

# DÁIL ÉIREANN

## *Fógraí Tairisceana : Notices of Motions*

“Go mbreithneoidh Dáil Éireann an Tuarascáil ón gComhchoiste um Poist, Fiontair agus Nuálaíocht dar teideal ‘Grinnscrúdú ar an mBille um Chonarthaí Uaireanta Bandáilte, 2016’, ar leagadh cóipeanna di faoi bhráid Dháil Éireann an 30 Meitheamh 2017.

That Dáil Éireann shall consider the Report of the Joint Committee on Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation entitled ‘Scrutiny of Banded Hours Contract Bill 2016’, copies of which were laid before Dáil Éireann on 30th June, 2017.”

—*Mary Butler,*  
*Chairman of the Joint Committee on Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation.*

“That Dáil Éireann:

recognises:

- that full employment, where possible, is the aim of all parties in this House;
- the need for employment support schemes such as the Community Employment (CE) scheme, Tús, the Rural Social Scheme (RSS) and JobPath;
- that employment support schemes have a dual function of employment activation and social inclusion;
- that employment support schemes have assisted thousands of people into employment;
- that communities throughout Ireland have benefited immensely from work carried out under employment support schemes;
- that employment support schemes have often enabled delivery of services and local supports where State provision of same has not been fully accessible and that such schemes have been a partner of the State in supporting some of the most vulnerable communities;
- that many non-profit organisations and charities rely heavily upon employment support staff in a cycle of community provision, individual retraining and upskilling, and placement;
- that the activity facilitated by employment support schemes is worthwhile and valuable in its own right completely aside from its contribution towards other job activation or longer term goals; and
- that those who participate in employment support schemes make a valuable contribution to their communities and assist in providing often much needed and vital services in their locality; and

calls for:

- the Government to ensure that the social inclusion element of employment support schemes is recognised and supported;
- the Government to recognise that participation in employment support schemes such as the CE scheme, Tús and the RSS is dignified and gainful employment;
- the Minister for Social Protection to immediately review the impact that JobPath is

having on CE schemes in particular, with a view to ensuring that those who wish to continue to participate on CE schemes are able to do so, and to also ensure that JobPath is not draining CE schemes of participants;

- an appropriate assessment be carried out at time of entry to JobPath, or shortly afterwards in a form of probationary period, to ascertain whether the individual is best suited to the proposed programme, or whether further engagement and participation in a CE scheme would be more beneficial;
- the Minister for Social Protection to immediately amend the rule to enable a participant in a JobPath programme, where they have been serving in a CE scheme immediately prior, to continue involvement in a CE scheme in parallel, subject to the requirements of availability to the JobPath programme and where it would not be detrimental to same;
- the Minister for Social Protection to immediately amend the rule whereby a person can only participate on Tús for a twelve month period and once completed is unable to participate again on Tús for three years;
- the Minister for Social Protection to ensure that the review of participation limits for older people on employment support schemes is cognisant of the complexities that older people face in trying to access or re-enter the labour market, and that employment support schemes can be the mechanism whereby older people can continue to make a contribution to society up until they reach retirement age;
- the Minister for Social Protection to ensure that the budget for employment support schemes is sufficient to cover consumable services and materials, including insurance; and
- the Government to ensure that employment support schemes are adequately resourced, including training and continuous professional development, as appropriate, for supervisors.” — *James Lawless, Willie O’Dea, Éamon Ó Cuív, Darragh O’Brien, Barry Cowen, Bobby Aylward, John Brassil, Declan Breathnach, James Browne, Mary Butler, Thomas Byrne, Jackie Cahill, Dara Calleary, Pat Casey, Shane Cassells, Jack Chambers, Lisa M. Chambers, Niall Collins, John Curran, Timmy Dooley, Sean Fleming, Pat the Cope Gallagher, Seán Haughey, Billy Kelleher, John Lahart, Marc MacSharry, Micheál Martin, Charlie McConalogue, Michael McGrath, John McGuinness, Aindrias Moynihan, Michael Moynihan, Eugene Murphy, Margaret Murphy O’Mahony, Jim O’Callaghan, Kevin O’Keeffe, Fiona O’Loughlin, Frank O’Rourke, Anne Rabbitte, Eamon Scanlon, Brendan Smith, Niamh Smyth, Robert Troy, Stephen S. Donnelly.*

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