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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 15 January 2014, the Joint Committee agreed that all these items should be included in this report covering the period from 1 January 2014 to 31 December 2014.

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

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

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 Committees on Transport and Communications and Environment, Culture and the Gaeltacht. Against this background,

the Joint sub-Committee on Fisheries was established in December 2012. It commenced its detailed work throughout 2013.

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 39 occasions during the period under report. The number of hours of discussion involved in these meetings was in excess of 75 hours.

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

5.2 Select Committee

The Dáil Select Committee met 4 times during the period under report and the number of hours of discussion involved in these meetings was 10 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 3 times during the period under report and the number of hours of discussion involved in these meetings was 2.5 hours.

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 2014	130
Joint sub-Committee on Fisheries	January – December 2014	4

7. Committee Reports Published

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

- Annual Report 2013;
- Report on General Scheme of the Horse Racing Ireland (Amendment) Bill 2014;
- Report on 'Land Use: maximising its potential'

During the period under report, the Joint sub-Committee on Fisheries published the following report:

- Report on 'Promoting Sustainable Rural Coastal and Island Communities'

8. Travel

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

Purpose of travel: Launch of Report on 'Promoting Sustainable Rural Coastal and Island Communities'

Date and Destination: Inis Oírr, Aran Islands 14 January 2014

Members travelling: Deputies Andrew Doyle (Chairman), Martin Ferris, Noel Harrington, Seán Kyne, Michael McNamara, Éamon Ó Cuív, Thomas Pringle and Senator Trevor Ó Clochartaigh.

Accompanying Officials: Josie Briody (Clerk), Paul Hand (Press Officer), Karen Devoy (Clerical Officer)

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

Purpose of travel: Conference on 'Land as a Resource'

Date and Destination: Brussels, 19 June 2014

Members travelling: Deputy Andrew Doyle (Chairman)

Accompanying Official: Josie Briody (Clerk)

Purpose of travel: Meeting of Chairpersons of Committees Specialised on Agriculture, Industrial Development and SMEs.

Date and Destination: Rome, 26 – 27 October 2014

Members travelling: Deputy Andrew Doyle (Chairman)

Accompanying Official: Josie Briody (Clerk)

9. EU Mainstreaming

9.1 *Legislative Proposals*

From 11 February 2014 to 16 December 2014, the Joint Committee considered EU matters at 12 meetings involving consideration of some 53 legislative proposals, of which further action or scrutiny was taken on the following 5 proposals:

PROPOSAL NO.	PROPOSAL TITLE	OUTCOME
COM(2014)180	COM(2014)180 Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on organic production and labelling of organic products, amending Regulation (EU) No XXX/XXX of the European Parliament and of the Council [Official controls Regulation] and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 834/2007	Agreed, by way of further scrutiny to: (i) write a letter to the Secretary General of the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine by way of letter requesting further information; (ii) meet with officials from the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine concerning the proposal on 4 November 2014; (iii) submit a Political Contribution
COM(2014)195	Proposal for a Council Regulation amending Regulation (EU) No 43/2014 as regards certain fishing opportunities	Agreed, by way of further action to note this adopted measure but also noted that certain elements of the Proposal required further information which was provided by Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine.
COM(2014)175	Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on fixing an adjustment rate for direct payments provided for in Council Regulation (EC) No 73/2009 in respect of calendar year 2014	Agreed by way of further action to seek further clarification on certain aspects of the proposal by way of a letter to the Secretary General of the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine

COM(2014)388	Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council concerning a consultation on Fishing Opportunities for 2015 under the Common Fisheries Policy	Agreed, by way of further action to submit a response to the public consultation
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PROPOSAL NO.	PROPOSAL TITLE	OUTCOME
COM(2014)670	Proposal for a Council Regulation fixing for 2015 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 and repealing Council Regulation (EU) No 779/2014	Agreed, by way of further scrutiny to submit a Political Contribution

The following two 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(2014) 180	Political Contribution on COM (2014) 180 – Proposal for a Regulation on Organic Production and labelling of Organic products – November 2014
COM(2014) 670	Political Contribution on COM (2014) 670 - Proposal for a Council Regulation fixing for 2015 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 and repealing Council Regulation (EU) No 779/2014 – December 2014

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
10 June 2014	Mr Simon Coveney T.D., Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine	AGRIFISH (16-17 June 2014)
2 December 2014	Mr Simon Coveney T.D., Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine	AGRIFISH (15-16 December 2014)

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

The Joint Committee met with Mr Tom Moran, Secretary General at the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine in relation to the Six Monthly Report on Developments in the EU July to December 2013 on Tuesday 8 July 2014.

10. Report on Functions and Powers

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

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Andrew Doyle', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Andrew Doyle T.D.
Chairman
15 January 2015

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 - Orders of Reference

1. That a sub-Committee, to be called the sub-Committee on Fisheries, be established pursuant to Standing Orders [DSO 83(3); SSO 71(3)] 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)
Michael McNamara (LAB)
Éamon Ó Cuív (FF)
Thomas Pringle (IND)

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.

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)
Michael McNamara (LAB)
Éamon Ó Cuív (FF)
Thomas Pringle (IND)

Notes:

1. Deputies appointed to the Committee by Order of the Dáil on 12 June 2012
2. 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 19th 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

List of Members (Joint sub-Committee on Fisheries)

Joint Committee on Agriculture, Food and the Marine

Deputies: Andrew Doyle (FG) [Chairman]

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
J70	15/01/2014	Discussion on Forestry Bill 2013	<i>Irish Forestry & Forest Products Association</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Daragh Little, Chairman • Mr Mark McAuley, Director <i>Irish Timber Council</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Pat Glennon, Chairman • Mr Paddy Murray, Vice Chairman • Mr Jim McNamara, Secretary • Mr Mike Glennon • Mr John Murray • Mr Peter Brennan
J71	28/01/2014	Discussion on Forestry Bill 2013 (resumed)	<i>Irish Farmers' Association</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Michael Fleming, IFA Farm Forestry Chairman • Mr Enda Monaghan, IFA Farm Forestry Committee • Ms Deirdre O'Shea, IFA Farm Forestry Executive <i>Irish Timber Growers' Association</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Brendan Lacey, Chairman • Mr Donal Whelan, Technical Director <i>Environmental Pillar</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms Anja Murray, Treecover Working Group • Mr Andrew St. Ledger, Convenor, Treecover Working Group • Mr Joe Gowran, Treecover Working Group
J72	04/02/2014	Private Meeting	
J73	11/02/2014	Discussion on Forestry Bill 2013 (resumed)	<i>Society of Irish Foresters</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Pacelli Breathnach, President • Dr Gerhardt Gallagher, Forestry Consultant • Mr Joe O'Carroll, Managing Director

MEETING No.	DATE	TOPIC	ORGANISATIONS, GROUPS AND INDIVIDUALS WHO ATTENDED
J74	13/02/2014	Effects of the recent storms to the fishing community, specifically damage to harbours, piers, property and equipment	<i>Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Cecil Beamish, Assistant Secretary • Mr Noel Walsh, Chief Engineer • Mr Kevin Moriarty, Registrar General of Fishing Boats
J75	18/02/2014	Overview of 'Land Use' – Future prospects	<i>Teagasc</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Rogier Schulte, Leader, Translational Research on Sustainable Food Production • Mr Reamonn Fealy, Spatial Analysis Unit
J76	20/02/2014	Recent storm damage to coastal farm holdings – implications concerning the area aid applications under the Single Farm Payment and other schemes	<i>Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Kevin Smyth, Assistant Secretary • Mr Paud Evans, Principal Officer • Mr Liam Fahey, Senior Inspector

MEETING No.	DATE	TOPIC	ORGANISATIONS, GROUPS AND INDIVIDUALS WHO ATTENDED
J77	04/03/2014	(i) The current beef crisis - specifically the crisis affecting bull beef producers (ii) Barriers to the live cattle trade between Northern Ireland and Southern Ireland.	<p>(i) <i>Irish Cattle and Sheep Farmers Association (ICSA)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Patrick Kent, President • Mr Edmond Phelan, Beef Chairman • Mr Eddie Punch, General Secretary <p><i>Irish Farmers' Association (IFA)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Eddie Downey, President • Mr Henry Burns, Livestock Chairman • Mr Kevin Kinsella, Director of Livestock • Mr Pat Smith, General Secretary <p><i>Irish Creamery Milk Suppliers Association (ICMSA)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr John Comer, President • Mr John Enright, General Secretary • Mr Michael Guinan, Chairperson, Beef and Cattle Committee <p><i>Meat Industry Ireland (MII)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Ciaran Fitzgerald, Chairman • Mr Cormac Healy, Director <p>(ii) <i>Irish Co-Operative Organisation Society (ICOS)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Michael Spellman, Chairman • Mr Ray Doyle, Secretary
J78	11/03/2014	Statutory Instrument No. 3 of 2014 – European Union (Common Fisheries Policy)(Point System) Regulations 2014	<p><i>Sea Fisheries Protection Authority (SFPA)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms Susan Steele, Chair & Authority Member • Mr Andrew Kinneen, Authority Member • Mr Micheál O'Mahony, Authority Member
J79	13/03/2014	Private Meeting	

MEETING No.	DATE	TOPIC	ORGANISATIONS, GROUPS AND INDIVIDUALS WHO ATTENDED
J80	25/03/2014	(i) Issues regarding Sheep Grassland Payments and Single Farm Payments (ii) The current crisis affecting bull beef producers; marketing and research aspect of the meat industry and barriers to the free trade of livestock between Ireland and the U.K.	<p>(i) <i>Irish Farmers' Organisation</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr John Lynskey, Chairman National Sheep Committee Mr Kevin Kinsella, Director of Livestock <p>(ii) <i>Bord Bia</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr Aidan Cotter, Chief Executive Officer Mr Joe Burke, Sector Manager for Beef and Livestock Mr Jim O'Toole, Director of Meat and Livestock Division <p><i>Teagasc</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Professor Gerry Boyle, Director Mr Pearse Kelly, Head of Drystock Knowledge Transfer <p><i>Irish Cattle Exporters' Association</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr Paddy Gernon
J81		Meeting Cancelled	
J82	03/04/2014	(i) Engagement with Chairperson Designate (ii) 'Land - Maximising its usage and potential'	<p>(i) <i>Coillte Teoranta</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr John Moloney, Chairperson Designate <p>(ii) <i>Coillte Teoranta</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr Gerry Britchfield, Acting Chief Executive Mr Gerard Murphy, Managing Director, Coillte Forest Mr Mark Foley, Managing Director, Coillte Enterprise
J83	08/04/2014	Land Use – maximising its usage and potential	<p><i>Environmental Protection Agency</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr Jonathan Derham, Programme Manager Dr Eimear Cotter, Senior Scientific Officer Mr Philip O'Brien, Research Specialist <p><i>Teagasc</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr Rogier Schulte, Principal Research Officer Dr Daire Ó hUallacháin, Research Officer
J84	10/04/2014	Engagement with Chairperson Designate	<p><i>Aquaculture Licence Appeals Board</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms Imelda Reynolds, Chairperson Designate

MEETING No.	DATE	TOPIC	ORGANISATIONS, GROUPS AND INDIVIDUALS WHO ATTENDED
J85	15/04/2014	Concerns of the fishing industry regarding loss of income, equipment and boats due to the recent storms	<i>Federation of Irish Fishermen</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Seán O'Donoghue • Ms Eibhlin O'Sullivan • Mr Ciarán Healy • Mr John Ward <i>Iascairí Cois Cósta Inis Oírr</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Michael Ó Cathain • Mr Trevor McHale <i>South Wexford Lobster Company</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Aidan Scallan • Mr Kevin Kielty <i>Iascairí Cois Cladach na hÉireann</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Eamon Ó Corcora • Mr John O'Chonghaile <i>Galway Bay Inshore Fishermen's Association</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Gerry Sweeney • Mr Pat Mullins
J86	17/04/2014	Private Meeting	
J87	13/05/2014	(i) Scrutiny of EU Legislative Proposals (ii) Land Use - Maximising its usage and potential	(ii) <i>Bord na Móna</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Gerry Ryan, Head of Land and Property and Company Secretary • Mr Pat Ring, Head of Property Development • Dr Catherine Farrell, Senior Ecologist <i>School of Agriculture and Food Science, U.C.D</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Helen Sheridan • Dr Paul Murphy

MEETING No.	DATE	TOPIC	ORGANISATIONS, GROUPS AND INDIVIDUALS WHO ATTENDED
J88	05/06/2014	Land Use – maximising its usage and potential [Video Conference]	<p><i>DG Agriculture, European Commission</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Tassos Haniotis, Director • Mr Pierre Bascou, Director • Ms Viki Palotai, Action Leader • Mr Andreas Gumbert, Policy Officer • Mr Flavio Coturni, Agricultural Policy • Ms Christiane Canenbley, Policy Officer <p><i>DG Environment, European Commission</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Patrick Barrett, Policy Officer <p><i>DG Climate, European Commission</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Peter Werheim, Head of Unit, Climate, Finance and deforestation • Ms Anna Kwintkiewiz, Co-ordinator, Inter-institutional Affairs
J89	10/06/2014	(i) Pre-EU Council Meeting of Agriculture and Fisheries (AGRI FISH) (ii) Report on 'Promoting Sustainable Rural Coastal and Island Communities'	<p><i>Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Simon Coveney T.D., Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine • Mr Aidan O'Driscoll, Assistant Secretary General • Ms Bríd Cannon, Principal Officer • Mr Ultan Waldron, Assistant Principal Officer • Mr Paschal Hayes, Principal Officer • Ms Josephine Kelly, Principal Officer
J90	17/06/2014	Private Meeting	

MEETING No.	DATE	TOPIC	ORGANISATIONS, GROUPS AND INDIVIDUALS WHO ATTENDED
J91	24/06/2014	(i) The importance of the drinks industry to the agricultural sector (ii) Agri-Taxation Review	(i) <i>Drinks Industry Group Ireland</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Peter O'Brien, Chairman • Ms Marie Byrne • Mr Willie Masterson (ii) <i>Irish Cattle and Sheep Farmers' Association</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Patrick Kent, President • Mr Eddie Punch, General Secretary <i>Macra na Feirme</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Kieran O'Dowd, National President • Mr Sean Coughlan, Chairman of Agricultural Affairs Committee • Mr Derrie Dillon, Agricultural and Rural Affairs Manager
J92	01/07/2014	Pre-Legislative Scrutiny on the General Scheme of the Horse Racing Ireland (Amendment) Bill 2014	<i>Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Brendan Gleeson, Assistant Secretary General • Mr Dermot Ryan, Deputy Chief Inspector • Mr Gerry Greally, Senior Inspector • Ms Emer McGeough, Assistant Principal Officer
J93			The Committee stood adjourned, a quorum not being present
J94	08/07/2014	Six Monthly Report on Developments in the EU (July to December 2013)	<i>Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Tom Moran, Secretary General • Mr Aidan O'Driscoll, Assistant Secretary General • Mr. Paul Dillon, Assistant Secretary General • Dr Kevin Smyth, Assistant Secretary General
J95	10/07/2014	Pre-Legislative Scrutiny on the General Scheme of the Horse Racing Ireland (Amendment) Bill 2014	<i>Association of Irish Racehorse Owners</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr John Weld, Chairman • Mr Aiden Burns, Manager <i>Irish Stable Staff Association</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Bernard Caldwell, Chairman • Mr Paddy Doyle, Treasurer • Mr Paddy Curran, PRO

MEETING No.	DATE	TOPIC	ORGANISATIONS, GROUPS AND INDIVIDUALS WHO ATTENDED
J96	15/07/2014	Pre-Legislative Scrutiny on the General Scheme of the Horse Racing Ireland (Amendment) Bill 2014	<p><i>Irish Thoroughbred Breeders Association</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Derek Icton, Chairman • Mr Shane O'Dwyer, Manager <p><i>Irish Racehorse Trainers Association</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Noel Meade, Chairman • Mr Michael Grassick, Chief Executive • Mr Dermot Weld, Committee Member <p><i>Irish Jockeys Association</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Andrew Coonan, Chief Executive • Mr Ruby Walsh, Committee Member • Mr Michael Kinane, Association Member <p><i>Irish Bookmakers Association</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms Sharon Byrne, Chairperson • Mr Mike O'Kane, Business Director (Ladbrokes)
J97	17/07/2014	(i) Agri-Taxation Review (ii) Pre-Legislative Scrutiny on the General Scheme of the Horse Racing Ireland (Amendment) Bill 2014	<p>(i) <i>Irish Farmers' Association</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Eddie Downey, President • Mr Pat Smith, General Secretary • Mr Tom Doyle, Farm Business Chairman • Ms Rowena Dwyer, Economist <p><i>Irish Creamery Milk Suppliers Association</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr John Enright, General Secretary • Mr Lorcan McCabe, Chairperson, Farm Business Committee • Ms Mary Buckley, Policy Officer <p>(ii) <i>Horse Racing Ireland</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Joe Keeling, Chairman • Mr Brian Kavanagh, Chief Executive

MEETING No.	DATE	TOPIC	ORGANISATIONS, GROUPS AND INDIVIDUALS WHO ATTENDED
J98	16/09/2014	Pre-Legislative Scrutiny on the General Scheme of the Horse Racing Ireland (Amendment) Bill 2014	<i>Bord na gCon</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Phil Meaney, Chairman • Ms Geraldine Larkin, Chief Executive <i>Association of Irish Racecourses</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr John Moloney, Chairman • Mr Paddy Walsh, Chief Executive <i>Racegoers Consultative Forum</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Jimmy Cox, Forum Member • Ms Joan Widger, Forum Member • Mr Jack Nagle, Forum Member <i>The Turf Club</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Denis Egan, Chief Executive • Mr Neville O'Byrne, Senior Steward • Mr Michael Hickey, Senior Steward, Irish National Hunt Steeplechase Committee
J99	23/09/2014	Vote 30 (Agriculture, Food and the Marine) - Up-date and briefing on pre-budget and policy issues	Mr Simon Coveney T.D., Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine
J100	30/09/2014	Private Meeting	
J101	07/10/2014	Setting of Total Allowable Catches (TACs) and quotas for 2015 under the Common Fisheries Policy	<i>BirdWatch Ireland</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms Melanie Gomes, Marine and Fisheries Policy Officer
J102	08/10/2014	Pre-Legislative Scrutiny on the General Scheme of the Horse Racing Ireland (Amendment) Bill 2014	<i>Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Brendan Gleeson, Assistant Secretary • Mr Dermot Ryan, Deputy Chief Inspector • Mr Gerry Greally, Senior Inspector • Ms Emer McGeough, Assistant Principal Officer • Ms. Jane Dempsey, Assistant Principal Officer
J103	16/10/2014	Private Meeting	

MEETING No.	DATE	TOPIC	ORGANISATIONS, GROUPS AND INDIVIDUALS WHO ATTENDED
J104	21/10/2014	Review of Certain Matters Relating to Bord na gCon (Indecon Report)	<i>Bord na gCon</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Phil Meaney, Chairman • Ms Geraldine Larkin, Chief Executive Officer • Ms Hilary Forde, Director of Racing, Governance and Compliance • Mr Michael Murnane, Chief Financial Officer • Mr Joe Lewins, Head of Wagering
J105	04/11/2014	(i) Rural Development Programme 2014-2020 – Commonages; (ii) Scrutiny of EU Legislative Proposals; Schedule A: COM (2014) 180 Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on organic production and labelling of organic products	<i>(i) Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Paul Dillon, Assistant Secretary • Dr Kevin Smyth, Assistant Secretary • Dr Ronan O’Flaherty, Principal Officer <i>(ii) Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Paul Dillon, Assistant Secretary • Mr Fintan O’Brien, Principal Officer • Mr Frank Macken, Agricultural Inspector
J106	11/11/2014	Private Meeting	
J107	25/11/2014	(i) National Milk Agency’s Annual Report 2013 (ii) Motion re: Horse and Greyhound Racing Fund Regulations 2014	<i>(i) National Milk Agency</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Denis Murphy, Chairman • Dr Muiris Ó Céidigh, Chief Executive <i>(ii) Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Simon Coveney T.D., Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine • Mr Dermot Ryan, Deputy Chief Inspector • Ms Emer McGeough, Asst. Principal Officer
J108	02/12/2014		The Committee stood adjourned, a quorum not being present

MEETING No.	DATE	TOPIC	ORGANISATIONS, GROUPS AND INDIVIDUALS WHO ATTENDED
J109	02/12/2014	(i) Forthcoming EU Council Meeting of Agriculture and Fisheries (AGRI FISH); and (ii) Sea Fisheries Sustainability Impact Assessment	<i>Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Simon Coveney T.D., Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine • Mr Brendan Gleeson, Asst. Secretary General • Mr Aidan O'Driscoll, Asst. Secretary General • Dr Cecil Beamish, Asst. Secretary General • Ms Bríd Cannon, Principal Officer • Ms Josephine Kelly, Principal Officer • Ms Karen Hanlon, Assistant Principal Officer
J110	09/12/2014	(i) Scrutiny of EU Legislative Proposals (ii) The role of the Department's New Investigations Division	<i>(ii) Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Phillip Carroll, Assistant Secretary • Mr Pat Flanagan, Senior Superintending Veterinary Officer • Mr Richard Healy
J111	16/12/2014		The Committee stood adjourned, a quorum not being present
J112	16/12/2014	(i) Draft Guidelines for the Examination of State Aid to the Fishery and Aquaculture Sector (ii) Designation of land as Special Protection Areas for the preservation of the hen harrier under The EU Birds Directive	<i>(i) Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Paschal Hayes, Principal Officer • Mr Damien Clarke, Assistant Principal Officer <i>(ii) Irish Farmers with Designated Land (IFDL)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Jason Fitzgerald, Chairperson • Mr Liam O'Keeffe, Secretary • Mr Seán Kelly, PRO

APPENDIX 4: MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING OF WEDNESDAY 15 JANUARY 2014

1. The Joint Committee met at 12.20 p.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, Michael McNamara, Éamon Ó Cuív and Thomas Pringle.

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

Apologies were received from Deputy Martin Heydon.

3. PRIVATE SESSION

The Committee agreed to go into private session at 12.20 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. TAKING OF EVIDENCE

The Committee took oral evidence from representatives from (i) Irish Timber Council – Mr Pat Glennon, Chairperson, Mr Paddy Murray, Vice Chairperson of ITC, Mr Jim McNamara, Secretary, Mr John Murray, Murray Timber Group, Mr Mike Glennon, Glennon Bros. Timber Group Ltd, and Mr Peter Brennan, EPS Consulting Ltd,; and (ii) Irish Forestry and Forest Products Association (IBEC) – Mr Mark McAuley Director and Mr Daragh Little, Chairman (Managing Director, Forest Enterprises Ltd.) in relation to the Forestry Bill 2013.

Debate ensued and concluded.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The Committee adjourned at 2.53 p.m. until 2 p.m. on Tuesday, 28 January 2014.

Andrew Doyle, T.D.
Chairman

28 January 2014.

MINUTES OF MEETING OF TUESDAY 28 JANUARY 2014

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 Heydon Martin Ferris, Willie Penrose, Éamon Ó Cuív and Thomas Pringle.

Senators: Michael Comiskey and Pat O'Neill.

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

Also present: Deputy Richard Boyd Barrett [DSO 92(3)]

3. PRIVATE SESSION

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

4. ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION

5. ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION

6. ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION

7. ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION

8. ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION

The Committee went out of private session

9. TAKING OF EVIDENCE

The Committee took oral evidence from representatives from: Irish Farmers' Association – Michael Fleming, Chairman, IFA Farm Forestry (Kerry), Enda Monaghan, IFA Farm Forestry (Galway), Victor Dunne, IFA Farm Forestry (Wicklow); Irish Timber Growers' Association – Brendan Lacey, Chairman, Donal Whelan, Technical Director; Environmental Pillar – Anja Murray, member of Tree-Cover Working Group, Andrew St Ledger, Convenor of the Tree-Cover Working Group, Joe Gowran, member of Tree-Cover Working Group.

Debate ensued and concluded.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The Committee adjourned at 2.50 p.m. until 2 p.m. on Tuesday, 4 February 2014.

Andrew Doyle, T.D.
Chairman

4 February, 2014.

MINUTES OF MEETING OF 4 FEBRUARY 2014

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

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

Apologies were received from Deputy Michael McNamara.

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. MEETING SUSPENDED

The meeting was suspended at 4.17 p.m. until 4.20 p.m.

9. ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION

10. ADJOURNMENT

The Committee adjourned at 4.40 p.m. until 3 p.m. on Tuesday 11 February, 2014.

Andrew Doyle, T.D.
Chairman
11 February 2014

MINUTES OF MEETING OF TUESDAY 11 FEBRUARY 2014

1. The Joint Committee met at 3 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, Michael McNamara and Éamon Ó Cuív.

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

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

3. PRIVATE SESSION

The Committee agreed to go into private session at 3.15 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

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. TAKING OF EVIDENCE

The Committee took oral evidence from representatives from the Society of Irish Foresters - Mr Pacelli Breathnach, President, Dr Gerhardt Gallagher and Mr Joe O'Carroll in relation to the Forestry Bill 2013.

Debate ensued and concluded.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The Committee adjourned at 4.35 p.m. until 10 a.m. on Thursday 13 February, 2014

Andrew Doyle, T.D.
Chairman
18 February 2014

APPENDIX 1

List of EU Legislative Proposals as scrutinised in Committee Date of meeting: 11 February 2014

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 (2013) 819 – Proposal for a Council Implementing Decision establishing a list of non-cooperating third countries in fighting IUU fishing pursuant to Council Regulation (EC) No 1005/2008 establishing a Community system to prevent, deter and eliminate illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing;

COM (2013) 889 – Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Council Regulations (EC) No 850/98, (EC) No 2187/2005, (EC) No 1967/2006, (EC) No 1098/2007, No 254/2002, (EC) No 2347/2002 and (EC) No 1224/2009 and repealing (EC) No 1434/98 as regards the landing obligation;

COM (2013) 892 – Proposal for a directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on the cloning of animals of the bovine, porcine, ovine, caprine and equine species kept and reproduced for farming purposes {SWD (2013) 519 final} {SWD (2013) 520 final}.

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THURSDAY 13 FEBRUARY 2014

1. The Joint Committee met at 10 a.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 Heydon, Michael McNamara, Éamon Ó Cuív and Thomas Pringle.

Senator Susan O’Keeffe.

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

Also present: Deputy Noel Harrington substituted for Deputy Martin Heydon (for part of the meeting) [DSO 92(2)].

3. TAKING OF EVIDENCE

The Committee took oral evidence from officials from the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine - Dr Cecil Beamish, Assistant Secretary on the effects of the recent storms to the fishing community, specifically, damage to harbours, piers, property and equipment.

Debate ensued and concluded.

4. ADJOURNMENT

The Committee adjourned at 11.40 a.m. until 2.00 p.m. on Tuesday 18 February 2014.

Andrew Doyle, T.D.
Chairman
18 February 2014

MINUTES OF MEETING OF TUESDAY 18 FEBRUARY 2014

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

2. MEMBERS PRESENT

The following members were present:-

Deputies: Andrew Doyle (*in the Chair*), Martin Ferris, Willie Penrose and Thomas Pringle.

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

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

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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8. ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION

9. ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION

10. ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION

The Committee went out of private session.

11. TAKING OF EVIDENCE

The Committee took oral evidence from representatives from Teagasc - Mr Rogier Schulte, Principle Research Officer and Mr Reamonn Fealy, Spatial Analysis Unit in relation to the issue of land use and its future prospects.

Debate ensued and concluded.

12. ADJOURNMENT

The Committee adjourned at 3.30 p.m. until 10.00 a.m. on Thursday 20 February 2014.

Andrew Doyle, T.D.
Chairman
4 March 2014

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THURSDAY 20 FEBRUARY 2014

1. The Joint Committee met at 10 a.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 Heydon, Willie Penrose, Michael McNamara, Éamon Ó Cuív and Thomas Pringle.

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

Apologies were received from Deputy Martin Ferris.

3. PRIVATE SESSION

The Committee agreed to go into private session at 10.11 a.m.

4. ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION

The Committee went out of private session.

5. TAKING OF EVIDENCE

The Committee took oral evidence from Departmental Officials - Dr Kevin Smyth, Assistant Secretary, Mr Paud Evans, Principal Officer and Mr Liam Fahey, Senior Inspector, Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine regarding the recent storm damage to coastal farmland holdings - implications concerning the area aid applications under the Single Farm Payment and other schemes.

Debate ensued and concluded.

6. ADJOURNMENT

The Committee adjourned at 11.45 a.m. until 2.00 p.m. on Tuesday 4 March 2014.

Andrew Doyle, T.D.
Chairman
4 March 2014

MINUTES OF MEETING OF TUESDAY 4 MARCH 2014

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 Heydon, Willie Penrose, Éamon Ó Cuív and Thomas Pringle.

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

Apologies were received from Deputies Martin Ferris, Michael McNamara and Senators Mary Ann O'Brien and Brian Ó Domhnaill.

Deputy Michael Colreavy substituted for Deputy Martin Ferris [DSO 92(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. MEETING SUSPENDED

The meeting was suspended at 2.27 p.m. until 2.29 p.m.

The Committee went out of private session

10. TAKING OF EVIDENCE

The Committee took oral evidence from representatives from the following organisations–

- (a) Irish Farmer's Association (IFA) – Mr Eddie Downey, President, Mr Henry Burns, Livestock Chairman, Mr Pat Smith, General Secretary and Mr Kevin Kinsella, Director of Livestock;
- (b) Irish Cattle and Sheep Association (ICSA) – Mr Patrick Kent, President, Mr Eddie Punch, General Secretary and Mr Edmund Phelan, Beef Chairman;
- (c) Irish Creamery and Milk Suppliers Association (ICMSA) – Mr John Comer, President, Mr Michael Guinan, Chairperson Beef and Cattle Committee and Mr John Enright, General Secretary

in relation to the crisis affecting bull beef producers; and

- (d) Irish Co-operative Society (ICOS) – Mr Michael Spellman, Chairman and Mr Ray Doyle, Secretary in relation to the barriers to the live cattle trade between Northern Ireland and Southern Ireland.

Debate ensued

11. MEETING SUSPENDED

The meeting was suspended at 3.15 p.m. until 3.36 p.m. due to a vote in the Dáil.

12. TAKING OF EVIDENCE – RESUMED

The Committee resumed taking oral evidence from representatives from the following organisations–

- (a) Irish Farmer's Association (IFA) – Mr Eddie Downey, President, Mr Henry Burns, Livestock Chairman, Mr Pat Smith, General Secretary and Mr Kevin Kinsella, Director of Livestock;
- (b) Irish Cattle and Sheep Association (ICSA) – Mr Patrick Kent, President, Mr Eddie Punch, General Secretary and Mr Edmund Phelan, Beef Chairman;
- (c) Irish Creamery and Milk Suppliers Association (ICMSA) – Mr John Comer, President, Mr Michael Guinan, Chairperson Beef and Cattle Committee and Mr John Enright, General Secretary in relation to the crisis affecting bull beef producers

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- (d) Irish Co-operative Society (ICOS) – Mr Michael Spellman, Chairman and Mr Ray Doyle, Secretary in relation to the barriers to the live cattle trade between Northern Ireland and Southern Ireland.

Debate ensued.

13. MEETING SUSPENDED

The meeting was suspended at 4.30 p.m. until 4.36 p.m.

14. TAKING OF EVIDENCE

The Committee took oral evidence from Meat Industry Ireland – Mr Ciarán Fitzgerald, Chairman and Mr Cormac Healy, Director in relation to the crisis affecting bull beef producers.

Debate ensued and concluded

The Committee agreed to further discuss the issues raised at both sessions at its next meeting.

15. ADJOURNMENT

The Committee adjourned at 6.15 p.m. until 2 p.m. on Tuesday 11 March, 2014.

Andrew Doyle, T.D.
Chairman
11 March, 2014

MINUTES OF MEETING OF TUESDAY 11 MARCH 2014

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

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

Apologies were received from Deputy Martin Heydon.

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

3. PRIVATE SESSION

The Committee agreed to go into private session at 2.11 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. MEETING SUSPENDED

The meeting was suspended at 3.35p.m. until 3.38p.m.

8. TAKING OF EVIDENCE

The Committee took oral evidence from the Sea Fisheries Protection Authority - Ms Susan Steele, Chair, Mr Michéal O'Mahony and Mr Andrew Kinneen, Authority Members in relation to Statutory Instrument No 3 of 2014 concerning the European Union (Common Fisheries Policy) (Point System) Regulations 2014.

Debate ensued and concluded.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The Committee adjourned at 5.08 p.m. until 10.00 a.m. on Thursday, 13 March, 2014.

Andrew Doyle, T.D.
Chairman
13 March, 2014

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THURSDAY, 13 MARCH 2014

1. The Joint Committee met **in private** at 10 a.m. in Committee Room 3, LH 2000, a quorum being present.

2. MEMBERS PRESENT

The following members were present:-

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

Senator Brian Ó Domhnaill.

Apologies were received from Deputies Martin Heydon, Michael McNamara and Senators Michael Comiskey, Paschal Mooney, Mary Ann O'Brien, Pat O'Neill and Susan O'Keeffe.

Also present: Senator Colm Burke attended [SSO 80(2)].

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. ADJOURNMENT

The Committee adjourned at 11.05 p.m. until 2.00 p.m. on Tuesday 25 March, 2014.

Andrew Doyle, T.D.
Chairman
25 March 2014

APPENDIX 1

List of EU Legislative Proposals as scrutinised in Committee Date of Meeting: 13 March 2014

Schedule B:

Having considered the proposals listed below and based on the information provided, it was agreed that the following proposals warrant no further scrutiny. However, in the context of Proposal COM(2014)32, the Committee requested that further clarification be obtained from the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine on the school milk scheme in relation to the level of funding provided, the uptake of the scheme and how many students are availing of the scheme.

COM(2013)818 - Proposal for a Council Regulation fixing for 2014 the fishing opportunities for certain fish stocks and groups of fish stocks in the Black Sea

COM(2014)4 - Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Directives 89/608/EEC, 90/425/EEC and 91/496/EEC as regards references to zootechnical legislation (Text with EEA relevance)

COM(2014)5 - Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the zootechnical and genealogical conditions for trade in and imports into the Union of breeding animals and their germinal products (Text with EEA relevance)

COM(2014)31 - Proposal for a Council Regulation amending Regulation (EU) No 1370/2013 determining measures on fixing certain aids and refunds related to the common organisation of the markets in agricultural products

COM(2014)32 – Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013 and Regulation (EU) No 1306/2013 as regards the aid scheme for the supply of fruit and vegetables, bananas and milk in the educational establishments [SWD(2014) 28 final] {SWD(2014) 29 final}

COM(2014)34 - Proposal for a Council Decision on the position to be taken by the European Union within the Joint Committee on Agriculture set up by the Agreement between the European Community and the Swiss Confederation on trade in agricultural products, as regards the amendment of Decision No 2/2003 of that Committee

COM(2014)39 - Proposal for a Council Decision on the position to be taken by the European Union within the Joint Committee on Agriculture set up by the Agreement between the European Community and the Swiss Confederation on trade in agricultural products, as regards amendment of the Annex to the Additional Agreement between the European Community, the Swiss Confederation and the Principality of Liechtenstein

COM(2014)49 - Proposal for a Council Decision on the position to be adopted, on behalf of the European Union, in the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission (IOTC)

MINUTES OF MEETING OF TUESDAY 25 MARCH 2014

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

Senators Pat O'Neill and Susan O'Keeffe.

Apologies were received from Senators Michael Comiskey, Paschal Mooney, Mary Ann O'Brien and Brian Ó Domhnaill.

Also present: Deputy Denis Naughten [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 the IFA - Mr John Lynskey, Chairman of the National Sheep Committee and Mr Kevin Kinsella, Director of Livestock in relation to the Sheep Grassland Payments and Single Farm Payments.

Debate ensued and concluded

9. MEETING SUSPENDED

The meeting was suspended at 3.29 p.m. until 3.44 p.m.

The Committee went out of private session.

10. TAKING OF EVIDENCE - CURRENT CRISIS AFFECTING THE BULL BEEF PRODUCERS

The Committee took oral evidence from Bord Bia - Mr Aidan Cotter, Chief Executive Officer; Mr Jim O'Toole, Director of Meat and Livestock Division and Mr Joe Burke, Sector Manager for Beef and Livestock; Teagasc - Professor Gerry Boyle, CEO and Mr Pearse Kelly, Head of Drystock Knowledge Transfer; and the Irish Exporters Association – Mr Paddy Gernon in relation to the current crisis affecting the bull beef producers.

Debate ensued and concluded.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The Committee adjourned at 5.35 p.m. *sine die*.

Andrew Doyle, T.D.
Chairman
3 April 2014

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THURSDAY 3 APRIL 2014

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 Tom Barry, Andrew Doyle (*in the Chair*) Willie Penrose, Martin Ferris, Michael McNamara, and Thomas Pringle.

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

Apologies were received from Deputies Eamon O'Cúiv and Martin Heydon

Also present: Deputy Richard Boyd Barrett [DSO 92(3)].

3. ENGAGEMENT WITH CHAIRPERSON DESIGNATE OF COILLTE

The Committee engaged with Mr John Moloney, Chairperson Designate, Coillte.

Debate ensued and concluded.

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

4. MEETING SUSPENDED

The meeting was suspended at 11.17 a.m. until 11.21 a.m.

5. TAKING OF EVIDENCE

The Committee took oral evidence from representatives from Coillte - Mr Gerry Britchfield, Acting Chief Executive, Mr Gerry Egan, Group Director Strategy, Corporate Affairs, Mr Gerard Murphy, Managing Director Coillte Forest and Mr Mark Foley, Managing Director, Coillte Enterprise in relation to the issue of land use and how best to maximise its potential concerning forestry and its role in reducing Ireland's carbon footprint..

Debate ensued and concluded.

6. ADJOURNMENT

The Committee adjourned at 12.43 p.m. until 2 p.m. on Tuesday 8 April, 2014.

Andrew Doyle, T.D.
Chairman
8 April 2014

MINUTES OF MEETING OF TUESDAY 8 APRIL 2014

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, Martin Heydon, Willie Penrose and Éamon Ó Cuív.

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

Apologies were received from Deputy Michael McNamara and Senator Mary Ann O'Brien.

3. PRIVATE SESSION

The Committee agreed to go into private session at 2.35 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. 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**.

8. TAKING OF EVIDENCE

The Committee took oral evidence from the Environmental Protection Agency - Dr Jonathan Derham, Programme Manager on Climate Change and Greenhouse Gas Emissions; Ms Eimear Cotter, Senior Scientific Officer and Mr Philip O'Brien and from Teagasc - Dr Rogier Schult, Principle Research Officer and Dr Daire Ó hUallacháin, Research Officer on agro-ecology in relation to land use - maximising its potential across Ireland.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The Committee adjourned at 4.03 p.m. until 10 a.m. on Thursday 10 April, 2014.

Andrew Doyle, T.D.
Chairman
15 April, 2014.

APPENDIX 1

List of EU Legislative Proposals as scrutinised in Committee Date of meeting 8 April, 2014

Schedule A:

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

COM(2013)893 - Proposal for a Council Directive on the placing on the market of food from animal clones {SWD(2013) 519 final} {SWD(2013) 520 final}.

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THURSDAY, 10 APRIL 2014

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

Senators: Paschal Mooney, Brian Ó Domhnaill and Pat O'Neill

Apologies were received from Senators Michael Comiskey and Mary Ann O'Brien.

Senator Fergal Quinn attended [SSO 80(2)].

3. ENGAGEMENT WITH CHAIRPERSON DESIGNATE OF AQUACULTURE LICENCES APPEALS BOARD

The Committee engaged with Ms Imelda Reynolds, Chairperson Designate of the Aquaculture Licences Appeals Board.

Debate ensued and concluded.

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

4. MEETING SUSPENDED

The meeting was suspended at 10.57 a.m. until 11.59 a.m.

5. DRAFT SUBMISSION ON CRISIS IN THE BEEF SECTOR

The Chairman brought forward a draft submission concerning the crisis in the beef sector which the Committee had agreed to submit to the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine in advance of the round table discussion on the future development of the beef sector with stakeholders on 17 April 2014. Members deliberated and proposed a number of observations. It was agreed to amend the draft submission and circulate it for agreement at the Committee's next meeting on next Tuesday, 15 April 2014.

6. MEETING SUSPENDED

The meeting was suspended at 11.35 a.m. until 11.56 a.m. due to a Dáil vote.

7. COMPETITION AND CONSUMER PROTECTION BILL 2014

Officials from the Department of Enterprise, Jobs and Innovation provided a brief overview on Part 6 of the recent published Competition and Consumer Protection Bill 2014 concerning certain aspects relating to the grocery goods undertakings.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The Committee adjourned at 12.20 p.m. until 2.00 p.m. on Tuesday, 15 April 2014.

Andrew Doyle, T.D.
Chairman
15 April 2014

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THURSDAY, 15 APRIL 2014

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, Martin Heydon, Willie Penrose, Éamon Ó Cuív and Thomas Pringle.

Senators: Pat O'Neill and Michael Comiskey

Apologies were received from Senator Susan O'Keeffe.

Also present: Noel Harrington [DSO 92(3)] and Senator Trevor Ó Clochartaigh [SSO 80(2)].

3. PRIVATE SESSION

The Committee agreed to go into private session at 2.11 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. A description of each Proposal and the decisions taken are contained at **Appendix 1**.

9. MEETING SUSPENDED

The meeting was suspended at 2.17 p.m. until 2.21 p.m.

10. TAKING OF EVIDENCE

The Committee took oral evidence from representatives from the Federation of Irish Fishermen - Mr Sean O'Donoghue, Mr John Ward, Ms Eibhlin O'Sullivan and Mr Kieran Healy; Iascairi Cois Costa Inis Oirr - Mr. Michael O'Cathain and Mr. Trevor

McHale; South Wexford Lobster Company - Mr Aidan Scallan and Mr Kevin Kielty; Iascairí Intíre Cois Cladach na hÉireann – Mr Eamon O’Corcora and John O’Chonghaile; Galway Bay Inshore Fisherman’s Association – Mr Gerry Sweeney - in relation to concerns of the fishing industry on losses due to the adverse weather storms.

11. MEETING SUSPENDED

The meeting was suspended at 3.54 p.m. until 4.03 p.m.

12. PRIVATE SESSION

The Committee agreed to go into private session at 4.03 p.m. to 4.16 p.m.

13. ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION

14. ADJOURNMENT

The Committee adjourned at 4.15 p.m. until 10 a.m. on Thursday, 17 April 2014.

Andrew Doyle, T.D.
Chairman
13 May 2014

Appendix 1

List of EU legislative proposals as scrutinised in Committee

Date of meeting: Tuesday 15 April 2014

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) 132 - Proposal for a Council Decision on the position to be adopted, on behalf of the European Union, in the North East Atlantic Fisheries Commission (NEAFC)

COM (2014) 133 - Proposal for a Council Decision on the position to be adopted, on behalf of the European Union, in the Commission for the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources (CCAMLR)

COM (2014) 134 - Proposal for a Council Decision on the position to be adopted, on behalf of the European Union, in the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission (IATTC)

COM (2014) 135 - Proposal for a Council Decision on the position to be adopted, on behalf of the European Union, in the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT)

COM (2014) 169 - Proposal for a Council Regulation amending Regulation (EU) No 43/2014 as regards catch limits for the fisheries on sandeel in EU waters of ICES zones IIa, IIIa and IV

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THURSDAY, 17 APRIL 2014

1. The Joint Committee met **in private** at 10 a.m. in Committee Room 1, LH 2000, a quorum being present.

2. MEMBERS PRESENT

The following members were present:-

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

Senators: Michael Comiskey and Susan O’Keeffe.

3. ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION

4. ADJOURNMENT

The Committee adjourned at 10.40 a.m. *sine die*.

Andrew Doyle, T.D.
Chairman
13 May 2014

MINUTES OF MEETING OF TUESDAY, 13 MAY 2014

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

Senators Michael Comiskey, Paschal Mooney, 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 2.10 p.m.

4. ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION

5. ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION

6. ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION

7. ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION

8. ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION

The Committee went out of private session

9. 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. MEETING SUSPENDED

The meeting was suspended at 2.54 p.m. until 2.56 p.m.

The Committee went out of private session

11. TAKING OF EVIDENCE

The Committee took oral evidence from representatives from Bord na Mona - Mr Pat Ring, Head of Property Development; Mr Gerry Ryan, Secretary and Head of Land and Property and Dr Catherine Farrell, Senior Ecologist; and from UCD, School of Agriculture and Food Science - Dr Helen Sheridan and Dr Paul Murphy, in relation to land use and maximising its usage and potential.

Debate ensued and concluded.

12. ADJOURNMENT

The Committee adjourned at 4.20 p.m. *sine die*.

Andrew Doyle, T.D.
Chairman
10 June, 2014

APPENDIX 1

List of EU legislative proposals as scrutinised in Committee Date of meeting: Tuesday 13 May 2014

Schedule A:

(1) Having considered the following proposal and based on the information provided, it was agreed that the following proposal warranted further scrutiny by way of a letter to the Secretary General of the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine requesting further information on exactly how Ireland's target of 5% of land converted to organic will be affected and precisely how Ireland's ability to reach that goal will be limited by this proposal:

COM (2014) 180 - Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on organic production and labelling of organic products, amending Regulation (EU) No XXX/XXX of the European Parliament and of the Council [Official controls Regulation] and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 834/2007 {SWD(2014) 65 final} {SWD(2014) 66 final}

(2) Having noted this adopted measure, it was agreed that certain elements of the Regulation required further information by way of a letter to the Secretary General of the Department of Agriculture, Food requesting further clarification on the effect of this measure on the price of mackerel and the long term effect of these quota changes on Ireland's percentage of TAC for mackerel.

COM (2014) 195 - Proposal for a Council Regulation amending Regulation (EU) No 43/2014 as regards certain fishing opportunities

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) 129 - Proposal for a Council Decision on the position to be adopted, on behalf of the European Union, in the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organisation (NAFO);

COM (2014) 137 - Proposal for a Council Decision on the position to be adopted, on behalf of the European Union, in the South East Atlantic Fisheries Organisation (SEAFO);

COM (2014) 174 - Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to caseins and caseinates intended for human consumption and repealing Council Directive 83/417/EEC

COM (2014) 189 - 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 in the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Union and the Democratic Republic of São Tomé and Príncipe

COM (2014) 190 - 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 Democratic Republic of São Tomé and Príncipe

COM (2014) 191 - 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 São Tomé and Príncipe

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THURSDAY, 5 JUNE 2014

1. The Joint Committee met at 9.30 a.m. in Committee Room 1, 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, Éamon Ó Cuív and Thomas Pringle.

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

Apologies were received from Deputy Michael McNamara and Senator Susan O'Keeffe.

3. PRIVATE SESSION

The Committee agreed to go into private session at 9.40 a.m.

4. ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION

The Committee went out of private session.

5. TAKING OF EVIDENCE

The Committee took oral evidence from officials from the European Commission: DG Agriculture - Mr Tassos Haniotis, Director, Mr Pierre Bascou, Director, Mr Andreas Gumbert; Policy Officer; DG Environment - Mr Patrick Barrett, Policy Officer and DG Climate: Mr Peter Wehrheim, Head of Unit in relation to the European policy priorities in maximising the use of rural land in a sustainable manner.

Debate ensued and concluded.

6. ADJOURNMENT

The Committee adjourned at 11.15 a.m. until 2 p.m. on Tuesday 10 June 2014.

Andrew Doyle, T.D.
Chairman
10 June 2014

MINUTES OF MEETING OF TUESDAY, 10 JUNE 2014

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

3. PRIVATE SESSION

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

4. ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION

5. ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION

6. ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION

7. ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION

8. ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION

9. ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION

The Committee went out of private session.

10. SCRUTINY OF EU LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS

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

11. MEETING SUSPENDED

The meeting was suspended at 2.30p.m. until 2.32 p.m.

12. TAKING OF EVIDENCE

The Committee met with the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine in relation to (i) the forthcoming EU Agriculture and Fisheries (AGRIFISH) Council meeting; and (ii) the sub-Committee on Fisheries' recommendations within the Report on '*Promoting Sustainable Rural Coastal and Island Communities*'.

Debate ensued and concluded.

13. ADJOURNMENT

The Committee adjourned at 4.55 p.m. until 2 p.m. on Tuesday 17 June 2014.

Andrew Doyle, T.D.
Chairman
17 June 2014

APPENDIX 1

List of EU legislative proposals as scrutinised in Committee Date of meeting: Tuesday 10 June 2014

Schedule A:

COM (2014) 175 Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on fixing an adjustment rate for direct payments provided for in Council Regulation (EC) No 73/2009 in respect of calendar year 2014

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

However, the Joint Committee considered that certain elements of the Regulation required further information, and thus agreed to send a letter to the Secretary General of the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine requesting (i) clarification on what types of crises the “crisis reserve” is intended to be used for; and (ii) clarification on whether the fund is a European wide fund or a national fund, i.e. whether monies paid from Irish direct payment will be used for Irish crises – and thus, unspent money would be returned to Irish farmers; or whether Irish monies may be used for crises in other EU countries – and any refund will be dependent on EU wide crises.

Schedule B:

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

COM (2014) 126 - Proposal for a Council Decision on the position to be adopted, on behalf of the European Union, in the Commission for the Conservation of Southern Bluefin Tuna (CCSBT)

COM (2014) 128 - Proposal for a Council Decision on the position to be adopted, on behalf of the European Union, for the Conservation and Management of Highly Migratory Fish Stocks in the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (WCPFC)

COM (2014) 136 - Proposal for a Council Decision on the position to be adopted, on behalf of the European Union, in the General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean (GFCM)

COM (2014) 138 - Proposal for a Council Decision on the signing, on behalf of the European Union, and on the provisional application of the Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of the Seychelles on access for fishing vessels flying the flag of the Seychelles to waters and marine biological resources of Mayotte, under the jurisdiction of the European Union

COM (2014) 139 - Proposal for a Council Decision on the conclusion, on behalf of the European Union, of the Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of the Seychelles on access for fishing vessels flying the flag of the Seychelles to waters and marine biological resources of Mayotte, under the jurisdiction of the European Union.

MINUTES OF MEETING OF TUESDAY 17 JUNE 2014

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

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

3. PRIVATE SESSION

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

4. ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION

5. ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION

6. ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION

7. ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION

8. ADJOURNMENT

The Committee adjourned at 2.50 p.m. until 2 p.m. on Tuesday, 24 June 2014.

Andrew Doyle, T.D.
Chairman
24 June 2014

MINUTES OF MEETING OF TUESDAY, 24 JUNE 2014

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 Heydon, Éamon Ó Cuív and Thomas Pringle.

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

Apologies were received from Deputies Martin Ferris and Michael McNamara

3. PRIVATE SESSION

The Committee agreed to go into private session at 2.08 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 2.33 p.m. until 2.35 p.m.

9. TAKING OF EVIDENCE

The Committee took oral evidence from representatives from Drinks Industry Group of Ireland – Mr Peter O'Brien, Chairman, Ms Marie Byrne, Entrepreneur and Mr Willie Masterson, Malted Barley Farmer in relation to the impact of the drinks industry on the rural economy and its agricultural purchasing strategy.

Debate ensued and concluded.

10. MEETING SUSPENDED

The meeting was suspended at 3.42 p.m. until 3.44 p.m.

11. TAKING OF EVIDENCE

The Committee took oral evidence from representatives from (i) Irish Cattle and Sheep Farmers Association – Mr Patrick Kent, President and Mr Eddie Punch, General Secretary; and (ii) Macra na Feirme – Mr Kieran O'Dowd, National President, Mr Seán Coughlan, Chairman of Agricultural Affairs Committee and Mr Derrie Dillon, Agricultural and Rural Affairs Manager in relation to their respective submissions on the Agri Taxation review.

12. ADJOURNMENT

The Committee adjourned at 4.30 p.m. until 2 p.m. on Tuesday, 1 July 2014.

Andrew Doyle, T.D.
Chairman
1 July, 2014

MINUTES OF MEETING OF TUESDAY 1 JULY 2014

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 Heydon, Willie Penrose, Éamon Ó Cuív and Thomas Pringle.

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

Apologies were received from Senator Brian Ó Domhnaill.

3. **PRIVATE SESSION**

The Committee agreed to go into private session at 2.07p.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 2.38 p.m. until 2.40 p.m.

10. TAKING OF EVIDENCE

The Committee took oral evidence from Mr Brendan Gleeson, Assistant Secretary, Mr Dermot Ryan, Deputy Chief Inspector, Mr Gerry Greally, Senior Inspector and Ms Emer McGeough, Assistant Principal from the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine in relation to the general scheme of the Horse Racing Ireland (Amendment) Bill and to outline the rationale for the provisions contained therein.

Debate ensued and concluded.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The Committee adjourned at 4.09 p.m. until 2.30 p.m. on Tuesday 8 July, 2014.

Andrew Doyle, T.D.
Chairman
8 July, 2014

MINUTES OF MEETING OF TUESDAY, 8 JULY 2014

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

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

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

The Committee met with Mr Tom Moran, 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 (July to December 2013).

Debate ensued and concluded.

4. PRIVATE SESSION

The Committee agreed to go into private session at 3.54 p.m.

5. MEETING SUSPENDED

The meeting was suspended at 3.54 p.m. until 3.56 p.m.

6. ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION

7. ADJOURNMENT

The Committee adjourned at 5.00 p.m. until 9.30 a.m. on Thursday 10 July 2014.

Andrew Doyle, T.D.
Chairman
10 July 2014.

MINUTES OF MEETING OF TUESDAY, 10 JULY 2014

1. The Joint Committee met at 9.30 a.m. in Committee Room 3, LH 2000, a quorum being present.

2. MEMBERS PRESENT

The following members were present:-

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

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

Apologies were received from Deputy Penrose and Senator Susan O'Keeffe.

Also present: Deputy Anthony Lawlor [DSO 92(3)].

3. PRIVATE SESSION

The Committee agreed to go into private session at 9.38 a.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 (1) Association of Irish Racehorse Owners - Mr John Weld, Chairman and Mr Aiden Burns, Manager; and (2) Irish Stable Staff Association - Mr Bernard Caldwell, Chairman, Mr Paddy Curran, PRO and Mr Paddy Doyle, Treasurer in relation to the general scheme of the Horse Racing Ireland (Amendment) Bill 2014.

Debate ensued and concluded.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The Committee adjourned at 11.15 a.m. until 2 p.m. on Tuesday, 15 July, 2014.

Andrew Doyle, T.D.
Chairman
15 July 2014

MINUTES OF MEETING OF TUESDAY 15 JULY 2014

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, Martin Heydon, Willie Penrose, Michael McNamara and Éamon Ó Cuív.

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

Apologies were received from Deputy Tom Barry and Senator Brian Ó Domhnaill.

Also present: Deputy Anthony Lawlor [DSO 92(3)].

3. PRIVATE SESSION

The Committee agreed to go into private session at 14.13 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

The Committee went out of private session.

8. MEETING SUSPENDED

The meeting was suspended at 2.21p.m. until 2.25 p.m.

9. TAKING OF EVIDENCE

The Committee took oral evidence from representatives from (1) Irish Thoroughbred Breeders Association - Mr Derek Icton, Chairman and Mr Shane O'Dwyer, Manager; (2) Association of Irish Racehorse Trainers - Mr Noel Meade, Chairman; Mr Michael Grassick, Chief Executive; Mr Dermot Weld, Committee Member; (3) Irish Jockeys Association - Mr Andrew Coonan, Chief Executive; Mr Ruby Walsh, Committee Member and Mr Michael Kinane, Association Member; and (4) Irish Bookmakers Association - Ms Sharon Byrne, Chairperson and Mr Mike O'Kane,

Business Director (Ladbrokes) in relation to the general scheme of the Horse Racing Ireland (Amendment) Bill 2014.

Debate ensued and concluded.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The Committee adjourned at 4.18 p.m. until 9.30 a.m. on Thursday, 17 July 2014.

Andrew Doyle, T.D.
Chairman
17 July 2014

APPENDIX 1

List of EU legislative proposals as scrutinised in Committee Date of meeting: 15 July 2014

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)281 - Proposal for a Council Decision on a position of be taken by the European Union within the Association Council set up by the Agreement establishing an Association between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and Central America, of the other part, as regards the adoption of a decision of the association Council on the inclusion in Annex XVIII of the respective geographical indication protected in the territory of the parties

COM(2014)295 - Proposal for a Council Decision on a position to be taken by the European Union within the Sub-committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary measures set up by the Trade Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and Colombia and Peru, of the other part, as regards the adoption of its Rules of Procedure

COM(2014)303 - 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 XX (Environment) to the EEA Agreement

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THURSDAY, 17 JULY 2014

1. The Joint Committee met at 9.30 a.m. in Committee Room 3, LH 2000, a quorum being present.

2. MEMBERS PRESENT

The following members were present:-

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

Senators: Michael Comiskey and Mary Ann O'Brien.

Apologies were received from Deputy Tom Barry and Senators Brian Ó Domhnaill and Susan O'Keeffe

Also present: Deputy Anthony Lawlor [DSO 92(3)].

3. PRIVATE SESSION

The Committee agreed to go into private session at 9.55 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 - AGRI-TAXATION REVIEW

The Committee took oral evidence from the Irish Farmers' Association - Mr Eddie Downey, President, Mr Tom Doyle, Farm Business Chairman, Mr Pat Smith, General Secretary and Ms Rowena Dwyer, Economist; and from the Irish Creamery Milk Suppliers Association - Mr John Enright, General Secretary, Mr Lorcan McCabe, Chairperson, Farm Business Committee and Ms Mary Buckley, Policy Officer in relation to their respective submissions to the agri-taxation review.

Debate ensued

It was agreed to forward transcripts of the debate along with transcripts of debate of meeting of 24 June 2014 (Irish Cattle and Sheep Association and Macra na Feirme) to the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine for his consideration.

8. MEETING SUSPENDED

The meeting was suspended at 10.53 a.m. until 10.56 a.m.

9. TAKING OF EVIDENCE

The Committee took oral evidence from Horse Racing Ireland - Mr Joe Keeling, Chairman and Mr Brian Kavanagh CEO in relation to the General Scheme of the Horse Racing Ireland (Amendment) Bill 2014

Debate ensued and concluded.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The Committee adjourned at 12.20 p.m. until 2.00 p.m. on 16 September, 2014

Andrew Doyle, T.D.
Chairman
23 September, 2014

MINUTES OF MEETING OF TUESDAY, 16 SEPTEMBER 2014

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 Tom Barry, Pat Deering, Andrew Doyle (*in the Chair*), Martin Heydon and Thomas Pringle.

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

Apologies were received from Deputies Martin Ferris, Willie Penrose, Michael McNamara and Éamon Ó Cuív.

Also present:

Deputy Anthony Lawlor attended [DSO 92(3)].

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

3. TAKING OF EVIDENCE

The Committee took oral evidence from representatives from (1) Bord na gCon; (2) Association of Irish Racecourses and (3) Racegoers Consultative Forum in relation to the general scheme of the Horse Racing Ireland (Amendment) Bill 2014.

Debate ensued.

4. MEETING SUSPENDED

The meeting was suspended at 3.35 p.m. until 3.40 p.m.

5. TAKING OF EVIDENCE - RESUMED

The Committee took oral evidence from representatives from the Turf Club in relation to the general scheme of the Horse Racing Ireland (Amendment) Bill 2014.

Debate ensued and concluded.

6. ADJOURNMENT

The Committee adjourned at 5.08 p.m. until Tuesday, 23 September 2014.

Andrew Doyle, T.D.
Chairman
23 September 2014

MINUTES OF MEETING OF TUESDAY, 23 SEPTEMBER 2014

1. The Joint Committee met at 3.56 p.m. in Committee Room 3, LH 2000, a quorum being present.

2. MEMBERS PRESENT

The following members were present:-

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

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

Apologies were received from Senators Brian Ó Domhnaill and Michael Comiskey.

Also present: Senator Michael D'Arcy [SSO 80(2)].

3. PRIVATE SESSION

The Committee agreed to go into private session at 3.56p.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 4.20 p.m. until 4.53p.m.

9. MEETING WITH MINISTER FOR AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND THE MARINE ON VOTE 30 2014/2015 ALLOCATION.

The Committee met with Mr. Simon Coveney, T.D, Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine in relation to a review of the financial allocations and spending to-date in the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine.

Debate ensued and concluded.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The Committee adjourned at 6.30 p.m. until 2 p.m. on Tuesday
30 September 2014.

Andrew Doyle, T.D.
Chairman
30 September, 2014

MINUTES OF MEETING OF TUESDAY, 30 SEPTEMBER 2014

1. The Joint Committee met **in private** 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 Heydon, Michael McNamara, Éamon Ó Cuív, Willie Penrose and Thomas Pringle.

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

Apologies were received from Deputy Michael McNamara.

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. ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION

10. ADJOURNMENT

The Committee adjourned at 3.15 p.m. until 2 p.m. on Tuesday 7 October 2014.

Andrew Doyle, T.D.
Chairman
7 October, 2014

APPENDIX 1
List of EU legislative proposals as scrutinised in Committee
Date of meeting: 30 September 2014

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) 373 - Proposal for a Council Decision on the signing, on behalf of the European Union, and provisional application of an Agreement between the European Union and the Kingdom of Norway on reciprocal access to fishing in the Skagerrak

COM (2014) 386 - Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Council Regulation (EC) No 1215/2009 introducing exceptional trade measures for countries and territories participating in or linked to the European Union's Stabilisation and Association process and suspending its application with regard to Bosnia and Herzegovina

COM (2014) 438 - 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 prolongation of the 2005 International Agreement on olive oil and table olives

COM (2014) 454 - Proposal for a Council Regulation establishing the fishing opportunities for anchovy in the Bay of Biscay for the 2014/15 fishing season

COM (2014) 457 - Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EU) No 1343/2011 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 December 2011 on certain provisions for fishing in the GFCM (General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean) Agreement area

COM (2014) 518 - Proposal for a Council Decision on the conclusion of a Sustainable Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Senegal and the Implementation Protocol thereto

COM (2014) 519 - 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 Senegal and the Implementation Protocol thereto

COM (2014) 528 - Proposal for a Council Decision establishing the position to be adopted on behalf of the European Union with regard to certain resolutions to be voted in the framework of the International Organisation for Vine and Wine (OIV)

COM (2014) 547 - 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 Senegal

MINUTES OF MEETING OF TUESDAY, 7 OCTOBER 2014

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

Senators Michael Comiskey and Pat O'Neill.

Apologies were received from Deputy Éamon Ó Cuív.

Also present:

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

3. PRIVATE SESSION

The Committee agreed to go into private session at 2.11 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 2.19 p.m. until 2.21 p.m.

10. TAKING OF EVIDENCE

The Committee took oral evidence from Birdwatch Ireland - Ms Melanie Gomes in relation to the setting of Total Allowable Catches for 2015 under the Common Fisheries Policy.

Debate ensued and concluded.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The Committee adjourned at 3.10 p.m. until 10.30 a.m. on Wednesday 8 October 2014.

Andrew Doyle, T.D.
Chairman
16 October, 2014

MINUTES OF MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, 8 OCTOBER 2014

1. The Joint Committee met at 10.30 a.m. in Committee Room 3, LH 2000, a quorum being present.

2. MEMBERS PRESENT

The following members were present:-

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

Senators Michael Comiskey and Pat O'Neill.

Apologies were received from Senator Mary Ann O'Brien.

Also present:

Deputy 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 10.40 a.m.

4. ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION

5. ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION

The Committee went out of private session

6. MEETING SUSPENDED

The meeting was suspended at 10.46 a.m. until 10.48 a.m.

7. 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 Dermot Ryan, Deputy Chief Inspector, Mr Gerry Greally, Senior Inspector, Ms Emer McGeough and Ms Jane Dempsey Assistant Principals in relation to the general scheme of the Horse Racing Ireland (Amendment) Bill.

Debate ensued and concluded.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The Committee adjourned at 12.10 p.m. *sine die*.

Andrew Doyle, T.D.
Chairman
16 October 2014

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THURSDAY, 16 OCTOBER 2014

1. The Joint Committee met **in private** at 10 a.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 Heydon and Éamon Ó Cuív.

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

Apologies were received from Deputies Pat Deering and Martin Ferris.

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. ADJOURNMENT

The Committee adjourned at 12.35 p.m. until 2 p.m. on Tuesday, 21 October 2014.

Andrew Doyle, T.D.
Chairman
21 October, 2014

MINUTES OF MEETING OF TUESDAY, 21 OCTOBER 2014

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

Also present: Deputy Ray Butler [DSO 92(3)].

3. PRIVATE SESSION

The Committee agreed to go into private session at 2.11 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 A and Schedule B. A decision of each Proposal and the decisions taken are contained at **Appendix 1**.

9. MEETING SUSPENDED

The meeting was suspended at 2.28 p.m. until 2.30 p.m. to allow for witnesses to take their seats.

10. INDECON REPORT ON REVIEW OF CERTAIN ASPECTS OF BORD NA gCON

The Committee took oral evidence from Bord na gCon - Mr Phil Meaney, Chairman, Ms Geraldine Larkin, Chief Executive Officer, Mr Michael Murnane, Chief Finance Officer, Mr Joe Lewins, Head of Wagering and Ms Hillary Forde, Head of Compliance on the Indecon Report compiled by Bord na gCon and commissioned by the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The Committee adjourned at 4.28 p.m. until Tuesday 4 November 2014 at 2p.m.

Andrew Doyle, T.D.
Chairman
4 November 2014

APPENDIX 1

List of EU legislative proposals as scrutinised in Committee

Date of meeting: Tuesday 21 October 2014

Schedule A:

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

COM (2014) 558 - Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on veterinary medicinal products

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) 552 - Proposal for a Council Regulation fixing for 2015 the fishing opportunities for certain fish stocks and groups of fish stocks applicable in the Baltic Sea;

COM (2014) 556 - Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the manufacture, placing on the market and use of medicated feed and repealing Council Directive 90/167/EEC

COM (2014) 557 - Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EC) No 726/2004 laying down Community procedures for the authorisation and supervision of medicinal products for human and veterinary use and establishing a European Medicines Agency

COM (2014) 580 - Proposal for a Council Decision concerning the conclusion, on behalf of the European Union, of the amended Agreement for the establishment of the General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean

COM (2014) 586 - Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the import into the Union of agricultural products originating in Turkey (codification)

COM (2014) 594 - Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council opening and providing for the administration of certain Union tariff quotas for high-quality beef, and for pigmeat, poultrymeat, wheat and meslin, and brans, sharps and other residues (codification)

MINUTES OF MEETING OF TUESDAY, 4 NOVEMBER 2014

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*), Willie Penrose, Éamon Ó Cuív and Thomas Pringle.

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

Apologies were received from Senator Mary Ann O'Brien.

Also present:

Deputy Sean Kyne attended [DSO 92(3)].

3. PRIVATE SESSION

The Committee agreed to go into private session at 2.11 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 2.37 p.m. until 2.38 p.m. to allow the witnesses to take their seats.

9. TAKING OF EVIDENCE

The Committee took oral evidence from officials from the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine - Mr Paul Dillon, Assistant Secretary, Dr Kevin Smyth, Assistant Secretary, Mr Ronan O'Flaherty, Principal Officer, Mr Fintan O'Brien, Principal Officer and Mr Frank Macken, Agricultural Inspector in relation to the Rural Development Programme 2014-2020 and in particular to issues relating to commonages.

Debate ensued and concluded.

10. SCRUTINY OF EU LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS – COM (2014)180

The Committee met with officials from the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine - Mr Paul Dillon, Assistant Secretary, Mr Ronan O’Flaherty, Principal Officer, Mr Fintan O’Brien, Principal Officer and Mr Frank Macken, Agricultural Inspector to discuss the proposal COM(2014)180 concerning organic production and labelling of organic products.

Debate ensued.

It was agreed to draft a political contribution on the proposal which would include the Committees views and observations on the proposal with a view to submitting it to the European Parliament, European Commission, Irish MEPS and also to the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine. As this proposal is at an early stage, it was also agreed that the Committee would be kept informed by the Department of any significant developments with regard to the proposal.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The Committee adjourned at 4.17 p.m. until 2 p.m. on Tuesday, 11 November 2014.

Andrew Doyle, T.D.
Chairman
11 November 2014

MINUTES OF MEETING OF TUESDAY, 11 NOVEMBER 2014

1. The Joint Committee met **in private** at 2 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*), Willie Penrose, and Thomas Pringle.

Senators Michael Comiskey and Pat O'Neill.

Apologies were received from Deputies Martin Heydon, Éamon Ó Cuív and Senator Denis Landy.

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. ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION

10. ADJOURNMENT

The Committee adjourned at 3 p.m. until 2 p.m. on Tuesday, 25 November 2014.

Andrew Doyle, T.D.
Chairman
25 November, 2014

MINUTES OF MEETING OF TUESDAY, 25 NOVEMBER 2014

1. The Joint Committee met at 2 p.m. in Committee Room 3, LH 2000, and 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, Michael McNamara, Éamon Ó Cuív and Thomas Pringle.

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

Apologies were received from Senator Brian Ó Domhnaill.

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. MEETING SUSPENDED

The meeting was suspended at 2.36 p.m. until 2.38 p.m.

9. TAKING OF EVIDENCE

The Committee took oral evidence from representatives from the National Milk Agency – Mr Michael Murphy, Chairman and Dr Muiris Ó Céidigh in relation to its Annual Report 2013.

Debate ensued and concluded.

10. MEETING SUSPENDED

The meeting was suspended at 3.57 p.m. until 4.03 p.m.

11. MOTION RE. DRAFT HORSE AND GREYHOUND RACING FUND REGULATIONS 2014

(i) Motion

The Committee considered the following motions referred by Dáil Éireann and Seanad Éireann on 18 and 19 November 2014 respectively:-

“That Dáil Éireann approves the following Order in draft:

Horse and Greyhound Racing Fund Regulations 2014,
a copy of which Order in draft was laid before Dáil Éireann on
14 November 2014”; and

“That Seanad Éireann approves the following Order in draft:

Horse and Greyhound Racing Fund Regulations 2014,
a copy of which Order in draft was laid before Seanad Éireann
on 14 November 2014”.

The Committee agreed to recommend that there should be no further debate on the motion by Dáil Éireann or Seanad Éireann. However, Deputy Ó Cuív requested that it should be noted that he believed that all of the horse and greyhound allocation should in the future be funded from betting tax, with a little left over for other very worthy purposes, and that, instead of it being a burden on the Exchequer, taking a non-official hypothecation into account, it would be a contributor.

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 the Report on the motion be laid before both Houses of the Oireachtas.

12. ADJOURNMENT

The Committee adjourned at 4.36 p.m. until Tuesday, 2 December 2014 at 3.30 p.m.

Andrew Doyle, T.D.
Chairman
2 December 2014

MINUTES OF MEETING OF TUESDAY, 2 DECEMBER 2014

1. The Joint Committee met at 4.35 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 Heydon, Willie Penrose, Michael McNamara, Éamon Ó Cuív and Thomas Pringle.

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

Apologies were received from Deputies Tom Barry, Michael McNamara and Willie Penrose.

Also present:

Deputy Noel Harrington substituted for Deputy Pat Deering [DSO 92(2)].

3. PRIVATE SESSION

The Committee agreed to go into private session at 4.35 p.m.

4. ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION

5. ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION

6. ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION

7. ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION

8. ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION

9. ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION

The Committee went out of private session.

10. MEETING SUSPENDED

The meeting was suspended at 4.40 p.m. until 4.45 p.m.

11. 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 15 December 2014.

Debate ensued

It was agreed to issue a letter to the European Council expressing the Committee's concern with regard to the issues raised today in advance of the Council Meeting on 15 December 2014. A draft letter would be prepared for the Committee's meeting next week.

12. ADJOURNMENT

The Committee adjourned at 6.20 p.m. until 2 p.m. on Tuesday 9 December 2014.

Andrew Doyle, T.D.
Chairman
9 December 2014

MINUTES OF MEETING OF TUESDAY, 9 DECEMBER 2014

1. The Joint Committee met at 3.45 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, Willie Penrose, Éamon Ó Cuív and Thomas Pringle.

Senator Michael Comiskey.

Apologies were received from Deputy Michael McNamara, Senators Denis Landy and Brian Ó Domhnaill.

3. PRIVATE SESSION

The Committee agreed to go into private session at 3.45 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 proposal before it, as outlined in Schedule A. A description of the Proposal and the decision taken are contained in **Appendix 1**.

9. MEETING SUSPENDED

The meeting was suspended at 3.55 p.m. until 4 p.m.

10. TAKING OF EVIDENCE

The Committee took oral evidence from the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine – Mr Philip Carroll, Assistant Secretary, Mr Pat Flanagan, Senior Superintending Veterinary Officer and Mr Richard Healy, Director of Animal Health and Welfare in relation to the Department's newly established Investigations Division.

Debate ensued and concluded.

The Chairman expressed his gratitude, on behalf of the Joint Committee, to the Secretary General of the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine, Mr Tom Moran and also to the Assistant Secretary, Mr Philip Carroll who are retiring at the end of the year and wished them well in their future endeavours.

11. MEETING SUSPENDED

The meeting was suspended at 5 p.m. until 5.05 p.m.

12. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND THE MARINE INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION

The Committee deliberated following discussion with the departmental officials on the newly established Investigations Division. The Chairman proposed that the Committee would make a submission to the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine expressing its concerns with regard to the issues highlighted today. The proposal was agreed. A draft submission would be prepared for the Committee's meeting next week.

13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Select Committee on Agriculture, Food and the Marine

It was agreed that the start time for the Select Committee on Agriculture, Food and the Marine scheduled to take place at 5.30 p.m. today would not take place until after the Dáil vote.

14. ADJOURNMENT

The Committee adjourned at 5.20 p.m. until 2 p.m. on Tuesday 16 December 2014.

Andrew Doyle, T.D.
Chairman
16 December 2014

APPENDIX 1

List of EU legislative proposals as scrutinised in Committee Date of meeting: Tuesday 9 December 2014

Schedule A:

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

COM (2014) 670 - Proposal for a Council Regulation fixing for 2015 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 and repealing Council Regulation (EU) No 779/2014

It was also agreed to forward the political contribution, as amended, to the relevant personnel in Europe and a copy to the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine for their consideration.

MINUTES OF MEETING OF TUESDAY, 16 DECEMBER 2014

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

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

Apologies were received from Deputy Tom Barry.

Also present:

Deputies Paul Connaughton and Patrick O'Donovan attended [DSO 92(3)].

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

Deputy Michael Fitzmaurice substituted for Deputy Thomas Pringle for part of the meeting [DSO 92(2)].

3. PRIVATE SESSION

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

4. 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 from Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine - Mr Paschal Hayes, Principal Officer, and Mr Damien Clarke, Asst. Principal Officer, Marine Agencies and Programmes Division in relation to draft guidelines for the examination of State Aid to the Fishery and Aquaculture Sector.

Debate ensued.

The Chairman advised the Members that a decision would be made as soon as possible as to whether or not it was advisable for the Committee to make a submission to the Commission at this point of juncture.

13. MEETING SUSPENDED

The meeting was suspended at 3.55 p.m. until 4 p.m.

14. TAKING OF EVIDENCE

The Committee took oral evidence from representatives from the Irish Farmers with Designated Land (IFDL) - Mr Jason Fitzgerald, Chairperson and Mr Liam O'Keeffe, Secretary in relation to the designation of land as special protection areas for the preservation of the hen harrier under the EU Birds and Habitats Directive.

Debate ensued.

The Chairman proposed that the Committee would examine further the concerns raised today with the Departments of Agriculture, Food and the Marine and Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht, particularly the rural development programme from the point of view of the agricultural aspect. The proposal was agreed to.

15. ADJOURNMENT

The Committee adjourned at 5.10 p.m. until 10 a.m. on Thursday 15 January 2015.

Andrew Doyle, T.D.
Chairman
15 January 2015

APPENDIX 5: MEETINGS OF THE DÁIL SELECT AND SELECT SUB-COMMITTEES

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
S09	21/01/2014	The Committee stood adjourned, a quorum not being present	
S10	21/01/2014	2014 Revised Estimate for Public Service Vote 30	Mr Simon Coveney T.D., Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine
S11	25/02/2014	Forestry Bill 2013	Mr Tom Hayes T.D., Minister of State with special responsibility for Food, Forestry, Horticulture and Food Safety
S12	06/03/14	Forestry Bill 2013 - Committee Stage resumed	Mr Tom Hayes T.D., Minister of State with special responsibility for Food, Forestry, Horticulture and Food Safety
S13	09/12/14	Supplementary Estimates – Vote 30	Mr Simon Coveney T.D., Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine

APPENDIX 6: PROCEEDINGS OF THE SELECT COMMITTEE AND SELECT SUB-COMMITTEES

IMEACHTAÍ AN ROGHCHOISTE UM THALMHAÍOCHT, BIA AGUS MUIR

PROCEEDINGS OF THE SELECT COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND THE MARINE

Dé Máirt, 21 Eanáir 2014
Tuesday, 21 January 2014

1. Chruinnigh an Coiste ar 1.45 p.m.

1. The Committee met at 1.45 p.m.

2. COMHALTAÍ I LÁTHAIR.

2. MEMBERS PRESENT.

An Teachta Aindrias Ó Dubhaill
(*i gCeannas*), an tAire Talmhaíochta,
Bia agus Mara, Na Teachtaí Tomás de
Barra, Pádraig Ó Dúring, Máirtín Ó
Fearghusa, Máirtín Ó hEideáin, Liam
Peanróis, Micheál Mac Conmara,
Éamon Ó Cuív agus Thomás 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, Willie Penrose,
Éamon Ó Cuív and Thomas Pringle.

3. SEISIÚN PRÍOBHÁIDEACH.

3. PRIVATE SESSION.

Ordaíodh: Go suífidh an Coiste i
seisiún príobháideach anois.

Ordered: That the Committee now sit in
private.

Shuigh an Coiste i seisiún
príobháideach dá réir sin.

The Committee sat in private
accordingly.

Chuaigh an Coiste as seisiún
príobháideach.

The Committee went out of private
session.

4. MEASTACHÁIN I gCOMHAIR
SEIRBHÍSÍ POIBLÍ.

4. ESTIMATES FOR PUBLIC SERVICES.

Bhreithnigh an Coiste an Meastachán
seo a leanas i gcomhair Seirbhísí
Poiblí don bhliain dar críoch an 31
Nollaig 2012 -

The Committee considered the
following Estimate for Public Services
for the year ending 31 December 2014 -

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

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

Críochnaíodh an breithnú 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.

5. ATHLÁ.

5. ADJOURNMENT.

Chuaigh an Coiste ar athló ar 5.40 p.m. *sine die*.

The Committee adjourned at 5.40 p.m. *sine die*.

ANDREW DOYLE, T.D.
Chairman
21 January, 2014

Dé Máirt, 25 Feabhra, 2014

Tuesday, 25 February, 2014

1. Chruinnigh an Coiste ar 2.15 p.m.

1. The Committee met at 2.15 p.m.

2. COMHALTAÍ I LÁTHAIR¹.

2. MEMBERS PRESENT².

Na Teachtaí Aindrias Ó Dubhaill (*i gCeannas*), Tomás Ó hAodha (*Aire Stáit ag an Roinn Talmhaíochta, Bia agus Mara*), Risteard Buíd Bairéid, Pól Ó Connachtáin, Pádraig Ó Díring, Máirtín Ó Fearghusa, Máirtín Ó hEideáin, Antóin Ó Leathleabhair, Liam Peanrós, Michéal MacConmara, Éamon Ó Cuív agus Tomás Pringle.

Deputies Andrew Doyle (*in the Chair*), Tom Hayes (*Minister of State at the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine*), Richard Boyd Barrett, Paul Connaughton, Pat Deering, Martin Ferris, Martin Heydon, Anthony Lawlor, Willie Penrose, Michael McNamara, Éamon Ó Cuív and Thomas Pringle.

3. AN BILLE FORAOISEACHTA 2013.

3. FORESTRY BILL 2013.

Chrom an Coiste ar an mBille a bhreithniú.

The Committee took the Bill into consideration.

(i) *Aontaíodh* alt 1.

(i) Section 1 *agreed to*.

(ii) Alt 2.

(ii) Section 2.

Tairgeadh leasú (*An Teachta Tomás Pringle*):

Amendment proposed (*Deputy Thomas Pringle*):

1. In page 6, between lines 3 and 4, to insert the following:

“ “ancient woodlands” means those woodlands which have had continuous tree cover since 1650 or before and which are most likely to have arisen naturally and to be descended from Ireland’s original forests;”.

Cuireadh an Cheist:- “Go ndéanfar an

Question:- “That the amendment be

¹ Ghlac an Teachta Pól Ó Connachtáin ionad an Teachta Tomás de Barra [B.O. 92(2)].

Ghlac na Teachtaí Antóin Ó Leathleabhair agus Risteard Buíd Bairéid ionaid na dTeachtaí Máirtín Ó hEideáin agus Tomás Pringle faoi seach (ar feadh cuid den chruinniú) [B.O. 92(2)].

² Deputy Paul Connaughton substituted for Deputy Tom Barry [S.O. 92(2)].

Deputies Anthony Lawlor and Richard Boyd Barrett substituted for Deputies Martin Heydon and Thomas Pringle respectively (for part of the meeting) [S.O. 92(2)].

leasú” – agus cinneadh gur freagra diúltach a tugadh uirthi.

made”- put, and *decided in the negative*.

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

Amendment proposed (*Deputy Éamon Ó Cuív*):

2. In page 6, line 4, after “means a” to insert “suitably competent”.

Tarraingíodh siar an leasú, faoi chead.

Amendment, by leave, *withdrawn*.

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

Amendment proposed (*Deputy Martin Ferris*):

3. In page 6, line 25, to delete “0.1 hectare” and substitute “0.5 hectares and five metres in height”.

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

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

Tairgeadh leasú (*An Teachta Tomás Pringle*):

Amendment proposed (*Deputy Thomas Pringle*):

4. In page 7, between lines 31 and 32, to insert the following:

“ “Rio Forest Principles” means the “Forest Principles” adopted at The United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (UNCED) in Rio de Janeiro in 1992;”.

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

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

Tairgeadh leasú (*An Teachta Tomás Pringle*):

Amendment proposed (*Deputy Thomas Pringle*):

5. In page 7, between lines 31 and 32, to insert the following:

“ “sustainable forest management” means the management of forests following the definition of sustainable forest management as set out in the 1992 Rio Forest Principles.”.

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

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

Aontaíodh alt 2.

Section 2 agreed to.

(iii) *Aontaíodh ailt 3 agus 4.*

(iii) Sections 3 and 4 *agreed to.*

(iv) Alt 5.

(iv) Section 5.

Tairgeadh leasú (*Teachta Máirtín Ó Fearghusa*):

Amendment proposed (*Deputy Martin Ferris*):

7. In page 8, line 11, after “afforestation” to insert “and timber production”.

Tarraingíodh siar an leasú, faoi chead.

Amendment, by leave, *withdrawn.*

Tairgeadh leasú (*An Teachta Tomás Pringle*):

Amendment proposed (*Deputy Thomas Pringle*):

9. In page 8, delete lines 12 to 16, to insert the following:

“(b) to promote sustainable forest management as set out in the 1992 Rio Forest Principles, forest resources and forest lands should be sustainably managed to meet the social, economic, ecological, cultural and spiritual needs of present and future generations. These needs are for forest products and services, such as wood and wood products, water, food, fodder, medicine, fuel, shelter, employment, recreation, habitats for wildlife, landscape diversity, carbon sinks and reservoirs, and for other forest products;”.

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

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

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

Amendment proposed (*Deputy Éamon Ó Cuív*):

10. In page 8, between lines 16 and 17, to insert the following:

“(c) to promote research and development in the forestry section;”.

Tarraingíodh siar an leasú, faoi chead.

Amendment, by leave, *withdrawn.*

Tairgeadh leasú (*An Teachta Tomás Ó hAodha, Aire Stáit ag an Roinn Talmhaíochta, Bia agus Mara*):

Amendment proposed (*Deputy Tom Hayes, Minister of State at the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine*):

- 11.** In page 8, between lines 24 and 25, to insert the following:

“(g) to promote research in forestry and related matters;”.

Aontaíodh an leasú.

Amendment agreed to.

Tairgeadh leasú (*An Teachta Tomás Pringle*):

Amendment proposed (*Deputy Thomas Pringle*):

- 12.** In page 8, line 25, after “against” to insert “the harmful effects of pollution including airborne pollution and”.

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

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

Tairgeadh leasú (*An Teachta Tomás Pringle*):

Amendment proposed (*Deputy Thomas Pringle*):

- 13.** In page 8, line 26, after “species” to insert “in order to maintain their full multiple value”.

Tarraingíodh siar an leasú, faoi chead.

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Tairgeadh leasú (*An Teachta Tomás Ó hAodha, Aire Stáit ag an Roinn Talmhaíochta, Bia agus Mara*):

Amendment proposed (*Deputy Tom Hayes, Minister of State at Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine*):

- 14.** In page 8, line 33, after “to promote the” to insert “production and”.

Aontaíodh an leasú.

Amendment agreed to.

Tairgeadh leasú (*An Teachta Tomás Pringle*):

Amendment proposed (*Deputy Thomas Pringle*):

- 15.** In page 8, to delete lines 36 to 42 and substitute the following:

“(m) to promote and monitor the protection and enhancement of water quality and water status in all aspects of forestry, so as to ensure that forestry plans, operations and forest-based activities regulated under this Act are compatible with the requirements of Directive No. 2000/60/EC of the European Parliament

and of the Council of 23 October 2000 on water policy;”.

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

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

Tairgeadh leasú (*An Teachta Tomás Pringle*):

Amendment proposed (*Deputy Thomas Pringle*):

16. In page 8, line 37, after “quality” to insert “and water status”.

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

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

Tairgeadh leasú (*An Teachta Tomás Pringle*):

Amendment proposed (*Deputy Thomas Pringle*):

17. In page 8, line 37 and 38, to delete “including ensuring” and substitute “so as to ensure”.

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

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

Tairgeadh leasú (*An Teachta Tomás Pringle*):

Amendment proposed (*Deputy Thomas Pringle*):

18. In page 8, line 38, after “forestry” to insert “plans,”.

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

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

Tairgeadh leasú (*An Teachta Tomás Pringle*):

Amendment proposed (*Deputy Thomas Pringle*):

19. In page 9, between lines 3 and 4, to insert the following:

- (o) to promote conservation, expansion, restoration, and positive management of natural and semi-natural woodlands, including the remnants of Ancient woodland and ensure that management plans are put in place for these woodlands once identified, whether they occur in Special Areas of Conservation or Natural Heritage Areas or otherwise, and that this is prioritised in forest policy;”.

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

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

Tairgeadh leasú (*An Teachta Tomás Pringle*):

Amendment proposed (*Deputy Thomas Pringle*):

20. In page 9, between lines 3 and 4, to insert the following:

“(o) to promote silviculture based on natural conditions using continuous cover forest planning and management using native species adapted to the site, having small scale operations and by encouraging natural regeneration, ensuring the protection of rare, endangered, and ecologically important areas while maintaining, conserving and enhancing biological diversity in forest ecosystems;”.

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

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

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

Amendment proposed (*Deputy Éamon Ó Cuív*):

21. In page 9, between lines 6 and 7, to insert the following:

“(p) to encourage and facilitate the development of a competitive timber industry and the creation of jobs in rural Ireland;

(q) to promote and facilitate the provision of a sufficient supply of sawlog at competitive prices to meet the requirements of the timber industry.”.

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

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

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

Amendment proposed (*Deputy Martin Ferris*):

22. In page 9, between lines 6 and 7, to insert the following:

“(2) The Minister has a duty to provide information to ensure the public and other authorities are regularly informed on the role and condition of forests as well as on all forestry activities.

(3) The Minister has a duty to ensure that all Irish citizens and environmental NGOs are entitled to participate in forestry planning and management at local and national level, ranging from public enquiries to environmental assessments and monitoring.”.

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

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

Tairgeadh leasú (*An Teachta Tomás Pringle*):

Amendment proposed (*Deputy Thomas Pringle*):

23. In page 9, between lines 6 and 7, to insert the following:

“(2) The Minister has a duty to provide information to ensure the public and other authorities are regularly informed on the role and condition of forests as well as on all forestry activities.”.

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

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

Tairgeadh leasú (*An Teachta Tomás Pringle*):

Amendment proposed (*Deputy Thomas Pringle*):

24. In page 9, between lines 6 and 7, to insert the following:

“(2) The Minister has a duty to ensure that all the people who live in Ireland and environmental NGOs are entitled to participate in forest planning and management at local and national level, ranging from public enquiries to environmental assessment and monitoring.”.

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

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

Aontaíodh an t-alt, mar a leasaíodh.

Section, as amended, *agreed to*.

(v) Alt 6.

(v) Section 6.

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

Amendment proposed (*Deputy Éamon Ó Cuív*):

25. In page 9, to delete lines 14 and 15.

Tarraingíodh siar an leasú, faoi chead.

Amendment, by leave, *withdrawn*.

Tairgeadh leasú (*An Teachta Tomás Pringle*):

Amendment proposed (*Deputy Thomas Pringle*):

26. In page 9, line 20, after “guidelines” to insert the following:

“that incorporate binding requirements as in section 28 of the Planning Act”.

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

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

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

Amendment proposed (*Deputy Martin Ferris*):

27. In page 9, to delete lines 22 to 24 and substitute the following:

“(e) purchase land that is for sale, land swop, or lease for afforestation or any other forestry related activity,”.

Tarraingíodh siar an leasú, faoi chead.

Amendment, by leave, *withdrawn*.

Tairgeadh leasú (*An Teachta Tomás Pringle*):

Amendment proposed (*Deputy Thomas Pringle*):

28. In page 9, line 22, after “purchase” to insert “land for sale, land swap or lease”.

Tarraingíodh siar an leasú, faoi chead.

Amendment, by leave, *withdrawn*.

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

Amendment proposed (*Deputy Éamon Ó Cuív*):

29. In page 9, line 22, after “purchase” to insert “, other than by compulsory order,”.

Tarraingíodh siar an leasú, faoi chead.

Amendment, by leave, *withdrawn*.

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

Amendment proposed (*Deputy Éamon Ó Cuív*):

30. In page 9, to delete line 30.

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

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

(vi) Aontaíodh alt 6.

(vi) Section 6 *agreed to*.

(vii) Alt 7.

(vii) Section 7.

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

Amendment proposed (*Deputy Éamon Ó Cuív*):

31. In page 9, to delete line 40.

Tarraingíodh siar an leasú, faoi chead.

Amendment, by leave, *withdrawn*.

Tairgeadh leasú (*An Teachta Tomás Pringle*):

Amendment proposed (*Deputy Thomas Pringle*):

32. In page 10, line 2, after “conditions” to insert the following:

“, but only where it accords with the principles of sustainable forest management as defined in *section 2*”.

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

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

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

Amendment proposed (*Deputy Éamon Ó Cuív*):

33. In page 10, line 2, after “conditions” to insert the following:

“which shall be proportionate to achieving the Act’s objectives and shall not impose additional costs on the sector that are not justified”.

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

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

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

Amendment proposed (*Deputy Éamon Ó Cuív*):

- 34.** In page 10, line 9, to delete “having regard to all the circumstances of the case, including” and substitute “where there is”.

Tarraingíodh siar an leasú, faoi chead.

Amendment, by leave, *withdrawn*.

Tairgeadh leasú (*An Teachta Tomás Ó hAodha, Aire Stáit ag an Roinn Talmhaíochta, Bia agus Mara*):

Amendment proposed (*Deputy Tom Hayes, Minister of State at the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine*):

- 35.** In page 10, line 10, after “conditions” to insert the following:

“, but a revocation of a licence or of another foregoing matter shall not take place unless the Minister is satisfied that—

- (i) there are substantial grounds warranting that course of action, and
- (ii) the exercise of none of the other powers under this subsection would remedy the matter”.

Aontaíodh an leasú.

Amendment *agreed to*.

Aontaíodh an t-alt, mar a leasaíodh.

Section, as amended, *agreed to*.

(viii) Alt nua.

(viii) New section.

Tairgeadh leasú (*An Teachta Tomás Pringle*):

Amendment proposed (*Deputy Thomas Pringle*):

- 38.** In page 10, between line 33 and 34, to insert the following:

“8.(1) The Minister should establish a working group based on the Forestry Liaison Group, with balanced representation for the social, environmental and economic stakeholders.

(2) The working group may create sub-groups to issue advice on specific areas when required in consultation with the Minister.

(3) The working group should have input in setting of agendas and work.

- (4) The working group should act as a link between international and national forest policies.
- (5) The terms of reference of the working group should be set by the stakeholders and be guided by the Rio Forest Principles.”.

Tarraingíodh siar an leasú, faoi chead.

Amendment, by leave, *withdrawn*.

Tairgeadh leasú (*An Teachta Tomás Ó hAodha, Aire Stáit ag an Roinn Talmhaíochta, Bia agus Mara*):

Amendment proposed (*Deputy Tom Hayes, Minister of State at the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine*):

- 39.** In page 10, line 36, after “functions” to insert “under the relevant statutory provisions”.

Aontaíodh an leasú.

Amendment *agreed to*.

Aontaíodh an t-alt, mar a leasaíodh.

Section, as amended, *agreed to*.

(ix) Alt 9.

(ix) Section 9.

Tairgeadh leasú (*An Teachta Tomás Ó hAodha, Aire Stáit ag an Roinn Talmhaíochta, Bia agus Mara*):

Amendment proposed (*Deputy Tom Hayes, Minister of State at the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine*):

- 40.** In page 11, to delete lines 19 to 23 and substitute the following:

- “9.** (1) A person shall not disclose confidential information obtained by him or her while performing, or as a result of having performed, duties as a member of a committee unless he or she is authorised to do so by the Minister or as provided by law.”.

Aontaíodh an leasú.

Amendment *agreed to*.

Tairgeadh leasú (*An Teachta Tomás Ó hAodha, Aire Stáit ag an Roinn Talmhaíochta, Bia agus Mara*):

Amendment proposed (*Deputy Tom Hayes, Minister of State at the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine*):

- 42.** In page 11, to delete lines 24 to 26 and substitute the following:

- “(2) A person who contravenes *subsection (1)** shall be guilty of an offence and be liable, on summary conviction, to a class E fine.”.

Aontaíodh an leasú.

Amendment *agreed to*.

Aontaíodh an t-alt, mar a leasaíodh.

Section, as amended, *agreed to*.

(x) Alt 10.

(x) Section 10.

Tairgeadh leasú (*An Teachta Tomás Pringle*):

Amendment proposed (*Deputy Thomas Pringle*):

45. In page 11, line 38, to delete “may” and substitute “should”.

Tarraingíodh siar an leasú, faoi chead.

Amendment, by leave, *withdrawn*.

Tairgeadh leasú (*An Teachta Tomás Pringle*):

Amendment proposed (*Deputy Thomas Pringle*):

46. In page 11, after line 43, to insert the following:

“(2) The detail required in a forest management plan shall be proportionate to the area of forestry.”.

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

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

Tairgeadh leasú (*An Teachta Tomás Pringle*):

Amendment proposed (*Deputy Thomas Pringle*):

48. In page 12, between lines 14 and 15, to insert the following:

“(7) Prior to the making of regulations the Minister shall consult with the relevant Oireachtas Committee.”.

Tarraingíodh siar an leasú, faoi chead.

Amendment, by leave, *withdrawn*.

Aontaíodh alt 10.

Section 10 *agreed to*.

(xi) Alt 11.

(xi) Section 11.

Tairgeadh leasú (*An Teachta Tomás Pringle*):

Amendment proposed (*Deputy Thomas Pringle*):

49. In page 12, line 19, to delete “have regard to” and substitute “ensure that”.

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

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

Tairgeadh leasú (*An Teachta Tomás Pringle*):

Amendment proposed (*Deputy Thomas Pringle*):

51. In page 12, to delete line 21, and substitute the following:

“(b) lead with reference to all relevant national forest policy and national forest standards,”.

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

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

Tairgeadh leasú (*An Teachta Tomás Pringle*):

Amendment proposed (*Deputy Thomas Pringle*):

52. In page 12, to delete line 23, and substitute the following:

“(i) protected semi-natural habitats and protected species that may be impacted by forest activities, both inside and outside the forest, and whether within or outside protected areas, and”.

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

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

Tairgeadh leasú (*An Teachta Tomás Pringle*):

Amendment proposed (*Deputy Thomas Pringle*):

53. In page 12, line 37, after “Regulations,” to insert the following:

“including in each case consideration of in combination effects of afforestation and other plans or projects,”.

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

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

Aontaíodh alt 11.

Section 11 *agreed to*.

(xii) *Aontaíodh alt 12.*

(xii) Section 12 *agreed to*.

4. ATHLÁ.

Cuireadh breithniú breise ar an mBille ar athló.

Chuaigh an Coiste ar athló ar 6.30 p.m go dtí 9.30 a.m. Dé Déardaoin, 6 Márta, 2014.

4. ADJOURNMENT.

Further consideration of the Bill adjourned.

The Committee adjourned at 6.30 p.m. until 9.30 a.m. on Thursday, 6 March, 2014.

ANDREW DOYLE, T.D.

Chairman

25 February, 2014

Déardaoin, 6 Márta, 2014

Thursday, 6 March, 2014

1. Chruinnigh an Coiste ar 9.40 a.m.

1. The Committee met at 9.40 a.m.

2. COMHALTAÍ I LÁTHAIR³.

2. MEMBERS PRESENT⁴.

Na Teachtaí Aindrias Ó Dubhaill (*i gCeannas*), Tomás Ó hAodha (*Aire Stáit ag an Roinn Talmhaíochta, Bia agus Mara*), Risteard Buíd Bairéid, Pól Ó Connachtáin, Pádraig Ó Díring, Máirtín Ó Fearghusa, Máirtín Ó hEideáin, Antóin Ó Leathleabhair, Liam Peanrós, Michéal MacConmara agus Éamon Ó Cuív.

Deputies Andrew Doyle (*in the Chair*), Tom Hayes (*Minister of State at the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine*), Richard Boyd Barrett, Paul Connaughton, Pat Deering, Martin Ferris, Martin Heydon, Anthony Lawlor, Willie Penrose, Michael McNamara and Éamon Ó Cuív.

3. AN BILLE FORAOISEACHTA 2013.

3. FORESTRY BILL 2013.

D'athchrom an Coiste ar an mBille a bhreithniú.

The Committee resumed consideration of the Bill.

(i) Alt 13.

(i) Section 13.

Tairgeadh leasú (*An Teachta Tomás Ó hAodha, Aire Stáit ag an Roinn Talmhaíochta, Bia agus Mara*):

Amendment proposed (*Deputy Tom Hayes, Minister of State at the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine*):

56. In page 13, to delete lines 21 to 30 and substitute the following:

“(a) the owner or manager of a forest, requiring him or her to furnish to the Minister within 28 days or such longer period as may be specified in the notice, such particulars in relation to the forest, including the

area, species, numbers and volumes of trees felled during a specified period, and such other information as may be specified in the notice;”.

Aontaíodh an leasú.

Amendment agreed to.

³ Ghlac an Teachta Risteard Buíd Bairéid ionad an Teachta Tomás Pringle [B.O. 92(2)].

⁴ Deputy Richard Boyd Barrett substituted for Deputy Thomas Pringle [S.O. 92(2)].

Tairgeadh leasú (*An Teachta Risteard Buíd Bairéid*):

Amendment proposed (*Deputy Richard Boyd Barrett*):

60. In page 13, line 33, after “days” to insert “, if investigating alleged offences,”.

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

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

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

Amendment proposed (*Deputy Éamon Ó Cuív*):

61. In page 13, line 39, after “notice” to insert “provided this information is readily available and is not commercially sensitive”.

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

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

Tairgeadh leasú (*An Teachta Tomás Ó hAodha, Aire Stáit ag an Roinn Talmhaíochta, Bia agus Mara*):

Amendment proposed (*Deputy Tom Hayes, Minister of State at the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine*):

62. In page 13, line 48, to delete “class A fine” and substitute “class E fine”.

Aontaíodh an leasú.

Amendment agreed to.

Aontaíodh an t-alt, mar a leasaíodh.

Section, as amended, agreed to.

(ii) *Aontaíodh alt 14.*

(ii) *Section 14 agreed to.*

(iii) *Alt 15.*

(iii) *Section 15.*

Tairgeadh leasú (*An Teachta Tomás Ó hAodha, Aire Stáit ag an Roinn Talmhaíochta, Bia agus Mara*):

Amendment proposed (*Deputy Tom Hayes, Minister of State at the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine*):

63. In page 14, line 34, after “destroyed” to insert the following:

“so far as it is reasonably practicable to do so”.

Aontaíodh an leasú.

Amendment agreed to.

Tairgeadh leasú (*An Teachta Tomás Ó hAodha, Aire Stáit ag an Roinn Talmhaíochta, Bia agus Mara*):

Amendment proposed (*Deputy Tom Hayes, Minister of State at the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine*):

64. In page 15, to delete lines 11 to 15 and substitute the following:

“(c) subject to *subsection (5)*, a species protected under the Wildlife Acts 1976 to 2012 or the Habitats Regulations.

(5) Notwithstanding *subsection (4)(c)*, where the power under *subsection (1)* is exercised nothing in this section shall be construed as authorising or requiring, on foot of the notice concerned, the destruction of, or the taking of any other steps in relation to, species falling within *subsection (4)(c)* otherwise than in accordance with a licence granted by the Minister for the Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht under—

(a) the Wildlife Acts 1976 to 2012, or

(b) the Habitats Regulations.”.

Aontaíodh an leasú.

Amendment *agreed to*.

Aontaíodh an t-alt, mar a leasaíodh.

Section, as amended, *agreed to*.

(iv) Alt 16

(iv) Section 16.

Tairgeadh leasú (*An Teachta Tomás Ó hAodha, Aire Stáit ag an Roinn Talmhaíochta, Bia agus Mara*):

Amendment proposed (*Deputy Tom Hayes, Minister of State at the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine*):

65. In page 15, between lines 21 and 22, to insert the following:

“ “Authority” means the Property Registration Authority;”.

Aontaíodh an leasú.

Amendment *agreed to*.

Aontaíodh an t-alt, mar a leasaíodh.

Section, as amended, *agreed to*.

(v) Alt 17.

Tairgeadh leasú (*An Teachta Tomás Ó hAodha, Aire Stáit ag an Roinn Talmhaíochta, Bia agus Mara*):

(v) Section 17.

Amendment proposed (*Deputy Tom Hayes, Minister of State at the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine*):

68. In page 15, line 36, to delete “5 years” and substitute “10 years”.

Aontaíodh an leasú.

Amendment agreed to.

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

Amendment proposed (*Deputy Éamon Ó Cuív*):

69. In page 15, between lines 36 and 37, to insert the following:

“(b) Notwithstanding *paragraph (a)*, licences for thinning operations up to clearfell stage shall be issued to include all standard commercial thinning which accords with good forestry practice;”.

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

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

Tairgeadh leasú (*An Teachta Risteard Buíd Bairéid*):

Amendment proposed (*Deputy Richard Boyd Barrett*):

71. In page 16, line 8, to delete “replanting” and substitute “reforestation”.

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

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

Tairgeadh leasú (*An Teachta Risteard Buíd Bairéid*):

Amendment proposed (*Deputy Richard Boyd Barrett*):

72. In page 15, line 10, after “species” to insert “and provenance”.

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

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

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

Amendment proposed (*Deputy Éamon Ó Cuív*):

73. In page 16, line 14, after “specified” to insert the following:

“as long as such conditions are in line with good

forest practice and generally concur with the forest management objectives of the forest owner”.

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

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

Tairgeadh leasú (*An Teachta Risteard Buíd Bairéid*):

Amendment proposed (*Deputy Richard Boyd Barrett*):

74. In page 16, line 30, to delete “, and” and substitute “within 28 days of receipt of licence application”.

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

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

Tairgeadh leasú (*An Teachta Risteard Buíd Bairéid*):

Amendment proposed (*Deputy Richard Boyd Barrett*):

75. In page 16, line 33, after “require” to insert “within 28 days of receipt of licence application”.

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

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

Tairgeadh leasú (*An Teachta Risteard Buíd Bairéid*):

Amendment proposed (*Deputy Richard Boyd Barrett*):

76. In page 16, between lines 33 and 34, to insert the following:

“(6) The Minister shall make a decision on a licence application, with or without conditions, within a period not exceeding 90 days.”.

Cuireadh an Cheist:- “Go ndéanfar an leasú”: rinne an Coiste vótáil: Tá, 2; Níl, 5.

Question:- “That the amendment be made” - put: the Committee divided: For, 2; Against, 5.

Tá:- Na Teachtaí Risteard Buíd Bairéad agus Éamon Ó Cuív.

For: - Deputies Richard Boyd Barrett and Éamon Ó Cuív.

Níl:- Na Teachtaí Tomás Ó hAodha (*Aire Stáit ag an Roinn Talmhaíochta, Bia agus Mara*), Tomás de Barra, Aindrias Ó Dubhaill, Máirtín Ó hEideáin agus Michéal MacConmara.

Against:- Deputies Tom Hayes (*Minister of State at the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine*) Tom Barry, Andrew Doyle, Martin Heydon and Michael McNamara.

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

The Question was declared negative accordingly.

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

Amendment proposed (*Deputy Éamon Ó Cuív*):

77. In page 16, between lines 39 and 40, to insert the following:

“(i) to a fixed payment notice as provided for in *section 23*.”.

Tarraingíodh siar an leasú, faoi chead.

Amendment, by leave, *withdrawn*.

Aontaíodh an t-alt, mar a leasaíodh.

Section, as amended, *agreed to*.

(vi) Alt nua.

(vi) New section.

Tairgeadh leasú (*An Teachta Tomás Ó hAodha, Aire Stáit ag an Roinn Talmhaíochta, Bia agus Mara*):

Amendment (*Deputy Tom Hayes, Minister of State at the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine*):

79. In page 17, between lines 26 and 27, to insert the following:

“Time period for decisions on applications for felling licences

18. (1) It shall be the objective of the Minister to ensure that every application under *section 17* for a licence (a “felling licence application”) is determined within a period of 4 months beginning on the date of receipt by the Minister of the application.

(2) Where it appears to the Minister that it would not be possible or appropriate, because of the particular circumstances of a felling licence application or because of the number of such applications which have been submitted to the Minister, to determine a felling licence application within the period referred to in *subsection (1)*, the Minister shall, by notice in writing served on the applicant for the licence, inform the applicant of the reasons why it would not be possible or appropriate to determine the application within that period and shall specify the date before which the Minister intends that the application shall be determined.

(3) Where a notice has been served under *subsection (2)*, the Minister shall take all such steps as are open to him or her to ensure that the application is determined before the date specified in the notice.”.

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

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

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

Amendment proposed (*Deputy Éamon Ó Cuív*):

80. In page 18, line 10, to delete “5 years” and substitute “10 years”.

Tarraingíodh siar an leasú, faoi chead.

Amendment, by leave, *withdrawn*.

Tairgeadh leasú (*An Teachta Risteard Buíd Bairéid*):

Amendment proposed (*Deputy Richard Boyd Barrett*):

81. In page 18, line 25, to delete “10 metres” and substitute “5 metres”.

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

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

Tairgeadh leasú (*An Teachta Tomás Ó hAodha, Aire Stáit ag an Roinn Talmhaíochta, Bia agus Mara*):

Amendment proposed (*Deputy Tom Hayes, Minister of State at the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine*):

82. In page 18, to delete lines 28 to 32 and substitute the following:

“(iii) on an agricultural holding and removed by the owner for use on that holding, provided—

(I) it does not form part of a decorative avenue or ring of trees,

(II) its volume does not exceed 3 cubic metres, and

(III) the removal of it, by the owner for the

foregoing purpose, when taken together with the removal of other such trees by the owner for that purpose, would not result in the total volume of trees, on that holding and removed by the owner for that purpose, exceeding 15 cubic metres in any period of 12 months,”.

Aontaíodh an leasú.

Amendment *agreed to*.

Tairgeadh leasú (*An Teachta Risteard Buíd Bairéid*):

Amendment proposed (*Deputy Richard Boyd Barrett*):

84. In page 18, line 33, after “species,” to insert “below a certain size,”.

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

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

Tairgeadh leasú (*An Teachta Risteard Buíd Bairéid*):

Amendment proposed (*Deputy Richard Boyd Barrett*):

85. In page 18, line 35 and 36, to delete “20 centimetres” and substitute “10 centimetres”.

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

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

Tairgeadh leasú (*An Teachta Risteard Buíd Bairéid*):

Amendment proposed (*Deputy Richard Boyd Barrett*):

87. In page 18, line 37, after “ground” to insert “or is not in a hedgerow of historical, ecological and/or landscape significance”.

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

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

Tairgeadh leasú (*An Teachta Tomás Ó hAodha, Aire Stáit ag an Roinn Talmhaíochta, Bia agus Mara*):

Amendment proposed (*Deputy Tom Hayes, Minister of State at the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine*):

88. In page 18, between lines 43 and 44, to insert the following:

“(2) A tree within—

- (a) the curtilage or attendant grounds of a protected structure under Chapter 1 of Part IV of the Act of 2000,
- (b) an area subject to a special amenity area order, or
- (c) a landscape conservation area under section 204 of the Act of 2000,

shall not be an exempted tree, unless it is a tree to which *subsection (1)(a), (b), (e), (f) or (g), or subparagraph (i) or (ii) of subsection (1)(m), applies.*”.

Aontaíodh an leasú.

Amendment agreed to.

Tairgeadh leasú (*An Teachta Risteard Buíd Bairéid*):

Amendment proposed (*Deputy Richard Boyd Barrett*):

89. In page 18, between lines 43 and 44, to insert the following:

“(2) Provision should be given to encourage natural regeneration of scrub back to high natural forest as scrub is a valuable habitat. Scrub should be designated as agroforestry.”.

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

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

Aontaíodh an t-alt, mar a leasaíodh.

Section, as amended, *agreed to*.

(viii) *Aontaíodh* alt 19.

(viii) Section 19 *agreed to*.

(ix) Alt nua.

(ix) New section.

Tairgeadh leasú (*An Teachta Tomás Ó hAodha, Aire Stáit ag an Roinn Talmhaíochta, Bia agus Mara*):

Amendment proposed (*Deputy Tom Hayes, Minister of State at the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine*):

90. In page 19, between lines 15 and 16, to insert the following:

“**20.**(1) Where a replanting order is served on any person (including a variation to such an order under *section 25(9)*), the Minister may, as soon as may be after so serving or varying the order, send a copy thereof to the Authority which shall—

(a) in the case of registered land, register the replanting order as a burden affecting such land, or

(b) in the case of unregistered land, register the replanting order as a deed within the meaning of Part 3 of the Act of 2006.

(2) Where—

(a) *subsection (1)* applies, and

(b) in whole or in part, the burden has been discharged or modified,

the Minister shall, upon application by the owner, issue to the Authority a certificate stating the extent to which, in his or her opinion, the burden has been discharged, or modified.

(3) The Authority shall, on receipt of the certificate, register it as proof of the discharge, partial discharge, or modification (according to the terms of the certificate) of the burden.

(4) The Minister shall send a copy of the certificate to the owner.

(5) No fees shall be payable to the Authority in respect of any steps taken under this section.”.

Cuireadh an Cheist:- “Go gcuirfear an t-alt nua isteach ansin” agus *cinneadh gur freagra aontach a tugadh uirthi*.

Question:- “That the new section be there inserted” - put, and *decided in the affirmative*.

(x) *Scríosadh alt 20.*

(x) Section 20 *deleted*.

(xi) *Aontaíodh ailt 21 go 28, go huile.*

(xi) Sections 21 to 28, inclusive, *agreed to*.

(xii) Alt 29.

(xii) Section 29.

Tairgeadh leasú (*An Teachta Risteard Buíd Bairéid*):

Amendment proposed (*Deputy Richard Boyd Barrett*):

93. In page 28, between lines 31 and 32, to insert the following:

“(w) importation of forestry products or materials;”.

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

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

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

Amendment proposed (*Deputy Éamon Ó Cuív*):

94 In page 29, between lines 39 and 40, to insert the following:

“(p) facilitating the development of a competitive timber industry and employment in rural Ireland;

(q) promoting and facilitating the provision of a sufficient supply of sawlog at competitive prices to meet the requirements of the timber industry.”.

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

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

Tairgeadh leasú (*An Teachta Tomás Ó hAodha, Aire Stáit ag an Roinn Talmhaíochta, Bia agus Mara*):

Amendment proposed (*Deputy Tom Hayes, Minister of State at the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine*):

95. In page 30, lines 33 and 34, to delete “Council Directive 85/337/EEC of 27 June 1985” and substitute the following:

“Directive 2011/92/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 December 2011³”.

Aontaíodh an leasú.

Amendment agreed to.

Aontaíodh an t-alt, mar a leasaíodh.

Section, as amended, agreed to.

(xiii) Alt nua

(xiii) New section.

Tairgeadh leasú (*An Teachta Risteard Buíd Bairéid*):

Amendment proposed (*Deputy Richard Boyd Barrett*):

97. In page 31, between lines 20 and 21, to insert the following:

“**30.** Provision shall be made for a review of the the Forestry Act 1988 for the purpose of improving the consistency of Coillte objectives and operations in line with the Rio Forest Principles.”.

Cuireadh an Cheist:- “Go ndéanfar an leasú” – agus cinneadh gur freagra diúltach a tugadh uirthi.
(xiv) *Aontaíodh alt 30.*

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

(xiv) *Section 30 agreed to.*

(xv) *Aontaíodh ailt 31, 32 agus 33.*

(xv) *Sections 31, 32 and 33 agreed to.*

(xvi) Alt nua.

(xvi) New section.

Tairgeadh leasú (*An Teachta Tomás Ó hAodha, Aire Stáit ag an Roinn Talmhaíochta, Bia agus Mara*):

Amendment proposed (*Deputy Tom Hayes, Minister of State at the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine*):

98. In page 33, between lines 2 and 3, to insert the following:

“Amendment of Agriculture Appeals Act 2001

34. The Agriculture Appeals Act 2001 is amended□—

³OJ No. L 026, 28.1.2012, p.1.

- (a) in section 5—
 - (i) in subsection (1), by substituting “Schedule 1” for “the Schedule”, and
 - (ii) by substituting for subsection (2) the following:

“(2) The Minister may, for the purpose of—

 - (a) the reorganisation of schemes,
 - (b) deleting spent schemes,
 - (c) giving persons an appeal in respect of applications under schemes that may come into existence, or
 - (d) in the case of any enactments or statutory instruments, giving persons an appeal in respect of applications under enactments or statutory instruments that may be passed or made (and not for the time being set out in Schedule 2),

amend by regulations Schedule 1 or 2, as appropriate, by adding an item to, or deleting an item from, either of those Schedules.”,
- (b) in section 7(1) by substituting “Schedule 1” for “Schedule”,
- (c) by inserting the following after section 14:

“Establishment of Forestry Appeals Committee and its function

14A.(1) The Minister shall establish a committee, which shall be known and is in this Act referred to as the Forestry Appeals Committee, consisting of a chairperson and such and so many other members (not being less than 2) as the Minister determines.

(2) The function of the Forestry Appeals Committee shall be to hear and determine appeals specified in subsection (4).

(3) An officer of the Minister shall be eligible for appointment as a member (including as chairperson) of the Forestry Appeals Committee but, in a case where a majority (or all) of the members of the Committee are such officers, a majority of such officers shall be of a grade senior to the grade of the officer who made the decision, the subject of the appeal to the Committee.

- (4) Where a person is dissatisfied with a decision made by the Minister or an officer of the Minister under an enactment or statutory instrument set out in Schedule 2, he or she may appeal to the Forestry Appeals Committee against the decision and, on the hearing of the appeal, the Committee may confirm, cancel or vary the decision as it thinks fit.
 - (5) The decision of the Forestry Appeals Committee on such an appeal shall, subject to subsection (6), be final and conclusive.
 - (6) Any person dissatisfied with a decision of the Forestry Appeals Committee may appeal that decision to the High Court on any question of law.”,
- (d) by renumbering the Schedule as Schedule 1 and inserting the following Schedule after it:

“SCHEDULE 2

Section 7 of the Forestry Act 2014

Regulation 3 of the European Communities (Forest Consent and Assessment)

Regulations 2010 (S.I. No. 558 of 2010) Regulation 3 of the European Communities (Aerial Fertilisation) (Forestry) Regulations 2012 (S.I. No. 125 of 2012)”.

Aontaíodh an leasú.

Amendment agreed to.

(xviii) *Scríosadh* alt 34.

(xviii) Section 34 *deleted*.

(xix) *Aontaíodh* an Teideal.

(xix) Title *agreed to*.

4. TEACHTAIREACHT CHUIG DÁIL ÉIREANN.

4. 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.

5. CRÍOCHNÚ AN GHNÓ.

Chríochnaigh an Coiste a bhreithniú ar an mBille ar 12.10 p.m.

5. CONCLUSION OF BUSINESS.

The Committee concluded its consideration of the Bill at 12.10 p.m.

ANDREW DOYLE, T.D.
Chairman
6 March 2014

Dé Máirt, 9 Nollaig 2014

Tuesday, 9 December, 2014

1. Chruinnigh an Coiste ar 6:15 p.m.

1. The Committee met at 6:15 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, 2014 –

The Committee considered the following Estimate for Public Services for the year ending 31st December, 2014 –

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 6:30 p.m.
sine die.

4. ADJOURNMENT.

The Committee adjourned at 6:30 p.m.
sine die.

ANDREW DOYLE, T.D.
Chairman
9 December 2014

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
JS18	01/04/2014	Private Meeting	
JS19	06/05/2014	Report on 'Promoting Sustainable Rural Coastal and Island Communities'	<i>Donegal Islands Marine Resource Organisation</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr Jerry Early• Mr John O'Brien• Ms Majella Ní Chríocháin <i>Loop Head Tourism Group</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr Luke Aston
JS20	16/07/2014	Private Meeting	

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

MINUTES OF MEETING OF TUESDAY 1 APRIL 2014

1. The sub- Committee met **in private** 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, Michael McNamara, Noel Harrington and Senator Ned O'Sullivan.

Apologies were received from Senator Brian O'Domhnaill.

Also present: Deputy Éamon Ó Cuív [DSO 92(2)].

3. ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION

4. ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION

5. ITEM DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION

6. ADJOURNMENT

The Committee adjourned at 4.46 p.m. *sine die*.

Andrew Doyle, T.D.
Chairman
6 May 2014

MINUTES OF MEETING OF TUESDAY 6 MAY 2014

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*), Noel Harrington, Michael McNamara, and Thomas Pringle.

Senators: Brian Ó Domhnaill.

Apologies was received from Deputy Martin Ferris

Also present: Deputy Eamon Ó Cúiv [DSO 92(3)] and Senator Trevor Ó Clochartaigh [SSO 80(2)].

3. PRIVATE SESSION

The Committee agreed to go into private session at 14.14 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. MEETING SUSPENDED

The meeting was suspended at 2.14 p.m. until 2.16 p.m.

8. TAKING OF EVIDENCE

The Committee took oral evidence from representatives from the Donegal Islands Marine Resource Organisation - Mr Jerry Early, Mr John O'Brien and Ms Majella Ní Chríocháin; and from the Loop Head Tourism Group - Mr Luke Aston in relation to the Committee's recent report on '*Promoting Sustainable Rural Coastal and Island Communities*' and on how the Report's recommendations can be best implemented.

Debate ensued and concluded.

The Chairman advised the witnesses that the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine would be attending a meeting of the Joint Committee in the coming weeks and that the issues highlighted today would be raised at that meeting.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The Committee adjourned *sine die*.

Andrew Doyle, T.D.
Chairman
16 July 2014

MINUTES OF MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, 16 JULY 2014

1. The sub-Committee met **in private** at 10 a.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.

Senators: Denis Landy.

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 10. 35 a.m. *sine die*.

Andrew Doyle, T.D.
Chairman

