

News & Appointments

Dáil committees resume meetings next week following summer recess

The Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation Committee will meet next week to discuss worker owner co-operatives in the industrial and service sector. Mr Bill Kelly from Meitheal Mid-West will attend. Meitheal Mid-West is an organisation for mid-west entrepreneurs comprising of local business leaders and social enterprise advocates dedicated to promoting the sustainable co-operative social business model as an alternative economic development approach. The meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 4 at 1.30pm in committee room 2.



The Dáil will resume on September 18 at 2pm while the Seanad has been adjourned *sine die*. PAI will be keeping you up to date as the Oireachtas meetings resume. Daily updates can be found at www.publicaffairsireland.com/news

Appointments

Sean Finlay has been appointed as Business Development Manager of Geoscience Ireland, a consortium of four consultancy companies who supply geoscience services in Ireland and abroad. It is supported by the Geological Survey of Ireland and Enterprise Ireland.

Ian Drennan has been appointed as the Director of Corporate Enforcement, replacing Paul Appleby who

has held the post since the establishment of the Office of the Director of Corporate Enforcement in 2001.

Additionally, the Revenue Commissioners have also announced Mr Michael Gladney as the new Collector-General. He replaces Gerry Harrahill who will take up the position of head of Revenue's Corporate Affairs and Customs Division.

In the next issue of the PAI Journal

Sarah Kilduff speaks with Matthew Elderfield, Head of Financial Regulation at the Central Bank who says he feels progress has been achieved in restructuring and strengthening the banks, yet admits much remains to be done. He also expresses concern in relation to the recent technical errors at Ulster Bank saying that it was particularly concerning that "such problems could persist for so long, to such detriment of consumers, and expose the weakness of contingency plans".

Also in this issue: Dermot O'Leary, Goodbody Stockbrokers, provides an update on Ireland's key economic issues; Bríd Munnely and Carina Lawlor, MOP, discuss the implications of the Criminal Justice (Prevention of Corruption) Bill 2012 for the public and private sectors; and Kieran O'Hea offers his view of how Ireland's digital policy agenda should progress. For more information on how to receive the Journal click here.



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The Future of HR in the Public Sector Public Affairs Ireland Annual HR Conference

Thursday 27th September 2012, The Westin Hotel, Dublin, 9am - 3.30pm

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: Brendan Howlin TD, Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform

This full-day conference – for managers, employees and union representatives – will address the key themes now emerging in public sector HR:

- The Croke Park Agreement Performance to Date and Future Prospects
- Innovations in Public Sector Industrial Relations
- Innovations in Pay, Promotions, Performance

These and other compelling themes will be discussed at this year's annual PAI HR Conference for the Public Sector. Please click here for more.

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Developments in public procurement: eProcurement and invoicing in Ireland

- Benefits and opportunities for the public and private sectors

Thursday 18 October 2012, Alexander Hotel Dublin, 9am - 1.30pm

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: Brian Hayes TD, Minister of State at the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform with special responsibility for OPW and Public Sector Reform

While many European countries including Ireland already use electronic procurement to make tendering of public sector contracts simpler and more efficient, most of these solutions are implemented solely on a national or regional level.

This half-day conference will address the key issues and seek to broaden the debate in Ireland about electronic procurement, tendering, invoicing and the whole process of electronic communications in procurement. Public sector procurement officers should attend this conference to hear about recent developments, as should suppliers who tender for public sector contracts. Please click here for more information.

Education & Training

PAI Professional Development has developed a new prospectus of events for this coming Autumn semester. This prospectus provides comprehensive details on all of our scheduled courses and seminars. Please click here for more.

The Autumn semester, in addition to our two conferences as detailed above, offers another busy schedule of timely, topical seminars and courses that will help you reach your full potential. We are hosting a range of events covering all aspects of the public sector from clerical skills, public finance, public procurement, leadership & management, IT & cloud computing, HR management and everything in between.

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