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Background

The sub-Committee on Human Rights relative to Justice and Equality matters was established by the Joint Committee at its meeting on 3rd December 2014.

This Work Programme details business that the sub-Committee has identified as key policy issues from which items may be selected for consideration.

1. Key Priorities

The following are the major topical issues identified by the sub-Committee for examination:

- To review the 2009 Charities Act with regard to its omission of human rights organisations to apply for charitable status.
- To investigate how the introduction of a regularisation scheme for undocumented migrants would impact upon their human rights;
- To examine the ratification by Ireland of international human rights treaties;
- To support public bodies to prepare for their 'positive duty' obligation to ensure a regard for promoting equality and human rights.

Agreement of Work Programme.

This Work Programme for 2015 of the sub-Committee on Human Rights relative to Justice and Equality matters was agreed by the sub-Committee at its meeting on 14th May 2015. It was agreed that the Work Programme be laid before both Houses of the Oireachtas.

It was also agreed that the Work Programme would be published on the Committee's page of the Oireachtas website.



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Chairman

May 2015

APPENDIX (1)

TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE

(1) That a sub-Committee (to be called the sub-Committee on Human Rights relative to Justice and Equality matters) be established pursuant to Standing Orders **[DSO 83(3); and SS071(3)]** to examine issues, themes and proposals, legislative or otherwise, in regard to compliance with the human rights of persons within the State.

The sub-Committee may, in respect of such compliance:

- examine only matters which are within the remit of the Joint Committee on Justice, Defence and Equality;
- consider the general scheme or draft heads (or part thereof) of any Bill with possible Human Rights implications published by the Minister, as may be referred to it by the Joint Committee;
- consider such other matters as may be referred to it by the Joint Committee from time to time;
- compare and contrast such matters with similar provisions in other jurisdictions;
- examine the rationale behind each matter;
- suggest alternatives to any proposal or matter to enhance compliance with the human rights of persons within the State;

and shall report thereon to the Joint Committee on Justice, Defence and Equality.

(2) The sub-Committee shall have the powers defined in Standing Orders 83(1), (2), (4) and (7) (Dáil) and 71(1), (2), (4) and (7) (Seanad).

(3) The sub-Committee shall consist of 5 Members of whom 3 shall be Members of Dáil Éireann and 2 shall be Members 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.

The Chairman of the Joint Committee, who shall be a Member of Dáil Éireann, shall also be Chairman of the sub-Committee.