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1. This week in the Oireachtas (08-12 October 2012)

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Note:

- **Dáil Tuesday 9 October 2012:** 2.00 p.m. Questions (Minister for Education and Skills)
- **Wednesday 10 October 2012:** [Education and Social Protection](#) CR3, LH 2000 10 a.m. (T)
AGENDA: Managing Back to School Costs
[Representatives from CPSMA; An Fóras Pátrúnachta; Educate Together; Church of Ireland; and IVEA]
- **Thursday 11 October 2012:** [Health and Children](#) CR2, LH 2000 9.30 a.m. (T) AGENDA: (i) Scrutiny of EU Legislative Proposals; and
(ii) Tackling Childhood Obesity [Food and Drink Industry Ireland (FDDI/IBEC); Irish Heart Foundation; Special Action Group on Obesity]

2. Oireachtas Questions and Debate (01-05 October 2012)

Children's Rights Referendum

Seanad Éireann 02/10/2012 Thirty-First Amendment of the Constitution (Children) Bill 2012:

Second Stage:

<http://oireachtasdebates.oireachtas.ie/debates%20authoring/debateswebpack.nsf/fulltextsearch?readform>

Seanad Éireann 03/10/2012 Thirty-First Amendment of the Constitution (Children) Bill 2012:

Committee Stage (Continued):

<http://oireachtasdebates.oireachtas.ie/Debates%20Authoring/DebatesWebPack.nsf/takes/seanad2012100300010?opendocument>

Seanad Éireann 03/10/2012 Thirty-First Amendment of the Constitution (Children) Bill 2012:

Committee Stage (Resumed) and Remaining Stages (Continued):

<http://oireachtasdebates.oireachtas.ie/Debates%20Authoring/DebatesWebPack.nsf/takes/seanad2012100300040?opendocument>

Education: including special needs, ECCE and childminding, minorities, disadvantage, literacy and numeracy, school staffing, school buildings, school patronage, curriculum

Dáil Éireann 02/10/2012 Written Answers Child Care Services: Deputy Mary Lou McDonald asked the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs Frances Fitzgerald if he will provide details of the cuts to funding of pre-schools in the Dublin Central constituency; the alternatives he proposes to put in place if pre-schools close as a result of his reduction in funding.

<http://oireachtasdebates.oireachtas.ie/Debates%20Authoring/DebatesWebPack.nsf/takes/dail2012100200074?opendocument>

Dáil Éireann 02/10/2012 Written Answers. School Staffing: Deputy Charlie McConalogue asked the Minister for Education and Skills Ruairí Quinn if he has assessed the impact of changes to the provision of guidance counsellors and the effect this is having on guidance counselling services in schools in the 2012/13 school year; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

<http://oireachtasdebates.oireachtas.ie/Debates%20Authoring/DebatesWebPack.nsf/takes/dail2012100200058?opendocument>

Dáil Éireann 02/10/2012 Written Answers. School Staffing: Deputy Charlie McConalogue asked the Minister for Education and Skills Ruairí Quinn his views on whether it is fair that teachers are to be disproportionately impacted by the cut to allowances for new entrants to the public service; if he accepts that qualification allowances for teachers are important in terms of ensuring we have a highly educated teaching force; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

<http://oireachtasdebates.oireachtas.ie/Debates%20Authoring/DebatesWebPack.nsf/takes/dail2012100200058?opendocument>

Dáil Éireann 02/10/2012 Written Answers. School Staffing: Deputy Charlie McConalogue asked the Minister for Education and Skills Ruairí Quinn the number of teachers that will be affected by the cuts to allowances for new entrants to teaching in 2012; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

<http://oireachtasdebates.oireachtas.ie/Debates%20Authoring/DebatesWebPack.nsf/takes/dail2012100200058?opendocument>

Dáil Éireann 02/10/2012 Written Answers. School Staffing: Deputy Charlie McConalogue asked the Minister for Education and Skills Ruairí Quinn the number of second level teachers who are on reduced or part-time hours; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

<http://oireachtasdebates.oireachtas.ie/Debates%20Authoring/DebatesWebPack.nsf/takes/dail2012100200058?opendocument>

Dáil Éireann 02/10/2012 Written Answers Child Care Services: Deputy Aodhán Ó Ríordáin asked the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs Frances Fitzgerald if she will provide a detailed account in tabular form, of the number of persons working in the preschool and early childcare sector dealing directly with children; if she will provide Dáil Éireann with the numbers at each level of qualification as outlined by the Higher Education Authority 10 level framework; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

<http://oireachtasdebates.oireachtas.ie/Debates%20Authoring/DebatesWebPack.nsf/takes/dail2012100200075?opendocument>

Dáil Éireann 02/10/2012 Written Answers. Early Years Strategy. Deputy Paschal Donohoe asked the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs Frances Fitzgerald when the early years strategy will be in place; if she will outline the various aspects of the proposed strategy; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

<http://oireachtasdebates.oireachtas.ie/Debates%20Authoring/DebatesWebPack.nsf/takes/dail2012100200075?opendocument&highlight=mental%20health#Early%20Years%20Strategy>

Dáil Éireann 02/10/2012 Written Answers. Deputy Aodhán Ó Ríordáin asked the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs Frances Fitzgerald if she will provide an update on the expansion of the

free pre-school year in early childhood care and education programme; if such an extension will begin for children at the age of two years, thus allowing them two years of pre-school learning; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

<http://oireachtasdebates.oireachtas.ie/Debates%20Authoring/DebatesWebPack.nsf/takes/dail2012100200075?opendocument#Preschool%20Services>

Asylum/Immigration

Seanad Éireann 02/10/2012 Accommodation for Asylum Seekers (Continued):

<http://oireachtasdebates.oireachtas.ie/Debates%20Authoring/DebatesWebPack.nsf/takes/seanad2012100200050?opendocument>

Child Services/ Children in Care: including foster care and social work services, HSE staffing, youth services

Dáil Éireann 02/10/2012 Written Answers Youth Services: Deputy Charlie McConalogue asked the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs Frances Fitzgerald her reasons for cutting funding for the education officer in Dublin south east inner city; her plans, if any, to ensure that the work of the education officer over the past 17 years is continued; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

<http://oireachtasdebates.oireachtas.ie/Debates%20Authoring/DebatesWebPack.nsf/takes/dail2012100200074?opendocument&highlight=youth%20services#Youth%20Services>

Dáil Éireann 02/10/2012 Written Answers Children in Care: Deputy Catherine Murphy asked the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs Frances Fitzgerald if she has reviewed the arrangements by which private contractors supply residential units for young persons who are subject to care orders by the State as a consequence they live in such care homes between the ages of 16 and 18; if the support received by such young persons is on a par with a Health Service Executive run unit; if not, the way it differs; the cost difference between the private and publically provided service; the support service that is received in each environment including transition arrangements once they reach 18 years; if follow up analysis has been done in relation to the outcomes for both scenarios; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

<http://oireachtasdebates.oireachtas.ie/Debates%20Authoring/DebatesWebPack.nsf/takes/dail2012100200074?opendocument>

Dáil Éireann 02/10/2012 Written Answers Children in Care: Deputy Catherine Murphy asked the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs Frances Fitzgerald her plans to improve the national standards for aftercare in respect of 18 to 23 year olds when they are moving from supported residential units to private rented accommodation; the action that is being undertaken; the Departments that are involved; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

<http://oireachtasdebates.oireachtas.ie/Debates%20Authoring/DebatesWebPack.nsf/takes/dail2012100200074?opendocument>

Dáil Éireann 02/10/2012 Written Answers. Child and Family Support Agency. Deputy Aodhán Ó Ríordáin asked the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs Frances Fitzgerald Zoom on Frances Fitzgerald if she will provide the timeline on the establishment of the new child and family support

agency; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

<http://oireachtasdebates.oireachtas.ie/Debates%20Authoring/DebatesWebPack.nsf/takes/dail2012100200075?opendocument&highlight=mental%20health#Child%20and%20Family%20Support%20Agency>

Child Abuse/Child Protection: including vetting, child abduction

Dáil Éireann 04/10/2012 Written Answers. Missing Persons Hotline: Deputy Finian McGrath asked the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs Frances Fitzgerald the timeline for setting up the 116000 missing persons hotline; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

<http://oireachtasdebates.oireachtas.ie/Debates%20Authoring/DebatesWebPack.nsf/takes/dail2012100400064?opendocument>

Family: including adoption

Dáil Éireann 02/10/2012 Written Answers Inter-Country Adoptions. Deputy Seán Kyne asked the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs Frances Fitzgerald the progress made to date regarding the bilateral agreement with Russia on the issue of adoptions.

<http://oireachtasdebates.oireachtas.ie/Debates%20Authoring/DebatesWebPack.nsf/takes/dail2012100200075?opendocument&highlight=mental%20health#Inter-Country%20Adoptions>

Health and Wellbeing: including disability, mental health, substance misuse, primary care, health services, hospital services, obesity, sports facilities

Dáil Éireann 03/10/2012 Primary Care Centres: Deputy Joe Higgins asked the Minister for Health to make a full statement on the selection of sites for primary health care centres and deal with related issues which are the subject of public controversy.

<http://oireachtasdebates.oireachtas.ie/Debates%20Authoring/DebatesWebPack.nsf/takes/dail2012100300028?opendocument#Primary%20Care%20Centres>

Dáil Éireann 02/10/2012 Addiction Services: Motion [Private Members]:

<http://oireachtasdebates.oireachtas.ie/Debates%20Authoring/DebatesWebPack.nsf/takes/dail2012100200041?opendocument>

Committee 04/10/2012 Tackling Childhood Obesity:

<http://oireachtasdebates.oireachtas.ie/Debates%20Authoring/DebatesWebPack.nsf/committeetakes/HEJ2012100400002?opendocument>

Dáil Éireann 02/10/2012 Written Answers Mental Health Services: Deputy Peter Mathews asked the Minister for Health Information on Dr. James Reilly his plans to introduce a 24 hour support service for mental health services as there is currently no weekend or night time Health Service Executive service for those suffering from depression.

<http://oireachtasdebates.oireachtas.ie/Debates%20Authoring/DebatesWebPack.nsf/takes/dail2012100200075?opendocument#Mental%20Health%20Services>

Dáil Éireann 02/10/2012 Written Answers. Mental Health Services. Deputy Peter Mathews asked the Minister for Health Dr. James Reilly his plans to introduce a 24 hour support service for mental health services as there is currently no weekend or night time Health Service Executive service for those suffering from depression.

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Child Benefit/Social Welfare/Poverty/Housing

Committee 02/10/2012 Employment and Youth Unemployment Issues and Pre-Budget

Submissions: Discussion with IBEC and SFA:

<http://oireachtasdebates.oireachtas.ie/Debates%20Authoring/DebatesWebPack.nsf/committeetakes/BUJ2012100200009?opendocument#Employment%20and%20Youth%20Unemployment%20Issues%20and%20Pre-Budget%20Submissions:%20Discussion%20with%20IBEC%20and%20SFA>

Dáil Éireann 04/10/2012 Budget 2013 (Continued): Deputy Michael McGrath asked the Minister for Finance Michael Noonan if he has raised with the Troika the possibility of substituting a range of alternative taxation measures for the property tax in Budget 2013; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

<http://oireachtasdebates.oireachtas.ie/Debates%20Authoring/DebatesWebPack.nsf/takes/dail2012100400037?opendocument>

Seanad Éireann 02/10/2012 Order of Business. Child Benefit: general discussion on child benefit.

<http://oireachtasdebates.oireachtas.ie/debates%20authoring/debateswebpack.nsf/takes/seanad2012100200005?opendocument>

Justice Issues/ Human Rights/Equality

Dáil Éireann 03/10/2012 Written Answers Nos. Traveller Culture: Deputy Dessie Ellis asked the Minister for Arts; Heritage and the Gaeltacht Jimmy Deenihan his plans to ensure that the culture of the travelling community is preserved and valued; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

<http://oireachtasdebates.oireachtas.ie/Debates%20Authoring/DebatesWebPack.nsf/takes/dail2012100300066?opendocument>

Dáil Éireann 04/10/2012 Europol Bill 2012: Second Stage:

<http://oireachtasdebates.oireachtas.ie/Debates%20Authoring/DebatesWebPack.nsf/takes/dail2012100400020?opendocument>