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**Joint Committee on Agriculture, Food and the Marine**

**Annual Report 2013**

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**1. Content and Format of Report**

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

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

At its meeting on 5 February 2013 the Joint Committee agreed that all these items should be included in this report covering the period from 1 January 2013 to 31 December 2013.

# 2. Establishment and Functions

## 2.1 Establishment of Select Committee

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

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

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## 2.2 Establishment of Joint Committee

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

## 2.3 Functions of Joint Committee

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

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

*2.4 Establishment of sub-Committee*

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

Following the Joint Committee’s 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 as meriting detailed consideration. It was considered vital to establish a sub-Committee on Fisheries to focus solely on examining such matters. It was further considered that, given the policy breath of the proposed focus that it would be appropriate for the 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 and produced a report which was published and launched in January 2014.

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

# 3. Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Membership

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

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

Deputy Andrew Doyle was appointed as Chairman of the 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, Select Committee and Joint sub-Committee took place in the Committee rooms in Leinster House 2000. Meetings were in public unless otherwise ordered by the Committee.

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

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

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

# 5. Number and Duration of Meetings

## 5.1 Joint Committee

The Joint Committee met on 42occasions during the period under report. The number of hours of discussion involved in these meetings was 81.84 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 on 2 occasions during the period under report. The number of hours of discussion involved in these meetings was 4.08 hours.

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

## 5.3 Joint sub-Committee on Fisheries

## The Joint sub-Committee on Fisheries met 14 times during the period under report and the number of hour’s discussion involved in these meetings was 19.89. The subject matter of the meeting of the Joint sub-Committee is detailed in **Appendix 7**. The Minutes of Proceedings are attached at **Appendix 8**.

# 6. Witnesses attending before the Committee

During the period, the number of speaking witnesses for each of the Committees was as follows:

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| **Committee Name** | **Period** | **Number of Witnesses** |
| Joint Committee on Agriculture, Food and the Marine | January – December 2013 | 125 |
| Select Committee on Agriculture, Food and the Marine | January – December 2013 | 6 |
| Joint sub-Committee on Fisheries | January – December 2013 | 33 |

# 7. Committee Reports Published

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

* Annual Report June-December 2012
* Work Programme 2013
* Report on Review of Commonage Lands and Framework Management Plans
* Report on the Grocery Goods Sector *‘Increasing equity and transparency in producer-processor-retailer relationships**’*

# 8. Travel

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

1. Purpose of travel: Joint Talks with the Committee on Food, Agriculture, and Consumer Protection, German Bundestag

Date and Destination:Berlin, Germany16-19 January

Members travelling: Deputies Andrew Doyle (Chairman), Pat Deering, Michael McNamara and Senators Pat O’Neill and Paschal Mooney

Accompanying Official: Eoin Sheanon (EU Policy Adviser)

1. Purpose of travel:Trade Discussions

Date and Destination:China 13-20 May

Members travelling: Deputy Andrew Doyle

Accompanying Official: Bridget Doody (Interparliamentary Unit)

1. Purpose of travel: Meeting of the Chairpersons of the Committees on Rural Affairs

Date and Destination:Vilinius, Lithuania 21-22 July

Members travelling: Deputy Andrew Doyle (Chairman)

Accompanying Official: Josie Briody (Clerk)

1. Purpose of travel: Fact finding mission on promoting sustainable rural coastal and island communities

Date and Destination:Edinburgh, Scotland 6-8 October

Members travelling: Deputies Andrew Doyle (Chairman), Éamon Ó Cuív, Martin Ferris and Michael McNamara

Accompanying Official: Josie Briody (Clerk)

***9.*****EU Mainstreaming**

*9.1 Legislative Proposals*

For the period 5 February 2013 to 11 December 2013, the Joint Committee considered EU matters at 10 meetings involving consideration of some 71 legislative proposals, of which further action or scrutiny was taken on the following proposals:

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| **Proposal No.** | **Proposal Title** | **Outcome** |
| COM (2013) 133 | Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a framework for maritime spatial planning and integrated coastal management | Agreed, by way of further scrutiny (i) Committee sought submissions from Irish MEPs; (ii) Committee met with officials from the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine concerning the proposal on 2 May 2013 |
| COM (2013) 159 | Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on fixing an adjustment rate of direct payments provided for in Regulation (EC) No 73/2009 in respect of calendar year 2013 | Agreed, by way of further scrutiny, Committee to be kept informed by the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine of any developments concerning the proposal |
| **Proposal No.** | **Proposal Title** | **Outcome** |
| COM (2013) 226 | Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down certain transitional provisions on support for rural development by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD) and amending Regulation (EU) No […] [RD] as regards resources and their distribution in respect of the year 2014 and amending Council Regulation (EC) No 73/2009 and Regulations (EU) No […][DP], (EU) No […][HZ] and (EU) No […][sCMO] as regards their application in the year 2014 | Agreed, by way of further scrutiny, Committee to be kept informed by the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine of any developments concerning the proposal |
| COM(2013)260  COM(2013)262  COM(2013)265  COM (2013)267 | Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on Animal Health;  Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council On the production and making available on the market of plant reproductive material (plant reproductive material law);  Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on official controls and other official activities performed to ensure the application of food and feed law, rules on animal health and welfare, plant health, plant reproductive material, plant protection products and amending Regulations (EC) No 999/2001, 1829/2003, 1831/2003, 1/2005, 396/2005, 834/2007, 1099/2009, 1069/2009, 1107/2009, Regulations (EU) No 1151/2012, [….]/2013; and  Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on protective measures against pests of plants | Agreed by way of further scrutiny (i) Committee met with officials from the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine concerning this group of proposals (known as a new package for Healthier Animals and Plants for a Safer Food Chain) on 8 October 2013; (ii) to be kept regularly and promptly informed as the negotiations on these dossiers continue. |
| COM(2013) 521 | Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Council Regulation (EC) No 1698/2005 on support for rural development by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (ERAFD) | Agreed, by way of further scrutiny, Committee to be notified by the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine (i) in advance of the date of entry into force of the proposed legislation; and (ii) if the legislation was not adopted before 31 December 2013 |
| **Proposal No.** | **Proposal Title** | **Outcome** |
| COM (2013) 551 | Amendment to the Commission proposal COM(2011) 628 final/2 for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the financing, management and monitoring of the common agricultural policy | Agreed, by way of further scrutiny, Committee to be kept informed by the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine of any developments concerning the proposal |
| COM (2013) 675  COM (2013) 677 | Proposal for a Council Decision on the signing, on behalf of the European Union, of a revised Memorandum of Understanding with the United States of America Regarding the Importation of Beef from Animals Not Treated with Certain Growth-Promoting Hormones and Increased Duties Applied by the United States to Certain Products of the European Union; and  Proposal for a Council Decision on the conclusion of a Revised Memorandum of Understanding with the United States of America Regarding the Importation of Beef from Animals Not Treated with Certain Growth-Promoting Hormones and Increased Duties Applied by the United States to Certain Products of the European Union | Agreed, by way of further scrutiny, (i) Committee sought further information from the respective Secretary Generals of the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine and the Department of Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation concerning these proposals |
| COM (2013) 753 | Proposal for a Council Regulation fixing for 2014 the fishing opportunities for certain fish stocks and groups of fish stocks, applicable in EU waters and, for EU vessels, in certain non-EU waters | Agreed, by way of further scrutiny, Committee sought from the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine a detailed summary of the Total Allowable Catch (TAC) for Ireland for each fishery as soon as practicable after the conclusion of the EU Fisheries Ministers Council |

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

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| **Proposal No.** | **Proposal Title** |
| COMS (2012) 625 to 629 inclusive | Contribution on the Reform of the Common Agricultural Policy from the Joint Oireachtas Committee on Agriculture, Food and the Marine (Irish Parliament) in the context of Political Dialogue – January 2013 |
|  | Contribution on the Abolition of Sugar Quotas Post 2015 from the Joint Oireachtas Committee on Agriculture, Food and the Marine (Irish Parliament) in the context of Political Dialogue – February 2013 |
|  | Contribution on the Reform of the Common Fisheries Policy from the Joint Oireachtas Committee on Agriculture, Food and the Marine in the context of Political Dialogue – March 2013 |

*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:

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| --- | --- | --- |
| **JC Meeting Date** | **Minister/Officials** | **EU Council meeting** |
| 21 February 2013 | Mr Aidan O’Driscoll, Assistant Secretary at the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine (*in the absence of the Minister and Secretary General)* | AGRIFISH (18-19 March 2013) |
| 26 November 2013 | Mr Simon Coveney T.D., Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine | AGRIFISH (16-17 December 2013) |

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

The Joint Committee heard oral briefings in relation to Departmental Six Monthly Reports on Developments within the EU on the following dates:

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| --- | --- | --- |
| **JC Meeting Date** | **Secretary General /Department** | **Period covered by the Six Monthly Report on Developments within the EU** |
| 21 February 2013 | Mr Aidan O’Driscoll, Assistant Secretary at the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine (*in the absence of Secretary General)* | July to December 2012 |
| 3 December 2013 | Mr Tom Moran, Secretary General at the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine | January to June 2013 |

**10. Report on Functions and Powers**

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



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Andrew Doyle T.D.

Chairman

18 February 2014

# 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—

1. Bills,
2. proposals contained in any motion, including any motion within the meaning of Standing Order 164,
3. Estimates for Public Services, and
4. other matters

as shall be referred to the Select Committee by the Dáil, and

1. 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—
   1. the development of Aquaculture,
   2. Island and coastal (within the 12 mile zone) fisheries,
   3. Inshore fisheries (specifically sea angling), and
   4. Tourism

and to report thereon to both Houses of the Oireachtas.

1. 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;
2. 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);
3. 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;
4. 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;
5. 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)

Paschal Mooney (FF)

Mary Ann O’Brien (IND)

Brian Ó Domhnaill (FF)

Susan O’Keeffe (LAB)

Pat O’Neill (FG)

**Notes**:

1. Deputies appointed to the Committee by Order of the Dáil on 12 June 2012
2. Senators appointed to the Committee by Order of the Seanad on 14 June 2012
3. Deputy Andrew Doyle elected as Chairman on 19 June 2012
4. Deputy Pat Deering elected as Vice-Chairman on 19 June 2012
5. Deputy Michael Moynihan was discharged from the Committee and Deputy Éamon Ó Cuív was appointed to the

Committee in substitution for him by order of the Dáil on 19 July 2012

1. 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

1. 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 (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 2013.

| **Meeting No.** | **Date** | **Topic** | **Organisations, Groups and Individuals who attended** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| J25 | 15/01/2013 | Farming for conservation | *Burren Farming for Conservation Programme*   * Dr. Brendan Dunford, * Dr. Sharon Parr * Dr. James Moran * Mr. Michael Davoren |
| J26 | 22/01/2013 | Meeting cancelled |  |
| J27 | 29/01/2013 | (1) Scrutiny of EU Legislative Proposals  (2) Proposals to ensure good agricultural and environmental practices on farms | (2) *Comhairle na Tuaithe*   * Ms. Finola Moylette * Mr. Des Moore |
| J28 | 30/01/2013 | Cancelled |  |
| J29 | 05/02/2013 | (1)Scrutiny of EU Legislative Proposals  (2)Authenticity of beef burgers | (2) Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine  *Food Safety Authority of Ireland*   * Professor Alan Reilly CEO |
| J30 | 12/02/2013 | (1) Use of commonage lands and proposals to ensure good agricultural and environmental  practices on farms  (2) Development of a new agri-environment scheme for the Irish uplands under the Rural Development Programme | (1) *Teagasc*   * Ms. Catherine Kenna, Countryside Management Specialist * Mr. Pat Murphy, Head of Environment Knowledge Transfer   (2) *National Association of Regional Game Councils*   * Mr. David Scallan * Mr. Sean Doris   *Golden Eagle Trust Ltd.*   * Mr. Lorcan O’Toole |
| J31 | 14/02/2013 | (1)Chairman Designate- Irish National Stud (2)Chairman Designate- Horse Racing Ireland | (1) *Irish National Stud*   * Mr. Matt Dempsey   (2) *Horse Racing Ireland*   * Mr. Joe Keeling |
| J32 | 19/02/2013 | Use of commonage lands and proposals to ensure good agricultural and environmental practices on farms | *Dept. of Agriculture, Food and the Marine*   * Mr. Kevin Smyth, Assistant Secretary * Mr. Paud Evans, Principal Officer * Mr. Declan Mullins, HEO   *National Parks and Wildlife Service*   * Dr. Andrew Bleasdale * Dr. Ciaran O’Keeffe |
| J33 | 21/02/2013 | (1) Pre-EU Council Meeting of Agriculture and Fisheries (AGRI FISH)  (2) Six-monthly Report on Developments in the EU (July-December 2012) | *(1) and (2) Dept. of Agriculture, Food and the Marine*   * Aidan O’Driscoll, Assistant Secretary General |
| J34 | 26/02/2013 | (1) Scrutiny of EU Legislative Proposals  (2)Use of commonage lands and proposals to ensure good agricultural and environmental practices on farms | *(2) IFA*   * Mr. John Bryan, IFA President * Mr. Gerry Gunning * Mr. Tom Fadian * Mr. Flor McCarthy   *UFA*   * Mr. Bertie Wall, UFA President * Mr. Sean Guerin |
| J35 | 28/02/2013 | Motion re: Section 17A (inserted by section 2(1) of the Diseases of Animal (Amendment) Act 2001 (No.3 of 2001) of the Diseases of Animal Act 1966 (No. 6 of 1966) | Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine |
| J36 | 05/03/2013 | The Committee stood adjourned, a quorum not being present |  |
| J37 | 20/03/2013 | Update on the Common Fisheries Policy | *Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine*   * Dr Cecil Beamish, Assistant Secretary |
| J38 | 26/03/2013 | Grocery Goods Sector (i) proposed code of conduct for the grocery goods sector (ii) pricing and impact on primary and secondary suppliers (iii) support for local produce  (iv) labelling | *Musgrave Group*   * Ms Edel Clancy, Director of Corporate Affairs * Mr Ian Allen, Sales Director * Ms. Breda Cahill, Retailer   *Tesco*   * Mr. Tony Keohane, Chief Executive * Mr. Dermot Breen |
| J39 | 28/03/2013 | Private Meeting |  |
| J40 | 18/04/2013 | (1) Scrutiny of EU Legislative proposals.  (2)Grocery Goods Sector (i) proposed code of conduct for the grocery goods sector (ii) pricing and impact on primary and secondary suppliers (iii) support for local produce  (iv) labelling | *(2) Aldi*   * Mr. Donal Mackay, Managing Director * Mr. Niall O’Connor, Group Buying Director |
| J41 | 23/04/2013 | (1) Scrutiny of EU Legislative Proposals  (2)Grocery Goods Sector (i) proposed code of conduct for the grocery goods sector (ii) pricing and impact on primary and secondary suppliers (iii) support for local produce  (iv) labelling | *(2) Food and Drink Industry Ireland*   * Mr. Paul Kelly, Director   *IFA*   * Mr. John Bryan, President * Mr. Pat Smith, General Secretary |
| J42 | 25/04/2013 | Fodder Crisis | Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine |
| J43 | 02/05/2013 | (1) Scrutiny of EU Legislative Proposals  (2) The implications of the proposed sale of Coillte’s harvesting rights on Ireland’s sawmills | (1) *Dept. of Agriculture, Food and the Marine*   * Mr John Quinlan   *Dept. of Environment, Community & Local Government*   * Ms Lorraine O’Donoghue   (2) *Irish Timber Council*   * *Mr. Pat Glennon, Chairman* * *Mr. Jim McNamara, Laois Sawmills* * *Mr. Patrick Murray, Murray Timber group* * *Mr. Daryl Fahy, ECC Teo* |
| J44 | 07/05/2013 | (1) Update on Common Agricultural Policy and Common Fisheries Policy  (2) Discussion on the implications of the proposed sale of Coillte’s harvesting rights | (1)Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine  (2) *The Society of Irish Foresters*   * *Mr. Donal Magner* * *Mr. John Prior* * *Dr. Gerhardt Gallgher* |
| J45 | 09/05/2013 | Grocery Goods Sector (i) proposed code of conduct for the grocery goods sector (ii) pricing and impact on primary and secondary suppliers (iii) support for local produce  (iv) labelling | *Lidl*   * Mr. Kenneth McGrath, Managing Director * Mr. Ryan McDonnell, Director of Purchasing |
| J46 | 14/05/2013 | (1) Scrutiny of EU Legislative Proposals  (2) The implications of the proposed sale of Coillte’s harvesting rights on Ireland’s sawmills | (2) *IMPACT*   * *Mr. Matt Staunton* * *Mr. Johnny Fox* |
| J47 | 21/05/2013 | Grocery Goods Sector (i) proposed code of conduct for the grocery goods sector (ii) pricing and impact on primary and secondary suppliers (iii) support for local produce  (iv) labelling | *West Cork Liquid Milk Producers Group*   * Mr. Vivian Buttimer * Mr. Richard Helen * Mr. Donal Kelleher * Mr. Ciaran Dolan   *Fresh Milk Producers of Ireland*   * Mr. Stephen Arthur * Mr. Denis Fagan * Mr. Larry Hannon * Mr. Jim Mullhall   *National Milk Agency*   * Mr. Denis Murphy * Dr. Muiris Ó Céidigh, Chief Executive * Mr. Eamonn McEnteggart * Mr. George Kearns * Mr. Michael Kilcoyne * Mr. John Foster |
| J48 | 11/06/2013 | National Bovine Viral Diarrhoea eradication, somatic cell count (SCC) reduction and Johnes disease control | *Animal Health Ireland*   * Mr. Joe O’Flaherty CEO * Mr. Mike Magan, Chairman * Mr. David Graham, Programme Manager * Ms. Finola McCoy, Programme Manager |
| J49 | 18/06/2013 | (1) Scrutiny of EU Legislative Proposals (2) Report on“Study to Identify Best Management of Upland Habitats” | (2) *Wicklow Uplands Council*   * Ms. Cara Heraty, Co-ordinator * Mr. Pat Dunne, Chairman * Mr. Declan Byrne, Land Use Advisor, Teagasc * Mr. Wesley Atkinson-Regional Manager, National Parks and Wildlife Service |
| J50 | 09/07/2013 | CAP Reform and related matters | *Northern Ireland Executive*   * Minister Michelle O’Neill, MLA, Minister for Agriculture & Rural Development |
| J51 | 11/07/2013 | Bord Iascaigh Mhara Annual Report 2011 | *Bord Iascaigh Mhara*   * Mr. Jason Whooley, CEO * Mr. Donal Maguire, Aquaculture Manager * Ms. Connie Kelleher, Financial Manager * Mr. Michael Keatinge, Fisheries Development Manager * Mr. Donal Buckley, Business Development Manager |
| J52 | 16/07/2013 | Grocery Goods Sector (i) proposed code of conduct for the grocery goods sector (ii) pricing and impact on primary and secondary suppliers (iii) support for local produce  (iv) labelling | *Competition Authority*   * Ms. Isolde Goggins, Chairperson * Mr. Patrick Kenny, Director of Cartels Division * Mr. John Evans, Manager   *National Consumer Affairs*   * Ms Karen O’Leary, CEO * Mr John Shine, Director of Commercial Practises Division |
| J53 | 18/07/2013 | Update on achievements on the Common Agricultural Policy and Common Fishery Policy under the Irish Presidency | Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine |
| J54 | 24/09/2013 | Scrutiny of EU Legislative Proposals |  |
| J55 | 01/10/2013 | Report on ‘The Importance of the Cattle and Sheep Sectors to the Irish Economy’ | *IFA*   * Mr John Bryan, President of Irish Farmers’ Association * Mr Alan Renwick, Professor of Agriculture and Food Economics, UCD * Mr Kevin Kilcline, Economist |
| J56 | 02/10/2013 | 2014 Pre Budget Briefing | Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine |
| J57 | 08/10/2013 | Scrutiny of EU Legislative Proposals | *Dept. of Agriculture, Food and the Marine*   * Mr David Lynch * Mr Tom Loftus * Ms Hazel Sheridan * Mr Donal Coleman |
| J58 | 15/10/2013 | Private Meeting |  |
| J59 | 17/10/2013 | Report on ‘Little Fish, Big Impact –Managing a crucial link in ocean food webs’ | *Lenfest Forage Fish Taskforce*   * Dr Ellen Pikitch, Chairperson |
| J60 | 22/10/2013 | Private Meeting |  |
| J61 | 24/10/2013 | Private Meeting |  |
| J62 | 05/11/2013 | Liquid Milk – problems, impacts and possible solutions | *Strathroy Dairy*   * Mr Cormac Cunningham * Mr Ruairí Cunningham |
| J63 | 14/11/2013 | Scrutiny of EU Legislative Proposals; | *Dept. of Agriculture, Food and the Marine*   * Mr Kevin Smyth, Assistant Secretary * Mr Andy McGarrigle |
| J64 | 19/11/2013 | (1) Marine Institute’s Annual Report 2011  (2) Coillte’s Annual Report 2012 | (1)*Marine Institute*   * *Dr Peter Heffernan, CEO*   *(2)Coillte*   * Mr Gerry Britchfield, Acting CEO * Mr Gerry Egan,Group Director, Strategy and Corporate Affairs at [Coillte](http://ie.linkedin.com/company/coillte?trk=ppro_cprof) |
| J65 | 21/11/2013 | Closure of TLT International | *Irish Co-operative Organisation Society (ICOS)*   * Mr Michael Spellman, Chairman * Mr Séamus O’Donoghue, CEO * Mr Ray Doyle, Secretary   *Irish Farmers’ Association (IFA)*   * Mr John Bryan, President   *Irish Creamery Milk Suppliers Association (ICMSA)*   * Mr Paul Smyth, Policy Officer   *Irish Cattle and Sheep Farmers Association (ICSA)*   * Mr Gabriel Gilmartin, President |
| J66 | 26/11/2013 | (1) Motion re: Horse and Greyhound Racing Fund Regulations 2013  (2) Pre-EU Council Meeting of Agriculture and Fisheries (AGRI FISH and Sea Fisheries Sustainability Assessment | Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine |
| J67 | 03/12/2013 | Six-monthly Report on Developments in the EU (January-June 2013) | *Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine*   * Mr Tom Moran, Secretary General |
| J68 | 05/12/2013 | Private Meeting |  |
| J69 | 11/12/2013 | Scrutiny of EU Legislative Proposals |  |

**APPENDIX 4: Minutes of Proceedings of the Joint Committee**

# Minutes of Meeting of Tuesday, 15 January 2013

# 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*), Pat Deering, Martin Heydon, Michael McNamara and Éamon Ó Cuív.

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

Apologies were received from Deputies Tom Barry, Martin Ferris and Thomas Pringle and Senators Paschal Mooney, Brian Ó Domhnaill and Susan O’Keeffe.

Also present: Deputy Joe Carey [DSO 92(3)].

**3. Private Session**

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

1. **Item Discussed in Private Session**
2. **Item Discussed in Private Session**
3. **Item Discussed in Private Session**
4. **Item Discussed in Private Session**

*The Committee went out of private session.*

**8. Meeting Suspended**

The meeting was suspended at 2.18 p.m. until 2.19 p.m.

**9. Taking of Evidence**

The Committee took oral evidence from the Burren Farming for Conservation Programme – Dr. Brendan Dunford, Programme Manager, Dr. Sharon Parr, Dr. James Moran, Institute of Technology, Sligo and Mr. Michael Davoren, Burren IFA in relation to “Farming for Conservation”.

Debate ensued and concluded.

**10. Adjournment**

The Committee adjourned at 3.50 p.m. until 2 p.m. on Tuesday, 22 January, 2013.

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Andrew Doyle, T.D.

Chairman

29 January, 2013

**Minutes of Meeting of Tuesday, 29 January 2013**

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

**2. Members Present**

The following members were present:-

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

Senators Paschal Mooney and Pat O’Neill.

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

**3. Taking of Evidence**

The Committee took oral evidence from representatives from Comhairle na Tuaithe – Ms. Finola Moylette and Mr. Des Moore in relation to proposals to ensure good agricultural and environmental practices on farms.

Debate ensued and concluded.

**4. Meeting Suspended**

The meeting was suspended at 3 p.m. until 3.01 p.m.

**5. Private Session**

The Committee agreed to go into private session at 3.01 p.m.

**6. Item Discussed in Private Session**

**7. Item Discussed in Private Session**

1. **Item Discussed in Private Session**
2. **Item Discussed in Private Session**
3. **Item Discussed in Private Session**
4. **Item Discussed in Private Session**
5. **Item Discussed in Private Session**

*The Committee went out of private session.*

**13. Adjournment**

The Committee adjourned at 3.45 p.m. until 2 p.m. on Tuesday, 5 February, 2013.

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Andrew Doyle, T.D.

Chairman

5 February, 2013

**Appendix 1**

**List of EU Legislative Proposals as scrutinised in Committee**

**Date of Meeting: 29 January 2013**

**COM(2012)535** - Amendment to the Commission proposal COM(2011) 626 final/3 for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a common organisation of the markets in agricultural products (Single CMO Regulation)

**COM(2012)552** - Amendment to the Commission proposal COM(2011) 625 final/3 for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council regarding rules for direct payments to farmers within the framework of the common agricultural policy

**COM(2012)553** - Amendment to the Commission proposal COM(2011) 627 final/3 for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on support for rural development by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD)

# Minutes of Meeting of Tuesday, 5 February 2013

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

**2. Members Present**

The following members were present:-

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

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

Apology was received from Deputy Tom Barry.

Also present: Deputies Seán Conlan, Michael Healy-Rae, Heather Humphreys, Anthony Lawlor, Joe O’Reilly, Willie Penrose and Brendan Ryan [DSO 92(3)].

**3. Private Session**

The Committee agreed to go into private session at 2.07 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**

**10. Item Discussed in Private Session**

*The Committee went out of private session.*

**11. Scrutiny of EU Legislative Proposals**

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

**12. Meeting Suspended**

The meeting was suspended at 3 p.m. until 3.02 p.m.

**13. Taking of Evidence**

The Committee took oral evidence from Mr. Simon Coveney, T.D., Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine and from Professor Alan Reilly, Chief Executive Officer, Food Safety Authority of Ireland (FSAI) on the beef burger content investigations into the source of equine DNA disclosed in certain beef burgers.

Debate ensued and concluded.

**14. Adjournment**

The Committee adjourned at 6.55 p.m. until 3.30 p.m. on Tuesday, 12 February, 2013.

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Andrew Doyle, T.D.

Chairman

12 February, 2013

**Appendix 1**

**List of EU Legislative Proposals as scrutinised in Committee**

**Date of Meeting: 5 February 2013**

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

The Committee agreed to note the response received from the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine dated 17 December 2012 and 23 January 2013 in reply to the Committee’s letter issued on 15 November 2012 seeking further information in relation to COM(2012)498 and agreed that no further scrutiny was warranted.

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

**COM(2012)535** - Amendment to the Commission proposal COM(2011) 626 final/3 for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a common organisation of the markets in agricultural products (Single CMO Regulation)

**COM(2012)552** - Amendment to the Commission proposal COM(2011) 625 final/3 for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing rules for direct payments to farmers under support schemes within the framework of the common agricultural policy

**COM(2012)553** - Amendment to the Commission proposal COM(2011) 627 final/3 for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on support for rural development by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD)

**Minutes of Meeting of Tuesday, 12 February 2013**

# 1. The Joint Committee met at 3.35 p.m. in Committee Room 3, LH 2000, a quorum being present.

**2. Members Present**

The following members were present:-

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

Senators Michael Comiskey, Mary Ann O’Brien, Brian Ó Domhnaill and Susan O’Keeffe.

**3. Private Session**

The Committee agreed to go into private session at 3.37 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 Teagasc – Ms Catherine Keena, Countryside Management Specialist and Mr Pat Murphy, Head of Environment Knowledge Transfer in relation to the use of commonage lands including proposals to ensure good agricultural and environmental practices on farms.

Debate ensued and concluded.

**9. Meeting Suspended**

The meeting was suspended at 5 p.m. until 5.03 p.m. and witnesses took their seats.

**10. Meeting Suspended**

The meeting was suspended at 5.05 p.m. until 5.33 p.m. due to a vote in the Dáil.

**11. Taking of Evidence**

The Committee took oral evidence from representatives from the National Association of Regional Game Councils – Mr. David Scallan and Mr. Sean Doris and from Mr. Lorcán O’Toole, Golden Eagle Trust Ltd. in relation to the development of a new agri-environment scheme for the Irish uplands under the Rural Development Programme.

Debate ensued and concluded.

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**12. Adjournment**

The Committee adjourned at 6.30 p.m. until 9.30 a.m. on Thursday, 14 February, 2013.

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Andrew Doyle, T.D.

Chairman

19 February, 2013

# Minutes of Meeting of Thursday, 14 February 2013

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

**2. Members Present**

The following members were present:-

Deputies Andrew Boyle (*in the Chair*), Martin Heydon and Michael McNamara.

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

Apologies were received from Deputies Pat Deering and Éamon Ó Cuív and Senator Susan O’Keeffe.

Also present: Deputy Robert Dowds [DSO 92(3)] and Senator Paul Bradford [SSO 80(2)].

**3. Engagement with Chairman Designate of Irish National Stud Co. Ltd.**

The Committee engaged with Mr. Matt Dempsey, Chairperson Designate, Irish National Stud Co. Ltd.

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. Dempsey on his proposed appointment as Chairperson of Irish National Stud Co. Ltd. and to forward a copy of the transcript of the debate to him for his information.

**4. Engagement with Chairman Designate of Horse Racing Ireland**

The Committee engaged with Mr. Joe Keeling, Chairperson Designate, Horse Racing Ireland.

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. Keeling on his proposed appointment as Chairperson of Horse Racing Ireland and to forward a copy of the transcript of the debate to him for his information.

**5. Adjournment**

The Committee adjourned at 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. on Tuesday, 19 February, 2013.

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Andrew Doyle, T.D.

Chairman

19 February, 2013

# Minutes of Meeting of Tuesday, 19 February 2013

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

**2. Members Present**

The following members were present:-

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

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

Apology was received from Senator Mary Ann O’Brien.

Also present: Deputy Seán Kyne [DSO 92(3)].

**3. Private Session**

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

**4. Item Discussed in Private Session**

**5. Item Discussed in Private Session**

**6. Item Discussed in Private Session**

**7. Item Discussed in Private Session**

*The Committee went out of private session.*

**8. Taking of Evidence**

The Committee took oral evidence from officials from the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine – Mr. Kevin Smyth, Assistant Secretary, Mr. Paud Evans, Principal Officer and Mr. Declan Mullins, Higher Executive Officer and from the National Parks and Wildlife Service – Dr. Ciaran O’Keeffe, Director and Dr. Andy Bleasdale, Scientific Unit in relation to the use of commonage lands including proposals to ensure good agricultural and environmental practices on farms.

Debate ensued and concluded.

**9. Adjournment**

The Committee adjourned at 4.55 p.m. until 9.30 a.m. on Thursday, 21 February, 2013.

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Andrew Doyle, T.D.

Chairman

26 February, 2013

# Minutes of Meeting of Thursday, 21 February 2013

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

**2. Members Present**

The following members were present:-

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

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

**3. Pre-EU Council Meeting of Agriculture and Fisheries (AGRI Fish) and Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine Six-monthly Report on Developments in the EU (July–December 2012)**

The Committee met with officials from the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine – Mr. Aidan O’Driscoll, Assistant Secretary General in relation to (i) Pre-EU Council Meeting of Agriculture and Fisheries (AGRI Fish); and (ii) Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine Six-monthly Report on Developments in the EU (July-December 2012).

Debate ensued and concluded.

**4. Adjournment**

The Committee adjourned at 10.55 a.m. until 2 p.m. on Tuesday, 26 February, 2013.

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Andrew Doyle, T.D.

Chairman

26 February, 2013

# Minutes of Meeting of Tuesday, 26 February 2013

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

**2. Members Present**

The following members were present:-

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

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

Apology was received from Senator Brian Ó Domhnaill.

Also present: Deputies Michael Kitt, Seán Kyne and John O’Mahony [DSO 92(3)] and

Senator Fidelma Healy Eames [SSO 80(2)].

**3. Private Session**

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

1. **Item Discussed in Private Session**
2. **Item Discussed in Private Session**
3. **Item Discussed in Private Session**
4. **Item Discussed in Private Session**

*The Committee went out of private session.*

**8. Scrutiny of EU Legislative Proposals**

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

**9. Meeting Suspended**

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

**10. Taking of Evidence**

The Committee took oral evidence from a representative from United Farmers Association (UFA) – Mr. Bertie Wall, President in relation to the use of commonage lands including proposals to ensure good agricultural and environmental practices on farms.

Debate ensued and concluded.

**11. Meeting Suspended**

The meeting was suspended at 3.21 p.m. until 3.24 p.m.

**12. Taking of Evidence**

The Committee took oral evidence from representatives from the Irish Farmers Assocation (IFA) – Mr. John Bryan, President, Mr. Gerry Gunning, Rural Development Executive, Mr. Tom Fadian, Hill Committee Chairman and Mr. Flor McCarthy, Rural Development Chairman in relation to the use of commonage lands including proposals to ensure good agricultural and environmental practices on farms.

Debate ensued and concluded.

**13. Adjournment**

The Committee adjourned at 5 p.m. until 10.30 a.m. on Thursday, 5 March, 2013.

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Andrew Doyle, T.D.

Chairman

20 March, 2013

**Appendix 1**

**List of EU Legislative Proposals as scrutinised in Committee**

**Date of Meeting: 26 February 2013**

**COM(2012)579** - Proposal for a Council Regulation fixing for 2013 and 2014 the fishing opportunities for EU vessels for certain deep-sea fish stocks

**COM(2012)591 -** Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Council Regulation (EC) No 2187/2005 for the conservation of fishery through technical measures in the Baltic Sea, the Belts and the Sound

**COM(2012)687 -** Proposal for a Council Regulation fixing for the 2013 fishing year the guide prices and Union producer prices for certain fishery products pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 104/2000

**COM(2012)696** - Proposal for a Council Decision on the European Union position on Decision No 1/2012 of the Joint Veterinary Committee regarding the amendment of Appendices 1, 2, 3, 5, 6 and 10 of Annex 11

**COM(2012)720** - Proposal for a Council Regulation fixing for 2013 the fishing opportunities for certain fish stocks and groups of fish stocks applicable in the Black Sea

**COM(2012)779** - Proposal for a Council Decision establishing the position to be taken by the European Union within the International Grains Council with respect to the extension of the Grains Trade Convention 1995

**COM(2012)780** - Proposal for a Council Decision establishing the position to be adopted, on behalf of the Union, within the International Sugar Council as regards the extension of the International Sugar Agreement 1992

**Minutes of Meeting of Thursday, 28 February 2013**

# 1. The Joint Committee met at 10.35 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*), Simon Coveney, Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine), Martin Ferris, Éamon Ó Cuív and Thomas Pringle.

Senators Michael Comiskey and Pat O’Neill.

**3. Motion re. Section 17A of the Diseases of Animals Act 1966**

1. **Motion**

The Committee considered the following motions referred by Dáil Éireann and

Seanad Éireann on 19 February 2013:

“That Dáil Éireann resolves that section 17A (inserted by section 2(1) of the Diseases of Animals (Amendment) Act 2001 (No. 3 of 2001)) of the Diseases of Animals Act 1966 (No. 6 of 1966) shall continue in force for the period ending on 8th March, 2014.”, and

“That Seanad Éireann resolves that section 17A (inserted by section 2(1) of the Diseases of Animals (Amendment) Act 2001 (No. 3 of 2001)) of the Diseases of Animals Act 1966 (No. 6 of 1966) shall continue in force for the period ending on 8thMarch, 2014.”.

Consideration of the motion concluded.

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

1. **Report on Motion**

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

**4. Adjournment**

The Committee adjourned at 10.45 a.m. until 2 p.m. on Tuesday, 5 March, 2013.

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Andrew Doyle, T.D.

Chairman

20 March, 2013

# Record of Adjourned Meeting of Tuesday, 5 March 2013

# The Joint Committee was scheduled to meet at 2 p.m. in Committee Room 3, LH 2000.

**1. Members Present**

The following members were present:-

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

**2. Adjournment**

In the absence of the quorum necessary to commence the meeting, the Clerk to the Committee adjourned the meeting *sine die*.

# Minutes of Meeting of Tuesday, 20 March 2013

# 1. The Joint Committee met at 2.10 p.m. in Committee Room 4, LH 2000, a quorum being present.

**2. Members Present**

The following members were present:-

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

Senators Michael Comiskey and Pat O’Neill.

Apologies were received from Senators Mary Ann O’Brien and Brian Ó Domhnaill.

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

**3. Private Session**

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

**4. Item Discussed in Private Session**

**5. Item Discussed in Private Session**

**6. Item Discussed in Private Session**

**7. Item Discussed in Private Session**

*The Committee went out of private session.*

**8. Meeting Suspended**

The meeting was suspended at 2.29 p.m. until 2.32 p.m.

**9. Taking of Evidence**

The Committee took evidence from Mr. Cecil Beamish, Assistant Secretary General, Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine in relation to the Common Fisheries Policy (CFP).

Debate ensued and concluded.

**10. Adjournment**

The Committee adjourned at 3.55 p.m. until 2 p.m. on Tuesday, 26 March, 2013.

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Andrew Doyle, T.D.

Chairman

26 March, 2013

**Minutes of Meeting of Tuesday, 26 March 2013**

# 1. The Joint Committee met at 3.10 p.m. in Committee Room 3, LH 2000, a quorum being present.

**2. Members Present**

The following members were present:-

Deputies Pat Deering, Andrew Doyle (*in the Chair*), Martin Heydon, 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 Senators Brian Ó Domhnaill and Susan O’Keeffe.

Also present: Deputy Mattie McGrath [DSO 92(3)].

**3. Private Session**

The Committee agreed to go into private session at 3.10 p.m.

**4. Item Discussed in Private Session**

**5. Item Discussed in Private Session**

**6. Item Discussed in Private Session**

*The Committee went out of private session.*

**7. Meeting Suspended**

The meeting was suspended at 3.13 p.m. until 3.15 p.m.

**8. Taking of Evidence**

The Committee took oral evidence from representatives from the Musgrave Group – Ms. Edel Clancy, Director of Corporate Affairs, Mr. Ian Allen, Sales Director and Ms. Breda Cahill, Retailer in relation to (i) the proposed Code of Conduct for the grocery goods sector; (ii) Pricing and impact on primary and secondary suppliers; (iii) Support for local produce; and (iv) Labelling.

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Debate ensued and concluded.

**9. Meeting Suspended**

The meeting was suspended at 4.48 p.m. until 4.53 p.m.

**10. Taking of Evidence**

The Committee took oral evidence from representatives from Tesco – Mr. Tony Keohane, Chief Executive and Mr. Dermot Breen in relation to (i) the proposed Code of Conduct for the grocery goods sector; (ii) Pricing and impact on primary and secondary suppliers; (iii) Support for local produce; and (iv) Labelling.

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Debate ensued and concluded.

**11. Adjournment**

The Committee adjourned at 6.15 p.m. until 9.30 a.m. on Thursday, 18 April, 2013.

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Andrew Doyle, T.D.

Chairman

18 April, 2013

# Minutes of Meeting of Thursday, 28 March 2013

# 1. The Joint Committee met in private at 12 noon in Committee Room 4, LH 2000, a quorum being present.

**2. Members Present**

The following members were present:-

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

Senators Michael Comiskey and Susan O’Keeffe.

Apologies were received from Deputies Tom Barry, Pat Deering and Thomas Pringle and Senator Brian Ó Domhnaill.

Also present: Deputy Noel Harrington [DSO 92(2)].

**3. Item discussed in private session**

**4. Adjournment**

The Committee adjourned at 12.05 p.m. until 9.30 a.m. on Thursday, 18 April, 2013.

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Andrew Doyle, T.D.

Chairman

18 April, 2013

**Minutes of Meeting of Thursday, 18 April 2013**

# 1. The Joint Committee met at 9.35 a.m. in Committee Room 4, LH 2000, a quorum being present.

**2. Members Present**

The following members were present:-

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

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

Also present: Deputies Luke “Ming” Flanagan and Michael Healy-Rae [DSO 92(3)].

**3. Private Session**

The Committee agreed to go into private session at 9.35 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. 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**.

**8. Taking of Evidence**

The Committee took oral evidence from representatives from Aldi – Mr. Donald Mackay, Managing Director, Ireland and Mr. Niall O’Connor, Group Buying Director Ireland in relation to (i) the proposed Code of Conduct for the grocery goods sector; (ii) Pricing and impact on primary and secondary suppliers; (iii) Support for local produce; and (iv) Labelling.

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Debate ensued and concluded.

**9. Adjournment**

The Committee adjourned at 11.40 a.m. until 2 p.m. on Tuesday, 23 April, 2013.

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Andrew Doyle, T.D.

Chairman

23 April, 2013

**Appendix 1**

**List of EU Legislative Proposals as scrutinised in Committee**

**Date of Meeting: 18 April 2013**

**Schedule A:**

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

**COM(2012)551** – Amendment to the Commission proposal COM(2011) 628 final/2 for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the financing, management and monitoring of the common agricultural policy

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

* stating that the Committee is, in principle, broadly in favour of this proposal which aims to increase the transparency of the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP);
* stating that the Committee is keeping a close watching brief on all developments regarding the reform of the CAP in particular with regard to the financing, management and monitoring of same; and
* to ask to be kept informed of all developments regarding this Proposal specifically in relation to the issues surrounding the issue of transparency and the greater detail that will be required on exact schemes that financing under CAP relate to.

(2) Having considered the following proposals and based on the information provided, it was agreed to note the following adopted measures:

**COM(2012)608** – Proposal for a Council Regulation fixing for 2013 the fishing opportunities available to EU vessels for certain fish stocks and groups of fish stocks which are not subject to international negotiations or agreements

**COM(2012)668** – Proposal for a Council Regulation fixing for 2013 the fishing opportunities available in EU waters and, to EU vessels, in certain non-EU waters for certain fish stocks and groups of fish stocks which are subject to international negotiations or agreements

**Schedule B:**

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

**COM(2013)9** – Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Council Regulation (EC) No 1224/2009 establishing a Community control system for ensuring compliance with the rules of the Common Fisheries Policy

**COM(2013)46** – Proposal for a Council Directive amending Directive 98/8/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council to include powdered corn cob as an active substance in Annexes I and IA thereto

**COM(2013)62** – Proposal for a Council Directive adapting certain directives in the field of food safety, veterinary and phytosanitary policy, by reason of the accession of Croatia

**COM(2013)73** – Proposal for a Council Regulation amending Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council by reason of the accession of Croatia

**COM(2013)101** – Proposal for a Council Decision on the position to be adopted, on behalf of the European Union, in the EEA Joint Committee, concerning an amendment to Annex II to the EEA Agreement

**COM(2013)106** – Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down the trade arrangements applicable to certain goods resulting from the processing of agricultural products

# Minutes of Meeting of Tuesday, 23 April 2013

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

**2. Members Present**

The following members were present:-

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

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

Apology was received from Deputy Martin Heydon.

**3. Private Session**

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

**4. Item Discussed in Private Session**

**5. Item Discussed in Private Session**

**6. Item Discussed in Private Session**

*The Committee went out of private session.*

**7. 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**.

**8. Meeting Suspended**

The meeting was suspended at 2.36 p.m. until 2.37 p.m.

**9. Taking of Evidence**

The Committee took oral evidence from a representative from Food and Drink Industry Ireland (FDII) – Mr. Paul Kelly, Director in relation to (i) the proposed Code of Conduct for the grocery goods sector; (ii) Pricing and impact on primary and secondary suppliers; (iii) Support for local produce; and (iv) Labelling.

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Debate ensued and concluded.

**10. Meeting Suspended**

The meeting was suspended at 3.24 p.m. until 3.26 p.m.

**11. Taking of Evidence - resumed**

The Committee took oral evidence from representatives from the Irish Farmers’ Assocation (IFA) – Mr. John Bryan, President and Mr. Pat Smith, General Secretary in relation to (i) the proposed Code of Conduct for the grocery goods sector; (ii) Pricing and impact on primary and secondary suppliers; (iii) Support for local produce; and (iv) Labelling.

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Debate ensued and concluded.

**12. Adjournment**

The Committee adjourned at 4.45 p.m. until 12 noon on Thursday, 25 April, 2013.

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Andrew Doyle, T.D.

Chairman

2 May, 2013

**Appendix 1**

**List of EU Legislative Proposals as scrutinised in Committee**

**Date of Meeting: 23 April 2013**

**Schedule A:**

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

**COM(2013)133** – Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a framework for maritime spatial planning and integrated coastal management

It was agreed that this proposal warrants further scrutiny, especially in relation to the issues surrounding the principle of subsidiarity. It was agreed to request submissions from Irish MEPs and to request officials from the lead Department to attend before the Committee to explain fully this proposal, in order to assist the Committee in its scrutiny of this proposal, at which point the Committee can decide whether it wishes to take further action.

**Schedule B:**

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

**COM(2013)15** – Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Council Regulation (EC) No 2173/2005 on the establishment of a FLEGT licensing scheme for imports of timber into the European Community

# Minutes of Meeting of Thursday, 25 April 2013

# 1. The Joint Committee met at 12.55 p.m. in Committee Room 4, LH 2000, a quorum being present.

**2. Members Present**

The following members were present:-

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

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

Apologies were received from Deputies Tom Barry, Martin Heydon, Colm Keaveney and Senators Susan O’Keeffe and Pat O’Neill.

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Also present: Deputies Luke “Ming” Flanagan, Michael Healy-Rae, Mattie McGrath and Denis Naughten [DSO 92(3)].

**3. Private Session**

The Committee agreed to go into private session at 12.55 p.m.

**4. Item Discussed in Private Session**

*The Committee went out of private session.*

**5. Taking of Evidence**

The Committee took oral evidence from Mr. Simon Coveney, T.D., Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine in relation to the fodder crisis which is severely impacting on farmers in many parts of the country.

Debate ensued and concluded.

**6. Adjournment**

The Committee adjourned at 2.20 p.m. until 9.30 a.m. on Thursday, 2 May, 2013.

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Andrew Doyle, T.D.

Chairman

2 May, 2013

# Minutes of Meeting of Thursday, 2 May 2013

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

**2. Members Present**

The following members were present:-

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

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

Apology was received from Senator Mary Ann O’Brien.

Also present: Senator Fiach Mac Conghail in substitution for Senator Mary Ann O’Brien [SSO 80(1)].

Deputies Luke “Ming” Flanagan and Richard Boyd Barrett [DSO 92(3)].

**3. Private Session**

The Committee agreed to go into private session at 9.40 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. Meeting Suspended**

The meeting was suspended at 9.57 a.m. until 9.58 a.m.

**9. Scrutiny of EU Legislative Proposal – COM(2013)133**

The Committee discussed the European legislative proposal COM(2013)133 with officials from the Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government and the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine.

Debate ensued and concluded.

**10. Private Session**

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

**11. Item Discussed in Private Session**

*The Committee went out of private session.*

**12. Meeting Suspended**

The meeting was suspended at 10.21 a.m. until 10.23 a.m.

**13. Taking of Evidence**

The Committee took oral evidence from representatives from Irish Timber Council on the implications of the proposed sale of Coillte’s harvesting rights.

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Debate ensued and concluded.

**14. Adjournment**

The Committee adjourned at 12 noon until 2 p.m. Tuesday, 7 May, 2013.

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Andrew Doyle, T.D.

Chairman

7 May, 2013

# Minutes of Meeting of Tuesday, 7 May 2013

# 1. The Joint Committee met at 2.20 p.m. in Committee Room 3, LH 2000, a quorum being present.

**2. Members Present**

The following members were present:-

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

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

Also present: Deputies Luke “Ming” Flanagan and Michael Healy-Rae [DSO 92(3)].

**3. Update on the Common Agricultural Policy and the Common Fisheries Policy**

The Committee took oral evidence from Mr. Simon Coveney, T.D., Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine in relation to the key issues of the Common Agricultural Policy and the Common Fisheries Policy.

Debate ensued and concluded.

**4. Meeting Suspended**

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

**5. Taking of Evidence**

The Committee took oral evidence from representatives of the Society of Irish Foresters on the implications of the proposed sale of Coillte’s harvesting rights.

Debate ensued and concluded.

**6. Meeting Suspended**

The meeting was suspended at 4.43 p.m. until 4.46 p.m.

**7. Private Session**

The Committee agreed to go into private session at 4.46 p.m.

**8. Item Discussed in Private Session**

**9. Item Discussed in Private Session**

*The Committee went out of private session.*

**10. Scrutiny of EU Legislative Proposal – COM(2013)133**

Arising from the Committee’s decision at last week’s meeting, the Chairman brought forward a draft reasoned opinion by way of a report which was circulated to Members on Friday, 3 May, 2013.

The Committee deliberated.

The Committee agreed to the following amendment to the text of the report:-

In page 2, paragraph 5(c), line 2, to delete “with America to our west and Europe to our east”.

The Committee agreed that a copy of the report, as amended, be laid before both Houses of the Oireachtas and that the Chairman shall table a motion to be sent to the Dáil and Seanad pursuant to Dáil Standing Order 105(3)(*c*) and Seanad Standing Order 101(3)(*c*).

**11. Adjournment**

The Committee adjourned at 4.50 p.m. until 9.30 a.m. Thursday, 9 May, 2013.

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Pat Deering, T.D.

Vice-Chairman

14 May, 2013

# Minutes of Meeting of Thursday, 9 May 2013

# 1. The Joint Committee met at 10.40a.m. in Committee Room 4, LH 2000, a quorum being present.

**2. Members Present**

The following members were present:-

Martin Heydon (Chair), Éamon Ó Cuív, Thomas Pringle, Tom Barry and Colm Keaveney.

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

**3. Election of Temporary Chairman**

In the unavoidable absence of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman and in accordance with the provisions of Dáil Standing Order 90(3) and Seanad Standing Order 79(3) Deputy Martin Heydon was elected temporary Chair and took the chair at 10.45 a.m. for the duration of the meeting.

**4. Taking of Evidence**

The Committee took oral evidence from representatives from Lidl – Mr. Kenneth McGrath – Managing Director; Mr. Ryan McDonnell – Director of Purchasing in relation to (i) the proposed Code of Conduct for the grocery goods sector; (ii) Pricing and impact on primary and secondary suppliers; (iii) Support for local produce; and (iv) Labelling.

Debate ensued and concluded.

**5. Adjournment**

The Committee adjourned at 11.14 a.m. until 2.00 p.m. Monday, 14 May, 2013.

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Pat Deering, T.D.

Vice-Chairman

14 May, 2013

# Minutes of Meeting of Tuesday, 14 May 2013

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

**2. Members Present**

The following members were present:-

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

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

Also present: Deputies Luke Ming Flanagan, T.D., Richard Boyd Barrett, T.D. and Senator Fiach MacConghail [DSO 92(2) and SO 80(2).

Apologies were received from Deputies Andrew Doyle and Thomas Pringle.

**3. Private Session**

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

**4. Item Discussed in Private Session**

**5. Item Discussed in Private Session**

**6. Item Discussed in Private Session**

**7. Item Discussed in Private Session**

*The Committee went out of private session.*

**8. Scrutiny of EU Legislative Proposals**

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

**9. Meeting Suspended**

The meeting was suspended at 3.21 p.m. until 3.23 p.m.

**10. Taking of Evidence**

The Committee took oral evidence from representatives from IMPACT – Mr Matt Staunton and Mr Johnny Fox in relation to the proposed sale of Coillte.

Debate ensued and concluded.

**11. Adjournment**

The Committee adjourned at 4.38 p.m. until 2.00 p.m. on Tuesday, 21 May, 2013.

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Andrew Doyle T.D.

Chairman

21 May 2013

**Appendix 1**

**List of EU legislative Proposals as scrutinised in Committee**

**Date of Meeting: 14 May 2013**

**Schedule A**

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

COM(2013)159 **Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on fixing an adjustment rate of direct payments provided for in Regulation (EC) No 73/2009 in respect of calendar year 2013**.

It was agreed that this proposal requires further scrutiny by way of a letter to the Secretary General of the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine stating that:

- the Joint Committee is keeping a close watching brief on all developments regarding the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) and in this case, reductions to direct payments from the CAP in 2013

- the Joint Committee is concerned with the differing positions of the draft report of the European Parliament’s COMAGRI Committee which has proposed cuts to direct payments for claims made in 2013 to amount to .74% rather than the 4.9% put forward by the Commission

- the Joint Committee asks to be kept informed of all developments regarding this Proposal specifically in relation to the inter institutional negotiations on the amounts agreed for the total reduction resulting from the application of financial discipline*.*

**COM(2013)226** Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down certain transitional provisions on support for rural development by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD) and amending Regulation (EU) No […] [RD] as regards resources and their distribution in respect of the year 2014 and amending Council Regulation (EC) No 73/2009 and Regulations (EU) No […][DP], (EU) No […][HZ] and (EU) No […][sCMO] as regards their application in the year 2014

it was agreed that this proposal warrants further scrutiny by way of a letter to the Secretary General of the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine stating that the Joint Committee;

* is keeping a close watching brief on all developments regarding the Common Agricultural Policy and in this case, transitional measures to implement the new CAP regime;
* asks to be kept informed of all developments regarding this proposal specifically in relation to the setting of transitional measures for rural development under Pillar 2;
* requests, in relation to agri environmental schemes, to outline how additional money will be spent next year, taking into account the long lead in time announcing agri environmental schemes.

**Schedule B**

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

**COM(2013)137**

Proposal for a Council Regulation amending Regulations (EU) No 44/2012, (EU) No 39/2013 and (EU) No 40/2013 as regards certain fishing opportunities

**COM(2013)185**

Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 827/2004 prohibiting imports of Atlantic bigeye tuna (Thunnus obesus) originating in Bolivia, Cambodia, Equatorial Guinea, Georgia and Sierra Leone and repealing Regulation (EC) No 1036/2001

**COM(2013)187**

Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on amending Council Regulation (EC) No 1215/2009 in relation to tariff quotas for wine

**COM(2013)188**

Proposal for a Council Decision on the conclusion of the Protocol between the European Union and the Republic of Côte d’Ivoire setting out the fishing opportunities and financial contribution provided for in the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the two Parties currently in force

**COM(2013)189**

Proposal for a Council Regulation on the allocation of the fishing opportunities under the Protocol agreed between the European Union and the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire setting out fishing opportunities and the financial contribution provided for in the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the two parties currently in force

**COM(2013)190**

Proposal for a Council Decision on the signature, on behalf of the European Union, and the provisional application of the Protocol agreed between the European Union and the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire setting out fishing opportunities and the financial contribution provided for in the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the two parties currently in force

# Minutes of Meeting of Tuesday, 21 May 2013.

# 1. The Joint Committee met at 2.00p.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, Martin Ferris, Éamon Ó Cuív 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: Deputies Anthony Lawlor and Noel Harrington, [DSO 92(3)]

**3. Private Session**

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

**4. Item discussed in private session**

**5. Item discussed in private session**

**6. Item ISCUSSED 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 2.36 p.m.

**9. Taking of Evidence**

The Committee took oral evidence from the Fresh Milk Producers Group – Mr Stephen Arthur, Mr Denis Fagan, Mr Larry Hannon and Mr Jim Mulhall and West Cork Liquid Milk Producers Group – Mr Vivian Buttimer, Mr Richard Kelleher and Mr Ciarán Dolan in relation to (i) the proposed Code of Conduct for the grocery goods sector, (ii) Pricing and impact on primary and secondary suppliers; (iii) Support for local produce; and (iv) Labelling.

Debate ensued and concluded.

**10.** **Meeting Suspended**

The meeting was suspended at 4.05 p.m. until 4.09 p.m.

**11. Taking of Evidence**

The Committee took oral evidence from the National Milk Agency – Mr Denis Murphy, Dr Muiris Ó Céidigh, Mr Eamon McEnteggart, Mr Michael Kilcoyne, Mr John Foster and Mr Walter Maloney in relation to (i) the proposed Code of Conduct for the grocery goods sector, (ii) Pricing and impact on primary and secondary suppliers; (iii) Support for local produce; and (iv) Labelling.

Debate ensued and concluded.

**12. Adjournment**

The Committee adjourned at 5.24 p.m. until 2.00 p.m. on Tuesday 11 June 2013.

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Andrew Doyle, T.D.

Chairman

11 June, 2013

# Minutes of Meeting of 11, June 2013

# 1. The Joint Committee met at 3.50 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*), Michael McNamara, Éamon Ó Cuív and Martin Ferris.

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 Michael Healy Rae attended [DSO 92(3)].

**3. Private Session**

The Committee agreed to go into private session at 3.51 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 4.18 p.m. until 4.19 p.m.

**9. Taking of Evidence**

The Committee took oral evidence from Animal Health Ireland – Mr. Joe O’Flaherty, CEO; Mr. Mike Magan, Chairman; Mr. David Graham, Programme Manager, Biosecure Diseases and Ms. Finola McCoy, Programme Manager, Cellcheck.

Debate ensued and concluded.

**10. Adjournment**

The Committee adjourned at 5.17p.m. until 2 p.m. on Tuesday 18 June, 2013.

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Pat Deering, T.D.

Vice-Chairman

18 June, 2013

# Minutes of Meeting of Tuesday, 18 june 2013

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

**2. Members Present**

The following members were present:-

Deputies Pat Deering, (*in the Chair*), Michael McNamara, Martin Ferris and Éamon Ó Cuív

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

Apologies were received from Andrew Doyle, Chairman and Thomas Pringle.

**3. Private Session**

The Committee agreed to go into private session at 2.20 p.m.

**4. Item discussed in private session**

**5.** **Item discussed in private session**

**6. Item discussed in private session**

*The Committee went out of private session.*

7. **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.

**8. Taking of Evidence**

The Committee took oral evidence from the Wicklow Uplands Council as part of the continued discussions on the use of commonage lands on its study to Identify Best Management of Upland Habitats – Mr. John Medlycott, Vice Chair, Ms. Cara Heraty, Co-ordinator, Mr. Pat Dune, Chairman of the Vegetation Management Working Group & Upland Farmer Glenmalure, Mr. Declan Byrne, Land Use Advisor, Teagasc Wicklow.

**9. Adjournment**

The Committee adjourned at 3.58 p.m. until 2.00 p.m. on Tuesday 09 July, 2013.

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Andrew Doyle, T.D.

Chairman

09 July, 2013.

**APPENDIX 1**

**List of EU Legislative Proposals as scrutinised in Committee**

**Date of meeting: 18 June 2013.**

**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(2013)245 -** Amended proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund [repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 1198/2006 and Council Regulation (EC) No 861/2006 and Council Regulation No XXX/2011 on integrated maritime policy]

(2) Having considered the following proposals and based on the information provided, it was agreed that the following proposals warranted further scrutiny. Itis proposed to request officials from the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine to attend before the Committee to give a full explanation of these proposals, in order to assist the Committee in its scrutiny of these proposals, at which point the Committee can decide whether it wishes to take further action.

**COM(2013)260 -** Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on Animal Health;

**COM(2013)262 -** Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council On the production and making available on the market of plant reproductive material (plant reproductive material law);

**COM(2013)265 -** Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on official controls and other official activities performed to ensure the application of food and feed law, rules on animal health and welfare, plant health, plant reproductive material, plant protection products and amending Regulations (EC) No 999/2001, 1829/2003, 1831/2003, 1/2005, 396/2005, 834/2007, 1099/2009, 1069/2009, 1107/2009, Regulations (EU) No 1151/2012, [….]/2013 [Office of Publications, please insert number of Regulation laying down provisions for the management of expenditure relating to the food chain, animal health and animal welfare, and relating to plant health and plant reproductive material], and Directives 98/58/EC, 1999/74/EC, 2007/43/EC, 2008/119/EC, 2008/120/EC and 2009/128/EC (Official controls Regulation); and

**COM(2013)267 -** Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on protective measures against pests of plants

**Schedule B:**

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

**COM (2013) 243 -** 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 (2013) 250 -** Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Council Regulation (EC) No 302/2009 concerning a multiannual recovery plan for Bluefin tuna in the eastern Atlantic and Medite

# Minutes of Meeting of Tuesday, 9 July 2013

# 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*),Tom Barry, Pat Deering, Martin Ferris, Martin Heydon, 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 Brian Ó Domhnaill.

Also present: Senator Trevor Ó Cloghartaigh [SSO 80(2)].

**3. Meeting with Minister for Agriculture and Rural Development, Northern Ireland Executive.**

The Committee met with Ms Michelle O’Neill, Minister for Agriculture and Rural Development in relation to CAP Reform and related matters.

Debate ensued and concluded.

**4. Adjournment**

The Committee adjourned at 3.32 p.m. until Thursday, 11 July at 9.30 a.m. 2013.

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Andrew Doyle, T.D.

Chairman

11 July, 2013

# Minutes of Meeting Thursday, 11 July 2013

# 1. The Joint Committee met 12.30 p.m. in Committee Room 2, LH 2000, a quorum being present.

**2. Members Present**

The following members were present:-

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

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

Apologies were received from Senator Mary Ann O’Brien

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

**3. Private Session**

The Committee agreed to go into private session at 12.39 p.m.

**4. Item Discussed in Private Session**

**5. Item Discussed in Private Session**

**6. Item Discussed in Private Session**

**7. Item Discussed in Private Session**

*The Committee went out of private session.*

**8.** **Meeting Suspended**

The meeting was suspended at 1.10 p.m. until 1.11 p.m.

**9. Taking of Evidence**

The Committee took oral evidence from representatives of Bord Iascaigh Mhara - Mr. Jason Whooley, CEO, Donal Maguire, Aquaculture Manager, Connie Kelleher, Financial Manager, Michael Keating, Fisheries Development Manager and Donal Buckley, Business Development Manager, in relation to its 2011 Annual Report and other related matters.

Debate ensued and concluded.

**10. Adjournment**

The Committee adjourned at 2.34 p.m. until 2.00 p.m. on Tuesday 16 July, 2013.

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Andrew Doyle, T.D.

Chairman

16 July, 2013

# Minutes of Meeting of Tuesday, 16 July 2013

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

**2. Members Present**

The following members were present:-

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

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

Apologies were received from Deputies Éamon Ó Cuív and Martin Heydon

**3. Private Session**

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

**4. Item Discussed in Private Session**

**5**. **Item Discussed in Private Session**

*The Committee went out of private session.*

**6. Meeting Suspended**

The meeting was suspended at 2.23p.m until 2.25p.m

**7. Taking of Evidence**

The Committee took oral evidence from representatives of the Competition Authority – Ms Isolde Goggin, Chairperson, Mr Patrick Kenny, Director of Cartels Division and Mr John Evans Manager andfrom the National Consumer Agency – Ms Karen O’Leary, CEO and Mr John Shine, Director of Commercial Practices Division in relation to (i) the proposed Code of Conduct for the grocery goods sector; (ii) Pricing and impact on primary and secondary suppliers; (iii) Support for local produce; and (iv) Labelling.

Debate ensued and concluded.

**8. Adjournment**

The Committee adjourned at 16.18 p.m. until 9.30 a.m. on Thursday 18 July, 2013.

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Andrew Doyle, T.D.

Chairman

18 July 2013

**Minutes of Meeting of Thursday, 18 July 2013**

**1.** The Joint Committee met at 9.30am in Room 2 Leinster House, a quorum being present.

**2. Members Present**

The following members were present:-

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

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

Apologies were received from Deputy Tom Barry and Senator Mary Ann O’Brien.

**3. Private Session**

The Committee agreed to go into private session at 9.45 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 with Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine**

The Committee met with the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine in relation to the achievements on the Common Agriculture Policy and Common Fishery Policy under the Irish Presidency.

**8. Adjournment**

The Committee adjourned at 11.45 a.m. *sine die*.

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Andrew Doyle, T.D.

Chairman

24 September, 2013

**Minutes of Meeting of Tuesday, 24 September 2013**

**1.** The Joint Committee met at 4.30pm in Committee Room 1, LH 2000, a quorum being present.

**2. Members Present**

The following members were present:-

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

Senator: Colm Burke

Apologies were received from Senator(s) Michael Comiskey, Paschal Mooney, Mary Ann O’Brien, Brian Ó Domhnaill, Pat O’Neill.

**3. Private Session**

The Committee agreed to go into private session at 4.39p.m.

1. **Item discussed in private session**
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*The Committee went out of private session.*

**11. 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**.

**12. Private Session**

The Committee agreed to go into private session at 5.45p.m.

**13. Adjournment**

The Committee adjourned at 5.46p.m. until 2 p.m. on Tuesday, 1 October 2013.

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Andrew Doyle, T.D.

Chairman

1 October 2013

**APPENDIX 1**

**List of EU Legislative Proposals as scrutinised in Committee**

**Date of meeting: 24 September 2013.**

**Schedule A:**

(1) Having considered the following proposal and based on the information provided, the Joint Committee is satisfied with the overall content but has agreed that the proposal warrants further scrutiny and requested that the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine notify the Committee in advance of the date of entry into force of the proposed legislation. It also requested that it be notified in advance, if the legislation is not adopted before 31 December 2013.

**COM(2013)521 -** Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Council Regulation (EC) No 1698/2005 on support for rural development by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD)

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

**COM (2013) 417 -** Proposal for a Council Regulation amending Regulation (EU) No 1259/2012 on the allocation of the fishing opportunities provided for in the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Union and the Islamic Republic of Mauritania

**COM (2013) 428 -** Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on amending Council Regulation (EC) No 1198/2006 as regards certain provisions relating to financial management for certain Member States experiencing or threatened with serious difficulties with respect to their financial stability

**COM (2013) 527 -** Proposal for a Council Regulation fixing the production levies in the sugar sector for the marketing years 2001/2002, 2002/2003, 2003/2004, 2004/2005, 2005/2006, the coefficient required for calculating the additional levy for the marketing years 2001/2002 and 2004/2005 and the amounts to be paid by sugar manufacturers to beet sellers in respect of the difference between the maximum amount of the levies and the amount of these levies to be charged for the marketing years 2002/2003, 2003/2004 and 2005/2006

**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) 419 -** Proposal for a Council Regulation amending Regulation (EU) No 1259/2012 on the allocation of the fishing opportunities provided for in the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Union and the Islamic Republic of Mauritania

**COM (2013) 464 -** Proposal for a Council Regulation on the allocation of the fishing opportunities under the Protocol agreed between the European Union and the Gabonese Republic setting out the fishing opportunities and financial contribution provided for in the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the two Parties currently in force

**COM (2013) 465 -** Proposal for a Council Decision on conclusion of the Protocol between the European Union and the Gabonese Republic setting out fishing opportunities and the financial contribution provided for in the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the two Parties currently in force

**COM (2013) 466 -** Proposal for a Council Decision on the signature, on behalf of the European Union, and on the provisional application of the Protocol agreed between the European Union and the Gabonese Republic setting out fishing opportunities and the financial contribution provided for in the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the two parties currently in force

**COM (2013) 488 -** Proposal for a Council Regulation amending Council Regulation (EU) No 1258/2012 of 28 November 2012 on the allocation of the fishing opportunities under the Protocol agreed between the European Union and the Republic of Madagascar setting out fishing opportunities and the financial contribution provided for in the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the two parties currently in force

**COM (2013) 507 -** Proposal for a Council Regulation on establishing the fishing opportunities for anchovy in the Bay of Biscay for the 2013/14 fishing season

**Minutes of Meeting of Tuesday 1 October 2013**

# 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*), Pat Deering, Martin Ferris, Martin Heydon, 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 Senator Susan O’Keeffe.

Also present: Deputy Denis Naughten [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**

1. **Item discussed in private session**

**8. Item discussed in private session**

**9. Meeting Suspended**

The meeting was suspended at 2.49 p.m. until 2.53 p.m.

*The Committee went out of private session*

**10. Taking of Evidence**

The Committee took oral evidence from representatives from Mr John Bryan, President of the IFA, Professor Alan Renwick (author) and Mr Kevin Kilcline, Economist, IFA in relation to the Report commissioned by the IFA entitled *“The Importance of the Cattle & Sheep Sector to the Irish Economy*”.

Debate ensued.

The Chairman advised that the Report should feed into the work of the Department’s Implementation Body ensuring that the targets in Food Harvest 2020 can be met and that the Committee would undertake to consider this in due course.

1. **Adjournment**

The Committee adjourned at 4.30 p.m. until 10.30 a.m. on Wednesday, 2 October, 2013.

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Andrew Doyle, T.D.

Chairman

8 October 2013

**Minutes of Meeting of Wednesday 2 October 2013**

**1.** The Joint Committee met at 10.30a.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*), Pat Deering, Martin Ferris, Martin Heydon, Éamon Ó Cuív and Thomas Pringle.

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

Apologies were received from Michael McNamara

**3. Meeting with Minister for Agriculture , Food and the Marine on 2014 allocation**

The Committee met with Mr. Simon Coveney, T.D., Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine in relation to financial allocations being considered for 2014. There was particular emphasis on the required €54 million savings requested by the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform and what measures the Minister was going to put in place to reach this savings target.

Debate ensued and concluded.

**4. Adjournment**

The Committee adjourned at 11.50 a.m. until 2.00 p.m. on Tuesday 8 October, 2013.

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Andrew Doyle, T.D.

Chairman

8 October 2013

**Minutes of Meeting of Tuesday, 8 October 2013**

**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*), Pat Deering, Martin Ferris, Martin Heydon, Colm Keaveney, Michael McNamara 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 Tom Barry and Éamon Ó Cuív.

**3. Private Session**

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

It was agreed to return to private session after the public session.

*The Committee went out of private session*

**4. Scrutiny of EU Legislative Proposals: COM (2013)260; COM(2013)262; COM (2013)265; and COM(2013)267**

The Committee met with officials from the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine in relation to the following proposals concerning a new package for healthier animals and plants for a safer food chain – COM (2013)260: Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on Animal Health (Animal Health Law); COM (2013)262: Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the production and making available on the market of plant reproductive material (Plant Reproductive Material); COM (2013)265: Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on official controls and other official activities performed to ensure the application of food and feed law, rules on animal health and welfare, plant health, plant reproductive material, plant protection products and amending Regulations (Regulations on Official Controls); and COM(2013)267: Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on protective measures against pests of plants (Plant Health Law).

Debate ensued and concluded.

**5**. **Meeting Suspended**

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

**6.** **Meeting resumed**

The Committee resumed in private session at 3.40 p.m.

**7. Item discussed in private session**

1. **Item discussed in private session**
2. **Item discussed in private session**

**10.** **Item discussed in private session**

**11. Item discussed in private session**

*The Committee went out of Private Session*

**12. Adjournment**

The Committee adjourned at 4.15 p.m. until 12.30 p.m. on Tuesday 15 October 2013.

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Andrew Doyle, T.D.

Chairman

15 October 2013

# Minutes of Meeting of Tuesday 15 October 2013

# 1. The Joint Committee met in private at 12.30 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*), Tom Barry, Pat Deering, Martin Heydon, Willie Penrose, Martin Ferris, Michael McNamara and Éamon Ó Cuív.

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

Apologies were received from Deputy Thomas Pringle and Senator Susan O’Keeffe.

**3. Private Session**

The Committee agreed to go into private session at 12.38 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**

**10. Adjournment**

The Committee adjourned at 1.45 p.m. until 11a.m. on Thursday, 17 October 2013.

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Andrew Doyle, T.D.

Chairman

22 October 2013

# Minutes of Meeting of Thursday 17 October 2013

# 1. The Joint Committee met at 11a.m. in Committee Room 4, LH 2000, a quorum being present.

**2. Members Present**

The following members were present:-

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

Senators: Michael Comiskey and Mary Ann O’Brien.

Apologies were received from Deputy Andrew Doyle (*Chairman*) and Senator Brian Ó Domhnaill.

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

**3. Taking of Evidence**

The Committee took oral evidence from Dr. Ellen Pikitch, Chairperson of the Lenfest Forage Fish Task Force on its report entitled “Little Fish Big Impact” – Managing a crucial link in ocean food webs.

**4**. **Meeting Suspended**

The meeting was suspended at 11.15 a.m until 11.35 a.m. due to a vote in the Dáil.

**5. Taking of Evidence**

The Committee resumed taking oral evidence from Dr. Ellen Pikitch, Chairperson of the Lenfest Forage Fish Task Force on its report entitled “Little Fish Big Impact” – Managing a crucial link in ocean food webs.

Debate ensued and concluded.

**6. Adjournment**

The Committee adjourned at 12.35 p.m. until 2 p.m. on Tuesday 22 October 2013.

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Andrew Doyle, T.D.

Chairman

22 October 2013

# Minutes of Meeting of Tuesday 22 October 2013

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

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

Apologies were received from Deputies Martin Heydon and Willie Penrose.

**3. Item discussed in private session**

1. **Item discussed in private session**

**5. Item discussed in private session**

**6. Adjournment**

The Committee adjourned at 4.13 p.m. *sine die*.

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Andrew Doyle, T.D.

Chairman

5 November, 2013

# Minutes of Meeting of Thursday 24 October 2013

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

**2. Members Present**

The following members were present:-

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

Senators Paschal Mooney, Brian Ó Domhnaill and Pat O’Neill.

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

**3. Item discussed in private session**

**4. Adjournment**

The Committee adjourned at 3 p.m. *sine die*.

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Andrew Doyle, T.D.

Chairman

5 November 2013

# Minutes of Meeting of Tuesday 5 November 2013

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

**2. Members Present**

The following members were present:-

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

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

Apologies were received from Deputies Eamon O’Cuiv, Michael McNamara, Thomas Pringle and Senator O’Brien.

**3. Private Session**

The Committee agreed to go into private session at 3.40 p.m.

**4. Item discussed in private session**

**5. Item discussed in private session**

**6.** **Item discussed in private session**

*The Committee went out of private session*

**7. Taking of Evidence**

The Committee took oral evidence from Mr Ruairi Cunningham and Mr Cormac Cunningham, Directors of Strathroy Milk regarding liquid milk – problems, impacts and possible solutions.

Debate ensued and concluded

It was agreed that the Committee would discuss further the issues raised today at its next meeting.

**8. Adjournment**

The Committee adjourned at 5.29 p.m. *sine die*.

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Andrew Doyle, T.D.

Chairman

14 November 2013

# Minutes of Meeting of Tuesday 14 November 2013

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

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

Apologies were received from Deputy Martin Ferris and Senator Susan O’Keeffe

**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**

**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 11.21 p.m. due to Statements in the Dáil.

*The meeting was recommenced in private session.*

1. **Item Discussed In Private Session**

**11. Adjournment**

The Committee adjourned at 1.50 p.m. until 2.00 p.m. on Tuesday 19 November, 2013.

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Pat Deering T.D.

Vice-Chairman

19 November 2013

**APPENDIX 1**

**List of EU Legislative Proposals as scrutinised in Committee**

**Date of meeting: 14 November 2013**

**Schedule A:**

(1) Having considered the following proposals and based on the information provided, it was agreed that the following proposals warranted further scrutiny by way of a letter to the Secretary General of the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine and the Secretary General of the Department of Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation requesting further information:

**COM (2013) 675 -** Proposal for a Council Decision on the signing, on behalf of the European Union, of a revised Memorandum of Understanding with the United States of America Regarding the Importation of Beef from Animals Not Treated with Certain Growth-Promoting Hormones and Increased Duties Applied by the United States to Certain Products of the European Union;

**COM (2013) 677 -** Proposal for a Council Decision on the conclusion of a Revised Memorandum of Understanding with the United States of America Regarding the Importation of Beef from Animals Not Treated with Certain Growth-Promoting Hormones and Increased Duties Applied by the United States to Certain Products of the European Union.

(2) Having considered the following proposals and based on the information provided, it was agreed that the following proposals did not warrant further scrutiny, however the proposals should be sent to Committee on Foreign Affairs for its consideration:

**COM (2013) 648 -** Proposal for a Council Decision on the conclusion of the Protocol between the European Union and the Kingdom of Morocco setting out the fishing opportunities and financial contribution provided for in the Fisheries Partnership Agreement in force between the two Parties;

**COM (2013) 649 -** Proposal for a Council Decision on the signing, on behalf of the European Union, of the Protocol between the European Union and the Kingdom of Morocco setting out the fishing opportunities and financial contribution provided for in the Fisheries Partnership Agreement in force between the two Parties;

**COM (2013) 650 -** Proposal for a Council Regulation on the allocation of the fishing opportunities under the Protocol agreed between the European Union and the Kingdom of Morocco setting out fishing opportunities and the financial contribution provided for in the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the two Parties currently in force.

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

**COM (2013) 327 -** Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down provisions for the management of expenditure relating to the food chain, animal health and animal welfare, and relating to plant health and plant reproductive material, amending Council Directives 98/56/EC, 2000/29/EC and 2008/90/EC, Regulations (EC) No 178/2002, (EC) No 882/2004 and (EC) No 396/2005, Directive 2009/128/EC and Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009 and repealing Council Decisions 66/399/EEC, 76/894/EEC and 2009/470/EC {SWD(2013) 194 final} {SWD(2013) 195 final}

**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) 432 -** Proposal for a Council Decision on the signing, on behalf of the Union, of the Voluntary Partnership Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Indonesia on forest law enforcement, governance and trade in timber products to the European Union;

**COM (2013) 433 -** Proposal for a Council Decision on the conclusion of the Voluntary Partnership Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Indonesia on forest law enforcement, governance and trade in timber products to the European Union**;**

**COM (2013) 552 -** Proposal for a Council Regulation opening and providing for the administration of autonomous tariff quotas of the Union on imports of certain fishery products into the Canary Islands from 2014 to 2020;

**COM (2013) 598 -** Proposal for a Council Regulation fixing for 2014 the fishing opportunities for certain fish stocks and groups of fish stocks applicable in the Baltic Sea;

**COM (2013) 612 -** Proposal for a Council Decision on the position to be taken by the European Union within the Joint Committee set up by Article 11 of the Agreement between the European Union and Moldova on protection of geographical indications of agricultural products and foodstuffs, as regards the adoption of the rules of procedure of the Joint Committee;

**COM (2013) 288 -** Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EU) No 528/2012 concerning the making available on the market and use of biocidal products with regard to certain conditions for access to the market.

# Minutes of Meeting of Tuesday 19 November 2013

# 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 Tom Barry, Pat Deering (*in the Chair*), Martin Heydon, Martin Ferris, Willie Penrose, 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 Andrew Doyle and Senator MichaelComiskey

Also present: Deputies Noel Harrington, Luke ‘Ming’ Flanagan and Richard Boyd Barrett attended [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**

*The Committee went out of private session.*

**6. Taking of Evidence**

The Committee met with Dr Peter Heffernan from the Marine Institute on its Annual

Report 2011.

Debate ensued and concluded.

1. **Taking of Evidence**

The Committee met with Mr Gerry Britchfield from Coilte on its Annual Report 2012.

Debate ensued and concluded.

*The Committee went out of public session.*

**8. Item discussed in private session**

**9. Adjournment**

The Committee adjourned at 8.10 p.m. until 11 a.m. on Thursday 21 November 2013.

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Andrew Doyle, T.D.

Chairman

26 November 2013

# Minutes of Meeting of Thursday 21 November 2013

# 1. The Joint Committee met at 11a.m. in Committee Room 3, LH 2000, a quorum being present.

1. **Members Present**

The following members were present:-

Deputies Tom Barry, Andrew Doyle (*in the Chair*), Martin Heydon, Martin Ferris, Willie Penrose, 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 Pat Deering.

Also present: Deputies Luke ‘Ming’ Flanagan and Denis Naughten attended [DSO 92(3)]. Deputy Luke ‘Ming’ Flanagan substituted for Deputy Thomas Pringle for part of the meeting [DSO 92(2)]

1. **Private Session**

The Committee agreed to go into private session at 11.10 a.m.

1. **Item discussed in private session**

*The Committee went out of private session*

1. **Closure of TLT International**

The Committee met with representatives from the Irish Co-operative Society, Irish Farmer’s Association, Irish Creamery Milk Suppliers Association and Irish Cattle and Sheep Association in relation to the recent closure of TLT International, live exporters and safeguards to be put in place to prevent a similar reoccurrence.

Debate ensued.

It was agreed to write to the Receiver to ascertain whether the outstanding amounts owing to farmers and marts for cattle now overseas, particularly in Italy can be pursued.

**6**. **Meeting Suspended**

The meeting was suspended at 11.55 a.m. until 12.15 p.m. and from 1 p.m. to 1.15 p.m. due to votes in the Dáil.

**7. Adjournment**

The Committee adjourned at 1.50 p.m. until 2 p.m. on Tuesday 26 November 2013.

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Andrew Doyle, T.D.

Chairman

26 November 2013

# Minutes of Meeting of Tuesday 26 November 2013

# 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, Martin Ferris, Willie Penrose and Michael McNamara.

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

Apologies were received from Deputy Thomas Pringle, Senators Mary Ann O’Brien and

Susan O’Keeffe.

**3. Private Session**

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

**4. Iitem discussed in private session**

*The Committee went out of private session*

**5. Motion re. Draft Horse and Greyhound Racing Fund Regulations 2013**

1. **Motion**

The Committee considered the following motions referred by Dáil Éireann and Seanad Éireann on 12 November 2013:-

“That Dáil Éireann approves the following Order in draft:

Horse and Greyhound Racing Fund Regulations 2013,

a copy of which Order in draft was laid before Dáil Éireann on

19 November 2013”, and

“That Seanad Éireann approves the following Order in draft:

Horse and Greyhound Racing Fund Regulations 2013,

a copy of which Order in draft was laid before Seanad Éireann

on 12 November 2013”.

Consideration of the motion concluded.

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

1. **Report on Motion**

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

**6. 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 Assessment scheduled to take place on 17 December 2013.

Debate ensued and concluded.

**7. Adjournment**

The Committee adjourned at 4.20 p.m. until 2 p.m. on Tuesday, 3 December 2013.

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Andrew Doyle, T.D.

Chairman

3 December 2013

# Minutes of Meeting of Tuesday 3 December 2013

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

**2. Members Present**

The following members were present:-

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

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

Apologies were received from Deputy Pat Deering.

**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**

1. **Item discussed in private session**

*The Committee went out of private session*

**7. Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine Six-monthly Report on Developments in the EU (January-June 2012)**

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 (January-June 2013).

Debate ensued and concluded.

*The Committee went out of public session*

**8. item discussed in private session**

**9. Adjournment**

The Committee adjourned at 4.15 p.m. until 9.30 a.m. on Thursday 5 December 2013.

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Andrew Doyle, T.D.

Chairman

11 December 2013

# Minutes of Meeting of Thursday 5 December 2013

# 1. The Joint Committee met at 9.45 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, Michael McNamara, Éamon Ó Cuív and Thomas Pringle.

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

Apologies were received from Deputy Willie Penrose and Senators Michael Comiskey and Susan O’Keeffe.

**3. Item discussed in private session**

**4**. **Adjournment**

The Committee adjourned at 11.15 a.m. *sine die.*

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Andrew Doyle, T.D.

Chairman

11 December 2013

# Minutes of Meeting of Wednesday 11 December 2013

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

**2. Members Present**

The following members were present:-

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

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

**3. Private Session**

The Committee agreed to go into private session at 9.45 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. 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. Adjournment**

The Committee adjourned at 10.55 a.m. *sine die*

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Andrew Doyle, T.D.

Chairman

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**APPENDIX 1**

**List of EU Legislative Proposals as scrutinised in Committee**

**Date of meeting: 11 December 2013**

**Schedule A:**

(1) Having considered the following proposal and based on the information provided, it was agreed that the following proposal warrants further scrutiny by way of a letter to the Secretary General of the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine requesting a detailed summary of the TAC for Ireland for each fishery as soon as practicable after the conclusion of the EU Fisheries Ministers Council:

**COM (2013) 753 –** Proposal for a Council Regulation fixing for 2014 the fishing opportunities for certain fish stocks and groups of fish stocks, applicable in EU waters and, for EU vessels, in certain non-EU waters

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

**COM (2013) 702 –** Proposal for a Council Regulation amending Regulations (EC) No 754/2009, (EU) No 1262/2012, (EU) No 39/2013 and (EU) No 40/2013 as regards certain fishing opportunities;

**COM (2013) 712 –** Proposal for a Council Regulation fixing an adjustment rate to direct payments provided for in Regulation (EC) No. 73/2009 in respect of calendar year 2013 and repealing Commission Implementation Regulation (EU) 964/2013;

**COM (2013) 812 -**  Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on information provision and promotion measures for agricultural products on the internal market and in third countries {SWD(2013) 469 final} {SWD(2013) 470 final}

**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) 693 –** Proposal for a Council Decision on the position to be taken by the Union within the Administrative Committee of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe regarding the draft Regulation on uniform provisions concerning the approval of Retrofit Emission Control Devices (REC) for heavy duty vehicles, agricultural and forestry tractors and non-road mobile machinery equipped with compression ignition engines;

**COM (2013) 738 –** Proposal for a Council Decision on the position to be adopted, on behalf of the European Union, in the EEA Joint Committee amending Annex II (Technical regulations, standards, testing and certification) to the EEA Agreement

**COM (2013) 764 -** Proposal for a Council Regulation on the allocation of fishing opportunities under the Protocol agreed between the European Union and the Union of the Comoros setting out the fishing opportunities and financial contribution provided for in the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the two parties currently in force;

**COM (2013) 765 -** Proposal for a Council Regulation concerning the allocation of fishing opportunities under the Protocol to the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Community and the Republic of Seychelles.

**COM (2013) 766 -** Proposal for a Council Decision on the signing, on behalf of the European Union, and on the provisional application of the Protocol setting out the fishing opportunities and the financial contribution provided for by the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Community and the Republic of Seychelles;

**COM (2013) 767 -** Proposal for a Council decision on the conclusion of the Protocol setting out the fishing opportunities and the financial contribution provided for in the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Community and the Republic of Seychelles;

**COM (2013) 773 -** Proposal for a Council decision on the conclusion of the Protocol between the European Union and the Union of the Comoros setting out the fishing opportunities and financial contribution provided for in the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the two parties currently in force;

**COM (2013) 774 -** Proposal for a Council decision on the signature, on behalf of the European Union, and the provisional application of the Protocol between the European Union and the Union of the Comoros setting out the fishing opportunities and the financial contribution provided for in the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the two parties currently in force.

**APPENDIX 5: Meetings of the Select Committee on agriculture, food and the marine**

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:-

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| **Meeting No.** | **Date** | **Topic** | **Organisations, Groups and Individuals who attended** |
| S07 | 05/03/2013 | Grocery Goods Sector (i) Proposed Code of Conduct for the grocery goods sector (ii) Pricing and impact on primary and secondary suppliers (iii) Support for local produce  (iv) Labelling | *RGDATA*   * Ms. Tara Buckley * Mr. John Foy * Mr. Joe Doyle * Mr. Richard Nolan   *Retail Ireland*   * Mr. Stephen Lynam * Mr. Frank Gleeson |
| S08 | 02/07/2013 | 2013 Revised Estimate for Public Services - Vote 30 – Agriculture, Food and the Marine | Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine |

# APPENDIX 6: Proceedings of the Select Committee (Imeachtaí)

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| **IMEACHTAÍ AN ROGHCHOISTE UM THALMHAÍOCHT, BIA AGUS MUIR**  **PROCEEDINGS OF THE SELECT COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND THE MARINE**  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  *Dé Máirt, 5 Márta 2013*  *Tuesday, 5 March 2013*  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | | | |
| 1. Chruinnigh an Coiste ar 2.20 p.m. |  | | 1. The Committee met at 2.20 p.m. |
| 2. Comhaltaí i Láthair[[1]](#footnote-1).  Na Teachtaí Aindrias Ó Dubhaill  (*i gCeannas*), Pádraig Ó Díring, Éamon Ó Cuív agus Tomás Pringle. |  | | 2. Members Present[[2]](#footnote-2).  Deputy Andrew Doyle (*in the* C*hair*), Pat Deering, Éamon Ó Cuív and Thomas Pringle. |
| 3. Seisiún Príobháideach.  Ordaíodh: Go suífidh an Coiste i seisiún príobháideach anois.  Shuigh an Coiste i seisiún príobháideach dá réir sin. |  | | 3. Private Session.  Ordered: That the Committee now sit in private.  The Committee sat in private accordingly. |
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| Chuaigh an Coiste as seisiún príobháideach.  4. Earnáil na nEarraí Grósaeireachta.  Thug na finnéithe seo a leanas léiriú don Choiste i dtaobh (i) an Chóid Cleachtais beartaithe i gcomhair earnáil na n-earraí grósaeireachta; (ii) praghsáil agus tionchar ar sholáthraithe príomha agus tánaisteacha; (iii) tacaíocht le táirgí áitiúla; agus (iv) lipéadú: |  | | The Committee went out of private session.  4. Grocery Goods Sector.  The following witnesses made a presentation to the Committee on (i) the proposed Code of Conduct for the grocery goods sector; (ii) pricing and impact on primary and secondary suppliers; (iii) support for local produce; and (iv) labelling: |
| Tara Buckley, (*Ard-Stiúrthóir*), John Foy Uas. (*Uachtarán*), Joe Doyle Uas., Richard Nolan Uas. ó RGDATA; Stephen Lynam Uas. (*Stiúrthóir*) agus Frank Gleeson Uas. (*Cathaoirleach*) ó *Retail Ireland*. | | | |
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| 5. Athlá.  Chuaigh an Coiste ar athló ar 4 20p.m. *sine die*. |  | 5. Adjournment.  The Committee adjourned at 4.20p.m. *sine die*. |

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Andrew Doyle, T.D.

Chairman

5 March 2013

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| *Dé Máirt, 2 Iúil 2013*  *Tuesday, 2 July 2013*  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | | |
| 1. Chruinnigh an Coiste ar 2.10 p.m. |  | 1. The Committee met at 2.10 p.m. |

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| 2. Comhaltaí i Láthair. |  | 2. Members Present. |
| Bhí na comhaltaí seo a leanas i láthair:- |  | The following members were present:- |
| An Teachta Aindrias Ó Dubhaill  (*i gCeannas*), an tAire Talmhaíochta, Bia agus Mara, na Teachtaí Tomás de Barra, Pádraig Ó Díring, Máirtín Ó Fearghusa, Máirtín Ó hEideáin, Colm Ó Caoimhnaigh, Micheál Mac Conmara, Éamon Ó Cuív agus Thomás Pringle. |  | Deputy Andrew Doyle (*in the* C*hair*), the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine, Deputies Tom Barry, Pat Deering, Martin Ferris, Martin Heydon, Colm Keaveney, Michael McNamara, Éamon Ó Cuív and Thomas Pringle. |

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| 3. Seisiún Príobháideach.  Ordaíodh: Go suífidh an Coiste i seisiún príobháideach anois.  Shuigh an Coiste i seisiún príobháideach dá réir sin. |  | 3. Private Session.  Ordered: That the Committee now sit in private.  The Committee sat in private accordingly. |
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| Chuaigh an Coiste as seisiún príobháideach. |  | The Committee went out of private session. |

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| 4. Meastacháin i gcomhair Seirbhísí poiblí.  Bhreithnigh an Coiste an Meastachán seo a leanas i gcomhair Seirbhísí Poiblí don bhliain dar críoch an 31 Nollaig 2013 -  Vóta 30 (Talmhaíochta, Bia agus Mara) (Meastachán Athbhreithnithe).  Críochnaíodh an breithnú ar an Meastachán. |  | 4. Estimates for Public Services.  The Committee considered the following Estimate for Public Services for the year ending 31 December 2013 -  Vote 30 (Agriculture, Food and the Marine) (Revised Estimate).  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.  5. Athlá.  Chuaigh an Coiste ar athló ar 4.30 p.m. *sine die*. |  | Message sent to the Dáil in accordance with Standing Order 87 acquainting it that the Committee had completed its consideration of the Estimate.  5. Adjournment.  The Committee adjourned at 4.30 p.m.  *sine die*. |

ANDREW DOYLE, T.D.

Chairman

2 July, 2013

**APPENDIX 7: Meetings of the joint sub-Committees 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:-

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| **Meeting No.** | **Date** | **Topic** | **Organisations, Groups and Individuals who attended** |
| JS02 | 07/02/2013 | Meeting cancelled |  |
| JS03 | 13/02/2013 | Private Meeting |  |
| JS04 | 27/02/2013 | Private Meeting |  |
| JS05 | 20/03/2013 | (i) Aquaculture (ii) Island and costal fisheries (iii) Inshore Fisheries (specifically sea angling) and (iv) Tourism | *Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine*   * Dr Cecil Beamish, Assistant Secretary |
| JS06 | 21/03/2013 | (i) Aquaculture (ii) Island and costal fisheries (iii) Inshore Fisheries (specifically sea angling) and (iv) Tourism | *Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht*   * Dr Éamon Kelly, Wildlife Inspector * Dr Ciarán O’Keeffe, Principal Officer * *Department of Communications, Energy and Natural Resources* * Mr Denis Maher   *Inland Fisheries Ireland*   * Dr Ciaran Byrne * Ms Suzanne Campion |
| JS07 | 28/03/2013 | (i) Aquaculture (ii) Island and costal fisheries (iii) Inshore Fisheries (specifically sea angling) and (iv) Tourism | *FIF*   * Mr Francis O’Donnell, Chairman   *IFO*   * Mr Ebbie Sheehan, Chairman   *Comhdháil Oileánna hÉireann/Comhar na nOileán Teoranta*   * Mr John Walsh, Chairperson * Mr Séamus Ó Cnáimhsí, Board Member   *Irish South & East Fish Producer’s Organisation*   * Ms Caitlin Uí Aodha   *Donegal Island Fisheries*   * Mr Jerry Early * Mr John O’ Brien   *IFA* *Aquaculture*   * Mr Richie Flynn, Executive, IFA Aquaculture * Mr Jerry Gallagher,Chairman, Northwest Shellfish and Irish Shellfish Association |
| JS08 | 25/04/2013 | (i) Aquaculture (ii) Island and costal fisheries (iii) Inshore Fisheries (specifically sea angling) and (iv) Tourism | *Aalborg University Denmark*   * Ms. Alyne Delaney * Mr. Stephen Hynes, NUI Galway |
| JS09 | 30/04/2013 | (i) Aquaculture (ii) Island and costal fisheries (iii) Inshore Fisheries (specifically sea angling) and (iv) Tourism | * *Údarás nc Gaeltachta* * Mr.Stiofán Ó Cúláin * Mr Séamus Mac Eochaidh * *Bord Iascaigh Mhara* * Mr. Jason Whooley CEO * Mr. Michael Keatinge, Fisheries Development Manager * Mr. Donal Maguire, Aquaculture Development Manager   *Marine Institute*   * Mr. Paul Connolly   *Sea Fisheries Protection Authority*   * Mr.Micheál O’Mahony * Andrew Kinneen * Susan Steele |
| JS10 | 11/06/2013 | (i) Aquaculture (ii) Island and costal fisheries (iii) Inshore Fisheries (specifically sea angling) and (iv) Tourism | * *Fáilte Ireland* * Mr. Aidan Pender, Director Strategic Development * Mr. Paddy Matthews * Ms. Ethna Murphy * Ms. Mary Stack |
| JS11 | 25/06/2013 | (i) Aquaculture (ii) Island and costal fisheries (iii) Inshore Fisheries (specifically sea angling) and (iv) Tourism | * *Iascarí Intire Cois Cladach na hÉireann* * Mr. Eamon O’Corcora * Mr. John Connolly |
| JS12 | 18/09/2013 | Private Meeting |  |
| JS13 | 22/10/2013 | Private Meeting |  |
| JS14 | 12/11/2013 | Private Meeting |  |
| JS15 | 28/11/2013 | Private Meeting |  |
| JS16 | 10/12/2013 | Update on Fisheries Local Action Groups (FLAGs) | * *Bord Iascaigh Mhara* * Mr Michael Keatinge, Deputy CEO |
| JS17 | 12/12/2013 | Private Meeting |  |

# APPENDIX 8: Minutes of Proceedings of The Joint sub-Committee on Fisheries

**Minutes of Meeting of Wednesday, 13 February 2013**

# 1. The sub-Committee met in private at 12.10 p.m. in Committee Room 2, LH 2000, a quorum being present.

**2. Members Present**

The following members were present:-

Deputies Andrew Doyle (*in the Chair*), Noel Harrington, Seán Kenny, Michael McNamara and Thomas Pringle.

Senator Ned O’Sullivan.

Also present: Deputy Michael Colreavy [DSO 92(2)].

Apology was received from Deputy Martin Ferris.

**Library and Research Services**

Mr. Niall Ó Cléirigh also attended.

**3. Item discussed in private session**

**4. item discussed in private session**

**5. Adjournment**

The sub-Committee adjourned at 1 p.m. *sine die*.

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Andrew Doyle, T.D.

Chairman

27 February, 2013

**Minutes of Meeting of Wednesday, 27 February 2013**

# 1. The sub-Committee met in private at 12.05 p.m. in Committee Room 4, LH 2000, a quorum being present.

**2. Members Present**

The following members were present:-

Deputies Andrew Doyle (*in the Chair*), Martin Ferris, Noel Harrington, Seán Kenny, Michael McNamara and Thomas Pringle.

Senator Brian Ó Domhnaill.

Apology was received from Senator Ned O’Sullivan.

**Library and Research Services**

Mr Niall Ó Cléirigh also attended.

**3. Item discussed in private session**

**4. Item discussed in private session**.

**5. Adjournment**

The sub-Committee adjourned at 12.25 p.m. until 9.30 a.m. on Thursday, 21 March, 2013.

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Andrew Doyle, T.D.

Chairman

21 March, 2013

# Minutes of Meeting of Wednesday, 20 March 2013

# 1. The sub-Committee met at 4.10 p.m. in Committee Room 4, LH2000, 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.

Senator Ned O’Sullivan.

Apology was received from Senator Brian Ó Domhnaill.

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

**3. Item discussed in private session**

**4. Taking of Evidence**

The sub-Committee took oral evidence from officials from the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine in relation to the development of aquaculture in Ireland.

Debate ensued and concluded.

**5. Adjournment**

The sub-Committee adjourned at 5.15 p.m. until 9.30 a.m. on Thursday, 21 March, 2013.

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Andrew Doyle, T.D.

Chairman

28 March, 2013

# Minutes of Meeting of Thursday, 21 March 2013

# 1. The sub-Committee met at 9.40 a.m. in Committee Room 4, LH2000, a quorum being present.

**2. Members Present**

The following members were present:-

Deputies Andrew Doyle (*in the Chair*), Martin Ferris, Noel Harrington, Michael McNamara and Thomas Pringle.

Senator Denis Landy.

Apology was received from Senator Brian Ó Domhnaill.

Also present: Deputy Éamon Ó Cuív [DSO 92(3)] and Senator Pat O’Neill [SSO 80(2)].

**3. Taking of Evidence**

The sub-Committee took oral evidence from officials from the Department of Communications, Energy and Natural Resources and from the Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht in relation to the development of aquaculture in Ireland.

Debate ensued and concluded.

**4. Adjournment**

The sub-Committee adjourned at 11.30 a.m. until 9.30 a.m. on Thursday, 28 March, 2013.

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Andrew Doyle, T.D.

Chairman

28 March, 2013

# Minutes of Meeting of Thursday, 28 March 2013

# 1. The sub-Committee met at 9.35 a.m. in Committee Room 4, LH2000, a quorum being present.

**2. Members Present**

The following members were present:-

Deputies Andrew Doyle (*in the Chair*), Martin Ferris, Noel Harrington and Michael McNamara.

Senator Denis Landy.

Apologies were received from Deputy Thomas Pringle and Senator Brian Ó Domhnaill.

Also present: Deputy Éamon Ó Cuív [DSO 92(3)] and Senator Pat O’Neill [SSO 80(2)].

**3. Item discussed in private session**

**4. Taking of Evidence**

The sub-Committee took oral evidence from representatives from the Federation of Irish Fishermen, Irish Fishermen’s Organisation, Irish South and East Fish Producer’s Organisation, Comhdháil Oileanna hÉireann/Comhar na nOileán Teoranta, Donegal Island Fisheries and Irish Farmers’ Association in relation to island fishing, development of aquaculture, inshore fishery, and tourism in Ireland.

Debate ensued and concluded.

**5. Adjournment**

The sub-Committee adjourned at 11.50 a.m. until 9.30 a.m. on Thursday, 25 April, 2013.

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Andrew Doyle, T.D.

Chairman

25 April, 2013

# Minutes of Meeting of Thursday, 25 April 2013

# 1. The sub-Committee met at 9.35 a.m. in Committee Room 4, LH2000, a quorum being present.

**2. Members Present**

The following members were present:-

Deputies Andrew Doyle (*in the Chair*), Martin Ferris, Michael McNamara and Thomas

Pringle.

Senator Brian Ó Domhnaill.

**3. Item discussed in private session**

**4. Taking of Evidence**

The sub-Committee took oral evidence from Ms. Alyne Delaney, Innovative Fisheries Management, Aalborg University Research Centre, Denmark and Dr. Stephen Hynes, Socio-Economic Marine Research Unit, National University of Ireland, Galway in relation to island fishing, development of aquaculture, inshore fishery and tourism in Ireland.

Debate ensued and concluded.

**5. Adjournment**

The sub-Committee adjourned at 11.05 a.m. until 2 p.m. on Tuesday, 30 April, 2013.

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Andrew Doyle, T.D.

Chairman

30 April, 2013

# Minutes of Meeting of Tuesday, 30 April 2013

# 1. The sub-Committee met at 2.15 p.m. in Committee Room 3, LH2000, a quorum being present.

**2. Members Present**

The following members were present:-

Deputies Andrew Doyle (*in the Chair*), Martin Ferris, Michael McNamara, Thomas Pringle and Noel Harrington.

Senator: Ned O’Sullivan.

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

Apology was received from Deputy Seán Kenny.

**3. Item discussed in private session**

**4. Taking of Evidence**

The sub-Committee took oral evidence from representatives from the Marine Institute, Bord Iascaigh Mhara, Sea Fisheries Protection Authority and Údarás na Gaeltachta in relation to island fishing, development of aquaculture, inshore fishery and tourism in Ireland.

Debate ensued and concluded.

**5. Adjournment**

The sub-Committee adjourned at 5.05 p.m. until 2.00 p.m. on Thursday, 16 May, 2013.

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Andrew Doyle, T.D.

Chairman

11 June, 2013

# Minutes of Meeting of tuesday, 11 June 2013

# 1. The sub-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, Michael McNamara

Senators Denis Landy, Brian Ó Domhanill.

Also present: Deputy Eamon Ó Cuív, T.D. [DSO 92(2)].

Apologies were received from Deputies Noel Harington and Sean Kenny.

**3. Item discussed in private session**

**4. Item discussed in private session**

**5. Taking of evidence.**

The sub-Committee took oral evidence from representatives from Fáilte Ireland in relation to the marine resource element in Irish Tourism.

Debate ensued and concluded.

**6. Adjournment**

The sub-Committee adjourned at 3.35 p.m. *sine die*.

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Andrew Doyle, T.D.

Chairman

25 June, 2013

**Minutes of Meeting of Tuesday 25 June, 2013**

**1.** The sub-Committee met **in private** at 2.00 p.m. in Committee Room 3, LH 2000, a quorum being present.

**2. Members Present**

The following members were present:-

Deputies Andrew Doyle (*in the Chair*), Martin Ferris, Noel Harrington, Seán Kenny, and Thomas Pringle.

Senator Brian Ó Domhanill.

Also present: Deputy Eamon Ó Cúiv [DSO 92(3)] and Senator Trevor O

Cloghartaigh [DSO 80(2)]

Apologies were received from Deputy Michael McNamara and Senator Denis Landy.

**3. Item discussed in private session**

**4. Item discussed in private session**

**5. Item discussed in private session**

**6. Meeting Suspended**

The meeting was suspended at 2.20 p.m. until 2.22 p.m.

**7. Taking of Evidence**

The Committee took oral evidence from Iascarí Intire Cois Cladach na hÉireann representatives – Mr. Eamon O’Corcora and Mr. John Connolly on their fishery management plan for Fish Resources of the Atlantic Management Area for Inshore Vessels under 10 metres.

Debate ensued and concluded.

**8. Adjournment**

The sub-Committee adjourned at 3.45 p.m. *sine die*.

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Andrew Doyle, T.D.

Chairman

18 September, 2013

# Minutes of Meeting of Wednesday 18 September, 2013

# 1. The sub-Committee met in private at 12.noon. 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, Thomas Pringle and Michael McNamara.

Senator: Denis Landy.

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

Apologies were received from Senators Brian Ó Domhnaill and Ned O’Sullivan.

**3. Item discussed in private session**

1. **Item discussed in private session**

**5. Item discussed in private session**

**6 Adjournment**

The sub-Committee adjourned at 1.30 p.m. *sine die*.

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Andrew Doyle, T.D.

Chairman

22 October, 2013

# Minutes of Meeting of Tuesday, 22 October 2013

# The sub-Committee met at 4.30 p.m. in Committee Room 3, LH 2000, a quorum being present.

# Members Present

The following members were present:-

Deputies: Andrew Doyle (*in the Chair*), Martin Ferris, Michael McNamara, Noel Harrington and Thomas Pringle.

Senator: Brian Ó Domhnaill.

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

1. **Item discussed in private session**
2. **Item discussed in private session**
3. **Item discussed in private session**

**6. Item discussed in private session**

**7. Adjournment**

The sub-Committee adjourned at 4.55 p.m. until 2pm on Tuesday 12 November 2013.

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Andrew Doyle, T.D.

Chairman

12 November 2013

# Minutes of Meeting of Tuesday 12 November 2013

# The sub-Committee met at 2 p.m. in Committee Room 3, LH 2000, a quorum being present.

1. **Members Present**

The following members were present:-

Deputies Andrew Doyle (*in the Chair*), Martin Ferris, Michael McNamara, Noel Harrington and Thomas Pringle.

Senator Brian Ó Domhnaill.

Also present: Senator Trevor Ó Clochartaigh [SSO 80(2)].

Apologies were received from Deputy Martin Ferris.

**3. Item discussed in private session**

**4. Item discussed in private session**

**5 Item discussed in private session**

**6. Adjournment**

The sub-Committee adjourned *sine die*.

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Andrew Doyle, T.D.

Chairman

28 November 2013

# Minutes of Meeting of Tuesday 28 November 2013

# 1. The sub-Committee met at 2 p.m. in Committee Room 3, LH2000, a quorum being present.

**2. Members Present**

The following members were present:-

Deputies Andrew Doyle (*in the Chair*), Martin Ferris, Michael McNamara and Noel Harrington.

Senator Brian Ó 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. Item discussed in private session**

**7. Adjournment**

The sub-Committee adjourned at 11.00 a.m. until 2 p.m. on Tuesday 10 December 2013

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Andrew Doyle, T.D.

Chairman

10 December 2013

# Minutes of Meeting of Tuesday 10 December 2013

# 1. The sub-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, Michael McNamara, Noel Harrington and Senators Denis Landy and Brian Ó Domhnaill.

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

**3. Item discussed in private session**

**4. Item discussed in private session**

1. **Item discussed in private session**

**6. Taking of Evidence**

The sub-Committee took oral evidence from Mr Michael Keatinge, Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Bord Iascaigh Mhara in relation to the progress made to-date in establishing the Fisheries Local Action Groups (FLAGS) in Ireland.

Debate ensued and concluded.

**7. Draft Discussion Paper - resumed**

The sub-Committee agreed to defer consideration of the draft discussion paper, if possible, to Thursday, 12 December 2013 after the Order of Business in the Dáil.

**8. Adjournment**

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

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Andrew Doyle, T.D.

Chairman

1 April 2014

# Joint sub-Committee on Fisheries

# Minutes of Meeting of Thursday 12 December 2013

# 1. The sub-Committee met in private at 12 noon in Room B, LH2000, 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.

Senator Brian Ó Domhnaill.

Apologies were received from Deputy Michael McNamara.

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

**3. Draft Discussion Paper - resumed**

As agreed at meeting on 10 December 2013, the Committee resumed consideration on the remaining conclusions of the draft Discussion paper along with the Introduction and Executive Summary.

The sub-Committee deliberated on the remaining conclusions and made amendments thereto. It further made amendments to the Introduction and Executive Summary.

The sub-Committee agreed to the discussion paper, as amended and also agreed that this discussion paper would form the basis for a published report to be published and launched on 14 January 2014.

**4. Adjournment**

The sub-Committee adjourned at 2.30 p.m. *sine die*.

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Andrew Doyle, T.D.

Chairman

1 April 2014

1. Fuarthas leithscéal ón Teachta Máirtín Ó hEideáin

   Bhí an Teachta Micheál Ó hÉallaigh i láthair [B.O. 92(3)]. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. Apologies were received from Deputy Martin Heydon.

   Deputy Michael Healy-Rae attended [S.O. 92(3)]. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)