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## 1. This week in the Oireachtas (22-26 October 2012)

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## 2. Oireachtas Questions and Debate (15-19 October 2012)

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**Dáil Éireann 16/10/2012 School Transport.**

<http://oireachtasdebates.oireachtas.ie/Debates%20Authoring/DebatesWebPack.nsf/takes/dail2012101600036?opendocument#School%20Transport>

**Dáil Éireann 17/10/2012 Education and Training Boards Bill 2012: Second Stage:**

<http://oireachtasdebates.oireachtas.ie/debates%20authoring/DebatesWebPack.nsf/takes/dail2012101700035?opendocument#Education%20and%20Training%20Boards%20Bill%202012:%20Second%20Stage%20%28Resumed%29>

**Dáil Éireann 18/10/2012 Written Answers. Special Educational Needs.** Deputy Charlie

McConalogue asked the Minister for Education and Skills Ruairí Quinn if he will outline in tabular form the amount of funding given to special schools and to mainstream schools with special classes in each year since the funding was introduced; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

<http://oireachtasdebates.oireachtas.ie/debates%20authoring/DebatesWebPack.nsf/takes/dail2012101800059?opendocument>

### Asylum/Immigration

**Dáil Éireann 17/10/2012 Written Answers. Asylum Seeker Accommodation.**

<http://oireachtasdebates.oireachtas.ie/debates%20authoring/DebatesWebPack.nsf/takes/dail2012101700081?opendocument#Asylum%20Seeker%20Accommodation>

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

**Dáil Éireann 17/10/2012 Written Answers. Child Care Services.**

<http://oireachtasdebates.oireachtas.ie/Debates%20Authoring/DebatesWebPack.nsf/takes/dail2012101700076?opendocument&highlight=child%20care#Child%20Care%20Services>

**Dáil Éireann 16/10/2012 Written Answers. Child Care Services.** Deputy Billy Kelleher asked the Minister for Health James Reilly further to Parliamentary Question No. 1855 of 18 September 2012, if he will outline the nature of the follow up services which are in place to assist children where a concern has arisen as a result of the hearing test conducted between seven to nine months; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

<http://oireachtasdebates.oireachtas.ie/Debates%20Authoring/DebatesWebPack.nsf/takes/dail2012101600077?opendocument&highlight=child%20care#Child%20Care%20Services>

**Dáil Éireann 16/10/2012 Written Answers. Child Care Services.** Deputy Sandra McLellan asked the Minister for Social Protection Information on Joan Burton if she will provide an update in the delivery of the bankable commitment to childcare that she promised would precede the lowering of the lone parent payment cut off age; and the recent discussions she has had with the Department of Children and Youth Affairs and the Department of Education and Skills regarding increasing the availability of affordable after-school care.

<http://oireachtasdebates.oireachtas.ie/Debates%20Authoring/DebatesWebPack.nsf/takes/dail2012101600054?opendocument&highlight=child%20care#Child%20Care%20Services>

**Dáil Éireann 17/10/2012 Written Answers.** Deputy Jerry Buttimer asked the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs Frances Fitzgerald her plans for developing childcare; if she will recommend a proposed model of childcare; if she has examined the model of childcare used in other countries; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

<http://oireachtasdebates.oireachtas.ie/Debates%20Authoring/DebatesWebPack.nsf/takes/dail2012101700086?opendocument>

**Dáil Éireann 17/10/2012 Written Answers. Child Care Services.** Deputy Ray Butler asked the Minister for Social Protection if she will provide an update on childcare policy in the context of her own Department's role in this area, with particular reference to recent consultation with other Departments, her recent visit to Sweden, any proposals she intends to bring forward; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

<http://oireachtasdebates.oireachtas.ie/debates%20authoring/DebatesWebPack.nsf/takes/dail2012101700076?opendocument#Child%20Care%20Services>

**Committee 18/10/2012 Children and Youth Issues: Discussion with Minister for Children and Youth Affairs.**

<http://oireachtasdebates.oireachtas.ie/debates%20authoring/DebatesWebPack.nsf/committeetakes/HEJ2012101800003?opendocument#Children%20and%20Youth%20Issues:%20Discussion%20with%20Minister%20for%20Children%20and%20Youth%20Affairs>

## **Child Abuse/Child Protection: including vetting, child abduction**

**Committee 17/10/2012 National Vetting Bureau (Children and Vulnerable Persons) Bill 2012: Committee Stage.**

<http://oireachtasdebates.oireachtas.ie/Debates%20Authoring/DebatesWebPack.nsf/committeetakes/JUS2012101700002?opendocument#National%20Vetting%20Bureau%20%28Children%20and%20Vulnerable%20Persons%29%20Bill%202012:%20Committee%20Stage>

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

**Seanad Éireann 17/10/2012 Alcohol Consumption: Statements.**

<http://oireachtasdebates.oireachtas.ie/debates%20authoring/DebatesWebPack.nsf/takes/seanad2012101700009?opendocument#Alcohol%20Consumption:%20Statements>

**Seanad Éireann 17/10/2012 Written Answers. Primary Care Centres.** Deputy Patrick Nulty asked the Minister for Health Information on Dr. James Reilly if funding is in place for the eight primary care centres nominated by the Health Service Executive for full Exchequer capital funding; when construction is likely to commence in each case; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

<http://oireachtasdebates.oireachtas.ie/debates%20authoring/DebatesWebPack.nsf/takes/dail2012101600078?opendocument#Primary%20Care%20Centres>

## **Child Benefit/Social Welfare/Poverty/Housing**

**Seanad Éireann 18/10/2012 Social Protection: Statements.**

<http://oireachtasdebates.oireachtas.ie/debates%20authoring/DebatesWebPack.nsf/takes/seanad2012101800011?opendocument#Social%20Protection:%20Statements>

**Dáil Éireann 16/10/2012 Disability Allowance. Various question to the Minister for Social Protection.**

<http://oireachtasdebates.oireachtas.ie/debates%20authoring/DebatesWebPack.nsf/takes/dail2012101600012?opendocument#Disability%20Allowance>

**Dáil Éireann 16/10/2012 Advisory Group on Tax and Social Welfare.**

<http://oireachtasdebates.oireachtas.ie/debates%20authoring/DebatesWebPack.nsf/takes/dail2012101600005?opendocument#Advisory%20Group%20on%20Tax%20and%20Social%20Welfare>

**Dáil Éireann 16/10/2012 Written Answers (Domiciliary Care Allowance).** Deputy Niall Collins asked the Minister for Social Protection Joan Burton the current status of the domiciliary care allowance review group she established in July; the timeframe for its report; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

<http://oireachtasdebates.oireachtas.ie/debates%20authoring/DebatesWebPack.nsf/takes/dail2012101600053?opendocument&highlight=domiciliary#Domiciliary%20Care%20Allowance>

**Dáil Éireann 17/10/2012 Written Answers Nos. Family Income Supplement:**

<http://oireachtasdebates.oireachtas.ie/Debates%20Authoring/DebatesWebPack.nsf/takes/dail2012101700076?opendocument&highlight=family%20income%20supplement#Family%20Income%20Supplement>

**Dáil Éireann 16/10/2012. Written Answers. Child Benefit.** Deputy Seán Crowe asked the Minister for Social Protection Joan Burton if her attention has been drawn to the Central Statistics Office figures published last month which indicated that the income of households with children fell five times more than childless households between 2009 and 2010; and her plans to protect children from further income drops in the recession.

<http://oireachtasdebates.oireachtas.ie/Debates%20Authoring/DebatesWebPack.nsf/takes/dail2012101600054?opendocument#Child%20Benefit%20Payments>

**Dáil Éireann 17/10/2012 Written Answers. Child Benefit.**

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**Dáil Éireann 17/10/2012 Written Answers. Family Income Supplement.** Deputy Michael Creed asked the Minister for Social Protection Joan Burton if, in view of the very considerable delays in relation to processing claims for family income supplement, she will consider processing all new claims as a priority and leaving ongoing claims in payment until such time as her Department has time to review these; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

<http://oireachtasdebates.oireachtas.ie/debates%20authoring/DebatesWebPack.nsf/takes/dail2012101700076?opendocument#Family%20Income%20Supplement>

**Dáil Éireann 18/10/2012 Homeless World Cup.** Deputy Dessie Ellis asked the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport Information on Leo Varadkar in view of the increase in homelessness and the recent success of the Irish team at the Homeless World Cup, if he will provide funding for this initiative; if he will meet with representatives from the homeless street leagues to discuss the way the various State agencies at national and local level can best support this work; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

<http://oireachtasdebates.oireachtas.ie/debates%20authoring/DebatesWebPack.nsf/takes/dail2012101800040?opendocument#Homeless%20World%20Cup>

## **Justice Issues/ Human Rights/Equality**

**Dáil Éireann 17/10/2012 Children Detention Centres.**

<http://oireachtasdebates.oireachtas.ie/debates%20authoring/DebatesWebPack.nsf/takes/dail2012101700033?opendocument#Child%20Detention%20Centres>

**Dáil Éireann 18/10/2012 Order of Business. Trafficking.** Deputy Marcella Corcoran Kennedy: Today is EU Anti-Human Trafficking Day and all right thinking people agree that human trafficking is a gross violation of human rights both in the context of forced labour and forced sexual labour. When will the heads of the criminal law (human trafficking)(amendment) Bill, which will transpose the EU trafficking directive, be approved by the Government? . . .

<http://oireachtasdebates.oireachtas.ie/debates%20authoring/DebatesWebPack.nsf/takes/dail2012101800006?opendocument&highlight=trafficking>