

# Spring Government Legislation Programme Industry & Sector Breakdown

Spring 2026

The Government Legislation Programme for the Spring 2026 session has been published. The Cabinet has approved 30 bills for priority publication and 34 bills for priority drafting. Priority legislation includes the National Cyber Security Bill, the Renewable Heat Obligation Bill, the Regulation of Artificial Intelligence Bill and the Civil Reform Bill.

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ASSET MANAGEMENT & INVESTMENT FUNDS

Bill	Purpose	Status
Miscellaneous Provisions (Registration of Limited Partnerships and Business Names) Bill	The bill will reform the Limited Partnership Act 1907 and the Registration of Business Names Act 1963, strengthening Ireland's regulatory framework and the transparency of Limited Partnerships.  See our briefing <a href="#">here</a> .	Heads of bill approved in July 2024.
UN Restrictive Measures Bill	To create a mechanism by which persons would be obliged to adhere to the asset freezing requirements of certain UN Security Council Resolutions in the period prior to their incorporation in an EU legislative act, in order to meet Ireland's international obligations and prevent sanctions evasion.	Work is ongoing.
Violation of Restrictive Measures Bill	Bill to transpose EU Directive 2024/1226 on the definition of criminal offences and penalties for the violation of Union restrictive measures.	Heads of bill approved in March 2025.  (Priority Drafting)

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## BANKING &amp; FINANCE

Bill	Purpose	Status
Personal Insolvency (Amendment) Bill	To update aspects of personal insolvency legislation, following a statutory review of the Personal Insolvency Acts.	Work is ongoing.
Co-operative Societies Bill	To place the co-operative model on a more favourable and clearer legal basis, thereby creating a level playing field with companies and encouraging the consideration of the cooperative model as an attractive formation option for entrepreneurs.  See our briefing <a href="#">here</a> .	Work is ongoing. (Priority Drafting)
Miscellaneous Provisions (Registration of Limited Partnerships and Business Names) Bill	This bill will reform the Limited Partnership Act 1907 and the Registration of Business Names Act 1963, strengthening Ireland's regulatory framework and responding to concerns raised in relation to the transparency of Limited Partnerships.  See our briefing <a href="#">here</a> .	Heads of bill approved in July 2024.
Credit Review Bill 2024	To put SI 127/2010 that established the Credit Review Office on a statutory footing.	At Second Stage. (Seanad)
Microenterprise Loan Fund (Amendment) Bill 2024	This new legislation is to provide for ownership of Microfinance Ireland (MFI) to pass from its current parentage, the Social Finance Foundation to the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment and to put in place the related governance structures. It will give greater oversight to a body which is responsible for an increased amount of state sponsored lending than its original mandate. Furthermore, it will create a more established and regular relationship between the funding Department and the body delivering the funding directly to recipient businesses. This will assist the start-ups, micro businesses, and the body itself in giving certainty to the continued existence and development of MFI.	At Second Stage. (Seanad)

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Conclusion of IBRC Special Liquidation and Dissolution of NAMA Bill	To effect the conclusion of the Irish Bank Resolution Corporation (IBRC) Special Liquidation and the dissolution of the National Asset Management Agency by the end of 2025. To implement appropriate arrangements to manage any remaining residual activity of both entities following the respective conclusion of their work mandates, including through the creation of a new Resolution Unit within the National Treasury Management Agency to manage any remaining residual activity from 2026 onwards.	Heads of bill approved in July 2024. Work is ongoing. (Priority Publication)
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Violation of Restrictive Measures Bill	Bill to transpose EU Directive 2024/1226 on the definition of criminal offences and penalties for the violation of Union restrictive measures.	Heads of bill approved in March 2025. (Priority Drafting)
Central Bank (Amendment) Bill 2025	To transpose certain elements of Directive (EU) 2024/1640 (the Sixth Anti-Money Laundering Directive) of relevance to the Central Bank of Ireland, through amendment to the Central Bank Reform Act 2011 and /or the Central Bank (Supervision and Enforcement) Act 2013.	Work is ongoing.
Central Bank (Amendment) Bill 2025 <sup>1</sup>	To amend the Central Bank Act 1942 and prohibit financial service providers from discriminating against survivors of cancer from accessing financial services and to provide for related matters.	At Committee Stage. (Dáil)

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## CORPORATE

Bill	Purpose	Status
Industrial Development (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill	The primary purpose of the Bill is to amend the Industrial Development Act 1986 to strengthen IDA's provision of (i) environmental aid grants and (ii) consultancy grants. It will also provide that IDA Ireland be permitted to establish jointly owned Designated Activity Companies, with the sole purpose of developing critical industrial and commercial property and infrastructure. This Bill also contains unrelated amendments in respect of Enterprise Ireland and the Health and Safety Authority, and technical enabling amendments to the Dangerous Substances Act 1972 and the Chemicals Act 2008.	Heads of bill approved in February 2025. (Priority Publication)
Co-operative Societies Bill	To place the co-operative model on a more favourable and clearer legal basis, thereby creating a level playing field with companies and encouraging the consideration of the cooperative model as an attractive formation option for entrepreneurs.  See our briefing <a href="#">here</a> .	Work is ongoing. (Priority Drafting)
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Violation of Restrictive Measures Bill	Bill to transpose EU Directive 2024/1226 on the definition of criminal offences and penalties for the violation of Union restrictive measures.	Heads of bill approved in March 2025. (Priority Drafting)
Charities (Amendment) Bill	Amendments are now required to the Charities Act 2009 in respect of the operation of the Charity Appeals Tribunal. The amendments are in relation to providing for a quorum for the Tribunal, allowing for a Deputy Chair and to insert a provision in respect of 'privilege of evidence'.	Heads of bill being prepared. (Priority Drafting)

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## EMPLOYMENT &amp; PENSIONS

Bill	Purpose	Status
Protection of Employees (Employers' Insolvency) (Amendment) Bill 2025	To update the legislation governing the protection of employees during their employer's insolvency. The Bill will address a 2018 Supreme Court judgment by fully transposing Article 2(1) of Directive 2008/94/EC and will incorporate technical amendments to improve the operation of the Protection of Employees (Employers' Insolvency) Act 1984.	At Report Stage. (Dáil)
Registration of Trade Unions Bill	To modernise and consolidate the existing legislation in respect of the registration requirements for trade unions.	Heads of bill being prepared.
Civil Service Regulation and Public Service Management (Amendment) and Miscellaneous Provisions Bill	To amend the Civil Service Regulation Acts 1956–2005 and the Public Service Management Act 1997 to provide that disciplinary action up to and including dismissal in the Civil Service can be assigned below the level of the head of the organisation (Appropriate Authority) and other miscellaneous amendments to modernise the legislation based on the General Scheme, including the establishment of a Senior Post Remuneration Committee and certain terms and conditions for Secretaries General.	Work is ongoing. (Priority Publication)
Construction Safety Licensing Bill 2023	To provide for the establishment of a statutory licensing system for construction and related activities.	At Report Stage. (Dáil)
Pay Transparency Bill	Bill to transpose the EU Pay Transparency Directive. See our briefing <a href="#">here</a> .	Heads of bill being prepared.
Equality and Family Leave (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill	Bill providing for amendments to the Employment Equality and Equal Status Acts, arising from a review of the Equality legislation. This bill will also provide for Surrogacy Leave and leave for pregnancy loss.	No update provided.

Bill	Purpose	Status
Gender Pay Gap Information (Amendment) Bill	To clarify the legislative basis for employers to report their gender pay gap to the Minister via a central online portal.	Heads of bill being prepared.
Pensions (Amendment) Bill	The Department of Social Protection is currently working, in conjunction with the Pensions Authority, to develop detailed policy and legislative proposals relating to the regulation and supervision of Master Trust pension schemes and to ensure the appropriate statutory protections are provided for these schemes.	Work is ongoing.
Data Sharing and Governance (Single Public Service Pension Scheme) Bill	To establish a Single Public Service Pension Scheme Centralised Database and Information System.	Heads of bill approved in December 2025. (Priority Drafting)

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## ENERGY, RENEWABLES &amp; UTILITIES

Bill	Purpose	Status
Heat (Networks and Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill	To establish a regulatory model for district heating that ensures consumer protection and the delivery of a vibrant district heating industry, and to mandate all Public Sector buildings and facilities to connect to district heating where it is available and is technically, and economically feasible.  See our briefing <a href="#">here</a> .	Work is ongoing. (Priority Drafting)
Gas Safety (Amendment) Bill	To provide number of specific amendments to the existing Electricity Regulation Act 1999, focused on ensuring that third party operators of Liquid Petroleum Gas (LPG) networks are fully incorporated into the Commission for Regulation of Utilities' regulatory regime.	Pre-legislative scrutiny has taken place. (Priority Publication)
Strategic Gas Emergency Reserve (Amendment) Bill	To prepare legislation to support a state-led strategic gas emergency reserve.	Heads of bill approved in December 2025. (Priority Publication)
Renewable Heat Obligation Bill	The Renewable Heat Obligation Bill will place an obligation on the suppliers of fossil fuels used for heat to demonstrate a proportion of the energy they supply is from a renewable source.	Heads of bill approved in July 2025. Work is ongoing. (Priority Drafting)

Bill	Purpose	Status
Electricity (Supply) (Amendment) (No 2) Bill 2025	<p>To amend the Electricity (Supply) Act 1927 to provide for the establishment and maintenance of forestry corridors to improve the resilience of the electricity network and statutory regulation of future forestry planting in proximity to the electricity network.</p> <p>The Bill will also provide for enhanced proactive vegetation management measures to protect the electricity network, including powers to clear vegetation likely to interfere with the network and a statutory framework for compensation to landowners in respect of the establishment and maintenance of Forestry Corridors, including regulation making powers for compensation principles, methodologies and dispute resolution mechanisms.</p>	<p>Heads of bill approved in July 2025. Work is ongoing.</p> <p>(Priority Drafting)</p>
Private Wires Bill	<p>Primary legislation to amend the Electricity Regulation Act allowing for Private Wires (referring to the construction of private electricity lines) in specific circumstances.</p> <p>See our briefing <a href="#">here</a>.</p>	<p>Heads of bill approved in December 2025.</p> <p>(Priority Drafting)</p>
Hydrogen Bill	<p>To support the transposition of EU Hydrogen and Decarbonised Gas Market Package by addressing gaps between what the Package mandates and what is required for those provisions to function in practice.</p>	<p>Heads of bill being prepared.</p>
Geothermal Energy Bill	<p>To regulate the geothermal energy sector, introducing a licensing system for deep geothermal energy projects and expanding Ireland's understanding of its subsurface through the collection of data from geothermal developments.</p>	<p>Heads of bill being prepared.</p>

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## ENVIRONMENT &amp; PLANNING

Bill	Purpose	Status
Maritime Area Planning (Marine Protected Areas) (Amendment) Bill	To make amendments to the Maritime Area Planning Act 2021 to support the application of the regulatory system and to ensure a streamlined, effective, and efficient Regulatory Regime for the Maritime Area. The Bill will also provide a legislative basis for the designation and effective management of Marine Protected Areas in the Irish Maritime Area.	Heads of bill being prepared.
Aarhus Legal Costs Bill	To extend the revised legal costs provisions of Part 9 of the Planning and Development Act 2024 to over twenty other environmental consent regimes in order to ensure a consistency of approach in all planning and environmental consents.	Heads of bill being prepared. (Priority Drafting)
Energy Performance of Buildings Bill	To transpose the Energy Performance of Buildings Directive (EU) 2024/1275.  See our briefing <a href="#">here</a> .	Heads of bill being prepared. (Priority Drafting)
Environment (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2025	To enable the Environmental Protection Agency to be more efficient and effective in its determinations by providing a stream-lined approach for decision-making and shortening the period for final determinations of industrial emission, integrated pollution control and waste licences of the Agency. The Bill will also include some further minor miscellaneous provisions under the Circular Economy and Miscellaneous Provisions Act 2022.  See our briefing <a href="#">here</a> .	At Report Stage. (Dáil)
Air Pollution (Amendment) Bill	To provide for necessary updates to the Air Pollution Act (1987) to support enhanced enforcement and the implementation of the Clean Air Strategy.	At Committee Stage. (Seanad)

Bill	Purpose	Status
Inland Fisheries (Amendment) Bill	The legal framework for inland fisheries is outdated and fragmented. The purpose of these amendments is to modernise and strengthen regulatory and enforcement tools, to ensure proportionate penalties and support compliance.	Heads of bill being prepared.
Building Standards Regulatory Authority Bill	To establish a Building Standards Regulatory Authority to strengthen the oversight role of the State in respect of the design and construction of buildings and the marketing and use of construction products.	Heads of bill being prepared.
Fisheries (Amendment) Bill	To amend the Fisheries (Amendment) Act 1997 to update, modernise and streamline aquaculture licencing in the State; to bring the 1997 Act into compliance with EU legislation.	Heads of bill being prepared.
Certain State Development Bill	<p>To enable a Minister of Government to regularise the planning status and/or development works at State sites at which development has taken place under the provisions of section 181(2)(a) of the Planning and Development Act 2000.</p> <p>Access our briefings and podcast series on the Planning and Development Act 2024 <a href="#">here</a>.</p>	Heads of Bill approved in July 2025. Work is ongoing. (Priority Publication)
EU Deforestation Regulation Bill	To give effect in national law as required to EU Regulation 23/1115 to minimise the EU's contribution to global deforestation and forest degradation.	Heads of bill being prepared. (Priority Drafting)
Planning and Development (Amendment) Bill	<p>To provide for certain technical amendments to the Planning and Development Act 2024 arising from its commencement and transition from the Planning and Development Act 2000.</p> <p>Access our briefings and podcast series on the Planning and Development Act 2024 <a href="#">here</a>.</p>	Heads of bill approved in November 2025. (Priority Drafting)

Bill	Purpose	Status
Planning and Development (Short-Term Letting) Amendment Bill	Amending sections 7 and 8 of the Planning and Development Act 2024 to decouple rent pressure zones from planning provisions for Short Term Lettings.  Access our briefings and podcast series on the Planning and Development Act 2024 <a href="#">here</a> .	Heads of bill being prepared. (Priority Drafting)
Strategic Environmental Assessment and Espoo Convention 2nd Amendment Bill (Kiev Protocol)	Bill to transpose the Second Amendment to the Espoo Convention and its Strategic Environmental Assessment Protocol.	Heads of bill being prepared.
Critical Infrastructure Bill	To prioritise the advancement of Government designated critical infrastructure projects through consenting and approval processes. The Bill will also provide for Emergency powers that can exempt critical infrastructure projects from some approvals and consents, or which can provide for alternative means of providing the relevant approvals and consents.	Heads of bill being prepared. (Priority Publication)

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## FINANCIAL REGULATION

Bill	Purpose	Status
Credit Review Bill 2024	To put SI 127/2010, which established the Credit Review Office, on a statutory footing.	At Second Stage. (Seanad)
Co-operative Societies Bill	To place the co-operative model on a more favourable and clearer legal basis, thereby creating a level playing field with companies and encouraging the consideration of the cooperative model as an attractive formation option for entrepreneurs.  See our briefing <a href="#">here</a> .	Work is ongoing. (Priority Drafting)
Criminal Justice (Terrorist Offences) (Amendment) Bill 2025	To amend the Criminal Justice Act 2010 to ensure that Crypto Asset Service Providers are covered by national law in relation to Ireland's Anti-Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing regime.	At Report Stage. (Dáil)
Asset Covered Securities (Amendment) Bill	To amend the Asset Covered Securities Act 2001 to facilitate the issuance of asset covered securities (covered bonds) either by specialist covered bond subsidiary entities under a specialist banking model or from non-specialist credit institutions operating under a universal banking model and related matters.	Heads of bill being prepared.
Central Bank (Amendment) Bill 2025	To transpose certain elements of Directive (EU) 2024/1640 (the Sixth Anti-Money Laundering Directive) of relevance to the Central Bank of Ireland, through amendment to the Central Bank Reform Act 2011 and /or the Central Bank (Supervision and Enforcement) Act 2013.	Work is ongoing.
Central Bank (Amendment) Bill 2025 <sup>2</sup>	To amend the Central Bank Act 1942 and prohibit financial service providers from discriminating against survivors of cancer from accessing financial services and to provide for related matters.	At Committee Stage. (Dáil)

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Transposition of eIDAS Directive Omnibus Bill	To make necessary legislative changes to provide for a digital wallet as required under the European Digital Identity Framework Regulation, which must be available to EU citizens for use on a voluntary basis for online and offline public services across the EU by December 2026.	Heads of bill being prepared.
Conclusion of IBRC Special Liquidation and Dissolution of NAMA Bill	To effect the conclusion of the Irish Bank Resolution Corporation (IBRC) Special Liquidation and the dissolution of the National Asset Management Agency (NAMA) by the end of 2025. To implement appropriate arrangements to manage any remaining residual activity of both entities following the respective conclusion of their work mandates, including through the creation of a new Resolution Unit within the NTMA to manage any remaining residual activity from 2026 onwards.	Heads of Bill approved in July 2024. Work is ongoing. (Priority Publication)
Criminal Justice (Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing) (Amendment) Bill	To transpose certain aspects of the EU's 6th Anti-Money laundering package that require primary legislation.	Heads of bill being prepared. (Priority Drafting)

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## INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY, TECHNOLOGY &amp; DATA PROTECTION

Bill	Purpose	Status
Criminal Justice (Protection, Preservation of and Access to Data on Information Systems) Bill	To give effect to a number of the provisions of the Budapest Convention on Cybercrime, the EU e-Evidence Regulation ((EU) 2021/784) and the EU Terrorist Content Online Regulation (EU) 2021/784)).	Heads of bill approved in February 2024. (Priority Drafting)
Interception of Postal Packets and Telecommunications Messages (Regulation) (Amendment) Bill	To amend various pieces of legislation in respect of electronic communications.	Work is ongoing.
Communications (Retention of Data) Bill	To replace the Communications (Retention of Data) Act 2011 to reflect advances in technology and consolidate the law on retention of and access to data for national security and prevention of crime purposes.	No update provided.
Criminal Justice (Passenger Name Record) Bill	To comply with an EU Council commitment to extend the EU Passenger Name Record Directive to internal EU flights.	Work is ongoing.
National Cyber Security Bill	<p>The bill will transpose the EU Directive on measures for a high common level of cybersecurity across the Union into national law. It will incorporate provisions to establish the National Cyber Security Centre on a statutory basis and provide for related matters.</p> <p>Access our Cyber Insights podcast series <a href="#">here</a>, <a href="#">here</a> and <a href="#">here</a>. See our update on the latest development of NIS2 in Ireland <a href="#">here</a>.</p>	Work is ongoing. (Priority Publication)
The Forty-first Amendment of the Constitution (Agreement on a Unified Patent Court) Bill 2024	<p>Ratification of the Agreement on the Unified Patent Court (UPCA) necessitates a transfer of the judicial jurisdictional power outside of the State. As such, a referendum must be held to allow Ireland to ratify the Agreement. This entails holding a constitutional referendum to facilitate an amendment to Article 29 of the Constitution to include the Unified Patent Court Agreement as an international agreement recognised by the State.</p> <p>See our briefing <a href="#">here</a>.</p>	At Committee Stage. (Seanad)



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The Regulation of Artificial Intelligence Bill	<p>The Bill will give full effect in Ireland to the EU Regulation on Artificial Intelligence, including the establishment of the national AI central office.</p> <p>See our Data Act Guide <a href="#">here</a>.</p> <p>See our guide to the AI Act - <a href="#">William Fry AI Guide</a>.</p>	Heads of bill being prepared. (Priority Drafting)
Freedom of Information (Amendment) Bill	To update the Freedom of Information legislation arising from the review of the Act.	Work is ongoing.
Copyright and Related Rights (Amendment) Bill	The Bill encompasses the necessary amendments to the Copyright and Related Rights Act 2000 (as amended) following a CJEU judgment in September 2020 and subsequent High Court judgment in February 2021.	At Report Stage. (Dáil)
The Data Bill	The overarching purpose of The Data Bill is to support innovation and economic growth. It creates a harmonised framework on fair access and use of data and clarifies who can create value from data and under which conditions. The Bill will designate the National Competent Authorities responsible for implementing and enforcing the EU regulation and will provide for penalties for non-compliance. It will also provide for a levy in respect of ComReg's regulatory role.	Heads of bill being prepared. (Priority Drafting)

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## LIFE SCIENCES, MED TECH &amp; HEALTHCARE

Bill	Purpose	Status
Health (Adult Safeguarding) Bill	To underpin a planned national health policy for adult safeguarding in the health and social care sector.	Work is ongoing.
Health (Amendment) Bill 2025	To amend the Health Act 2004 to provide for changes to corporate and service planning processes among other provisions. It includes new requirements on the HSE Board and CEO in regard to appropriate systems, procedures and practices to exercise the highest standards of prudent and effective financial and budgetary management and that proposals for corrective action are put in place where expenditure levels have been exceeded.	At Committee Stage. (Dáil)
National Research Ethics Bill	To provide a legislative framework for National Research Ethics Committees (NREC) operating in key areas of health research.	Work is ongoing.
Northern Ireland (Planned Healthcare Scheme) Bill	To introduce a statutory scheme enabling persons resident in the State to access and be reimbursed for private healthcare in Northern Ireland by the HSE, provided such healthcare is publicly available in Ireland.	Work is ongoing.
Mental Health Bill 2024	To update and replace the Mental Health Act 2001 to give effect to recommendations of an Expert Group Review on mental health legislation.	At Committee Stage. (Seanad)
Health Information Bill 2024	To provide a robust legislative infrastructure for the processing of Health Information support a modern integrated health service. See our briefing <a href="#">here</a> .	At Second Stage. (Seanad)
Regulated Professions (Health and Social Care) (Amendment) Bill	To amend the Health and Social Care Professionals Act 2005, the Medical Practitioners Act 2007, the Dentists Act 1985, and the Nurses and Midwives Act 2011. These amendments are intended to enable agreed Departmental policy on advanced practice for HSCPs, and on Fitness to Practice, as well as creating other internal operating efficiencies to support the regulators in fulfilling their public protection objectives.	Heads of bill approved in September 2024. (Priority Drafting)

Bill	Purpose	Status
The Patient Safety (Licensing) Bill	The Patient Safety (Licensing) Bill will introduce a licensing requirement for all hospitals, public and private, and certain designated high-risk activities in the community.	Work is ongoing.
Protection of Liberty Safeguards Bill	To provide procedural safeguards to ensure that people who cannot consent to their care arrangements in relevant facilities are not unlawfully deprived of their liberty.	Work is ongoing.
Health (Pharmacy and Prescribing) Bill	Revision of elements of the Pharmacy Act 2007 to update some provisions and enable the Pharmaceutical Society of Ireland to streamline some functions (e.g., fitness to practice processes). Subject to further legal advice, to update provisions of the Pharmacy Act, the Misuse of Drugs Act and the Irish Medicines Board Act to better support the department's eHealth strategy.	Work is ongoing.
Assisted Decision Making (Capacity) (Amendment) Bill	To provide for necessary amendments to the Assisted Decision Making (Capacity) Act.	Heads of bill being prepared. (Priority Publication)
Disability Act Amendment Bill	To adjust certain sections of Part 2 of the Disability Act relating to Assessments of Need.	Heads of bill being prepared. (Priority Publication)
Enabling Pharmacist Prescribing within the Free Contraception Scheme	To include pharmacist prescription of contraception prescription within eligibility for the free contraception scheme (requires amendment to the definition of scheme provider to include pharmacists, S67E of the 1970 Health Act as amended by the Health (Miscellaneous Provisions) (No.2) Act of 2022.	Heads of bill being prepared. (Priority Drafting)

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LITIGATION & INVESTIGATIONS

Bill	Purpose	Status
Personal Insolvency (Amendment) Bill	To update aspects of personal insolvency legislation, following statutory review of the Personal Insolvency Acts.	Work is ongoing.
Defamation (Amendment) Bill 2024	To update aspects of defamation law, following statutory review of the Defamation Act 2009. See our articles <a href="#">here</a> and <a href="#">here</a> .	At Committee Stage. (Seanad)
Intoxicating Liquor Bill	Condensed Bill to introduce certain key reforms from the Sale of Alcohol Bill 2022.	Work is ongoing.
Civil Reform Bill	To give effect to recommendations arising from the Administration of Civil Justice (Kelly Review). See our briefing <a href="#">here</a> .	Heads of bill approved in December 2025. (Priority Drafting)
Freedom of Information (Amendment) Bill	To update the Freedom of Information legislation arising from the review of the current Act.	Work is ongoing.
Criminal Law and Civil Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2025	To provide for various procedural reforms and efficiencies in the criminal justice system, including digitalisation of court documents (including warrants) and major expansion of power to conduct criminal proceedings remotely, criminalisation of the exploitative practice of seeking sex in lieu of rent, amending the law on the disclosure of counselling records in sexual offence trials, and curtailing the use of face coverings at public gatherings to intimidate others and evade justice.	Heads of bill approved in May 2025. Work is ongoing. (Priority Publication)

Bill	Purpose	Status
Arbitration (Amendment) Bill 2025	To amend the Arbitration Act 2010 to enable effect to be given in the State to certain international agreements concerned with the protection of investment; and to provide for related matters.  See our briefing <a href="#">here</a> .	At Committee Stage. (Dáil)
Strategic Lawsuits Against Public Participation Bill	To transpose the Anti- Strategic Lawsuits Against Public Participation (SLAPP) Directive in so far as it is not already provided for in the Defamation (Amendment) Bill 2024. The Bill will extend the safeguards to all civil and commercial matters as required by the Directive.	Heads of bill approved in December 2025. (Priority Drafting)

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REAL ESTATE & CONSTRUCTION

Bill	Purpose	Status
Short-Term Letting and Tourism Bill	<p>To provide for new regulatory controls requiring short-term and holiday lets to register with Fáilte Ireland with a view to ensuring that houses are used to best effect in areas of housing need. Additionally, the Bill provides for implementing measures necessary to give effect to the Short-Term Rental Regulation (EU) 2024/1028 including the appointment of a competent authority, and penalty provisions.</p> <p>The Bill will update existing provisions in the Tourist Traffic Acts for existing Fáilte Ireland registers (for Hotels, Bed and Breakfasts) to bring them into line with the new registration systems, and to update penalties for the enforcement of those registers.</p>	<p>Heads of bill approved in April 2025.</p> <p>(Priority Publication)</p>
Construction Safety Licensing Bill 2023	To provide for the establishment of a statutory licensing system for construction and related activities.	<p>At Report Stage.</p> <p>(Dáil)</p>
Fire Services Bill	To consolidate and update the Fire Services Act.	Work is ongoing.
Apartment and Duplex Defects Remediation Bill	The bill puts in place a statutory scheme to establish supports for the remediation of fire safety, structural safety and water ingress defects in purpose-built apartment buildings, including duplexes, constructed between 1991 and 2013.	<p>Heads of bill approved in September 2024.</p> <p>(Priority Publication)</p>
Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill	Amendments and additions to the Housing Acts in respect of social housing eligibility, specifically, making statutory arrangements for residency requirements; and amendments to the Building Control Acts.	<p>Pre-legislative scrutiny has taken place. Work is ongoing.</p> <p>(Priority Publication)</p>
Building Standards Regulatory Authority Bill	To establish a Building Standards Regulatory Authority to strengthen the oversight role of the State in respect of the design and construction of buildings and the marketing and use of construction products.	Heads of bill being prepared.

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Energy Performance of Buildings Directive Bill	To transpose the Energy Performance of Buildings Directive. See our briefing <a href="#">here</a> .	Heads of bill being prepared. (Priority Drafting)
Registration (Assisted Decision Making) (Amendment) Bill	To amend the Registration of Title Act 1964 and the Registration of Deeds and Title Act 2006 to incorporate necessary changes following a review of the Assisted Decision-Making (Capacity) Act 2015.	Heads of bill being prepared.
Property Services Regulation (Amendment) Bill 2025	This bill will amend several provisions relating to the Property Services Regulatory Authority and the Property Services Appeal Board to bring them up to date.	Heads of bill being prepared.
Residential Tenancies (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill	The bill is to provide, from 1 March 2026, reforms to rent regulation and tenancy protections in respect of new tenancies (i.e. first time tenancy between parties) created on/after that date. To provide for enhancements to the implementation and enforcement of the Residential Tenancies Acts 2004 to 2025 and outcomes thereunder.	Heads of bill approved in October 2025. (Priority Publication)
Planning and Development (Short-Term Letting) Amendment Bill	Amending sections 7 and 8 of the Planning and Development Act 2024 to decouple rent pressure zones from planning provisions for Short Term Lettings.  Access our briefings and podcast series on the Planning and Development Act 2024 <a href="#">here</a> .	Heads of bill being prepared. (Priority Drafting)
Land Development Agency (Amendment) Bill	To amend the governing legislation of the Land Development Agency to expand the agency's role and remit.	Heads of bill being prepared.
Certain State Development Bill	To enable a Minister of Government to regularise the planning status and/or development works at State sites at which development has taken place under the provisions of section 181(2)(a) of the Planning and Development Act 2000.  Access our briefings and podcast series on the Planning and Development Act 2024 <a href="#">here</a> .	Heads of bill approved in July 2025. Work is ongoing. (Priority Publication)

Bill	Purpose	Status
Planning and Development (Amendment) Bill	<p>To provide for certain technical amendments to the Planning and Development Act 2024 arising from its commencement and transition from the Planning and Development Act 2000.</p> <p>Access our briefings and podcast series on the Planning and Development Act 2024 <a href="#">here</a>.</p>	<p>Heads of bill approved in November 2025.</p> <p>(Priority Drafting)</p>
Critical Infrastructure Bill	<p>To prioritise the advancement of Government designated critical infrastructure projects through consenting and approval processes. The Bill will also provide for emergency powers that can exempt critical infrastructure projects from some approvals and consents, or which can provide for alternative means of providing the relevant approvals and consents.</p>	<p>Heads of bill being prepared.</p> <p>(Priority Publication)</p>
Valuation (Amendment) Bill	<p>To amend the Valuation Act 2001 to make necessary changes to enable the National Re-evaluation Programme and to make other necessary changes.</p>	<p>Heads of bill being prepared.</p>

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## RETAIL, FOOD &amp; AGRIBUSINESS

Bill	Purpose	Status
Intoxicating Liquor Bill	Condensed Bill to introduce certain key reforms from the Sale of Alcohol Bill 2022.	Work is ongoing.
Public Health (Tobacco Products and Nicotine Inhaling Products) (Amendment) Bill 2025	To regulate the packaging and appearance of nicotine inhaling products and refill containers of such products; to provide for restrictions in relation to the signage, display and advertising of nicotine inhaling products.	Work is ongoing. (Priority Publication)
Communications Regulation (Amendment) Bill	Legislate to create a statutory right of exit without penalty from electronic communications service contracts when the mechanism used to increase the price is an in-contract price increase clause.	Work is underway.
Public Health (Single-Use Vapes) Bill 2025	To prohibit the sale of single-use vapes.	At Second Stage. (Dáil)

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## TAX

Bill	Purpose	Status
Taxation and Certain Other Matters (International Mutual Assistance) Bill	To transpose elements of the OECD Mutual Convention on Administrative Assistance and the EU/Switzerland Anti-Fraud Agreement.	Heads of bill being prepared. (Priority Drafting)
Finance (Tax Appeals and Fiscal Responsibility) Bill	To amend the Finance (Tax Appeals) Act 2015; to make provision for different grades of Appeal Commissioners; to amend the Taxes Consolidation Act 1997 to revise the law concerning the making of appeals in matters of taxation; to amend the Fiscal Responsibility Act 2012; and to provide for related matters.	Heads of bill approved in September 2025. (Priority Drafting)

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TELECOMS, DATA & COMMS

Bill	Purpose	Status
Interception of Postal Packets and Telecommunications Messages (Regulation) (Amendment) Bill	To amend various pieces of legislation in respect of electronic communications.	Work is ongoing.
Communications (Retention of Data) Bill	To replace the Communications (Retention of Data) Act 2011 to reflect advances in technology and consolidate the law on retention of and access to data for national security and prevention of crime purposes.	No update provided.
Defamation (Amendment) Bill 2024	To update aspects of defamation law, following statutory review of the Defamation Act 2009.  See our articles <a href="#">here</a> and <a href="#">here</a> .	At Committee Stage.  (Seanad)
Freedom of Information (Amendment) Bill	To update the Freedom of Information legislation arising from the review of the Act.	Work is ongoing.
Broadcasting (Amendment) Bill	To reform the legislative basis for the corporate governance of RTÉ and TG4, including assigning the C&AG as auditor of RTÉ and strengthening the role and duties of the RTÉ board, in line with the recommendations of the Expert Advisory Committee on Governance and Culture in RTÉ. Also to enhance the system of assessing the performance of RTÉ and TG4, and to provide for the establishment of a statutory media fund in line with the recommendations of the Future of Media Commission.	Revised heads of bill approved in April 2025.  (Priority Publication)
Media Regulation Bill	To implement the European Media Freedom Act (EMFA). In particular, the bill will amend the media merger regime under the Competition Act, establish rules in relation to transparency of state advertising and assign a number of functions required by EMFA, primarily to the media regulator, Coimisiún na Meán.	Heads of bill approved in July 2025.  (Priority Publication)

Bill	Purpose	Status
Gigabit Infrastructure Bill	To provide national standing for several provisions of Regulation (EU) 2024/1309 (Gigabit Infrastructure Act) including to designate a Dispute Settlement Body and to provide for exemptions to certain provisions.	Work is underway.
Communications Regulation (Amendment) Bill	To address the use of in-contract price increase clauses by electronic communications service providers to increase prices.	Work is underway.
Digital Hub Development Agency (Dissolution) Bill	To put in place the legislation required to dissolve the Digital Hub Development Agency and the transfer of its lands.	Heads of bill being prepared.

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## TRANSPORT & AVIATION

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Bill	Purpose	Status
Merchant Shipping (International Conventions) Bill	To provide a legislative basis to enable the implementation of certain International Maritime Conventions at national level; to provide for the updating of existing legislation in respect of some other international maritime conventions that are already in force in the State; and to make provision for some additional miscellaneous maritime safety amendments.	Heads of bill being prepared.
Air Navigation and Transport (International Aviation Agreements) (Amendment) Bill	To provide for the offences contained within three international aviation treaties in Irish legislation - The Beijing Convention 2010, the Montreal Protocol 2014 and the Beijing Protocol 2010 - in advance of ratification.	Heads of bill being prepared.
National Vehicle and Driver File and Road Traffic and Roads Bill	This bill incorporates the previously separate Roads Bill and amending provisions relating to variation of speed limits and abolishing the requirement to display a motor tax disc and make declarations on non-use of vehicles. It will also strengthen General Data Protection Regulations for access to vehicle and driver data and provide a legislative basis for local authorities to receive and process road collision data.	Work is ongoing. (Priority Publication)
Dublin Transport Authority (Amendment) Bill	This bill is an amendment to section 44 of the Dublin Transport Authority Act 2008 to enable the National Transport Authority to provide public transport infrastructure in the regional cities, as it can currently in the Greater Dublin Area.	Heads of bill approved in September 2025. (Priority Publication).

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