before it, as outlined in Schedule A. A description of the Proposal and the decision taken are contained in **Appendix 1**.

11. NATIONAL STRATEGY PLAN FOR SUSTAINABLE AQUACULTURE DEVELOPMENT

The Committee took oral evidence from representatives from Inland Fisheries Ireland – Dr Gregory Forde, Head of Operations and Dr Paddy Gargan, Senior Research Officer in relation to issues surrounding the aquaculture industry.

Debate ensued and concluded.

12. MEETING SUSPENDED

The meeting was suspended at 3.48 p.m. until 3.55 p.m.

13. HORSE INDUSTRY

The Committee took oral evidence from representatives from the Irish Thoroughbred Breeders Association – Mr Derek Icton, Chairman and Mr Shane O’ Dwyer, Manager; County and City Managers Association – Mr Brendan McGrath, Chair CCMA Environment, Climate Change and Emergency Planning Committee & Chief Executive of Galway City Council, Mr Joe Boland, Director of Services, Environment, Kildare County Council, Mr Garrett Shine, County Vet, Louth and Mr John McCarthy, Veterinary Officer, Limerick; Irish Horse Welfare Trust – Ms Jane Myerscough, Chairperson, Ms Sharon Power, Co-founder and Ms Claire Owens, Welfare Officer; Irish Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals – Dr Andrew Kelly, CEO and Ms Barbara Bent, Chair of the ISPCA Board of Directors in relation to the horse industry.

14. MEETING SUSPENDED

The meeting was suspended at 5.12 p.m. until 5.36 p.m. due to a vote in the Dáil.

15. TAKING OF EVIDENCE

The Committee resumed its discussion with representatives from the Irish Thoroughbred Breeders Association, County and City Managers Association, Horse Welfare Trust and the Irish Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals in relation to the horse industry.

Debate ensued and concluded.

16. ADJOURNMENT

The Committee adjourned at 6.51 p.m. *sine die*.

Andrew Doyle, T.D.
Chairman
21 July, 2015

APPENDIX 1

List of EU legislative proposals as scrutinised in Committee Date of meeting: 14 July 2015

Schedule A:

Having considered the following proposal and based on the information provided, it was agreed that the following proposal did not warrant further scrutiny:

COM (2015) 294 - Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the establishment of a Union framework for the collection, management and use of data in the fisheries sector and support for scientific advice regarding the Common Fisheries Policy (recast) {SWD(2015) 118 final}

MINUTES OF MEETING OF TUESDAY, 21 JULY 2015

1. The Joint Committee met at 2 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, Éamon Ó Cuív, and Willie Penrose.

Senators Michael Comiskey, Denis Landy, Paschal Mooney and Brian Ó Domhnaill.

Apologies were received from Deputies Martin Heydon and Thomas Pringle.

Also present:

Deputy Michael McNamara attended [DSO 92(3)].

3. PRIVATE SESSION

The Committee agreed to go into private session at 2.12 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. TAKING OF EVIDENCE

The Committee took oral evidence from representatives from Irish Farmers with Designated Land (IFDL) in relation to the issue of the financial loss to landowners due to Hen Harrier designation placed on their land and possible ways of dealing with the issue.

Debate ensued and concluded.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The Committee adjourned at 4.07 p.m. *sine die*.

Andrew Doyle, T.D.
Chairman
30 September, 2015

MINUTES OF MEETING OF TUESDAY, 29 SEPTEMBER 2015

1. The Joint Committee met **in private** at 2.00 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, Éamon Ó Cuív, Willie Penrose and Thomas Pringle.

Senators Michael Comiskey, Denis Landy, Paschal Mooney and Pat O'Neill.

Also present:

Senator Labhrás Ó Murchu attended [SSO 80(2)].

Apologies were received from Deputy Pat Deering.

3. ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION

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. ADJOURNMENT

The Committee adjourned at 3.50 p.m. until 11.00 a.m. on Wednesday 30 September 2015.

Andrew Doyle, T.D.
Chairman
6 October 2015

APPENDIX 1

List of EU legislative proposals as scrutinised in Committee Date of meeting: 29 September 2015

Schedule B:

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

COM (2015) 217 - Proposal for a Council Decision on the position on Decision No 1/2015 to be taken on behalf of the European Union by the Joint Veterinary Committee set up by the Agreement between the European Community and the Swiss Confederation on trade in agricultural products regarding the amendment of Appendices 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 10 and 11 of Annex 11 to the Agreement

COM (2015) 344 - Proposal for a Council Regulation opening and providing for the management of autonomous Union tariff quotas for certain fishery products for the period 2016 to 2018

COM (2015) 346 - Proposal for a Council Decision on the conclusion of the Protocol initialled on 20 March 2015 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

COM (2015) 347 - Proposal for a Council Decision on the signing, on behalf of the European Union, and the provisional application of the Protocol initialled on 20 March 2015 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 (2015) 380 - Proposal for a Council Regulation amending Regulation (EC) No 866/2004 on a regime under Article 2 of Protocol 10 to the Act of Accession as regards goods covered by quality schemes for agricultural products and foodstuffs

MINUTES OF MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, 30 SEPTEMBER 2015

1. The Joint Committee met at 11.00 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, Éamon Ó Cuív, Willie Penrose and Thomas Pringle.

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

3. PRIVATE SESSION

The Committee agreed to go into private session at 11.15 a.m.

4. ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION

The Committee went out of private session

5. MEETING WITH THE MINISTER FOR AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND THE MARINE

The Committee met with the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine in relation to the Mid-Year Review of Vote 30 - Agriculture, Food and the Marine for the year ending 31 December 2015.

The Chairman outlined the structure of the meeting as agreed in private session.

The Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine responded by referring to the criticism of the Department contained in the brief prepared for Members. While the Minister accepted the criticism to a certain degree, he pointed out that there were a lot of good things in the New Zealand model, but that country faces different challenges from Ireland.

It was agreed that for the future, there would be discussions with the Departmental officials and the Committee on a regular basis on performance indicators and to obtain a periodic report on how implementation is working across all sectors with a view to giving an overview.

Debate ensued and concluded.

6. ADJOURNMENT

The Committee adjourned at 1.10 p.m. until 2.00 p.m. on Tuesday 6 October 2015.

Andrew Doyle, T.D.
Chairman
6 October, 2015

MINUTES OF MEETING OF TUESDAY, 6 OCTOBER 2015

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 Pat Deering, Andrew Doyle (*in the Chair*), Martin Ferris and Willie Penrose.

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

Apologies were received from Deputies Martin Heydon and Éamon Ó Cuív.

Also present:

Deputy Denis Naughten attended [DSO 92(3)].

3. PRIVATE SESSION

The Committee agreed to go into private session at 2.17 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. TAKING OF EVIDENCE

The Committee took oral evidence from representatives from the Irish Farmers' Association – Mr Eddie Downey, President, Mr Pat Smith, General Secretary, Mr John Lynskey, Sheep Chairman, Mr Peter Shields, Sheep Vice-Chairman, Mr Kevin Kinsella, Director of Livestock in relation to the sheep sector.

Debate ensued and concluded.

10. MEETING SUSPENDED

The meeting was suspended at 3.37 p.m. until 3.39 p.m.

11. TAKING OF EVIDENCE

The Committee took oral evidence from representatives from the Irish Farmers' Association – Mr Eddie Downey, President, Mr Sean O'Leary, Dairy Chairman, Mr Teddy Cashman, Liquid Milk Chairman and Ms Catherine Lascurettes, Dairy Executive in relation to developments in the dairy sector.

Debate ensued and concluded.

12. ADJOURNMENT

The Committee adjourned at 4.55 p.m. until 10.00 a.m. on Thursday 8 October 2015.

Andrew Doyle, T.D.
Chairman
20 October, 2015

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THURSDAY, 8 OCTOBER 2015

1. The Joint Committee met at 10.00 a.m. in Committee Room 4, LH 2000, a quorum being present.

2. MEMBERS PRESENT

The following members were present:-

Deputies Andrew Doyle (*in the Chair*) and Martin Ferris.

Senators Denis Landy, Paschal Mooney, Mary Ann O'Brien, Brian Ó Domhnaill and Pat O'Neill.

Apologies were received from Deputies Éamon Ó Cuív and Thomas Pringle.

Also present:

Deputy Michael Fitzmaurice substituted for Deputy Thomas Pringle [DSO 92(2)]

3. TAKING OF EVIDENCE

The Committee took oral evidence from representatives from the Organic Farmers Representative Body – Mr Padraic Finnegan, Chairman, Mr Padraic Connelly, Secretary, Mr Enda Monaghan and Mr Michael Lambert in relation to the Organic Farming Scheme.

Debate ensued.

It was agreed to invite the Minister of State at the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine Tom Hayes T.D. and representatives from Bord Bia to discuss how to advance the issues raised today.

4. ADJOURNMENT

The Committee adjourned at 11.30 a.m. until 10.00 a.m. on Thursday 15 October 2015.

Andrew Doyle, T.D.
Chairman
20 October, 2015

MINUTES OF MEETING OF TUESDAY, 20 OCTOBER 2015

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

Senators Denis Landy, Mary Ann O'Brien, Brian Ó Domhnaill and Pat O'Neill.

Apologies were received from Senator Michael Comiskey.

Also present:

Deputies Joe Carey, Ray Butler and Jerry Buttimer attended [DSO 92(3)].

3. PRIVATE SESSION

The Committee agreed to go into private session at 2.14 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

10. TAKING OF EVIDENCE

The Committee took oral evidence in relation to the Greyhound Racing Industry from Mr Tom Hayes T.D., Minister of State at the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine (*with responsibility for Food, Forestry, Horticulture and Food Safety*).

12. MEETING SUSPENDED

The meeting was suspended at 3.45 p.m. until 3.50 p.m.

The meeting resumed taking oral evidence in relation to the Greyhound Racing Industry from representatives from the Irish Greyhound Owners and Breeders Federation – Ms Brigid Frank, Chairperson; Mr Edward Gus Ryan, Honorary Vice President; Mr Tony Walsh, delegate for Mullingar Greyhound Owners & Breeders Association (GOBA); and Ms Brenda Powderly, Secretary.

12. MEETING SUSPENDED

The meeting was suspended at 4.49 p.m. until 4.52 p.m.

The meeting resumed taking oral evidence in relation to the Greyhound Racing Industry from representatives from the Irish Greyhound Board – Mr Phil Meaney, Chairman; Ms Geraldine Larkin, CEO; Mr Mike Murnane, Chief Financial Officer and Mr Colm Gaynor, Board Member.

Debate ensued and concluded.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The Committee adjourned at 6.15 p.m. until 2.00 p.m. on Tuesday 3 November 2015.

Andrew Doyle, T.D.
Chairman
3 November, 2015

APPENDIX 1

List of EU legislative proposals as scrutinised in Committee Date of meeting: Tuesday, 20 October 2015

Schedule B:

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

COM (2015) 410 - Proposal for a Council Decision on the possible relocation of the ICCO headquarter from London to Abidjan

COM (2015) 413 - Proposal for a Council Regulation fixing for 2016 the fishing opportunities for certain fish stocks and groups of fish stocks applicable in the Baltic Sea

COM (2015) 446 - Proposal for a Council Decision on the conclusion of the Agreement in the form of an exchange of letters between the European Union and the Kingdom of Morocco concerning protection of geographical indications and designations of origin for agricultural products, processed agricultural products, fish and fishery products and amending the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an association between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Kingdom of Morocco, of the other part

COM (2015) 448 - Proposal for a Council Decision on the signature, on behalf of the European Union, of the Agreement in the form of an exchange of letters between the European Union and the Kingdom of Morocco concerning protection of geographical indications and designations of origin for agricultural products, processed agricultural products, fish and fishery products and amending the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an association between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Kingdom of Morocco, of the other part

COM (2015) 460 - Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the introduction of emergency autonomous trade measures for the Republic of Tunisia

MINUTES OF MEETING OF TUESDAY, 3 NOVEMBER 2015

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 Pat Deering, Andrew Doyle (*in the Chair*), Martin Ferris, Éamon Ó Cuív, Willie Penrose and Thomas Pringle.

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

Apologies were received from Deputy Martin Heydon.

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

The Committee went out of private session

7. TAKING OF EVIDENCE

The Committee took oral evidence from representatives from the Irish Creamery and Milk Suppliers Association – Mr John Comer, President, Mr Pat McCormack, Deputy President, Mr John Enright, General Secretary and Mr Paul Smyth, Policy Officer in relation to the dairy industry.

8. MEETING SUSPENDED

The meeting was suspended at 4.09 p.m. until 4.16 p.m.

At 4.09 p.m. Deputy Pat Deering took the Chair for part of the meeting.

9. TAKING OF EVIDENCE

The meeting resumed taking oral evidence in relation to the dairy industry and a other agricultural issues from representatives from the Irish Cattle and Sheep Farmers' Association – Mr Patrick Kent, President, Mr John Brooks, Sheep Chairman, Mr Edmond Phelan, Beef Chairman and Ms Nessa Fitzgibbons, PRO; and from Macra na Feirme – Mr Sean Finan, National President, Mr Bryan Hynes, Chairman of Agricultural Affairs Committee, Mr Edmond Connolly, CEO and Mr Derrie Dillon, Agricultural Affairs Manager

Debate ensued.

The Chairman advised that the recommendations highlighted at today's meeting would be considered by the Committee at a later date and, if necessary, the Committee would make updated recommendations to its Report on '*Managing Market Volatility in the Dairy Industry*' to reflect developments in the industry since that Report was published in April 2015.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The Committee adjourned at 5.20 p.m. until 2.00 p.m. on Tuesday 10 November 2015.

Andrew Doyle, T.D.
Chairman
10 November, 2015

MINUTES OF MEETING OF TUESDAY, 10 NOVEMBER 2015

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 Pat Deering, Andrew Doyle (*in the Chair*), Martin Ferris, Éamon Ó Cuív, Willie Penrose and Thomas Pringle.

Senators Michael Comiskey, Denis Landy, Mary Ann O'Brien and Pat O'Neill.

Apologies were received from Deputies Martin Heydon and Arthur Spring.

Also present:

Senator Fiach Mac Conghaile attended [SSO 80(2)].

3. PRIVATE SESSION

The Committee agreed to go into private session at 2.20 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 as outlined in Schedule B for consideration. A description of each Proposal and the decision taken are contained at Appendix 1.

9. TAKING OF EVIDENCE

The Committee took oral evidence from representatives from the Irish Co-operative Organisation Society – Mr Michael Spellman, Vice President and Mr Ray Doyle, Livestock & Environmental Services Executive in relation to Electronic Identification tagging.

Debate ensued.

It was agreed to place the issues highlighted today on the agenda for discussion at the Committee's meeting next week with a view to writing to the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine highlighting the benefits of the EID scheme.

10. MEETING SUSPENDED

The meeting was suspended at 3.38 p.m. until 3.42 p.m.

11. TAKING OF EVIDENCE

The meeting took oral evidence from representatives from the Irish Harness Racing Association – Mr Mark Flanagan, Chairman, Mr James O'Sullivan, Treasurer, Mr Arthur Cooper, Consultant, Mr Ryan Ferris, Assistant and Mr Peadar O'Sullivan, Veterinary Consultant in relation to the development needs of the Irish Harness Racing Industry.

Debate ensued and concluded.

It was agreed to place the issues highlighted today on the agenda for discussion at the Committee's meeting next week.

12. ADJOURNMENT

The Committee adjourned at 4.35 p.m. until 2 p.m. on Tuesday 17 November 2015.

Andrew Doyle, T.D.
Chairman
17 November, 2015

APPENDIX 1

List of EU legislative proposals as scrutinised in Committee

Date of meeting: Tuesday 10 November 2015

Schedule B:

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

COM (2015) 465 - Proposal for a Council Regulation concerning the allocation of fishing opportunities under the Implementation Protocol to the Sustainable Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Liberia

COM (2015) 466 - Proposal for a Council Decision on the signing, on behalf of the European Union, and provisional application of a Sustainable Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Liberia and the Implementation Protocol thereto

COM (2015) 467 - Proposal for a Council Decision on the conclusion of a Sustainable Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Liberia and the Implementation Protocol thereto

COM (2015) 471 - Proposal for a Council Decision on the signature, on behalf of the European Union, and on the provisional application of the Protocol setting out the fishing opportunities and financial contribution provided for in the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Union and the Islamic Republic of Mauritania for a period of four years

COM (2015) 474 - Proposal for a Council Regulation on the allocation of the fishing opportunities under the Protocol setting out the fishing opportunities and financial contribution provided for in the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Union and the Islamic Republic of Mauritania for a period of four years

COM (2015) 477 - 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 and the Islamic Republic of Mauritania for a period of four years

COM (2015) 487 - Proposal for a Council Regulation amending Regulation (EU) No 2015/104 as regards certain fishing opportunities

MINUTES OF MEETING OF TUESDAY, 17 NOVEMBER 2015

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 Andrew Doyle (*in the Chair*), Éamon Ó Cuív and Thomas Pringle.

Senators Michael Comiskey, Denis Landy, Mary Ann O'Brien and Pat O'Neill.

Apologies were received from Deputies Tom Barry, Martin Heydon, Willie Penrose and Arthur Spring.

Also present:

Deputies Paul Connaughton and Michael Colreavy substituted for Deputies Pat Deering and Martin Ferris respectively [DSO 92(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

The Committee went out of private session

7. TAKING OF EVIDENCE

The Committee took oral evidence from representatives from the Irish Cattle Breeding Federation – Mr Sean Coughlan, Chief Executive and Mr Andrew Cromie, Technical Director in relation to the Beef Data and Genomics Programme.

Debate ensued.

8. MEETING SUSPENDED

The meeting was suspended at 3.15 p.m. until 3.25 p.m. to allow Members to attend the Dáil where a minutes silence was held in honour of the victims of the terrorist attacks in Paris on Friday 13 November.

9. TAKING OF EVIDENCE

The Committee resumed taking oral evidence from representatives from the Irish Cattle Breeding Federation in relation to the Beef Data and Genomics Programme.

Debate ensued and concluded.

10. MEETING SUSPENDED

The meeting was suspended at 4.25 p.m. until 4.28 p.m.

11. TAKING OF EVIDENCE

The meeting took oral evidence from representatives from the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine – Mr Paul Dillon, Assistant Secretary General, Mr Ronan O'Flaherty, Principal Officer, Ms Joan Furlong, Assistant Principal Officer and Mr Frank Macken, Agricultural Inspector in relation to the Organic Farming Scheme.

Debate ensued and concluded.

12. ADJOURNMENT

The Committee adjourned at 5.10 p.m. until 11.30 a.m. on Wednesday 18 November 2015.

Andrew Doyle, T.D.
Chairman
24 November, 2015

MINUTES OF MEETING OF WEDNESDAY 18 NOVEMBER 2015

1. The Joint Committee met at 11.30 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 Ferris, Martin Heydon, Éamon Ó Cuív, Willie Penrose and Arthur Spring.

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

At 11.40 p.m. Deputy Pat Deering, Vice-Chairman took the Chair.

3. MOTION RE HORSE AND GREYHOUND RACING FUND REGULATIONS 2015

(i) Motion

The Committee considered the following motions referred by Dáil Éireann and Seanad Éireann on 10 and 3 November 2015 respectively:-

"That Dáil Éireann approves the following Order in draft: Horse and Greyhound Racing Fund Regulations 2015, a copy of which Order in draft was laid before Dáil Éireann on 28 October 2015"; and

"That Seanad Éireann approves the following Order in draft: Horse and Greyhound Racing Fund Regulations 2015, a copy of which Order in draft was laid before Seanad Éireann on 28 October 2015".

Debate ensued.

4. PRIVATE SESSION

The Committee agreed to go into private session at 12.54 p.m.

The Committee went out of private session

The Committee resumed consideration of the motions before it. Consideration of the motions concluded.

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

(ii) Report on Motion

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

5. ADJOURNMENT

The Committee adjourned at 1.05 p.m. until Tuesday, 24 November 2015 at 2.00 p.m.

Andrew Doyle, T.D.
Chairman
24 November 2015

MINUTES OF MEETING OF TUESDAY, 24 NOVEMBER 2015

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 Pat Deering (*in the Chair*), Martin Ferris, Éamon Ó Cuív, Willie Penrose and Thomas Pringle.

Senators Michael Comiskey and Pat O'Neill.

Apologies were received from Deputies Andrew Doyle and Martin Heydon and Senators Denis Landy and Mary Ann O'Brien.

3. PRIVATE SESSION

The Committee agreed to go into private session at 2.20 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. TAKING OF EVIDENCE

The Committee took oral evidence from representatives from Ornua – Mr Joe Collins, Managing Director, Dairy Trading and Ingredients and Ms. Anne Randles, Company Secretary in relation to the dairy industry.

Debate ensued.

8. MEETING SUSPENDED

The meeting was suspended at 4.25 p.m. until 4.28 p.m.

9. TAKING OF EVIDENCE

The Committee resumed taking oral evidence from representatives from the Banking and Payments Federation – Mr Maurice Crowley, Director, Banking and Payments; Allied Irish Banks – Mr Ken Burke, Head of Business Banking, Ms Margaret Brennan, Head of Sectors and Dr Anne Finnegan, Head of Agriculture Sector; Bank of Ireland – Mr Mark Cunningham, Managing Director and Mr Sean Farrell, Head of Agriculture; and Ulster Bank – Mr Eddie Cullen, Managing Director, Commercial Banking Division and Dr Ailish Byrne, Senior Agricultural Manager in relation to finance issues for those operating within the dairy industry.

Debate ensued and concluded.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The Committee adjourned at 5.20 p.m. until 11 a.m. on Wednesday, 25 November 2015.

Pat Deering, T.D.
Vice-Chairman
1 December, 2015

MINUTES OF MEETING OF TUESDAY, 25 NOVEMBER 2015

1. The Joint Committee met **in private** at 11.00 a.m. in Committee Room 1, LH 2000, a quorum being present.

2. MEMBERS PRESENT

The following members were present:-

Deputies Tom Barry, Andrew Doyle (*in the Chair*), Martin Ferris, Martin Heydon, Éamon Ó Cuív, Willie Penrose, Thomas Pringle and Arthur Spring.

Senators Michael Comiskey and Pat O'Neill.

Apologies were received from Deputy Pat Deering and Senators Denis Landy and Mary Ann O'Brien.

Also present:

Senator John Whelan substituted for Senator Denis Landy [SSO 80(1)]

3. ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION

4. MEETING SUSPENDED

The meeting was suspended at 11.26 a.m. until 12.04 p.m. due to a vote in the Dáil.

5. ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION

6. ADJOURNMENT

The Committee adjourned at 12.40 p.m. until 2.00 p.m. on Tuesday 1 December 2015.

Pat Deering, T.D.
Vice-Chairman
1 December, 2015

MINUTES OF MEETING OF TUESDAY, 1 DECEMBER 2015

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 Pat Deering (*in the Chair*), Martin Ferris, Éamon Ó Cuív and Willie Penrose.

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

Apologies were received from Deputies Andrew Doyle and Arthur Spring and Senator Denis Landy.

Also present:

Deputies Jim Daly and Michael Fitzmaurice attended [DSO 92(3)].

3. PRIVATE SESSION

The Committee agreed to go into private session at 2.24 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. SCRUTINY OF EU LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS

The Committee discussed the European legislative proposal before it, as outlined in Schedule A. A description of the Proposal and the decision taken are contained in **Appendix 1**.

10. TAKING OF EVIDENCE

The Committee took oral evidence from representatives from Bord Bia – Ms Eileen Bentley, Entrepreneurship Manager, Mr Mark Zieg, Sector Manager (Beef) and Mr Declan Fennell, Sector Manager (Sheep & Special Marketing Initiatives) in relation to the Organic Farming Scheme.

Debate ensued and concluded.

11. MEETING SUSPENDED

The meeting was suspended at 4.01 p.m. until 4.03 p.m.

12. TAKING OF EVIDENCE

The Committee took oral evidence from representatives from BirdWatch Ireland – Ms Siobhán Egan in relation to the Sea Fisheries Sustainability Impact Assessment.

Debate ensued and concluded.

13. ADJOURNMENT

The Committee adjourned at 5.00 p.m. until 2.00 p.m. on Tuesday 8 December 2015.

Andrew Doyle, T.D.
Chairman
15 December, 2015

APPENDIX 1

List of EU legislative proposals as scrutinised in Committee Date of meeting: Tuesday 1 December 2015

Schedule A:

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

COM (2015) 559 - Proposal for a Council Regulation fixing for 2016 the fishing opportunities for certain fish stocks and groups of fish stocks, applicable in Union waters and, for Union vessels, in certain non-Union waters

MINUTES OF MEETING OF TUESDAY, 8 DECEMBER 2015

1. The Joint Committee met at 3.15 p.m. in Committee Room 3, LH 2000, a quorum being present.

2. MEMBERS PRESENT

The following members were present:-

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

Senators Michael Comiskey and Pat O'Neill.

Also present:

Deputy Noel Harrington attended [DSO 92(3)].

3. PRE-EU COUNCIL AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES MEETING (AGRI FISH)

The Committee met with the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine in relation to the Agriculture and Fisheries Council Meeting including the Sea Fisheries Sustainability Impact Assessment scheduled to take place on 14 December 2015.

Debate ensued and concluded.

4. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND THE MARINE SIX MONTHLY REPORT ON DEVELOPMENTS IN THE EU

The Committee met with Mr Aidan O'Driscoll, Secretary General, Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine and his officials in relation to the Department's six-monthly Report on Developments in the EU (January to July 2015).

Debate ensued and concluded.

5. TAKING OF EVIDENCE

The Committee took oral evidence from officials from the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine – Mr Brendan Gleeson, Assistant Secretary General, Mr Colm Hayes, Principal Officer, Mr Gordon Conroy, Principal Officer, Ms Carmel Delahunt, Assistant Principal Officer and Mr Peter Johnston, Higher Executive Officer in relation to the Beef Data and Genomics Programme.

Debate ensued and concluded.

6. ADJOURNMENT

The Committee adjourned at 6.35 p.m. until 2.00 p.m. on Tuesday 15 December 2015.

Andrew Doyle, T.D.
Chairman
15 December, 2015

MINUTES OF MEETING OF TUESDAY, 15 DECEMBER 2015

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

Senators Michael Comiskey, Mary Ann O'Brien.

Apologies were received from Deputy Arthur Spring and Senator Denis Landy.

Also present:

Deputy Noel Harrington attended [DSO 92(3)].

Senator Denis O'Donovan attended [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

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10. ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION

11. ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION

The Committee went out of private session

12. Taking of Evidence

The Committee took oral evidence from representatives of Horse Racing Ireland – Mr Brian Kavanagh, CEO and Mr Michael O'Rourke, Director of Marketing & Communications and representatives of Horse Sport Ireland – Professor Patrick Wall, Chairman and Mr Mark Bolger, Director of Finance and Operations in relation to harness racing in Ireland.

Debate ensued and concluded.

13. Meeting Suspended

The meeting was suspended at 4.31p.m. until 4.33 p.m.
The Committee resumed the meeting in Private Session

14. ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION

15. ADJOURNMENT

The Committee adjourned *sine de*.

Andrew Doyle, T.D.
Chairman
14 January, 2016

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THURSDAY, 14 JANUARY 2016

1. The Joint Committee met **in private** at 11.00 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*) and Éamon Ó Cuív.

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

Apologies were received from Deputy Martin Heydon.

3. ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION

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. ADJOURNMENT

The Committee adjourned at 12.40 p.m. *sine die*.

Andrew Doyle, T.D.
Chairman
20 January, 2016

MINUTES OF MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, 20 JANUARY 2016

1. The Joint Committee met **in private** at 10.00 a.m. in Committee Room 2, LH 2000, a quorum being present.

2. MEMBERS PRESENT

The following members were present:-

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

Senators Michael Comiskey, Denis Landy, Mary Ann O'Brien and Pat O'Neill.

3. ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION

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. ADJOURNMENT

The Committee adjourned at 11.25 a.m. *sine die*.

Andrew Doyle, T.D.
Chairman
26 January, 2016

APPENDIX 1

List of EU legislative proposals as scrutinised in Committee

Date of meeting: Wednesday 20 January 2016

Schedule B:

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

COM (2015) 620 - Proposal for a Council Regulation amending Regulation (EU) No 1387/2013 suspending the autonomous Common Customs Tariff duties on certain agricultural and industrial products

COM (2015) 636 - Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the sustainable management of external fishing fleets, repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 1006/2008 {SWD(2015) 276 final} {SWD(2015) 279 final}

COM (2015) 669 - Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Council Regulation (EC) No 768/2005 establishing a Community Fisheries Control Agency (Text with EEA relevance)

MINUTES OF MEETING OF TUESDAY, 26 JANUARY 2016

1. The Joint Committee met **in private** 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*), Éamon Ó Cuív and Willie Penrose.

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

Apologies were received from Deputies Martin Ferris, Martin Heydon and Pat Deering.

3. MINUTES OF MEETING OF 20 JANUARY 2016

The Minutes of the meeting of 20 January 2016 were agreed.

4. DRAFT REPORT ON THE HORSE INDUSTRY

The Chairman brought forward a final draft of the report on the Horse Industry and advised that the changes considered at the informal meeting held on 21 January were incorporated into the report. A draft was circulated.

The Report, as amended, was agreed. It was also agreed to lay the Report before both Houses of the Oireachtas and that a copy be forwarded to the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine and the respective stakeholders who attended before the Committee.

Press Launch

It was further agreed that a press launch of the Horse Report and the Greyhound Report would be held the next day, Wednesday, 27 January 2016 at 10 a.m.

5. DRAFT SUBMISSION ON THE PROPOSED ACQUISITION BY ABP OF 50% OF SLANEY FOODS

As agreed at meeting of 20 January 2016, to draft a submission with the intention of issuing it to the Competition and Consumer Protection Commission (CCPC) and the EU Commission on the proposed acquisition by ABP of 50% of Slaney Foods, a draft submission was circulated.

It was agreed to include a number of additional amendments to the draft. The draft submission, as amended, was agreed. It was also agreed to forward the submission to the CCPC and the EU Commission for their consideration. A copy of the submission would be sent to the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine, the Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation for its information.

6. DRAFT PRESS RELEASE ON CAP SIMPLIFICATION

The Committee had before it a draft press release with regard to the recent announcement by the EU Commissioner for Agriculture and Rural Development. The press release was agreed.

7. DRAFT WRAP UP PRESS RELEASE ON BEHALF OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE

In anticipation of the imminent dissolution of the current Dáil, the Committee agreed not to arrange any further meetings. The Committee had before it a draft wrap up press release to be issued on behalf of the Committee highlighting the achievements and accomplishments of the Committee. The draft was circulated.

It was agreed to highlight the report on the Grocery Goods sector on the list of reports. The press release, as amended, was agreed.

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Chairman extended appreciation to the Members of the Committee, the usher staff, staff from the Broadcasting and Editor of Debates Office, the Library and Research Services and the Committee Secretariat for their work for the past five years.

Members also extended compliments to the Chairman and the Committee Secretariat.

9. MINUTES OF MEETING OF 26 JANUARY 2016

In anticipation of the imminent dissolution of the current Dáil, the Committee agreed to the draft minutes for today's meeting circulated at the conclusion of business.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The Committee adjourned at 2.40 p.m. *sine die*.

Andrew Doyle, T.D.
Chairman
26 January, 2016

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
S14	24/02/2015	2015 Revised Estimates for Public Services - Vote 30 – Agriculture, Food and the Marine	Mr Simon Coveney T.D., Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine
S15	8/12/2015	2015 Supplementary Estimates for Public Services - Vote 30 – Agriculture, Food and the Marine	Mr Simon Coveney T.D., Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine
S16	9/12/2015	Horse Racing Ireland Bill 2015	Mr Simon Coveney T.D., Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine

APPENDIX 6: PROCEEDINGS OF THE SELECT COMMITTEE

IMEACHTAÍ AN ROGHCHOISTE UM THALMHAÍOCHT, BIA AGUS MUIR
PROCEEDINGS OF THE SELECT COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND
THE MARINE

Dé Máirt, 24 Feabhra 2015

Tuesday, 24 February, 2015

1. Chruinnigh an Coiste ar 14:10 p.m.

1. The Committee met at 14:10 p.m.

2. COMHALTAÍ I LÁTHAIR.

2. MEMBERS PRESENT.

Bhí na comhaltaí seo a leanas i láthair:

The following Members were present:

An Teachta Aindrias Ó Dubhaill (*i gCeannas*), an tAire Talmhaíochta, Bia agus Mara, na Teachtaí Tomás de Barra, Pádraig Ó Díring, Máirtín Ó Fearghusa, Máirtín Ó hEideáin, Micheál Mac Conmara, Éamon Ó Cuív, Liam Peanrós agus Thomas Pringle.

Deputy Andrew Doyle (*in the Chair*), the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine, Deputies Tom Barry, Pat Deering, Martin Ferris, Martin Heydon, Michael McNamara, Éamon Ó Cuív, Willie Penrose and Thomas Pringle.

3. BREITHNIÚ AR MHEASTACHÁIN I GCOMHAIR SEIRBHÍSÍ POIBLÍ.

3. CONSIDERATION OF ESTIMATES FOR PUBLIC SERVICES.

Bhreithnigh an Coiste an Meastachán seo a leanas i gcomhair Seirbhísí Poiblí don bhliain dar críoch an 31 Nollaig, 2015 –

The Committee considered the following Estimate for Public Services for the year ending 31st December, 2015 –

Vóta 30 (Talmhaíochta, Bia agus Mara) (Meastachán Athbhreithnithe).

Vote 30 (Agriculture, Food and the Marine) (Revised Estimate).

Críochnaíodh an breithniú ar an Meastachán/Cuireadh an breithniú ar an Meastachán ar athló.

Consideration of the Estimate was concluded/adjourned.

Cuireadh teachtaireacht chun na Dála de réir Bhuan-Ordú 87 á chur in iúl di gur chríochnaigh an Coiste a bhreithniú ar an Meastachán.

Message sent to the Dáil in accordance with Standing Order 87 acquainting it that the Committee had completed its consideration of the Estimate.

4. ATHLÁ.

Chuaigh an Coiste ar athló ar 15:50 p.m.
sine die.

4. ADJOURNMENT.

The Committee adjourned at 15:50 p.m.
sine die.

ANDREW DOYLE, T.D.
Chairman
24 February 2015

IMEACHTAÍ AN ROGHCHOISTE UM THALMHAÍOCHT, BIA AGUS MUIR
PROCEEDINGS OF THE SELECT COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND
THE MARINE

Dé Máirt, 8 Nollaig 2015

Tuesday, 8 December, 2015

1. Chruinnigh an Coiste ar 2:00 p.m.

1. The Committee met at 2:00 p.m.

2. COMHALTAÍ I LÁTHAIR.

2. MEMBERS PRESENT.

Bhí na comhaltaí seo a leanas i láthair:

The following Members were present:

An Teachta Aindrias Ó Dubhail (i gCeannas), an tAire Talmhaíochta, Bia agus Mara, na Teachtaí Pádraig Ó Díring, Máirtín Ó Fearghusa, Éamon Ó Cuív, Liam Peanrós agus Thomas Pringle.

Deputy Andrew Doyle (*in the Chair*), the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine, Deputies Pat Deering, Martin Ferris, Éamon Ó Cuív, Willie Penrose and Thomas Pringle.

3. BREITHNIÚ AR MHEASTACHÁIN I GCOMHAIR SEIRBHÍSÍ POIBLÍ.

3. CONSIDERATION OF ESTIMATES FOR PUBLIC SERVICES.

Bhreithnigh an Coiste an Meastachán seo a leanas i gcomhair Seirbhísí Poiblí don bhliain dar críoch an 31 Nollaig, 2015 –

The Committee considered the following Estimate for Public Services for the year ending 31st December, 2015 –

Vóta 30 (Talmhaíochta, Bia agus Mara) (Meastachán Forlíontach).

Vote 30 (Agriculture, Food and the Marine (Supplementary Estimate).

Críochnaíodh an breithniú ar an Meastachán.

Consideration of the Estimate was concluded.

Cuireadh teachtaireacht chun na Dála de réir Bhuan-Ordú 87 á chur in iúl di gur chríochnaigh an Coiste a bhreithniú ar an Meastachán.

Message sent to the Dáil in accordance with Standing Order 87 acquainting it that the Committee had completed its consideration of the Estimate.

4. ATHLÁ.

Chuaigh an Coiste ar athló ar 3:45 p.m.
sine die.

4. ADJOURNMENT.

The Committee adjourned at 3:45 p.m.
sine die.

ANDREW DOYLE, T.D.
Chairman
8 December 2015

IMEACHTAÍ AN ROGHCHOISTE UM THALMHAÍOCHT, BIA AGUS MUIR
PROCEEDINGS OF THE SELECT COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND
THE MARINE

Dé Céadaoin, 9 Nollaig, 2015

Wednesday, 9 December, 2015

1. Chruinnigh an Coiste ar 10.15 a.m.

1. The Committee met at 10.15 a.m.

2. COMHALTAÍ I LÁTHAIR

2. MEMBERS PRESENT.

An Teachta Aindrias Ó Dubhail (*i gCeannas*), an tAire Talmhaíochta, Bia agus Mara, na Teachtaí Máirtín Ó Fearghusa, Máirtín Ó hEideáin, Éamon Ó Cuív, Liam Pearós agus Thomas Pringle.

Deputy Andrew Doyle (*in the Chair*), the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine, Deputies Martin Ferris, Martin Heydon, Éamon Ó Cuív, Willie Penrose and Thomas Pringle.

3. AN BILLE UM RÁSAÍOCHT CAPALL ÉIREANN 2015.

3. HORSE RACING IRELAND BILL 2015.

Chrom an Coiste ar an mBille a bhreithniú.

The Committee took the Bill into consideration.

(i) Alt 1.

(i) Section 1.

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

Amendment proposed (*Deputy Éamon Ó Cuív*):

2. In page 3, between lines 16 and 17, to insert the following:

“ “Greyhound racing” means a code with the competitive pursuit of a lure by two or more greyhounds;”.

Tarraingíodh siar an leasú, faoi chead.

Amendment, by leave, *withdrawn*.

Aontaíodh an t-alt.

Section *agreed to*.

(ii) Alt 2.

(ii) Section 2.

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

Amendment proposed (*Deputy Éamon Ó Cuív*):

6. In page 4, lines 10 and 11, to delete “in relation to integrity services” and substitute “under this Act”.

Tarraingíodh siar an leasú, faoi chead.

Amendment, by leave, *withdrawn*.

Aontaíodh an t-alt.

Section *agreed to*.

(iii) *Aontaíodh alt 3.*

(iii) Section 3 *agreed to*.

(iv) *Alt 4.*

(iv) Section 4.

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

Amendment proposed (*Deputy Martin Ferris*):

10. In page 5, line 25, to delete “3 shall” and substitute “5 shall”.

Tarraingíodh siar an leasú, faoi chead.

Amendment, by leave, *withdrawn*.

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

Amendment proposed (*Deputy Martin Ferris*):

11. In page 6, to delete lines 3 to 5 and substitute the following:

“(h) one shall be chosen by the Minister for their specific skill and competencies and be representative of the horseracing industry in Northern Ireland.”.

Tarraingíodh siar an leasú, faoi chead.

Amendment, by leave, *withdrawn*.

Aontaíodh an t-alt.

Section *agreed to*.

(v) *Alt 5.*

(v) Section 5.

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

Amendment proposed (*Deputy Martin Ferris*):

12. In page 8, line 40, after “administration,” to insert “and”, and after “governance,” to insert “(other than the administration and governance of point-to-point racing)”.

Tarraingíodh siar an leasú, faoi chead.

Amendment, by leave, *withdrawn*.

Tairgeadh leasú (*An Teachta Liam Peanrós*):

Amendment proposed (*Deputy Willie Penrose*):

13. In page 8, line 40, to delete “, governance” and substitute “, other than the administration of point-to-point racing”.

Tarraingíodh siar an leasú, faoi chead.

Amendment, by leave, *withdrawn*.

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

Amendment proposed (*Deputy Martin Ferris*):

14. In page 9, to delete lines 4 and 5.

Tarraingíodh siar an leasú, faoi chead.

Amendment, by leave, *withdrawn*.

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

Amendment proposed (*Deputy Martin Ferris*):

15. In page 9, line 8, to delete “all charges, including the collection of licence fees” and substitute “excluding the issuing and”.

Tarraingíodh siar an leasú, faoi chead.

Amendment, by leave, *withdrawn*.

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

Amendment proposed (*Deputy Martin Ferris*):

16. In page 9, line 11, to delete “other than”.

Tarraingíodh siar an leasú, faoi chead.

Amendment, by leave, *withdrawn*.

Tairgeadh leasú (*An Teachta Liam Peanrós*):

Amendment proposed (*Deputy Willie Penrose*):

17. In page 9, line 11, to delete “issuing” and substitute “the certifying”.

Tarraingíodh siar an leasú, faoi chead.

Amendment, by leave, *withdrawn*.

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

Amendment proposed (*Deputy Éamon Ó Cuív*):

18. In page 9, line 14, after “steeplechases” to insert the following:

“, which charges and financial sanctions shall be collected by HRI as collection agent for the Racing Regulatory Body and returned to the Racing Regulatory Body without undue delay and without deduction, counterclaim or set-off),”.

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 9, line 16, after “services” to insert “, in accordance with the Rules of Racing,”.

Tarraingíodh siar an leasú, faoi chead.

Amendment, by leave, *withdrawn*.

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

Amendment proposed (*Deputy Martin Ferris*):

- 20.** In page 9, line 19, to delete “including the” and substitute “excluding the issuing and”.

Tarraingíodh siar an leasú, faoi chead.

Amendment, by leave, *withdrawn*.

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

Amendment proposed (*Deputy Éamon Ó Cuív*):

- 21.** In page 9, line 29, to delete “the guaranteeing of costs of integrity services” and substitute “the guaranteeing of the costs of the integrity services”.

Tarraingíodh siar an leasú, faoi chead.

Amendment, by leave, *withdrawn*.

Tairgeadh leasú (*An tAire Talmhaíochta, Bia agus Mara*):

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

- 22.** In page 9, line 29, after “of” where it firstly occurs to insert “the”.

Aontaíodh an leasú.

Amendment *agreed to*.

Tairgeadh leasú (*An tAire Talmhaíochta, Bia agus Mara*):

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

- 24.** In page 10, line 27, to delete “rules” and substitute “protocols”.

Aontaíodh an leasú.

Amendment *agreed to*.

Tairgeadh leasú (*An tAire Talmhaíochta, Bia agus Mara*):

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

- 25.** In page 10, line 28, to delete “rules” and substitute “protocols”.

Aontaíodh an leasú.

Amendment *agreed to*.

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

Amendment proposed (*Deputy Éamon Ó Cuív*):

- 26.** In page 10, line 34, to delete “consult” and substitute “inform and where practicable engage in a consultation process”.

Tarraingíodh siar an leasú, faoi chead.

Amendment, by leave, *withdrawn*.

Tairgeadh leasú (*An tAire Talmhaíochta, Bia agus Mara*):

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

27. In page 10, line 35, after “directive.” to insert the following:

“HRI may dispense with such consultation where it considers there is an urgency to make the directive and shall inform the Racing Regulatory Body accordingly.”.

Aontaíodh an leasú.

Amendment agreed to.

Aontaíodh an t-alt, mar a leasaíodh.

Section, as amended, agreed to.

(vi) Alt 6.

(vi) Section 6.

Tairgeadh leasú (An Teachta Máirtín Ó Fearghusa):

Amendment proposed (Deputy Martin Ferris):

28. In page 11, line 34, to delete “shall not be bound by any recommendation” and substitute “shall be bound by any recommendation”.

Tarraingíodh siar an leasú, faoi chead.

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Tairgeadh leasú (An Teachta Máirtín Ó Fearghusa):

Amendment proposed (Deputy Martin Ferris):

29. In page 12, to delete lines 9 and 10 and substitute the following:

“(4) The relevant industry representative bodies should determine the constituencies and method of election of members of the industry services committee.”.

Tarraingíodh siar an leasú, faoi chead.

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Tairgeadh leasú (An Teachta Máirtín Ó Fearghusa):

Amendment proposed (Deputy Martin Ferris):

30. In page 12, to delete line 39, and in page 13, to delete line 1 and substitute the following:

“(4) The relevant industry bodies representative of bookmakers, shall determine the constituencies and method of election of members to the betting committee.”.

Tarraingíodh siar an leasú, faoi chead.

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

4. AN CRUINNÍÚ AR FIONRAÍ.

4. MEETING SUSPENDED.

Ordaíodh: An Cruinniú a chur ar fionraí anois go dtí 11.46 a.m. (An Teachta

Ordered: That the Meeting be now suspended until 11.46 a.m. (Deputy

Aindrias Ó Dubhaill).

Andrew Doyle).

Cuireadh an Cruinniú ar fionraí dá réir sin ar 11.42 a.m.

The Meeting was accordingly suspended at 11.42 a.m.

Ar 11.46 a.m. athchromadh ar an gCruinniú.

The Meeting was resumed at 11.46 a.m.

5. AN BILLE UM RÁSAÍOCHT CAPALL ÉIREANN 2015.

5. HORSE RACING IRELAND BILL 2015.

D'athchrom an Coiste ar an mBille a bhreithniú.

The Committee resumed consideration of the Bill.

(i) Alt 6.

(i) Section 6.

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

Amendment proposed (*Deputy Martin Ferris*):

31. In page 13, to delete lines 28 to 30 and substitute the following:

“(2) Subject to subsections (3) and (4) the media rights committee shall consist of not more than 5 members appointed by HRI, one of whom shall be the HRI representative of the body known as the Association of Irish Racehorse Owners and may include members who are not members of HRI.”.

Tarraingíodh siar an leasú, faoi chead.

Amendment, by leave, *withdrawn*.

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

Amendment proposed (*Deputy Éamon Ó Cuív*):

32. In page 13, line 29, after “HRI” to insert the following:

“one of whom shall be the HRI representative of the body known as the Irish Racehorse Owners Association”.

Tarraingíodh siar an leasú, faoi chead.

Amendment, by leave, *withdrawn*.

Tairgeadh leasú (*An tAire Talmhaíochta, Bia agus Mara*):

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

33. In page 13, to delete line 31.

Aontaíodh an leasú.

Amendment *agreed to*.

Tairgeadh leasú (*An tAire Talmhaíochta, Bia agus Mara*):

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

34. In page 13, to delete lines 32 to 35 and substitute the following:

“(b) by inserting after subsection (4) the following:

“(4A) A contract or arrangement referred to in subsection (1) shall not be made by the media rights committee without the agreement of the board of HRI and representatives of executives of authorised racecourses.”,

and

(c) by deleting subsections (9) and (10).”.

Aontaíodh an leasú.

Amendment agreed to.

Aontaíodh an t-alt, mar a leasaíodh.

Section, as amended, agreed to.

(ii) *Aontaíodh ailt 7 go 10, go huile.*

(ii) *Sections 7 to 10, inclusive, agreed to.*

(iii) *Alt 11.*

(iii) *Section 11.*

Tairgeadh leasú (An tAire Talmhaíochta, Bia agus Mara):

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

35. In page 15, line 8, to delete “(following consultation with HRI)”.

Aontaíodh an leasú.

Amendment agreed to.

Tairgeadh leasú (An tAire Talmhaíochta, Bia agus Mara):

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

37. In page 15, line 10, to delete “, in accordance with paragraph (c), adequate on-course” and substitute “adequate”.

Aontaíodh an leasú.

Amendment agreed to.

Tairgeadh leasú (An tAire Talmhaíochta, Bia agus Mara):

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

39. In page 15, line 12, to delete “those services” and substitute “on-course integrity services”.

Aontaíodh an leasú.

Amendment agreed to.

Tairgeadh leasú (An tAire Talmhaíochta, Bia agus Mara):

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

40. In page 15, to delete lines 24 and 25 and substitute the following:

- “(x) stewards’ secretaries,
- (xi) veterinary assistants, and
- (xii) senior racing officials.”.

Aontaíodh an leasú.

Amendment agreed to.

Tairgeadh leasú (*An Teachta Liam Peanrós*):

Amendment proposed (*Deputy Willie Penrose*):

41. In page 15, between lines 25 and 26, to insert the following:

- “(xii) “senior racing officials”.

Tarraingíodh siar an leasú, faoi chead.

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

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

Amendment proposed (*Deputy Martin Ferris*):

42. In page 15, line 26, to delete “upon payment to HRI of the appropriate licence fee, to”.

Tarraingíodh siar an leasú, faoi chead.

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

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

Amendment proposed (*Deputy Martin Ferris*):

43. In page 15, lines 30 to 32, to delete all words from and including “to” in line 30 down to and including “to” where it firstly occurs in line 32.

Tarraingíodh siar an leasú, faoi chead.

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Tairgeadh leasú (*An tAire Talmhaíochta, Bia agus Mara*):

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

44. In page 16, to delete lines 3 to 5 and substitute the following:

- “(i) to maintain the existing nature of point-to-point steeplechases including making and enforcing the Irish National Hunt Steeplechase Regulations for point-to-point steeplechase as made by the Stewards of the Irish National Hunt Steeplechase Committee).”.”.

Aontaíodh an leasú.

Amendment agreed to.

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

Amendment proposed (*Deputy Martin Ferris*):

45. In page 16, to delete lines 6 to 16.

Tarraingíodh siar an leasú, faoi chead.

Amendment, by leave, *withdrawn*.

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

Amendment proposed (*Deputy Éamon Ó Cuív*):

46. In page 16, line 9, to delete “HRI shall account for and pay” and substitute the following:

“HRI, acting as collection agent, shall account for and pay,
without undue delay, set off, counter claim or deduction.”.

Tarraingíodh siar an leasú, faoi chead.

Amendment, by leave, *withdrawn*.

Tairgeadh leasú (*An tAire Talmhaíochta, Bia agus Mara*):

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

47. In page 16, line 9, after “pay” to insert “, without undue delay or any set off, counterclaim or deduction.”.

Aontaíodh an leasú.

Amendment *agreed to*.

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

Amendment proposed (*Deputy Éamon Ó Cuív*):

48. In page 16, between lines 11 and 12, to insert the following:

“(b) under section 10(2)(a)(i),”.

Tarraingíodh siar an leasú, faoi chead.

Amendment, by leave, *withdrawn*.

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

Amendment proposed (*Deputy Éamon Ó Cuív*):

49. In page 16, line 12, to delete “its” and substitute “the”.

Tarraingíodh siar an leasú, faoi chead.

Amendment, by leave, *withdrawn*.

Tairgeadh leasú (*An tAire Talmhaíochta, Bia agus Mara*):

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

50. In page 16, line 15, to delete “account in” and substitute “consideration when”.

Aontaíodh an leasú.

Amendment *agreed to*.

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

Amendment proposed (*Deputy Éamon Ó Cuív*):

51. In page 16, line 16, after “subsection (1)” to insert the following:

“after appropriate deductions for the reasonable requirements of the Racing Regulatory Body to ensure it maintains appropriate independent functions and infrastructure”.

Tarraingíodh siar an leasú, faoi chead.

Amendment, by leave, *withdrawn*.

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

Amendment proposed (*Deputy Martin Ferris*):

52. In page 16, line 19, to delete “consult with HRI” and substitute “retain independence”.

Tarraingíodh siar an leasú, faoi chead.

Amendment, by leave, *withdrawn*.

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

Amendment proposed (*Deputy Éamon Ó Cuív*):

53. In page 16, line 19, to delete “consult” and substitute “inform and where practicable engage in a consultation process”.

Tarraingíodh siar an leasú, faoi chead.

Amendment, by leave, *withdrawn*.

Tairgeadh leasú (*An tAire Talmhaíochta, Bia agus Mara*):

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

54. In page 16, line 20, after “Racing.” to insert the following:

“The Racing Regulatory Body may dispense with such consultation where it considers there is an urgency to make the Rule of Racing and shall inform HRI accordingly.”.

Aontaíodh an leasú.

Amendment *agreed to*.

Tairgeadh leasú (*An Teachta Liam Peanrós*):

Amendment proposed (*Deputy Willie Penrose*):

55. In page 16, between lines 20 and 21, to insert the following:

“(4) Section 42(2) (as inserted by Section 7 of the Act of 2001) should be replaced with the following:

“(2) If in respect of the level of or costs of integrity services or the provision of information pertaining to the integrity services budget in any particular year, or disputes in relation to legitimate budget overruns and unforeseen costs that the Racing Regulatory Body may need to incur to carry out its functions under this Act, agreement is not

reached between HRI and the Racing Regulatory Body:

- (a) they may agree to the appointment of one expert or group of persons or consultancy arbitrate on (i) the level of integrity services to be provided for that year bearing in mind that the Racing Regulatory Body is obliged to provide integrity services to the highest possible standard to ensure the Rules of Racing are fully and fairly enforced for the benefit of horse racing and breeding in Ireland and that where possible integrity services recommended by the Racing Regulatory Body in any year shall be fully funded for such purpose and (ii) the cost of that level of integrity services; or
- (b) in case they fail to agree to any such appointment to arbitrate on that cost or level, the Minister may appoint a person to so decide and the decision of the expert or group or consultancy shall be final and binding on both parties.

HRI shall not be entitled to withhold from the Racing Regulatory Body any funds which are part of an integrity services budget which has been agreed (or which has been determined by an expert or group of persons or consultancy.”.

Tarraingíodh siar an leasú, faoi chead.

Amendment, by leave, *withdrawn*.

Aontaíodh an t-alt, mar a leasaíodh.

Section, as amended, *agreed to*.

(iv) *Aontaíodh alt 12.*

(iv) Section 12 *agreed to*.

(v) *Alt 13.*

(v) Section 13.

Tairgeadh leasú (*An tAire Talmhaíochta, Bia agus Mara*):

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

56. In page 17, line 32, after “investigation” to insert “and inquiry”.

Aontaíodh an leasú.

Amendment *agreed to*.

Tairgeadh leasú (*An tAire Talmhaíochta, Bia agus Mara*):

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

57. In page 18, line 1, after “investigation” to insert “and inquiry”.

Aontaíodh an leasú.

Amendment *agreed to*.

Tairgeadh leasú (*An tAire Talmhaíochta,*

Amendment proposed (*Minister for*

Bia agus Mara):

Agriculture, Food and the Marine):

58. In page 18, line 3, after “investigation” to insert “and inquiry”.

Aontaíodh an leasú.

Amendment agreed to.

Tairgeadh leasú (*An tAire Talmhaíochta, Bia agus Mara*):

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

59. In page 18, line 23, to delete “suspended”.

Aontaíodh an leasú.

Amendment agreed to.

Tairgeadh leasú (*An tAire Talmhaíochta, Bia agus Mara*):

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

60. In page 18, line 25, after “Racing” to insert the following:

“, unless the Racing Regulatory Body in the circumstances of the matter concerned suspends the decision upon application to it”.

Aontaíodh an leasú.

Amendment agreed to.

Tairgeadh leasú (*An tAire Talmhaíochta, Bia agus Mara*):

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

61. In page 18, lines 26 to 28, to delete all words from and including “shall” in line 26 down to and including “section” in line 28 and substitute the following:

“shall maintain fair and impartial procedures for the appeal of sanctions imposed under subsection (3)”.

Aontaíodh an leasú.

Amendment agreed to.

Aontaíodh an t-alt, mar a leasaíodh.

Section, as amended, agreed to.

(vi) *Aontaíodh ailt 14, 15 agus 16.*

(vi) *Sections 14, 15 and 16 agreed to.*

(vii) *Alt 17.*

(vii) *Section 17.*

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

Amendment proposed (*Deputy Martin Ferris*):

64. In page 20, to delete lines 31 to 33.

Tarraingíodh siar an leasú, faoi chead.

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

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

Amendment proposed (*Deputy Martin Ferris*):

65. In page 21, to delete lines 1 to 3.

Tarraingíodh siar an leasú, faoi chead.

Amendment, by leave, *withdrawn*.

Tairgeadh leasú (*An tAire Talmhaíochta, Bia agus Mara*):

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

66. In page 21, between lines 6 and 7, to insert the following:

“(9) The Racing Regulatory Body may transfer data (including personal data) held by it for purposes of enforcing the Rules of Racing, the [Animal Remedies Act 1993](#) or the [Animal Health and Welfare Act 2013](#) to the Minister of Agriculture, Food and the Marine or the Revenue Commissioners for the purposes of enforcing the Rules of Racing or those Acts.”.

Aontaíodh an leasú.

Amendment *agreed to*.

Aontaíodh an t-alt, mar a leasaíodh.

Section, as amended, *agreed to*.

(viii) *Aontaíodh ailt 18 go 21, go huile.*

(viii) Sections 18 to 21, inclusive, *agreed to*.

(ix) *Aontaíodh an Teideal.*

(ix) Title *agreed to*.

6. CRÍOCHNÚ AN GHNÓ.

6. CONCLUSION OF BUSINESS.

Chríochnaigh an Coiste a bhreithniú ar an mBille ar 12.40 p.m.

The Committee concluded its consideration of the Bill at 12.40 p.m.

7. TEACHTAIREACHT CHUIG DÁIL ÉIREANN.

7. 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.

8. ATHLÁ.

8. ADJOURNMENT.

Chuaigh an Coiste ar athló ar 12.40 p.m. *sine die*.

The Committee adjourned at 12.40 p.m. *sine die*.

ANDREW DOYLE, T.D.
Chairman
9 December 2015

APPENDIX 7: MEETINGS OF THE JOINT SUB-COMMITTEE ON FISHERIES

The following are the details, in date order, of the scheduled meetings 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
JS21	21/04/2015	Private Meeting	

APPENDIX 8: MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE JOINT SUB- COMMITTEE ON FISHERIES

MINUTES OF MEETING OF TUESDAY, 21 APRIL 2015

1. The sub-Committee met **in private** at 4.15 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, Noel Harrington, and Thomas Pringle.

Also present: Deputy Eamon Ó Cuív [DSO 92(3)].

3. **ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION**

4. **ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION**

5. **ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION**

6. **ADJOURNMENT**

The sub-Committee adjourned at 4.30 p.m.

Andrew Doyle, T.D.
Chairman
12 May 2015

