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Tuarascáil Bhliantúil 2020 & 2021**

**Joint Committee on Social Protection, Community and  
Rural Development and the Islands  
Annual Report 2020 & 2021**

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## 1. Overview to report

Under Standing Orders of both Houses of the Oireachtas<sup>1</sup>, it is provided for Select / Joint Committees to -

- undertake a review of its procedure and its role generally;
- prepare and lay an annual work programme;
- lay minutes of its proceedings before both Houses;
- make an annual report to both Houses detailing the work carried out and in progress by the Committee.

At its meeting on 19 June 2024, the Committee agreed that the following items be included in this report covering the period from January 2020 to December 2021

- An **annual report** detailing the work carried out Select, Joint and Joint sub-Committees, if applicable (section 2)
- **Minutes of Committee proceedings** (Appendices).

A copy of this report shall be forwarded to the Committee on Standing Orders and Dáil Reform. The annual Committee work programmes will be published on Oireachtas.ie and laid separately.

### 1.1 Committee establishment and functions

#### Select Committee

The Dáil Select Committee was established by Order of Dáil Éireann of the 30 July 2020 to consider Bills, Estimates for Public Services, Motions, and the terms of any international agreement involving a charge on public funds, which come within the aegis of the Department of Social Protection, Community and Rural Development and The Islands.

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<sup>1</sup> Standing Order 100 (3), (4), (5) and (6), (Dáil Éireann) and Standing Order 77 (3), (4), (5) and (6) (Seanad Éireann).

## Joint Committee

The Dáil Select Committee, under the same Order, was enjoined with a Select Committee of Seanad Éireann, established by Order of Seanad Éireann of the 18 September 2020, to form the Joint Committee on Social Protection, Community and Rural Development and The Islands.

Among the principal functions of the Joint Committee are to consider—

- public affairs administered by the Department of Social Protection;
- public affairs administered by the Department of Community and Rural Development;
- matters of policy for which the Minister of Social Protection, Community and Rural Development is responsible;
- legislative and expenditure proposals of the Departments;
- EU legislative proposals;
- certain matters relating to bodies under the aegis of the Department of Social Protection, and Department of Community and Rural Development.

The Select Committee may also consider Annual Output Statements, Value for Money Reviews and Policy Reviews prepared by the relevant Government Department. The Orders of Reference of the Dáil Select Committee and the Joint Committee are set out on the [Committee website](#).

### 1.1.1 Terms of reference

Terms of reference of Committees are available to view on the [Committee website](#).

## 1.2 Committee Membership

**Table 1: Committee(s) membership at time of reporting**

Position	Select Committee	Joint Committee
<b>Cathaoirleach</b>	Denis Naughten, T.D.	Denis Naughten, T.D.
<b>Leas-Chathaoirleach</b>	Marc Ó Cathasaigh, T.D.	Marc Ó Cathasaigh, T.D.

Members	Jackie Cahill, T.D.	Jackie Cahill, T.D.
	Joe Carey, T.D.	Joe Carey, T.D.
	Joan Collins, T.D.	Joan Collins, T.D.
	Paul Donnelly, T.D.	Paul Donnelly, T.D.
	Éamon Ó Cuív, T.D.	Éamon Ó Cuív, T.D.
	Charles Flanagan, T.D.	Charles Flanagan, T.D.
	Claire Kerrane, T.D.	Claire Kerrane, T.D.
		Senator Paddy Burke
		Senator Eugene Murphy
		Senator Róisín Garvey
		Senator Paul Gavan
		Senator Mark Wall

Deputies nominated by the Dáil Committee of Selection and appointed by Order of the Dáil on 3 September 2020.

- **Select Committee:** Deputy Denis Naughten was appointed as Cathaoirleach of the Select Committee on 30 July 2020.
- **Joint Committee:** The Cathaoirleach of the Select Committee is also the Cathaoirleach of the Joint Committee. Deputy Marc Ó Cathasaigh was elected as Leas-Chathaoirleach of the Joint Committee on 18th September 2020.

### 1.2.1 Internal changes during reporting period

Within the reporting period, no changes to the Committee Membership occurred:

## 2. Committee activity report

Committee activity over the reporting period is summarised in Table x below.

**Table 2: Committee(s) activity at a glance**

Metric	Select Committee	Joint Committee
<b>Meetings</b>		
No. of meetings	6	16
Duration of meetings	09:59:00	29:50:02
<b>Witnesses attending</b>	6	34
<b>Reports published</b>	0	8
<b>COMs scrutinsed</b>	0	0
<b>Travel episodes</b>	0	0

## 2.1 Meetings (Number and Duration)

Meetings of the Joint Committee and Select Committee took place in the Committee Rooms in Leinster House 2000 and, on occasion, via Microsoft Teams. Meetings were held in public unless otherwise ordered by the Committee.

- For **Joint Committee** meetings, an official report (parliamentary debates) of the public meetings of the Committee may be viewed on the Oireachtas website at [www.oireachtas.ie](http://www.oireachtas.ie)
- For **Select Committee** meetings, the proceedings (Imeachtaí) are included in Appendix 2b.

A comparison of meeting activity is summarised below

**Table 3: Committee meetings and duration 2020 & 2021**

Ctte type	Metric	2020 & 2021
<b>Joint Committee</b>	<b>No. of meetings</b>	16
	Meeting in public session	9
	Meetings held via MS Teams	7
	<b>Duration</b>	29:50:02
<b>Select Committee</b>	<b>No. of meetings</b>	6
	Meeting in public session	6
	Meetings held via MS Teams	0
	<b>Duration</b>	09.59.00

## 2.2 Witnesses

The number of witnesses<sup>2</sup> were as follows:

**Table 4: Committee witnesses**

Ctte type	Metric	2020 & 2021
<b>Joint Committee</b>	<b>Witnesses</b>	34
<b>Select Committee</b>	<b>Witnesses</b>	0

### 2.2.1 Engagements with Ministers

A government minister engaged<sup>3</sup> with the Committee on Social Protection, Community, and Rural Development and the Islands occasions, as follows:

- The Minister for Social Protection, Rural and Development and the Islands: 7 instances
- Another Minister / Minister of State: 4 instances

**Table 5: Engagements with Ministers**

Ctte type	Metric	2020 & 2021
<b>Joint Committee</b>	<b>Engagements with Minister(s)</b> (as witness)	3
<b>Select Committee</b>	<b>Engagements with Minister(s)</b> (as ex-officio member)	6

## 2.3 Committee reports

All Committee reports are published on the Oireachtas [website](#) and laid in the Houses of the [Oireachtas Library](#).

<sup>2</sup> **Note:** Ministers or Ministers of State are ex-officio Members of Select Committees for the purposes of Estimates, Bills or Motions referred by the Dáil. They are not counted as witnesses for Select Committee meetings but are counted as witnesses for Joint and Joint sub-Committee meetings. Officials who accompany Ministers or Ministers of State as Advisors to Select or Select-sub committee meetings are not counted unless they were asked by the Minister or Minister of State to contribute to the discussion and do so in public session.

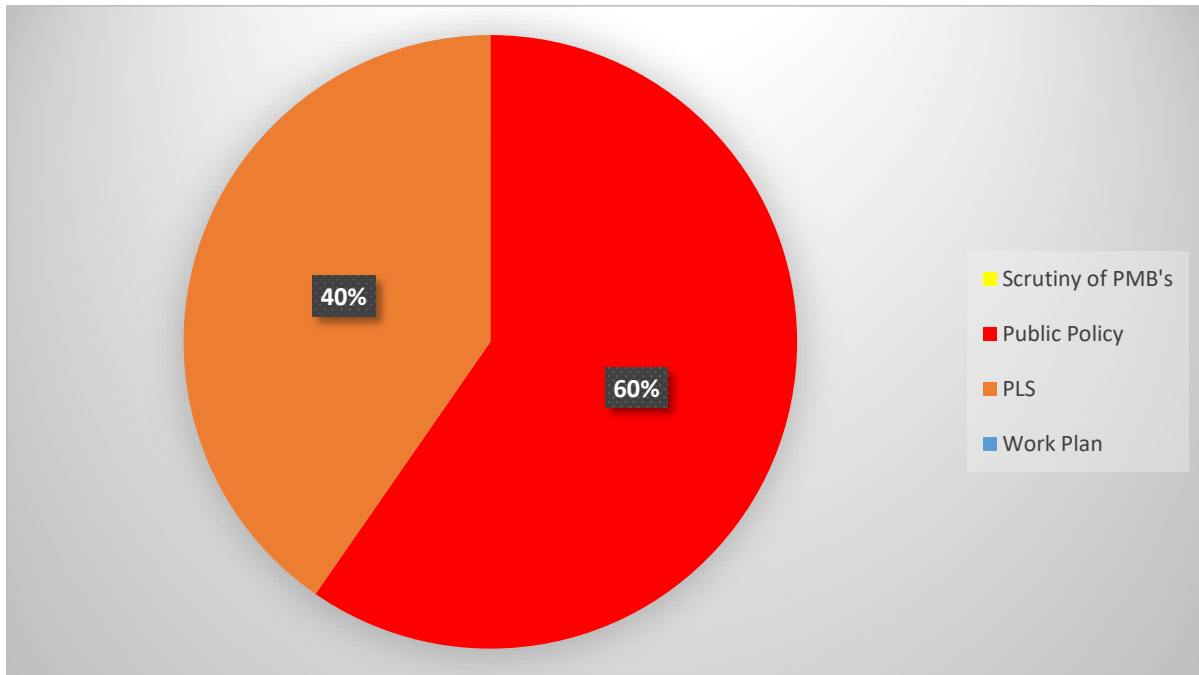
<sup>3</sup> Counting where a Minister *engaged* with the Committee either as an ex-officio member (select committees) or as a witness (joint/joint-sub committees).



**Table 6: Committee reports 2020-2022**

Ctite type	Metric	2020 & 2021
<b>Joint Committee</b>	<b>PLS report</b>	0
	<b>PMB scrutiny report</b>	0
	<b>Public policy report</b>	4
	<b>Budgetary scrutiny report</b>	2
	<b>Work plans</b>	0
<b>Select Committee</b>	<b>Budgetary scrutiny report</b>	0

**Chart 1: Committee reports 2020 & 2021**



#### **2.4.1 EU COMs**

No proposals (COMs) took place in 2020 & 2021

#### **2.4.2 EU Council meetings**

No EU Council Meetings took place in 2020 & 2021.

#### **2.4.3 Six-Monthly report(s) on developments within the EU**

N/A

### **2.4 Travel**

The Joint Committee did not travel during 2020 & 2021

### 3. Report on Functions and Powers

The Committee is satisfied with its present procedures and role.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Denis Naughten", written over a horizontal line.

Denis Naughten T.D.  
Chairperson  
19 June 2024

## Appendix 1a: Meetings of the Joint Committee

The following are the details, in date order, of the scheduled meetings of the Joint Committee which took place during the period under report.

Meeting No. and Date	Topic	Stakeholders in attendance
J1 30/09/2020	(Public/Private) Meeting)	N/A
J2 05/10/2020	Virtual Private Meeting	N/A
J3 07/10/2020	Briefing on the Withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the European Union (Consequential Provisions) Bill 2020.	<b>Department of Social Protection</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Ms. Heather Humphreys, Minister for Social Protection</li> <li>▪ Ms Dearbháil Nic Giolla Mhicíl, Principal Officer, EU International Section</li> <li>▪ Mr. Henry Fottrell, Assistant Principal Officer, EU International Section</li> </ul>
J4 02/11/2020	Virtual Private Meeting	N/A
J5 04/11/2020	Consideration of the Final Report of Special Committee on Covid-19 Response, October 2020	N/A
J6 23/11/2020	Virtual Private Meeting	N/A
J7 25/11/2020	Consideration of the Pandemic Unemployment Payments Scheme (PUP)	<b>Department of Social Protection</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Rónán Hession, Assistant Secretary</li> <li>▪ Teresa Leonard, Assistant Secretary</li> </ul>
J8	Virtual Private Meeting	N/A

30/11/2020 J9 02/12/2020	Rural Hubs, Broadband & Mobile Coverage in Rural Ireland	<b>Department of Community and Rural Development</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Mr. Turlough O'Brien, Assistant Principal</li> <li>▪ Dr Stjohn O'Connor, Principal Officer</li> </ul>
J10 07/12/2020	Virtual Private Meeting	N/A
J11 09/12/2020	Covid19 Pandemic supports for the Islands and Rural Ireland	<b>Department of Community and Rural Development</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Mr. William Parnell, Assistant Secretary</li> <li>▪ Ms Sorcha De Brúch, Principal Officer, over Islands Unit</li> </ul>
J12 14/12/2020	Virtual Private Meeting	N/A
J13 16/12/2020	Mobile and broadband coverage in Rural Ireland (cont.)	<b>Department of Community and Rural Development</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Mr. Fergal Mulligan, Programme Director for Ireland's National Broadband Plan.</li> <li>▪ Mr. Patrick Neary, Chief Technology Officer – Communications.</li> </ul>
J14 11/01/2021	Virtual Private Meeting	N/A
J15 20/01/2021	Virtual Private Meeting	N/A
J16 27/01/2021	Virtual Private Meeting	N/A
J17 03/02/2021	Virtual Private Meeting	N/A
J18 10/02/2021	Virtual Private Meeting	N/A
J19	Virtual Private Meeting	N/A

17/02/2021		
J20 24/02/2021	Virtual Private Meeting	N/A
J21 03/03/2021	Virtual Private Meeting	N/A
J22 10/03/2021	Virtual Private Meeting	N/A
J23 23/03/2021	The Roadmap to Social Inclusion	<p><b>Department of Community and Rural Development</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Mr. Joe O'Brien, Minister of State at The Department of Community and Rural Development</li> <li>▪ Ms. Geraldine Hurley, Assistant Secretary, Department of Social Protection</li> <li>▪ Mr Dermott Coates, Chief Economist, Department of Social Protection</li> <li>▪ Ms. Bairbre Nic Aonghusa, Assistant Secretary, Department of Rural and Community Development</li> </ul>
J24 31/03/2021	Virtual Private Meeting	N/A
J25 20/04/2021	Strategy for rural development "Our Rural Future"	<p><b>Department of Social Protection</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Ms. Heather Humphreys, Minister for Social Protection</li> <li>▪ Mr Andrew Forde, Principal Officer, Head of Rural Strategy and Social Enterprise</li> <li>▪ Mr. Niall Egan, Assistant Secretary, Service Development</li> </ul>
J26 28/04/2021	Virtual Private Meeting	N/A

J27 05/05/2021	Discussion On Pre-budget Submissions Consideration. Saint Vincent De Paul and Family Carers Ireland	<p><b>Society of Saint Vincent de Paul</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ms Tricia Keilthy, Head of Social Justice and Policy</li> <li>Ms Issy Petrie, Research and Policy Officer</li> </ul> <p><b>Family Carers Association</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ms Clare Duffy, Policy and Public Affairs Manager</li> <li>Ms Catherine Cox, Head Communications and Policy</li> </ul>
J28 12/05/2021	Discussion On Pre-budget Submissions Consideration. The Wheel and Community Gardens Ireland	<p><b>The Wheel</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ms. Deirdre Garvey, Chief Executive Officer</li> <li>Mr. Ivan Cooper, Director of Policy</li> </ul> <p><b>Community Gardens Ireland</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ms. Maeve Foreman, Co-Chairperson, Community Gardens Ireland</li> <li>Mr. Donal McCormack, Co-Chairperson, Community Gardens Ireland</li> </ul>
J29 19/05/2021	Discussion On Pre-budget Submissions Consideration. The Irish Local Development Network Ireland (ILDN)	<p><b>ILDN</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mr. Joseph Saunders, Chief Executive Officer</li> <li>Ms. Adeline O'Brien, Chairperson of ILDN Social Inclusion Committee</li> </ul>
J30 02/06/2021	Virtual Private Meeting	N/A
J31 23/06/2021	Virtual Private Meeting	N/A
J32 20/06/2021	Virtual Private Meeting	N/A
J33 05/07/2021	Virtual Private Meeting	N/A
J34 07/07/2021	Engagement With Chair Designates of The Pensions Council And Citizens Information Board	<p><b>The Pensions Council</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ms. Roma Burke, chairperson designate</li> </ul>

		<p><b>Citizens Information Board</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ms. Catherine Heaney, chairperson designate</li> </ul>
J35 14/07/2021	Virtual Private Meeting	N/A
J36 15/09/2021	Virtual Private Meeting	N/A
J37 22/09/2021	Engagement With Ms Rosarii Mannion, Chairperson Designate, POBAL	<p><b>POBAL</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ms. Rosarii Mannion, Chairperson designate</li> <li>Ms. Anna Shakespeare, CEO</li> </ul>
J38 29/09/2021	<p>Provision Of Public/ Local Employment Services</p> <p><b>Session 1</b></p> <p><b>Session 2</b></p>	<p><b>SIPTU</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mr. John King, Deputy General Secretary at SIPTU</li> <li>Mr. Adrian Kane, Divisional Organiser at SIPTU,</li> <li>Mr. Bernard Fennessy, SIPTU National Job Clubs Committee</li> </ul> <p><b>Forsá</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ms. Ashley Connelly, Head of Division</li> <li>Ms. Lynn Coffey, Assistant General Secretary</li> <li>Mr. David Orford, Branch Chairperson</li> </ul> <p><b>Department Of Social Protection</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mr. Niall Egan, Assistant Secretary</li> <li>Mr. Chris Kane, Principal Officer</li> </ul>
J39 06/10/2021	Consideration of the Proposed National Action Plan For Island Development	<p><b>Comhdháil Oileáin na hÉireann</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ms. Aisling Moran, Chair,</li> <li>Mr. Simon Murray, Board member</li> </ul> <p><b>Comhar na nOileán</b></p>



		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Ms. Cathy Ní Ghóill Chairperson of Comhar na nOileán/ Manager of Comharchumann Forbartha Árann,</li> <li>▪ Ms. Máire Uí Mhaoláin,</li> </ul>
J40 13/10/2021	Consideration of the Proposed National Action Plan For Island Development (Resumed)	<p><b>Department of Community and Rural Development</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Ms Bairbre Nic Aongusa, Assistant Secretary, Community Development</li> <li>▪ Ms Bríd Ní Chonghaile, Assistant Principal, Islands Unit</li> </ul>
J41 20/10/2021	Rollout Of The National Broadband Plan (Resumed)	<p><b>Department of Community and Rural Development</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Dr Stjohn O'Connor, Principal Officer</li> <li>▪ Mr. Jake Ryan, Assistant Principal Officer</li> <li>▪ Mr. Ciarán Ó hÓbáin, Assistant Secretary, Communications Division</li> <li>▪ Mr. Patrick Neary, Chief Technical Officer to the Communications Division</li> <li>▪ Mr. Fergal Mulligan, Programme Director for Ireland's National Broadband Plan</li> </ul>
J42 03/11/2021	Virtual Private Meeting	N/A
J43 10/11/2021	Report Of the Commission on Pensions	<p><b>Economic and Social Research Institute</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Dr. Claire Keane, Senior Research Officer</li> <li>▪ Dr. Barra Roantree, Research Officer</li> </ul> <p><b>Age Action Ireland</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Mr. Nat O'Connor, Public Affairs and Policy Analyst, Age Action Ireland</li> </ul>

J44 17/11/2021	Report Of the Commission on Pensions	<p><b>Commission on Pensions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Ms Josephine Feehily, Chairperson</li> <li>▪ Ms Roma Burke, Chairperson of Technical Sub-Group</li> </ul> <p><b>Department of Social Protection</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Mr. Tim Duggan, Assistant Secretary</li> <li>▪ Mr. Alan Flynn, Principal Officer</li> </ul>
J45 24/11/2021	Report Of the Commission on Pensions (Resumed)	<p><b>SIPTU</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Mr. Michael Taft, Senior Economist</li> <li>▪ Ms. Rachel Ryan, Barrister and Head of Legal Services Unit</li> </ul> <p><b>ICTU</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Mr. Liam Berney, Industrial Officer</li> <li>▪ Dr. Laura Bambrick, Senior Policy, and Legislative Officer</li> </ul> <p><b>Family Carers Association of Ireland</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Ms. Clare Duffy, Policy, and Public Affairs Manager</li> </ul>
J46 08/12/2021	Virtual Private Meeting	N/A
J47 15/12/2021	Virtual Private Meeting	N/A

## Appendix 1b: Proceedings of the Joint Committee (Minutes)

### MINUTES OF MEETING OF 30 SEPTEMBER 2020

The Committee met in public session at 1:00 p.m. in Committee Room 4, Leinster House 2000, a quorum being present.

#### 1. Attendance

The following members were present:

Deputies: Marc Ó Cathasaigh, Joe Carey, Joan Collins, Éamon Ó Cuív, Claire Kerrane, Paul Donnelly, Denis Naughten and Charles Flanagan.

Senators: Paddy Burke, Eugene Murphy, Róisín Garvey, and Mark Wall.

Apologies were received from Deputy Jackie Cahill and Senator Paul Gavan.

#### 2. Election of Vice-Chairman

The Members agreed to defer this item and discuss the matter at the next meeting.

It was agreed that Members will send nominations to the secretariat by close of business on Thursday 1st October.

The Committee went into private session at 1.04 p.m.

#### 3. Item discussed in Private Session

#### 4. Item discussed in Private Session

#### 5. Item discussed in Private Session

#### 6. Item discussed in Private Session

#### 7. Item discussed in Private Session

#### 8. Item discussed in Private Session

#### 9. Adjournment

The Committee adjourned at 1.58 p.m. until Monday, 5 October 2020, at 10 a.m. when the Committee will meet in private session using Microsoft Teams.

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Denis Naughten TD  
Chairperson  
30 September 2020

## MINUTES OF MEETING OF 5 OCTOBER 2020

The Committee met in private session at 10:10 a.m. using Microsoft Teams, a quorum being present.

### 1. Attendance

The following members were present:

Deputies: Marc Ó Cathasaigh, Éamon Ó Cuív, Joe Carey, Claire Kerrane, Denis Naughten and Paul Donnelly.

Senators: Paddy Burke, Paul Gavan, and Mark Wall.

Apologies were received from Dep. Charles Flanagan.

### 2. Item discussed in Private Session

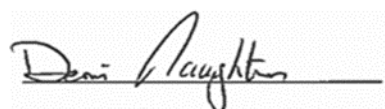
### 3. Item discussed in Private Session

### 4. Item discussed in Private Session

### 5. Item discussed in Private Session

### 6. Adjournment

The Committee adjourned at 10.59 a.m. until Wednesday, 7 October 2020, at 9 a.m.



Denis Naughten TD

Chairperson

05 October 2020

## MINUTES OF MEETING OF 7 OCTOBER 2020

The Committee met in public session at 9:00 a.m. in Committee Room 4, Leinster House 2000, a quorum being present.

### 1. Attendance

The following members were present:

Deputies: Marc Ó Cathasaigh, Joe Carey, Éamon Ó Cuív, Claire Kerrane, Denis Naughten and Paul Donnelly.

Senators: Paddy Burke, Eugene Murphy, Róisín Garvey, and Mark Wall.

### 2. Election of Vice-Chairperson

The Members noted that Dep. Marc Ó Cathasaigh was deemed elected as Vice-chairperson of this committee.

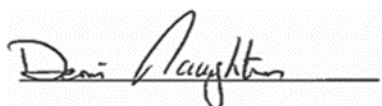
### 3. Briefing on the Withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the European Union (Consequential Provisions) Bill 2020

The Chairperson welcomed Heather Humphrey TD, Minister for Social Protection, Community and Rural Development, and the Islands and her accompanying officials.

After the opening statements a question-and-answer session followed.

### 4. Adjournment

The Committee adjourned at 9.54 a.m. until Monday, 2 November 2020, at 10 a.m. when the Committee will meet in private session using Microsoft Teams.



Denis Naughten TD  
Chairperson  
07 October 2020

## MINUTES OF MEETING OF 2 NOVEMBER 2020

The Committee met in private session at 10:14 a.m. using Microsoft Teams, a quorum being present.

### 1. Attendance

The following members were present:

Deputies: Marc Ó Cathasaigh, Éamon Ó Cuív, Joe Carey, Claire Kerrane, Joan Collins, Denis Naughten and Paul Donnelly.

Senators: Paddy Burke, Roisin Garvey, and Mark Wall.

Apologies were received from Dep. Jackie Cahill.

### 2. Item discussed in Private Session

### 3. Item discussed in Private Session

### 4. Item discussed in Private Session

### 5. Adjournment

The Committee adjourned at 11.20 a.m. until Wednesday 4 November 2020, at 9 a.m.



Denis Naughten TD

Chairperson

2 November 2020

## MINUTES OF MEETING OF 4 NOVEMBER 2020

The Committee met in public session at 9:11 a.m. in Committee Room 4, Leinster House 2000, a quorum being present.

### 1. Attendance

The following members were present:

Deputies: Marc Ó Cathasaigh, Claire Kerrane, Eamon Ó Cuív, Paul Donnelly and Denis Naughten.

Senators: Paddy Burke, Mark Wall, Roisin Garvey and Ollie Crowe.

### 2. Consideration of the Final Report of the Special Committee on COVID19 Responce

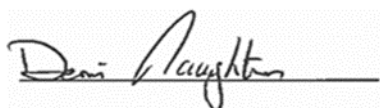
The Chairperson acknowledged the work of the Special Committee on COVID 19 Responce. The Members considered the recommendations contained in the report relevant to this Committee.

The Committee agreed the following:

- Seek public submissions on the Pandemic Unemployment Scheme.
- Ask Department of Rural & Community Development for an update on Rural Hubs
- Ask Department of Communications for details of the TIF taskforce strategy on broadband and phone coverage.
- Request a briefing from Department of Social Protection outlining upcoming changes in the Social Welfare Bill 2020 which maybe outlined in the revised Estimate.

### 3. Adjournment

The Committee adjourned at 10.24 a.m. until Monday, 16 November 2020, at 10 a.m. when the Committee will meet in private session using Microsoft Teams.





Denis Naughten TD  
Chairperson  
25 November 2020

## MINUTES OF MEETING OF 23 NOVEMBER 2020

The Committee met in private session at 10:09 a.m. using Microsoft Teams, a quorum being present.

### 1. Attendance

The following members were present:

Deputies: Marc Ó Cathasaigh, Éamon Ó Cuív, Joe Carey, Claire Kerrane, and Denis Naughten (in the Chair).

Senators: Mark Wall.

Apologies were received from Sen. Roisin Garvey and Sen. Eugene Murphy.

### 2. Item discussed in Private Session

### 3. Item discussed in Private Session

### 4. Item discussed in Private Session

### 5. Adjournment

The Committee adjourned at 10.35 a.m. until Wednesday, 25 November 2020, at 9 a.m.



Denis Naughten TD  
Chairperson  
23 November 2020

## MINUTES OF MEETING OF 25 NOVEMBER 2020

The Committee met in public session at 9:07 a.m. in Committee Room 4, Leinster House 2000, a quorum being present.

### 1. Attendance

The following members were present:

Deputies: Claire Kerrane, Eamon Ó Cuív, Joe Carey, and Denis Naughten (in the Chair).

Senators: Eugene Murphy, Mark Wall, and Roisin Garvey.

Apologies were received from Deputy Marc Ó Cathasaigh, Deputy Joan Collins and Senator Paddy Burke.

### 2. Discussion on the Pandemic Unemployment Payment Scheme

The Chairperson welcomed officials from Department of Social Protection:

- Ms Teresa Leonard, Assistant Secretary, and
- Mr Ronan Hession, Assistant Secretary

and invited them to make their opening remarks.

After the initial statements a session of questions and answers ensued.

### 3. Adjournment

The Committee adjourned at 10.52 a.m. until Monday, 30 November 2020, at 10 a.m. when the Committee will meet in private session using Microsoft Teams.



Denis Naughten TD

Chairperson

25 November 2020

## MINUTES OF MEETING OF 30 NOVEMBER 2020

The Committee met in private session at 10:03 a.m. using Microsoft Teams, a quorum being present.

### 1. Attendance

The following members were present:

Deputies: Marc Ó Cathasaigh, Éamon Ó Cuív, Joe Carey, Claire Kerrane, Joan Collins and Denis Naughten (in the Chair).

Senators: Paddy Burke, Roisin Garvey, Mark Wall, and Frances Black.

Apologies were received from Sen. Paul Gavan.

### 2. Item discussed in Private Session

### 3. Item discussed in Private Session

### 4. Item discussed in Private Session

### 5. Adjournment

The Committee adjourned at 11.08 a.m. until Wednesday, 2 December 2020, at 9 a.m.



Denis Naughten TD  
Chairperson  
30 November 2020

## MINUTES OF MEETING OF 2 DECEMBER 2020

The Committee met in public session at 9:04 a.m. in Committee Room 4, Leinster House 2000, a quorum being present.

### 1. Attendance

The following members were present:

Deputies: Claire Kerrane, Eamon Ó Cuív, Joe Carey, Marc Ó Cathasaigh, and Denis Naughten (in the Chair).

Senators: Paddy Burke, Roisin Garvey and Mark Wall.

### 2. Discussion on Rural Hubs, Broadband and Mobile Coverage in Rural Ireland

The Chairperson welcomed officials from Department of Community and Rural Development:

- Dr Stjohn O'Connor and
- Mr Turlough O'Brien

and invited them to make their opening remarks.

After the initial statements a session of questions and answers ensued.

The Committee agreed to invite COMREG, Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications, National Broadband Ireland and the Telecommunication Industry Federation to discuss issues related to Broadband and Mobile Coverage.

### 3. Adjournment

The Committee adjourned at 10.44 a.m. until Monday, 7 December 2020, at 9 a.m. when the Committee will meet in private session using Microsoft Teams.



Denis Naughten TD

Chairperson

2 December 2020

## MINUTES OF MEETING OF 7 DECEMBER 2020

The Committee met in private session at 10:02 a.m. using Microsoft Teams, a quorum being present.

### 1. Attendance

The following members were present:

Deputies: Éamon Ó Cuív, Joe Carey, Joan Collins, Paul Donnelly, and Denis Naughten (in the Chair).

Senators: Paddy Burke and Mark Wall.

Apologies were received from Dep. Claire Kerrane and Sen. Roisin Garvey.

### 2. Item discussed in Private Session

### 3. Item discussed in Private Session

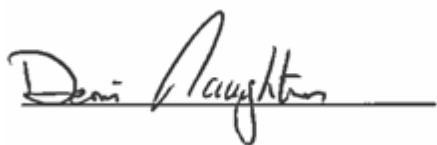
### 4. Item discussed in Private Session

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### 6. Item discussed in Private Session

### 7. Adjournment

The Committee adjourned at 10.58 a.m. until Wednesday, 9 December 2020, at 9 a.m.

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Denis Naughten TD

Chairperson

7 December 2020

## MINUTES OF MEETING OF 9 DECEMBER 2020

The Committee met in public session at 9:06 a.m. in Committee Room 4, Leinster House 2000, a quorum being present.

### 1. Attendance

The following members were present:

Deputies: Claire Kerrane, Eamon Ó Cuív, Joe Carey, David Stanton, and Denis Naughten (in the Chair).

Senators: Paddy Burke, Eugene Murphy, and Roisin Garvey.

### 2. COVID19 Pandemic Supports for the Islands and Rural Ireland

The Chairperson welcomed officials from Department of Community and Rural Development:

- Mr. William Parnell, Assistant Secretary and
- Ms Sorcha De Brúch, Principal Officer, Islands Unit

and invited them to make their opening remarks.

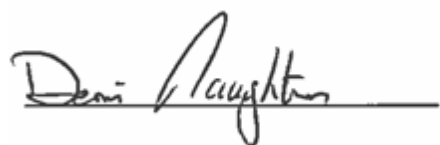
After the initial statements a session of questions and answers ensued.

### 3. LEADER Programme

Mr William Parnell made an initial statement on the LEADER Programme and a questions and answers session ensued.

### 4. Adjournment

The Committee adjourned at 10.54 a.m. until Monday, 14 December 2020, at 9 a.m. when the Committee will meet in private session on the Microsoft Teams platform.



Denis Naughten TD  
Chairperson

9 December 2020



## MINUTES OF MEETING OF 14 DECEMBER 2020

The Committee met in private session at 10:13 a.m. using Microsoft Teams, a quorum being present.

### 1. Attendance

The following members were present:

Deputies: Éamon Ó Cuív, Joe Carey, Joan Collins, Paul Donnelly, Marc O Cathasaigh, Claire Kerrane, and Denis Naughten (in the Chair).

Senators: Roisin Garvey and Mark Wall.

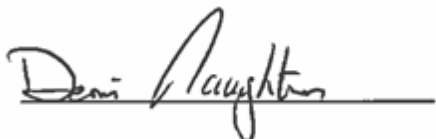
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### 5. Adjournment

The Committee adjourned at 10.31 a.m. until Wednesday, 16 December 2020, at 9 a.m.

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Denis Naughten TD

Chairperson

14 December 2020

## MINUTES OF MEETING OF 16 DECEMBER 2020

The Committee met in public session at 9:09 a.m. in Committee Room 4, Leinster House 2000, a quorum being present.

### 1. Attendance

The following members were present:

Deputies: Claire Kerrane, Eamon Ó Cuív, Joe Carey, Sean Haughey, Rose Conway-Walsh and Denis Naughten (in the Chair).

Senators: Eugene Murphy, and Roisin Garvey.

### 2. Mobile and Broadband Coverage in Rural Ireland (Cont.)

The Chairperson welcomed officials from Department of Communications, Climate Action and Environment:

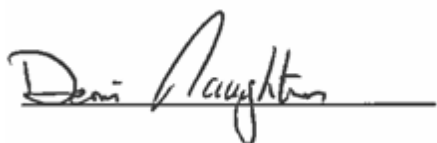
- Mr. Fergal Mulligan Programme Director for Ireland's National Broadband Plan, and
- Mr. Patrick Neary Chief Technology Officer

and invited them to make their opening remarks.

After the initial statements a session of questions and answers ensued.

### 3. Adjournment

The Committee adjourned at 11.00 a.m. until Monday, 11 January 2021, at 9 a.m. when the Committee will meet in private session on the Microsoft Teams platform.



Denis Naughten TD

Chairperson

16 December 2020

## MINUTES OF MEETING OF 11 JANUARY 2021

The Committee met in private session at 11:01 a.m. using Microsoft Teams, a quorum being present.

### 1. Attendance

The following members were present:

Deputies: Éamon Ó Cuív, Joe Carey, Joan Collins, Paul Donnelly, Marc O Cathasaigh, Claire Kerrane, and Denis Naughten (in the Chair).

Senators: Eugene Murphy, Paddy Burke, Paul Gavan and Mark Wall.

### 2. Item discussed in Private Session

### 3. Item discussed in Private Session

### 4. Item discussed in Private Session

### 5. Adjournment

The Committee adjourned at 11.43 a.m. till Wednesday, 20 Jan 2021 at 10 a.m.



Denis Naughten TD

Chairperson

11 January 2021

## MINUTES OF MEETING OF 20 JANUARY 2021

The Committee met in private session at 10:06 a.m. using Microsoft Teams, a quorum being present.

### 1. Attendance

The following members were present:

Deputies: Éamon Ó Cuív, Joe Carey, Joan Collins, Paul Donnelly, Marc O Cathasaigh, Claire Kerrane, and Denis Naughten (in the Chair).

Senators: Roisín Garvey, Paul Gavan, and Mark Wall.

### 2. Item discussed in Private Session

### 3. Item discussed in Private Session

### 4. Item discussed in Private Session

### 5. Item discussed in Private Session

### 6. Adjournment

The Committee adjourned at 11.49 a.m. till Wednesday, 27 Jan 2021 at 10 a.m.

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Denis Naughten TD

Chairperson

20 January 2021

## MINUTES OF MEETING OF 27 JANUARY 2021

The Committee met in private session at 10:05 a.m. using Microsoft Teams, a quorum being present.

### 1. Attendance

The following members were present:

Deputies: Éamon Ó Cuív, Joan Collins, Marc O Cathasaigh, Claire Kerrane, and Denis Naughten (in the Chair).

Senators: Roisín Garvey, and Mark Wall.

### 2. Item discussed in Private Session

### 3. Item discussed in Private Session

### 4. Item discussed in Private Session

### 5. Item discussed in Private Session

### 6. Adjournment

The Committee adjourned at 11.06 a.m. till Wednesday, 3 Feb 2021 at 10 a.m.

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Denis Naughten TD

Chairperson

27 January 2021

## MINUTES OF MEETING OF 3 FEBRUARY 2021

The Committee met in private session at 10:04 a.m. using Microsoft Teams, a quorum being present.

### 1. Attendance

The following members were present:

Deputies: Éamon Ó Cuív, Joan Collins, Marc O Cathasaigh, Jackie Cahill, and Denis Naughten (in the Chair).

Senators: Eugene Murphy, Paddy Burke, Paul Gavan, and Mark Wall.

Apologies were received from Deputy Kerrane and Senator Garvey.

### 2. Item discussed in Private Session

### 3. Item discussed in Private Session

### 4. Item discussed in Private Session

### 5. Item discussed in Private Session

### 6. Item discussed in Private Session

### 7. Item discussed in Private Session

### 8. Adjournment

The Committee adjourned at 11.34 a.m. till Wednesday, 10 Feb 2021 at 10 a.m.



Denis Naughten TD

Chairperson

3 February 2021

## MINUTES OF MEETING OF 10 FEBRUARY 2021

The Committee met in private session at 10:05 a.m. using Microsoft Teams, a quorum being present.

### 1. Attendance

The following members were present:

Deputies: Éamon Ó Cuív, Marc O Cathasaigh, Paul Donnelly, Claire Kerrane and Denis Naughten (in the Chair).

Senators: Paddy Burke, Paul Gavan, and Mark Wall.

Apologies were received from Joan Collins and Senator Garvey.

2. Item Discussed in Private Session

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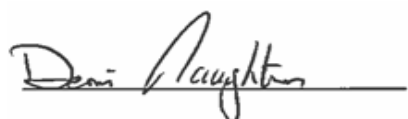
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11. Item Discussed in Private Session

The Committee adjourned at 11.36 a.m. till Wednesday, 17 February 2021 at 10 a.m.



Denis Naughten TD  
Chairperson

10 February 2021



## MINUTES OF MEETING OF 17 FEBRUARY 2021

The Joint Committee met in private session at 10:07 a.m. using Microsoft Teams, a quorum being present.

### 1. Attendance

The following members were present:

Deputies: Éamon Ó Cuív, Marc O Cathasaigh, Joe Carey, Joan Collins, Claire Kerrane and Denis Naughten (in the Chair).

Senators: Paddy Burke, Paul Gavan, Eugene Murphy and Roisín Garvey.

Apologies were received from Senator Mark Wall.

### 2. Item Discussed in Private Session

### 3. Item Discussed in Private Session

### 4. Item Discussed in Private Session

### 5. Item Discussed in Private Session

### 6. Item Discussed in Private Session

### 7. Item Discussed in Private Session

### 8. Item Discussed in Private Session

### 9. Adjournment

The Committee adjourned at 11.58 a.m. till Wednesday, 24 February 2021 at 10 a.m.



Denis Naughten TD

Chairperson

17 February 2021

## MINUTES OF MEETING OF 17 FEBRUARY 2021

The Joint Committee met in private session at 10:05 a.m. using Microsoft Teams, a quorum being present.

### 1. Attendance

The following members were present:

Deputies: Éamon Ó Cuív, Marc O Cathasaigh, Joe Carey, Claire Kerrane, Paul Donnelly and Denis Naughten (in the Chair).

Senators: Paddy Burke, Paul Gavan, Mark Wall and Roisín Garvey.

Apologies were received from Deputy Joan Collins.

### 2. Item Discussed in Private Session

### 3. Item Discussed in Private Session

### 4. Item Discussed in Private Session

### 5. Item Discussed in Private Session

### 6. Adjournment

The Committee adjourned at 12.01 p.m. till Wednesday, 24 February 2021 at 10 a.m.

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Denis Naughten TD

Chairperson

24 February 2021

## MINUTES OF MEETING OF 3 MARCH 2021

The Joint Committee met in private session at 10:05 a.m. using Microsoft Teams, a quorum being present.

### 1. Attendance

The following members were present:

Deputies: Éamon Ó Cuív, Marc O Cathasaigh, Joe Carey, Joan Collins, Claire Kerrane, Paul Donnelly and Denis Naughten (in the Chair).

Senators: Paddy Burke, Eugene Murphy, Paul Gavan, Mark Wall and Roisín Garvey.

### 2. Item Discussed in Private Session

### 3. Item Discussed in Private Session

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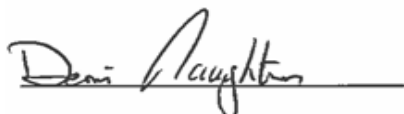
### 5. Item Discussed in Private Session

### 6. Item Discussed in Private Session

### 7. Item Discussed in Private Session

### 8. Adjournment

The Committee adjourned at 11.31 a.m. till Wednesday, 10 March 2021 at 10 a.m.



Denis Naughten TD  
Chairperson  
3 March 2021

## MINUTES OF MEETING OF 10 MARCH 2021

The Joint Committee met in private session at 10:05 a.m. using Microsoft Teams, a quorum being present.

### 1. Attendance

The following members were present:

Deputies: Éamon Ó Cuív, Marc O Cathasaigh, Joe Carey, Joan Collins, Claire Kerrane, and Denis Naughten (in the Chair).

Senators: Paddy Burke, Paul Gavan, Mark Wall and Roisín Garvey.

### 2. Item Discussed in Private Session

### 3. Item Discussed in Private Session

### 4. Item Discussed in Private Session.

### 5. Item Discussed in Private Session

### 6. Adjournment

The Committee adjourned at 10.34 a.m. till Tuesday, 23 March 2021 at 6.30 p.m.

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Denis Naughten TD  
Chairperson  
10 March 2021

## MINUTES OF MEETING OF 23 MARCH 2021

The Committee met in public session at 6:30 p.m. in Committee Room 2, Leinster House 2000, a quorum being present.

### 1. Attendance

The following members were present:

Deputies: Claire Kerrane, Marc O Cathasaigh, Eamon Ó Cuív, Joe Carey, Paul Donnelly, and Denis Naughten (in the Chair).

Senators: Paddy Burke, Mark Wall, Paul Gavan, Eugene Murphy, and Roisin Garvey.

### 2. Roadmap to Social Inclusion

The Chairperson welcomed Minister of State at the Department of Community and Rural Development:

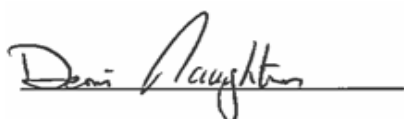
- Mr. Joe O'Brien TD and his officials
- Ms. Geraldine Hurley Assistant Secretary, Department of Social Protection;
- Mr. Dermot Coates, Chief Economist, Department of Social Protection;
- Ms. Bairbre Nic Aonghusa, Assistant Secretary, Department of Rural and Community Development

and invited them to make their opening remarks.

After the initial statements a session of questions and answers ensued.

### 3. Adjournment

The Committee adjourned at 8.22 p.m. until Wednesday, 31 March 2021, at 10 a.m. when the Committee will meet in private session on the Microsoft Teams platform.



Denis Naughten TD  
Chairperson  
23 March 2021

## MINUTES OF MEETING OF 31 MARCH 2021

The Joint Committee met in private session at 10:05 a.m. using Microsoft Teams, a quorum being present.

### 1. Attendance

The following members were present:

Deputies: Éamon Ó Cuív, Marc O Cathasaigh, Joe Carey, Joan Collins, and Denis Naughten (in the Chair).

Senators: Paddy Burke, Paul Gavan, Mark Wall and Roisín Garvey.

Apologies were received from Deputy Kerrane.

### 2. Item Discussed in Private Session

### 3. Item Discussed in Private Session

### 4. Item Discussed in Private Session

### 5. Item Discussed in Private Session

### 6. Item Discussed in Private Session

### 7. Item Discussed in Private Session

### 8. Adjournment

The Committee adjourned at 11.29 a.m. till Tuesday, 20 April 2021 at 3.30 p.m.



Denis Naughten TD  
Chairperson  
31 March 2021

## MINUTES OF MEETING OF 20 APRIL 2021

The Committee met in public session at 3:31 p.m. in the Dáil Chamber, a quorum being present.

### 1. Attendance

The following members were present:

Deputies: Claire Kerrane, Marc O Cathasaigh, Eamon Ó Cuív, Joe Carey, Paul Donnelly, Joan Collins and Denis Naughten (in the Chair).

Senators: Paddy Burke, Mark Wall, Eugene Murphy, and Roisin Garvey.

Apologies were received from Senator Paul Gavan.

### 2. STRATEGY FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT “OUR RURAL FUTURE”

The Chairperson welcomed the Minister for Social Protection, Community and Rural Development:

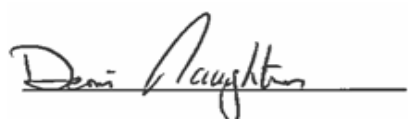
- Ms. Heather Humphreys TD and her officials
- Mr Andrew Forde, Principal Officer, Head of Rural Strategy and Social Enterprise at the Department of Community and Rural Development
- Mr. Niall Egan, Assistant Secretary, Service Development at the Department of Social Protection

and invited the Minister to make her opening remarks.

After the initial statements a session of questions and answers ensued.

### 3. Adjournment

The Committee adjourned at 5.24 p.m. until Wednesday, 28 April 2021, at 10 a.m. when the Committee will meet in private session on the Microsoft Teams platform.



Denis Naughten TD  
Chairperson  
20 April 2021

## MINUTES OF MEETING OF 28 APRIL 2021

The Joint Committee met in private session at 10:04 a.m. using Microsoft Teams, a quorum being present.

### 1. Attendance

The following members were present:

Deputies: Éamon Ó Cuív, Marc O Cathasaigh, Joe Carey, Joan Collins, Charlie Flanagan, Claire Kerrane and Denis Naughten (in the Chair).

Senators: Paul Gavan, Mark Wall and Roisín Garvey.

Apologies were received from Senator Paddy Burke.

**2. Item discussed in private session.**

**3. Item discussed in private session.**

**4. Item discussed in private session.**

**5. Item discussed in private session.**

**6. Item discussed in private session.**

### 7. Adjournment

The Committee adjourned at 11.11 a.m. till Wednesday, 5 May 2021 at 9.30 a.m.



Denis Naughten TD  
Chairperson  
28 April 2021



## MINUTES OF MEETING OF 05 MAY 2021

The Committee met in public session at 9:31 a.m. in the Committee Room 3, a quorum being present.

### 1. Attendance

The following members were present:

Deputies: Claire Kerrane, Marc O Cathasaigh, Eamon Ó Cuív, Joe Carey, Paul Donnelly, Joan Collins and Denis Naughten (in the Chair).

Senators: Paddy Burke, Mark Wall, and Eugene Murphy.

Apologies were received from Senators Paul Gavan and Roisin Garvey.

### 2. Discussion on Pre-Budget Submissions Consideration

The Chairperson welcomed representatives from

#### Society of the Saint Vincent de Paul

- Ms Tricia Keilthy, Head of Social Justice and Policy
- Ms Issy Petrie, Research and Policy Officer

#### Family Carers Association

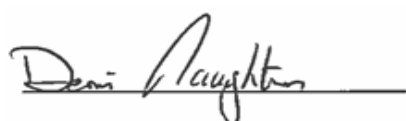
- Ms Clare Duffy, Policy and Public Affairs Manager,
- Ms Catherine Cox, Head Communications and Policy

and invited them to make their opening remarks.

After the initial statements a session of questions and answers ensued.

### 3. Adjournment

The Committee adjourned at 11.30 a.m. until Wednesday, 12 May 2021, at 9.30 a.m. when the Committee will meet in public session in Committee Room 3.



Denis Naughten TD  
Chairperson  
05 May 2021

## MINUTES OF MEETING OF 12 MAY 2021

The Committee met in public session at 9:37 a.m. in the Committee Room 3, a quorum being present.

### 1. Attendance

The following members were present:

Deputies: Claire Kerrane, Eamon Ó Cuív, Joe Carey, Paul Donnelly, Joan Collins and Marc O Cathasaigh (in the Chair).

Senators: Paddy Burke, Mark Wall, and Eugene Murphy

Apologies were received from Deputies Denis Naughten, Éamon Ó Cuív, Joan Collins; and from Senators Paul Gavan and Roisin Garvey.

### 2. Discussion on Pre-Budget Submissions Consideration. The Wheel And Community Gardens Ireland

The Chairperson welcomed representatives from

#### The Wheel

- Ms. Deirdre Garvey, Chief Executive Officer,
- Mr. Ivan Cooper, Director of Policy;

#### Community Gardens Ireland

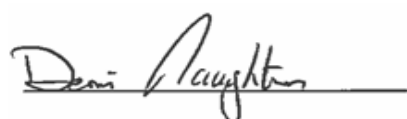
- Ms. Maeve Foreman, Co-Chairperson, Community Gardens Ireland,
- Mr. Donal McCormack, Co-Chairperson, Community Gardens Ireland

and invited them to make their opening remarks.

After the initial statements a session of questions and answers ensued.

### 3. Adjournment

The Committee adjourned at 11.21 a.m. until Wednesday, 19 May 2021, at 9.30 a.m. when the Committee will meet in public session in Committee Room 3.



Denis Naughten TD  
Chairperson  
12 May 2021

## MINUTES OF MEETING OF 19 MAY 2021

The Committee met in public session at 9:31 a.m. in the Committee Room 3, a quorum being present.

### 1. Attendance

The following members were present:

Deputies: Claire Kerrane, Eamon Ó Cuív, Paul Donnelly, Marc O Cathasaigh, and Denis Naughten (in the Chair).

Senators: Mark Wall, Paddy Burke, and Eugene Murphy.

Apologies were received from Senator Roisin Garvey.

### 2. Discussion on Pre-Budget Submissions Considerations: The Irish Local Development Network Ireland (ILDN)

The Chairperson welcomed representatives from the ILDN:

- Mr. Joseph Saunders, Chief Executive Officer,
- Ms. Adeline O'Brien, Chairperson of ILDN Social Inclusion Committee

and invited them to make their opening remarks.

After the initial statements a session of questions and answers ensued.

### 3. Adjournment

The Committee adjourned at 11.09 a.m. until Wednesday, 2 June 2021, at 10.00 a.m. when the Committee will meet in private session via Microsoft Teams.



Denis Naughten TD  
Chairperson  
19 May 2021

## MINUTES OF MEETING OF 2 JUNE 2021

The Joint Committee met in private session at 10:04 a.m. using Microsoft Teams, a quorum being present.

### 1. Attendance

The following members were present:

Deputies: Éamon Ó Cuív, Marc O Cathasaigh, Joe Carey, Joan Collins, Paul Donnelly, Joan Connelly, Claire Kerrane and Denis Naughten (in the Chair).

Senators: Paddy Burke, Eugene Murphy and Roisín Garvey.

Apologies were received from Senators Paul Gavan and Mark Wall.

### 2. Item discussed in private session.

The Minutes for meetings on 28 April 2021; 5 May 2021; 12 May 2021; and 19 May 2021 were agreed.

### 3. Item discussed in private session.

### 4. Item discussed in private session.

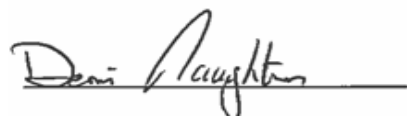
### 5. Item discussed in private session.

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### 7. Item discussed in private session.

### 8. Adjournment

The Committee adjourned at 11.30 a.m. till Wednesday, 23 June 2021 at 9.30 a.m.

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Denis Naughten T.D.  
Chairperson  
2 June 2021

## MINUTES OF MEETING OF 23 JUNE 2021

The Joint Committee met in private session at 10:04 a.m. using Microsoft Teams, a quorum being present.

### 1. Attendance

The following members were present:

Deputies: Éamon Ó Cuív, Marc O Cathasaigh, Paul Donnelly, Claire Kerrane and Denis Naughten (in the Chair).

Senators: Paddy Burke, Mark Wall and Roisín Garvey.

Apologies were received from Senators Paul Gavan.

**2. Item discussed in private session.**

**3. Item discussed in private session.**

**4. Item discussed in private session.**

**5. Item discussed in private session.**

### 6. Adjournment

The Committee adjourned at 10.57 a.m. till Wednesday, 30 June 2021 at 10.00 a.m.



Denis Naughten T.D.  
Chairperson  
23 June 2021

## MINUTES OF MEETING OF 30 JUNE 2021

The Joint Committee met in private session at 10:01 a.m. using Microsoft Teams, a quorum being present.

### 1. Attendance

The following members were present:

Deputies: Éamon Ó Cuív, Marc O Cathasaigh, Paul Donnelly, Joe Carey, Claire Kerrane and Denis Naughten (in the Chair).

Senators: Paddy Burke, Paul Gavan, Mark Wall and Roisín Garvey.

**2. Item discussed in private session.**

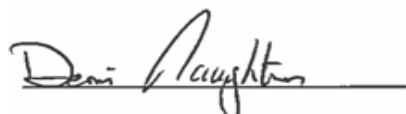
**3. Item discussed in private session.**

**4. Item discussed in private session.**

**5. Item discussed in private session.**

### 6. Adjournment

The Committee adjourned at 12.39 p.m. till Monday, 5 July 2021 at 09.00 a.m.

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Denis Naughten T.D.  
Chairperson  
30 June 2021

## MINUTES OF MEETING OF 5 JULY 2021

The Joint Committee met in private session at 09: 15 a.m. using Microsoft Teams, a quorum being present.

### 1. Attendance

The following members were present:

Deputies: Éamon Ó Cuív, Marc O Cathasaigh, Paul Donnelly, Joe Carey, Claire Kerrane and Denis Naughten (in the Chair).

Senators: Mark Wall and Roisín Garvey

**2. Item discussed in private session.**

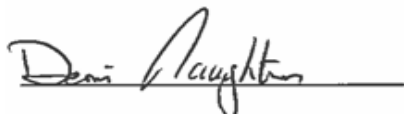
**3. Item discussed in private session.**

**4. Item discussed in private session.**

**5. Item discussed in private session.**

### 6. Adjournment

The Committee adjourned at 12.10 p.m. till Wednesday, 7 July 2021 at 09.30 a.m.

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Denis Naughten T.D.  
Chairperson  
5 July 2021



## MINUTES OF MEETING OF 7 JULY 2021

The Committee met in public session at 9:31 a.m. in the Committee Room 3, a quorum being present.

### 1. Attendance

The following members were present:

Deputies: Jackie Cahill, Joan Collins, Joe Carey, Claire Kerrane, Eamon Ó Cuív, Paul Donnelly, Marc O Cathasaigh, and Denis Naughten (in the Chair).

Senators: Mark Wall, Paddy Burke, and Eugene Murphy.

Apologies were received from Senator Paul Gavin.

### 2. Engagement with Chair Designates of The Pensions Council And Citizens

#### Information Board

The Chairperson welcomed Ms. Roma Burke, chairperson designate at the Pension Council, and Ms. Catherine Heaney, chairperson designate at the Citizens Information Board and invited them to make their opening remarks.

After the initial statements a session of questions and answers ensued.

### 3. ADJOURNMENT

The Committee adjourned at 10.51 a.m. *sine die*.

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Denis Naughten TD  
Chairperson  
7 July 2021

## MINUTES OF MEETING OF 14 JULY 2021

The Joint Committee met in private session at 10: 02 a.m. using Microsoft Teams, a quorum being present.

### 1. Attendance

Deputies: Éamon Ó Cuív, Marc O Cathasaigh, Paul Donnelly, Joe Carey, Joan Collins, Claire Kerrane and Denis Naughten (in the Chair).

Senators: Mark Wall, Paddy Burke, and Roisín Garvey.

**2. Item discussed in private session.**

**3. Item discussed in private session.**

**4. Item discussed in private session.**

### 5. Adjournment

The Committee adjourned at 11. 07 p.m. sine die.

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Denis Naughten T.D.  
Chairperson  
14 July 2021

## MINUTES OF MEETING OF 15 September 2021

The Joint Committee met in private session at 10: 03 a.m. using Microsoft Teams, a quorum being present.

### 1. Attendance

The following members were present:

Deputies: Éamon Ó Cuív, Marc O Cathasaigh, Paul Donnelly, Joe Carey, Joan Collins, Claire Kerrane, Charles Flanagan and Denis Naughten (in the Chair).

Senators: Mark Wall, Paddy Burke, Paul Gavan, and Roisín Garvey.

**2. Item discussed in private session.**

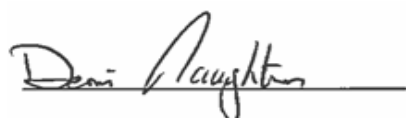
**3. Item discussed in private session.**

**4. Item discussed in private session.**

**5. Item discussed in private session.**

### 6. Adjournment

The Committee adjourned at 11. 56 a.m. until Wednesday, 22 September 2021 at 9 a.m.



Denis Naughten T.D.  
Chairperson  
15 September 2021

## MINUTES OF MEETING OF 22 SEPTEMBER 2021

The Joint Committee met in public session at 09: 08 a.m., a quorum being present.

### 1. Attendance

The following members were present:

Deputies: Éamon Ó Cuív, Marc O Cathasaigh, Paul Donnelly, Joan Collins, Claire Kerrane, and Denis Naughten (in the Chair).

Senators: Mark Wall, Eugene Murphy, Paul Gavan and Paddy Burke.

### 2. Engagement with Ms Rosarii Mannion, Chairperson Designate, Pobal

The Cathaoirleach welcomed Ms. Rosarii Mannion, Chairperson designate for POBAL and Ms. Anna Shakespeare, CEO, POBAL and invited Ms. Mannion to make her opening statement.

This was followed by a questions and answers session.

The Committee then went into private session at 9.32 a.m.

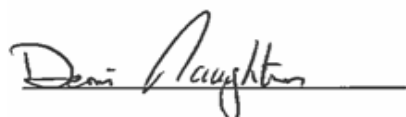
**3. Item discussed in private session.**

**4. Item discussed in private session.**

**5. Item discussed in private session.**

### 6. Adjournment

The Committee adjourned at 10. 37 a.m. until Wednesday, 29 September 2021 at 9.30 a.m.



Denis Naughten T.D.  
Chairperson  
22 September 2021

## **MINUTES OF MEETING OF 29 SEPTEMBER 2021**

The Joint Committee met in public session at 09: 33 a.m., a quorum being present.

### **1. Attendance**

The following members were present:

Deputies: Éamon Ó Cuív, Paul Donnelly, Joan Collins, Claire Kerrane, Jackie Cahill, Charles Flanagan, Joe Carey, and Denis Naughten (in the Chair).

Senators: Mark Wall, Eugene Murphy, and Paddy Burke.

Apologies were received from Deputy Marc O Cathasaigh, and Senators Roisin Garvey and Paul Gavan.

### **2. Provision of Public/ Local Employment Services**

#### **Session 1. SIPTU and FORSÁ**

The Cathaoirleach welcomed

- Mr. John King, Deputy General Secretary at SIPTU,
- Mr. Adrian Kane, Divisional Organiser at SIPTU,
- Mr. Bernard Fennessy, SIPTU National Job Clubs Committee;
- Ms. Ashley Connelly, Head of Division at Forsá,
- Ms. Lynn Coffey, Assistant General Secretary at Forsá, and
- Mr. David Orford, Forsá Branch Chairperson

and invited representatives of each organisation to make their opening statements.

This was followed by a questions and answers session.

When concluded, the Cathaoirleach thanked the witnesses for their participation.

#### **Session 2. Department Of Social Protection**

The Cathaoirleach welcomed

- Mr. Niall Egan, Assistant Secretary at the Department of Social Protection and
- Mr. Chris Kane, Principal Officer at the Department of Social Protection

and invited Mr. Egan to make his opening statement.

This was followed by a questions and answers session.

When concluded, the Cathaoirleach thanked the witnesses for their participation.

### **3. Adjournment**

The Committee adjourned at 11. 30 a.m. until Monday, 6 October 2021 at 9.30 a.m.

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Denis Naughten T.D.  
Chairperson  
29 September 2021

## **MINUTES OF MEETING OF 6 OCTOBER 2021**

The Joint Committee met in public session at 09: 35 a.m., a quorum being present.

### **1. Attendance**

The following members were present:

Deputies: Éamon Ó Cuív, Marc O Cathasaigh, Paul Donnelly, Joan Collins, Claire Kerrane, and Denis Naughten (in the Chair).

Senators: Róisín Garvey and Paddy Burke.

Apologies were received from Senator Mark Wall and Senator Paul Gavan.

### **2. Consideration of The Proposed National Action Plan for Island Development**

The Cathaoirleach welcomed

- Ms. Aisling Moran, Chair of Comhdháil Oileáin na hÉireann,
- Mr. Simon Murray, Comhdháil Oileáin na hÉireann Board member,
- Ms. Cathy Ní Ghóill Chairperson of Comhar na nOileán/ Manager of Comharchumann Forbartha Árann, and
- Ms. Máire Uí Mhaoláin, CEO/POF Comhar na nOileán and invited them to make their opening remarks.

This was followed by a questions and answers session.

The Cathaoirleach thanked the witnesses for their contributions and then suspended at 11.28 a.m.

Then resumed the meeting into private session at 11.33 a.m.

**3. Item discussed in private session.**

**4. Item discussed in private session.**

**5. Item discussed in private session.**

### **6. Adjournment**

The Committee adjourned at 12. 11 p.m. until Wednesday, 13 October 2021 at 9.30 a.m.

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Denis Naughten T.D.  
Cathaoirleach  
6 October 2021



## **MINUTES OF MEETING OF 13 OCTOBER 2021**

The Joint Committee met in public session at 09: 39 a.m., a quorum being present.

### **1. Attendance**

The following members were present:

Deputies: Éamon Ó Cuív, Marc O Cathasaigh, Paul Donnelly, Joan Collins, Claire Kerrane, and Denis Naughten (in the Chair).

Senators: Róisín Garvey, Mark Wall, Eugene Murphy and Paddy Burke.

### **2. Consideration of The Proposed National Action Plan for Island Development**

#### **(Resumed)**

The Cathaoirleach welcomed

- Ms Bairbre Nic Aongusa, Assistant Secretary, Community Development, Department of Rural and Community Development, and
- Ms Bríd Ní Chonghaile, Assistant Principal, Islands Unit, Department of Rural and Community Development

and invited them to make their opening remarks.

This was followed by a questions and answers session.

The Cathaoirleach thanked the witnesses for their contributions.

The Committee then resumed into private session at 11.08 a.m.

#### **3. Item discussed in private session.**

#### **4. Item discussed in private session.**

#### **5. Item discussed in private session.**

#### **6. Item discussed in private session.**

### **7. Adjournment**

The Committee adjourned at 11. 18 p.m. until Wednesday, 20 October 2021 at 9.30 a.m.

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Denis Naughten T.D.  
Cathaoirleach  
6 October 2021

## **MINUTES OF MEETING OF 20 OCTOBER 2021**

The Joint Committee met in public session at 09: 35 a.m., a quorum being present.

### **1. Attendance**

The following members were present:

Deputies: Jackie Cahill, Charles Flanagan, Éamon Ó Cuív, Marc O Cathasaigh, Paul Donnelly, Joan Collins, Claire Kerrane, and Denis Naughten (in the Chair).

Senators: Mark Wall, Eugene Murphy and Paddy Burke.

Apologies were received from Senators Paul Gavan and Roisin Garvey.

### **2. Rollout of The National Broadband Plan (Resumed)**

The Cathaoirleach welcomed

- Dr Stjohn O'Connor, Principal Officer, Department of Rural and Community Development,
- Mr. Jake Ryan, Assistant Principal Officer, Department of Rural and Community Development,
- Mr. Ciarán Ó hÓbáin, Assistant Secretary, Communications Division, Department of Environment, Climate and Communications,
- Mr. Patrick Neary, Chief Technical Officer to the Communications Division, Department of Environment, Climate and Communications, and
- Mr. Fergal Mulligan, Programme Director for Ireland's National Broadband Plan, Department of Environment, Climate and Communications and invited them to make their opening remarks.

This was followed by a questions and answers session.

The Cathaoirleach thanked the witnesses for their contributions.

The Committee then resumed into private session at 11.57 a.m.

### **3. Item discussed in private session.**

### **4. Item discussed in private session.**

**5. Item discussed in private session.**

**6. Item discussed in private session.**

**7. Adjournment**

The Committee adjourned at 11. 18 p.m. until Wednesday, 3 November 2021 at 9.30 a.m.

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Denis Naughten T.D.  
Cathaoirleach  
20 October 2021

## MINUTES OF MEETING OF 3 NOVEMBER 2021

The Joint Committee met in private session at 09: 54 a.m., a quorum being present.

### 1. Attendance

The following members were present:

Deputies: Jackie Cahill, Charles Flanagan, Éamon Ó Cuív, Claire Kerrane, and Denis Naughten (in the Chair).

Senators: Eugene Murphy and Roisin Garvey.

Apologies were received from Deputy Marc O Cathasaigh and Senator Mark Wall.

### 2. Item discussed in private session

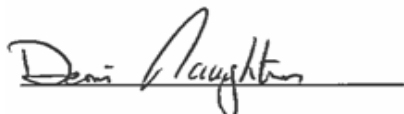
### 3. Item discussed in private session

### 4. Item discussed in private session.

### 5. Item discussed in private session.

### 6. Adjournment

The Committee adjourned at 10. 20 a.m. until Wednesday, 10 November 2021 at 9.30 a.m.



Denis Naughten T.D.  
Cathaoirleach  
3 November 2021

## MINUTES OF MEETING OF 10 NOVEMBER 2021

The Joint Committee met in public session at 09: 34 a.m., a quorum being present.

### 1. Attendance

The following members were present:

Deputies: Marc O Cathasaigh, Joan Collins, Éamon Ó Cuív, Claire Kerrane, and Denis Naughten (in the Chair).

Senators: Eugene Murphy, Paul Gavan, Mark Wall, and Roisin Garvey.

Apologies were received from Deputy Paul Donnelly.

### 2. REPORT OF THE COMMISSION ON PENSIONS

The Cathaoirleach welcomed

- Dr. Claire Keane, Senior Research Officer, Economic and Social Research Institute (ERSI),
- Dr. Barra Roantree, Research Officer, ERSI, and
- Mr. Nat O'Connor, Public Affairs and Policy Analyst, Age Action Ireland

and invited them to make their opening remarks.

That was followed by a session of questions and answers ensued.

The Cathaoirleach thanked the witnesses for their contributions.

The Committee then resumed into private session at 11.48 a.m.

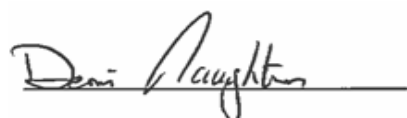
### 3. Item discussed in private session.

### 4. Item discussed in private session

### 5. Item discussed in private session

### 6. Adjournment

The Committee adjourned at 11. 59 a.m. until Wednesday, 17 November 2021 at 9.30 a.m.



Denis Naughten T.D.

Cathaoirleach  
17 November 2021

## MINUTES OF MEETING OF 24 NOVEMBER 2021

The Joint Committee met in public session at 09: 39 a.m., a quorum being present.

### 1. Attendance

The following members were present:

Deputies: Marc O Cathassaigh, Joan Collins, Éamon Ó Cuív, Claire Kerrane, Paul Donnelly, Joe Carey and Denis Naughten (in the Chair).

Senators: Paddy Burke, Paul Gavan, Eugene Murphy, and Roisin Garvey.

### 2. Report of The Commission On Pensions (Resumed)

The Cathaoirleach welcomed

- Mr. Michael Taft, Senior Economist, SIPTU,
  - Ms. Rachel Ryan, Barrister and Head of Legal Services Unit, SIPTU,
  - Mr. Liam Berney, Industrial Officer, ICTU,
  - Dr. Laura Bambrick, Senior Policy and Legislative Officer ICTU and
  - Ms. Clare Duffy, Policy and Public Affairs Manager, Family Carers Association of Ireland
- and invited them to make their opening remarks.

That was followed by a session of questions and answers ensued.

The Cathaoirleach thanked the witnesses for their contributions.

The Committee then resumed in private session at 12.48 a.m.

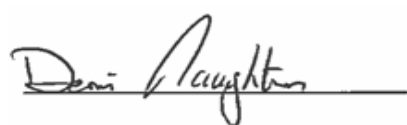
### 3. Item discussed in private session.

### 4. Item discussed in private session.

### 5. Item discussed in private session.

### 6. Adjournment

The Committee adjourned at 12. 00 a.m. until Wednesday, 8 December 2021 at 9.30 a.m.



Denis Naughten T.D.



Cathaoirleach  
8 December 2021

## MINUTES OF MEETING OF 8 DECEMBER 2021

The Joint Committee met in private session at 09: 30 a.m., a quorum being present.

### 1. Attendance

The following members were present:

Deputies: Marc O Cathassaigh, Joan Collins, Éamon Ó Cuív, Claire Kerrane, Paul Donnelly, and Denis Naughten (in the Chair).

Senators: Paddy Burke, Paul Gavan, Eugene Murphy, and Mark Wall.

**2. Item discussed in private session.**

**3. Item discussed in private session.**

**4. Item discussed in private session.**

**5. Item discussed in private session.**

**6. Adjournment.**

The Committee adjourned at 10. 38 a.m. until Wednesday, 15 December 2021 at 9.30 a.m.

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Denis Naughten T.D.  
Cathaoirleach  
15 December 2021

## MINUTES OF MEETING OF 15 DECEMBER 2021

The Joint Committee met in private session at 09: 34 a.m., a quorum being prese

### 1. Attendance

The following members were present:

Deputies: Marc O Cathassaigh, Joan Collins, Éamon Ó Cuív, Claire Kerrane, and Denis Naughten (in the Chair).

Senators: Paul Gavan, Eugene Murphy, and Mark Wall.

**2. Item discussed in private session.**

**3. Item discussed in private session.**

**4. Item discussed in private session.**

**5. Item discussed in private session.**

**6. Adjournment.**

The Committee adjourned at 11. 30 a.m. sine die.

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Denis Naughten T.D.  
Cathaoirleach  
15 December 2021

## Appendix 2a: Meetings of the Select Committee

The following are the details, in date order, of the scheduled meetings of the Select Committee which took place during the period under report.

Meeting No. and Date	Topic	Stakeholders in attendance
S1 14/10/2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2020 Revised Estimates for Public Services - Vote 42 (Community and Rural Development)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ms. Heather Humphreys, Minister, Social Protection, Community and Rural Development and the Islands</li> <li>Mr. Joe O'Brien, Minister of State at The Department of Community and Rural Development</li> </ul>
S2 11/11/2020	Estimates for Public Services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Further Revised Estimates for Public Services – Vote 37; Social Protection</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ms. Heather Humphreys, Minister, Social Protection, Community and Rural Development and the Islands</li> </ul>
S3 18/11/2020	Supplementary Estimates for Public Services – Vote 42; Community and Rural Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mr. Joe O'Brien, Minister of State at The Department of Community and Rural Development</li> </ul>
S4 26/05/2021	2021 Further Revised Estimates for Public Services - Vote 37 (Social Protection)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ms. Heather Humphreys, Minister, Social Protection, Community and Rural Development and the Islands</li> </ul>
S5 27/05/2021	Meeting Cancelled	

S6 16/06/2021	2021 Further Revised Estimates for Public Services - Vote 42 (Community and Rural Development)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Ms. Heather Humphreys, Minister, Social Protection, Community and Rural Development and the Islands</li></ul>
S7 01/12/2021	2021 Further Revised Estimates for Public Services - Vote 42 (Community and Rural Development)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Ms. Heather Humphreys, Minister, Social Protection, Community and Rural Development and the Islands</li></ul>

## Appendix 2b: Proceedings of the Select Committee (Imeachtaí)

### IMEACHTAÍ AN ROGHCHOISTE UM CHOIMIRCE SHÓISIALACH, FORBAIRT POBAIL AGUS TUAITHE AGUS NA HOILEÁIN.

#### PROCEEDINGS OF THE SELECT COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL PROTECTION COMMUNITY AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND THE ISLANDS.

*Dé Céadaoin, 14, Deireadh Fómhair, 2020*

*Wednesday, 14 October 2020*

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| 1. Chruinnigh an Coiste ar 4:30 p.m.   | 1. The Committee met at 4:30 p.m.  |
| 2. COMHALTAÍ I LÁTHAIR   | 2. MEMBERS PRESENT   |
| Bhí na comhaltaí seo a leanas i láthair:   | The following Members were present:  |
| An Teachta Donnacha Ó Neachtain ( <i>i gCeannas</i> ),<br>An Teachta Heather Mhic Unfraidh ( <i>An tAire Coimirce Sóisialaí, Forbartha Tuaithe agus Pobail</i> ),<br>An Teachta Seosamh Ó Briain, ( <i>Aire Stáit ag an Roinn Forbartha Tuaithe agus Pobail</i> ), na Teachtaí Éamon Ó Cuív, Seosamh Ó Ciardha, Siobhán Ní Choileáin, Pól Ó Donnghaile agus Marc Ó Cathasaigh. | Deputy Denis Naughten ( <i>in the Chair</i> ), Deputy Heather Humphreys ( <i>Minister for Social Protection, Community and Rural Development</i> ), Deputy Joe O'Brien ( <i>Minister of State Department of Community and Rural Development</i> ) Deputies Éamon Ó Cuív, Joe Carey, Joan Collins, Paul Donnelly and Marc Ó'Cathasaigh. |
| 3. BREITHNIÚ AR MHEASTACHÁIN I GCOMHAIR SEIRBHÍSÍ POIBLÍ -   | 3. ESTIMATES FOR PUBLIC SERVICES   |
| Bhreithnigh an Coiste an Meastachán Athbhreithnithe seo a leanas i gcomhair Seirbhísí Poiblí don bhliain dar críoch an 31 Nollaig, 2020 –  | The Committee considered the revised Estimate(s) for Public Services for the year ending 31st December 2020 –  |
| Vóta 42 (An Roinn Forbartha Tuaithe agus Pobail) (Meastachán Athbhreithnithe) 2020   | Vote 42 (Community and Rural Development) (Revised Estimates) 2020   |
| Críochnaíodh an breithniú ar an Meastachán'.   | Consideration of the Estimate was concluded.   |
| Cuireadh teachtaireacht chun na Dála de réir Bhuan-Ordú 90 á chur in iúl di gur chríochnaigh an Coiste a bhreithniú ar an Meastachán.  | Message sent to the Dáil in accordance with Standing Order 90 acquainting it that the Committee had completed its consideration of the Estimate.   |
| 4. ATHLÁ.  | 4. ADJOURNMENT.  |

Chuaigh an Coiste ar athló ar 6:25 p.m. *sine die*.

The Committee adjourned at 6:25 p.m. *sine die*.

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Denis Naughten, T.D.  
Chairperson  
4 February 2021

**MEACHTAÍ AN ROGHCHOISTE UM CHOIMIRCE SHÓISIALACH, FORBAIRT POBAIL AGUS TUAITHE AGUS NA HOILEÁIN.**

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE SELECT COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL PROTECTION COMMUNITY AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND THE ISLANDS**

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*Dé Déardaoin, 11 Samhain, 2020*

*Thursday, 11 November 2020*

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1. Chruinnigh an Coiste ar 9:00 a.m.

1. The Committee met at 9:00 a.m.

2. COMHALTAÍ I LÁTHAIR.

2. MEMBERS PRESENT.

Bhí na comhaltaí seo a leanas i láthair:

The following Members were present:

An Teachta Donnacha Ó Neachtain (*i gCeannas*), An Teachta Heather Mhic Unfraidh (*An tAire Coimirce Sóisialaí, Forbartha Pobail agus Tuaithe, agus na nOileán*), na Teachtaí, Clár Ní Chearáin, Seosamh Ó Ciardha, Pól Ó Donnghaile, Marc Ó Cathasaigh, agus Éamon Ó Cuív

Deputy Denis Naughten (*in the Chair*), Deputy Heather Humphreys (*Minister for Social Protection, Community and Rural Development and The Islands*), Deputies Claire Kerrane, Joe Carey, Paul Donnelly, Marc Ó Cathasaigh and Éamon Ó Cuív.

3. BREITHNIÚ AR MHEASTACHÁIN ATHBHREITHNITHE BHREISE I GCOMHAIR SEIRBHÍSÍ POIBLÍ.

3. CONSIDERATION OF FURTHER REVISED ESTIMATE FOR PUBLIC SERVICES.

Bhreithnigh an Coiste an Meastachán Athbreithnithe Breise seo a leanas i gcomhair Seirbhísí Poiblí don bhliain dar críoch an 31 Nollaig, 2020 –

The Committee considered the following Further Revised Estimate for Public Services for the year ending 31st December 2020 –

Vóta 37 (Coimirce Sóisialaí) Meastachán Athbhreithnithe Breise)

Vote 37 (Social Protection) (Further Revised Estimate).

Críochnaíodh an breithniú ar an Meastachán

Consideration of the Estimate was concluded.

Cuireadh teachtaireacht chun na Dála de réir Bhuan-Ordú 90 á chur in iúl di gur chríochnaigh an Coiste a bhreithniú ar an Meastachán.

Message sent to the Dáil in accordance with Standing Order 90 acquainting it that the Committee had completed its consideration of the Estimate.

4. ATHLÁ.

4. ADJOURNMENT.

Chuaigh an Coiste ar athló ar 10:20 a.m. *sine die*.

The Committee adjourned at 10:20 a.m. *sine die*.



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Denis Naughten, T.D.  
Chairperson  
04 February 2021

**IMEACHTAÍ AN ROGHCHOISTE UM CHOIMIRCE SHÓISIALACH, FORBAIRT POBAIL AGUS TUAITHE AGUS NA HOILEÁIN.**  
**PROCEEDINGS OF THE SELECT COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL PROTECTION COMMUNITY AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND THE ISLANDS.**

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*Dé Déardaoin 18 Samhain, 2020*

*Thursday 18 November 2020,*

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1. Chruinnigh an Coiste ar 9.00 a.m.

1. The Committee met at 9.00 a.m.

2. COMHALTAÍ I LÁTHAIR<sup>4</sup>.

2. MEMBERS PRESENT<sup>5</sup>.

Bhí na comhaltaí seo a leanas i láthair:

The following Members were present:

An Teachta Donnacha Ó Neachtain (*i gCeannas*), An Teachta Seosamh Ó Briain, (*Aire Stáit ag an Roinn Forbartha Tuaithe agus Pobail*), na Teachtaí Éamon Ó Cuív, Seosamh Ó Ciardha, Sionhán Ní Choileáin, Pól Ó Donnghaile agus Marc Ó Cathasaigh.

Deputy Denis Naughten (*in the Chair*), Deputy Joe O'Brien (*Minister of State Department of Community and Rural Development*) Deputies Éamon Ó Cuív, Joe Carey, Joan Collins, Paul Donnelly and Marc Ó Cathasaigh.

3. BREITHNIÚ AR MHEASTACHÁIN I GCOMHAIR SEIRBHÍSÍ POIBLÍ -

3. ESTIMATES FOR PUBLIC SERVICES.

Bhreithnigh an Coiste an Meastachán Athbhreithnithe seo a leanas i gcomhair Seirbhísí Poiblí don bhliain dar críoch an 31 Nollaig, 2020 –

The Committee considered the Revised Estimates for Public Services for the year ending 31st December 2020 –

Vóta 42 (An Roinn Forbartha Tuaithe agus Pobail) (Meastachán Fhorlíontacha do Sheirbhísí Poiblí 2020)

Vote 42 (Community and Rural Development) (Supplementary Estimates for Public Services 2020)

Críochnaíodh an breithniú ar an Meastachán. Cuireadh teachtaireacht chun na Dála de réir Bhuan-Ordú 90 á chur in iúl di gur chríochnaigh an Coiste a bhreithniú ar an Meastachán.

Consideration of the Estimate was concluded. Message sent to the Dáil in accordance with Standing Order 90 acquainting it that the Committee had completed its consideration of the Estimate.

4. ATHLÁ.

4. ADJOURNMENT.

Chuaigh an Coiste ar athló ar 9:40 a.m. *sine die*

The Committee adjourned at 9:40 a.m. *sine die*.

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<sup>4</sup> Ghlac an Teachta Marc Ó Cathasaigh ionad an Teachta Donnacha Ó Neachtain (ar feadh cuid den chruinniú) [B.O. 95(2)].

<sup>5</sup> Deputy Marc Ó Cathasaigh substituted for Deputy Denis Naughten (for part of the meeting) [S.O. 95(2)].

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Denis Naughten, T.D.  
Chairperson  
4 February 2021

**IMEACHTAÍ AN ROGHCHOISTE UM CHOIMIRCE SHÓISIALACH, FORBAIRT POBAIL AGUS TUAITHE AGUS NA HOILEÁIN.**

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE SELECT COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL PROTECTION COMMUNITY AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND THE ISLANDS.**

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*Dé Céadaoin 26 Bealtaine, 2021*

*Wednesday 26 May, 2021,*

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1. Chruinnigh an Coiste ar 9:35 a.m.

1. The Committee met at 9:35 a.m.

2. COMHALTAÍ I LÁTHAI

2. MEMBERS PRESENT

Bhí na comhaltaí seo a leanas i láthair:

The following Members were present:

An Teachta Donnacha Ó Neachtain (*i gCeannas*), , An Teachta Heather Mhic Unfraidh, (*Aire Coimirce Sóisialaí, Forbartha Tuaithe agus Pobail*), na Teachtaí Clár Ní Chearáin, Éamon Ó Cuív, Seosamh Ó Ciardha, Siobhán Ní Choileáin, Pól Ó Donnghaile agus Marc Ó Cathasaigh.

Deputy Denis Naughten (*in the Chair*), Deputy Heather Humphreys (*Minister for Social Protection, Community and Rural Development*) Deputies Claire Kerrane, Éamon Ó Cuív, Joe Carey, Joan Collins, Paul Donnelly and Marc Ó Cathasaigh.

3. Breithniú ar Mheastacháin i gComhair Seirbhísí Poiblí.

3. ESTIMATES FOR PUBLIC SERVICES.

Bhreithnigh an Coiste an Meastachán (na Meastacháin)/D'athchrom an Coiste ar bhreithniú an Mheastacháin (na Meastachán) seo a leanas i gcomhair Seirbhísí Poiblí don bhliain dar críoch an 31 Nollaig, 2021 –

The Committee considered the Further Revised Estimate(s) for Public Services for the year ending 31st December, 2020 –

Vóta 37 (Meastacháin Fhorlíontacha (Pobail agus Tuaithe, agus Coimirce Sóisialaí) do Meastachán Athbhreithnithe Sheirbhísí Poiblí 2021

Vote 37 (Community and Rural Development, and Social Protection)) Further Revised Estimates for Public Services 2021

Críochnaíodh an breithniú ar an Meastachán'

Consideration of the Estimate was concluded.

Cuireadh teachtaireacht chun na Dála de réir Bhuan-Ordú 90 á chur in iúl di gur chríochnaigh an Coiste a bhreithniú ar an Meastachán.

Message sent to the Dáil in accordance with Standing Order 90 acquainting it that the Committee had completed its consideration of the Estimate.

4. ATHLÁ.

4. ADJOURNMENT.

Chuaigh an Coiste ar athló ar 11:15 a.m. *sine die*.

The Committee adjourned at 11:15 a.m. *sine die*.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Denis Naughten", is positioned above a solid horizontal line. The signature is written in a cursive style.

Denis Naughten, T.D.  
Chairperson  
4 February 2021

**IMEACHTAÍ AN ROGHCHOISTE UM CHOIMIRCE SHÓISIALACH, FORBAIRT POBAIL AGUS TUAITHE AGUS NA HOILEÁIN**

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE SELECT COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL PROTECTION COMMUNITY AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND THE ISLANDS.**

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*Dé Céadaoin 16 Meitheamh, 2021*

*Wednesday 16 June, 2021,*

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1. Chruinnigh an Coiste ar 9:30 a.m.

1. The Committee met at 9:30 a.m.

2. COMHALTAÍ I LÁTHAI

2. MEMBERS PRESENT

Bhí na comhaltaí seo a leanas i láthair:

The following Members were present:

An Teachta Donnacha Ó Neachtain (*i gCeannas*), , An Teachta Heather Mhic Unfraidh, (*Aire Coimirce Sóisialaí, Forbartha Tuaithe agus Pobail*), an Teachta Seosamh Ó Briain (*Aire Stait ag an Roinn Forbartha Tuaithe agus Pobail*) na Teachtaí Clár Ní Chearáin, Éamon Ó Cuív, Seosamh Ó Ciardha, Siobhán Ní Choileáin, Pól Ó Donnghaile agus Marc Ó Cathasaigh.

Deputy Denis Naughten (*in the Chair*), Deputy Heather Humphreys (*Minister for Social Protection, Community and Rural Development*) Deputy Joe O'Brien (*Minister of State Department of Community and Rural Development*) Deputies Claire Kerrane, Éamon Ó Cuív, Joe Carey, Joan Collins, Paul Donnelly and Marc Ó' Cathasaigh.

3. Breithniú ar Mheastacháin i gComhair Seirbhísí Poiblí.

3. ESTIMATES FOR PUBLIC SERVICES.

Bhreithnigh an Coiste an Meastachán (na Meastacháin)/D'athchrom an Coiste ar bhreithniú an Mheastacháin (na Meastachán) seo a leanas i gcomhair Seirbhísí Poiblí don bhliain dar críoch an 31 Nollaig, 2021 –

The Committee considered the Further Revised Estimate(s) for Public Services for the year ending 31st December, 2021 –

Vóta 42 (Meastacháin Fhorlíontacha (Pobail agus Tuaithe, agus Coimirce Sóisialaí) do Meastachán Athbhreithnithe Sheirbhísí Poiblí 2021

Vote 42 (Community and Rural Development, and Social Protection)) Further Revised Estimates for Public Services 2021

Críochnaíodh an breithniú ar an Meastachán'

Consideration of the Estimate was concluded.

Cuireadh teachtaireacht chun na Dála de réir Bhuan-Ordú 90 á chur in iúl di gur chríochnaigh an Coiste a bhreithniú ar an Meastachán.

Message sent to the Dáil in accordance with Standing Order 90 acquainting it that the Committee had completed its consideration of the Estimate.

4. ATHLÁ.

Chuaigh an Coiste ar athló ar 11:30 a.m. *sine die*.

4. ADJOURNMENT.

The Committee adjourned at 11:30 a.m. *sine die*.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Denis Naughten", written over a horizontal line.

Denis Naughten, T.D.  
Chair  
04 February 2021

**IMEACHTAÍ AN ROGHCHOISTE UM CHOIMIRCE SHÓISIALACH, FORBAIRT POBAIL AGUS TUAITHE AGUS NA HOILEÁIN**

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE SELECT COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL PROTECTION COMMUNITY AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND THE ISLANDS.**

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*Dé Céadaoin 01 Nollaig, 2021*

*Wednesday 01 December, 2021,*

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1. Chruinnigh an Coiste ar 9:30 a.m.

1. The Committee met at 9:30 a.m.

2. COMHALTAÍ I LÁTHAI

2. MEMBERS PRESENT

Bhí na comhaltaí seo a leanas i láthair:

The following Members were present:

An Teachta Donnacha Ó Neachtain (*i gCeannas*), , An Teachta Heather Mhic Unfraidh, (*Aire Coimirce Sóisialaí, Forbartha Tuaithe agus Pobail*), na Teachtaí Clár Ní Chearáin, Éamon Ó Cuív, Seosamh Ó Ciardha, Siobhán Ní Choileáin, Pól Ó Donnghaile agus Marc Ó Cathasaigh.

Deputy Denis Naughten (*in the Chair*), Deputy Heather Humphreys (*Minister for Social Protection, Community and Rural Development*) Deputies Claire Kerrane, Éamon Ó Cuív, Joe Carey, Joan Collins, Paul Donnelly and Marc Ó' Cathasaigh.

3. Breithniú ar Mheastacháin i gComhair Seirbhísí Poiblí.

3. ESTIMATES FOR PUBLIC SERVICES.

Bhreithnigh an Coiste an Meastachán (na Meastacháin)/D'athchrom an Coiste ar bhreithniú an Mheastacháin (na Meastachán) seo a leanas i gcomhair Seirbhísí Poiblí don bhliain dar críoch an 31 Nollaig, 2021 –

The Committee considered the Further Revised Estimate(s) for Public Services for the year ending 31st December, 2021 –

Vóta 42 (Meastacháin Fhorlíontacha (Pobail agus Tuaithe, agus Coimirce Sóisialaí) do Meastachán Athbhreithnithe Sheirbhísí Poiblí 2021

Vote 42 (Community and Rural Development, and Social Protection)) Further Revised Estimates for Public Services 2021

Críochnaíodh an breithniú ar an Meastachán'

Consideration of the Estimate was concluded.

Cuireadh teachtaireacht chun na Dála de réir Bhuan-Ordú 90 á chur in iúl di gur chríochnaigh an Coiste a bhreithniú ar an Meastachán.

Message sent to the Dáil in accordance with Standing Order 90 acquainting it that the Committee had completed its consideration of the Estimate.

4. ATHLÁ.

4. ADJOURNMENT.



Chuaigh an Coiste ar athló ar 10:50 a.m. *sine die*.

The Committee adjourned at 10:50 a.m. *sine die*.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Denis Naughten", written over a horizontal line. The signature is cursive and appears to be on a light-colored, textured background.

Denis Naughten, T.D.  
Chair  
04 February 2021