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1. This week in the Oireachtas (19-23 November 2012)

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2. Oireachtas Questions and Debate (12-16 November 2012)

Children's Rights Referendum

Seanad Éireann 13/11/2012 Order of Business. Senator Maurice Cummins. . . . I agree with Members who have called for a debate on the Supreme Court judgment when it is published and I have no problem in facilitating such a debate. There is no question that it is regrettable that only 32% of the electorate voted. People have spoken about Saturday voting and the jury is still out on the issue. When the Supreme Court judgment is published, I will facilitate a debate in the House on the matter. . . .

<http://oireachtasdebates.oireachtas.ie/debates%20authoring/DebatesWebPack.nsf/takes/seanad2012111300015?opendocument>

Dáil Éireann 14/11/2012 Written Answers. Referendum Expenditure. Deputy Robert Troy asked the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs Frances Fitzgerald the amount spent by her Department in the establishment and maintenance of the Children's Referendum website discontinued on 8 November 2012; the amount spent by her Department in the design, printing and distribution of any Children's Referendum leaflets published by her Department; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

<http://oireachtasdebates.oireachtas.ie/debates%20authoring/DebatesWebPack.nsf/takes/dail2012111400088?opendocument&highlight=adoption#Referendum%20Expenditure>

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

Tuesday, 13 November 2012. Written Answers. Early Childhood Education. Deputy Derek Keating asked the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs Frances Fitzgerald her plans for the early childhood care and education scheme; her views on the benefits of this service; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

<http://oireachtasdebates.oireachtas.ie/Debates20Authoring/DebatesWebPack.nsf/takes/dail2012111300080?opendocument#Early%20Childhood%20Education>

Tuesday, 13 November 2012. Written Answers. Child Care Services. Deputy Derek Keating asked the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs Frances Fitzgerald if she is satisfied that the FETAC level five and six will be recognised as the base qualification for childcare workers in private and public crèche facilities; the current standard being operated at European level; if this requires examination to ensure harmonisation and recognition by the European Union Member States; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

<http://oireachtasdebates.oireachtas.ie/debates%20authoring/DebatesWebPack.nsf/%28dailindexm emberlookup%29/20121113~WRZ?opendocument#Child%20Care%20Services>

Tuesday, 13 November 2012. Written Answers. Child Care Services. Deputy Mick Wallace asked the Minister for Social Protection the outcome of her visit to Sweden to examine childcare; her plans to progress the model and proposals of the Inter-Departmental sub-group on school-age childcare; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

<http://oireachtasdebates.oireachtas.ie/debates%20authoring/DebatesWebPack.nsf/%28dailindexm emberlookup%29/20121113~WRC?opendocument#WRC04000>

Thursday, 15 November 2012. Education Centre Network. Deputy Eoghan Murphy asked the Minister for Education and Skills Ruairí Quinn if he has considered the possible merging of information systems to create one access point for information such as lists of schools, pupil numbers, teachers' salaries and grant payments.

<http://oireachtasdebates.oireachtas.ie/debates%20authoring/DebatesWebPack.nsf/%28dailindexm emberlookup%29/20121115~WRM?opendocument#Education%20Centre%20Network>

Thursday, 15 November 2012. Written Answers. Pupil-Teacher Ratio. Deputy Sandra McLellan asked the Minister for Education and Skills Ruairí Quinn if he will retain the pupil teacher ratio in

Budget 2013; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

<http://oireachtasdebates.oireachtas.ie/debates%20authoring/DebatesWebPack.nsf/%28dailindexmemberlookup%29/20121115~WRM?opendocument#Pupil-Teacher%20Ratio>

Seanad Éireann 14/11/2012 Measures to Address Bullying: Motion.

<http://oireachtasdebates.oireachtas.ie/Debates%20Authoring/DebatesWebPack.nsf/takes/seanad012111400024?opendocument>

Dáil Éireann 13/11/2012 Written Answers. School Patronage. Deputy Charlie McConalogue asked the Minister for Education and Skills Ruairí Quinn the response rate to date to the survey of parents in Whitehall, Trim, Tramore, Castlebar and Arklow as part of the survey on primary school patronage; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

<http://oireachtasdebates.oireachtas.ie/Debates%20Authoring/DebatesWebPack.nsf/takes/dail2012111300066?opendocument&highlight=school%20transport#School%20Patronage>

Dáil Éireann 13/11/2012 Written Answers. Bullying in Schools.

<http://oireachtasdebates.oireachtas.ie/Debates%20Authoring/DebatesWebPack.nsf/takes/dail2012111300066?opendocument&highlight=school%20transport#Bullying%20in%20Schools>

Dáil Éireann 13/11/2012 Education Funding: Motion [Private Members]

<http://oireachtasdebates.oireachtas.ie/Debates%20Authoring/DebatesWebPack.nsf/takes/dail2012111300043?opendocument>

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

Tuesday, 13 November 2012. Child and Family Support Agency. Deputy Derek Keating asked the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs Frances Fitzgerald the position regarding the legislation required to establish 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/dail2012111300080?opendocument#Child%20and%20Family%20Support%20Agency>

Tuesday, 13 November 2012. Written Answers. Social Workers Register. Deputy Derek Keating asked the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs Frances Fitzgerald the number of new social workers that have been appointed since she has taken office; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

<http://oireachtasdebates.oireachtas.ie/Debates%20Authoring/DebatesWebPack.nsf/takes/dail2012111300080?opendocument#Social%20Workers%20Register>

Thursday, 15 November 2012. Written Questions. Children in care. Deputy Joe

McHugh asked the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs Frances Fitzgerald the number of children in foster care on a county basis; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

<http://oireachtasdebates.oireachtas.ie/debates%20authoring/DebatesWebPack.nsf/%28dailindexmemberlookup%29/20121115~WRW?opendocument#Children%20in%20Care>

Thursday, 15 November 2012. Written Questions. Social Workers Deployment. Deputy Joe McHugh asked the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs Frances Fitzgerald the number of social workers per head of population on a county basis; and if she will make a statement on the matter.
<http://oireachtasdebates.oireachtas.ie/debates%20authoring/DebatesWebPack.nsf/%28dailindexmberlookup%29/20121115~WRW?opendocument#Social%20Workers%20Deployment>

Dáil Éireann 14/11/2012 Written Answers. Deputy Éamon Ó Cuív asked the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs Frances Fitzgerald the number of bodies that have been abolished or amalgamated by her Department out of the list of bodies listed in the Public Service Reform document of 17 November 2011; the savings or cost of this in 2012; the projected savings or cost of this programme in 2013; and if she will make a statement on the matter.
<http://oireachtasdebates.oireachtas.ie/debates%20authoring/DebatesWebPack.nsf/takes/dail2012111400088?opendocument&highlight=adoption#Public%20Sector%20Reform>

Family: Including adoption

Tuesday, 13 November 2012. Written Answers. Adoption Services. Deputy Maureen O'Sullivan asked the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs Frances Fitzgerald the reason for delays in progressing inter country adoption co-operation between the Adoption Authority of Ireland and CARA, . . .
<http://oireachtasdebates.oireachtas.ie/debates%20authoring/DebatesWebPack.nsf/%28dailindexmberlookup%29/20121113~WRZ?opendocument#Child%20Care%20Services>

Dáil Éireann 13/11/2012 Order of Business. The Taoiseach: The adoption Bill was published in tandem with the referendum Bill. It is a case of finding time in the calendar year to debate it. The Children First Bill will be taken very early in the new year. The Attorney General and her staff are working exceptionally hard on the child and family support agency Bill and we expect to process it very quickly. Obviously, we have set out a timeline for this and I hope we can adhere to it.
<http://oireachtasdebates.oireachtas.ie/debates%20authoring/DebatesWebPack.nsf/takes/dail2012111300028?opendocument&highlight=adoption>

Child Abuse/Child Protection: including vetting, child abduction

Tuesday, 13 November 2012. Written Answers. Deputy Joan Collins asked the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs Frances Fitzgerald the date on which the 116000 phone line will be operational; if it will be set up before or after the children's referendum; and if she will make a statement on the matter.
<http://oireachtasdebates.oireachtas.ie/debates%20authoring/DebatesWebPack.nsf/%28dailindexmberlookup%29/20121113~WRZ?opendocument#Missing%20Children>

Dáil Éireann 14/11/2012 Topical Issue Debate: Domestic Violence.
<http://oireachtasdebates.oireachtas.ie/Debates%20Authoring/DebatesWebPack.nsf/takes/dail2012111400028?opendocument#Topical%20Issue%20Debate>

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

Seanad Éireann 13/11/2012 National Children's Hospital: Statements

<http://oireachtasdebates.oireachtas.ie/Debates%20Authoring/DebatesWebPack.nsf/takes/seanad2012111300018?opendocument>

Dáil Éireann 14/11/2012 Written Question. Alcohol Pricing. Deputy Patrick O'Donovan asked the Minister for Health Dr. James Reilly when he will bring proposed legislation on alcohol pricing before Dáil Éireann; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

<http://oireachtasdebates.oireachtas.ie/Debates%20Authoring/DebatesWebPack.nsf/takes/dail2012111400091?opendocument&highlight=substance%20misuse#Alcohol%20Pricing>

Dáil Éireann 13/11/2012 Written Answers. Mental Health Services. Various Questions.

<http://oireachtasdebates.oireachtas.ie/Debates%20Authoring/DebatesWebPack.nsf/takes/dail2012111300082?opendocument&highlight=mental%20health#Mental%20Health%20Services>

Dáil Éireann 14/11/2012 Death of Ms Savita Halappanavar.

<http://oireachtasdebates.oireachtas.ie/Debates%20Authoring/DebatesWebPack.nsf/takes/dail2012111400032?opendocument#Death%20of%20Ms%20Savita%20Halappanavar>

Child Benefit/Social Welfare/Poverty/Housing

Tuesday, 13 November 2012. Written Answers. Child Benefit Payments. Deputy Caoimhghín Ó Caoláin asked the Minister for Social Protection Joan Burton the percentage of child benefit recipients not in receipt of any means-tested social welfare payment.

<http://oireachtasdebates.oireachtas.ie/debates%20authoring/DebatesWebPack.nsf/%28dailindexmberlookup%29/20121113~WRC?opendocument#Child%20Benefit%20Payments>

Tuesday, 13 November 2012. Written Answers. Social Welfare code. Deputy John McGuinness asked the Minister for Social Protection Joan Burton her plans to address lone parent family distress in Budget 2013; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

<http://oireachtasdebates.oireachtas.ie/debates%20authoring/DebatesWebPack.nsf/%28dailindexmberlookup%29/20121113~WRC?opendocument#Social%20Welfare%20Code>

Seanad Éireann 13/11/2012 Domiciliary Care Allowance.

<http://oireachtasdebates.oireachtas.ie/Debates%20Authoring/DebatesWebPack.nsf/takes/seanad2012111300038?opendocument#Domiciliary%20Care%20Allowance>

Dáil Éireann 15/11/2012 Family Income Supplements Applications.

<http://oireachtasdebates.oireachtas.ie/Debates%20Authoring/DebatesWebPack.nsf/takes/dail2012111500035?opendocument#Family%20Income%20Supplement%20Applications>

Justice Issues/ Human Rights/Equality

Tuesday, 13 November 2012. Written Answers. Detention Centres. Deputy Derek Keating asked the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs Frances Fitzgerald the position regarding the children's detention centre in Lucan, County Dublin; her plans for the premises; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

<http://oireachtasdebates.oireachtas.ie/debates%20authoring/DebatesWebPack.nsf/%28dailindexmberlookup%29/20121113~WRZ?opendocument#Detention%20Centres>

Dáil Éireann 15/11/2012 Leaders' Questions. Death of Ms Savita Halappanavar.

<http://oireachtasdebates.oireachtas.ie/Debates%20Authoring/DebatesWebPack.nsf/takes/dail2012111500003?opendocument>