



# MID-LOUTH UPDATE

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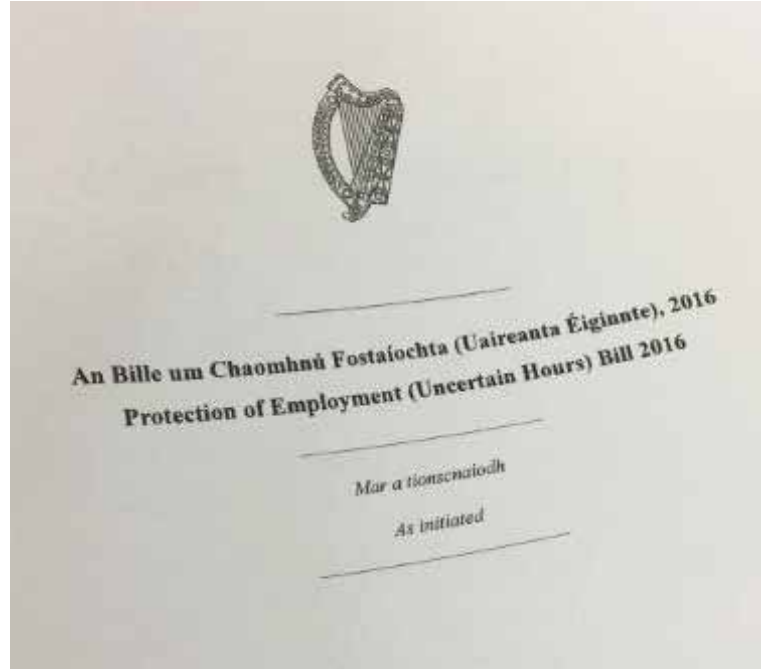
## SEANAD PASSES GED'S BILL ON "ZERO HOUR CONTRACTS"

I am delighted that the new legislation I drafted to end "Zero-Hour" contracts was passed by the Seanad.

Work should always pay and I am determined to finish the job I started as a TD and Minister.

There are still too many people going to bed on a Sunday night not knowing how many hours they will work that week and therefore how much they will earn.

The Uncertain Hours Bill 2016 will provide more certainty and guarantees over working hours and better income security for hard working families.



*Ged Nash's Bill on Uncertain Hours work has passed Second Stage in the Seanad*

## ARDEE BY-PASS SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN NATIONAL PLAN



A by-pass for Ardee should be included in any proposed new national Capital Investment Plan.

I have called on the Minister for Transport to adopt the Labour Party's recommendation for an early review and enhancement of the national programme for road building and other important transport infrastructure.

That programme should include the much-needed Ardee by-pass. A by-pass for the town would not only address traffic congestion but would also allow the town to develop its potential for tourism and economic development.

# THE MILL (PHASE 2) TO OPEN SOON



Ged and Brendan Howlin speaking to Breannan O'Casey, Manager of the Mill Enterprise Hub.  
Phase 2 of the centre is nearing completion

Phase 2 of the very successful Enterprise Hub, The Mill will open shortly.

I secured €250,000 from the REDZ programme (the highest allocation for any town) for this project which will support entrepreneurship and job creation in Drogheda, South Louth & East Meath.

See [www.themilldrogheda.ie](http://www.themilldrogheda.ie) for more information.

## NASH DRAFTS BILL TO PROVIDE FOR OVERDUE APOLOGY TO LGBT CITIZENS

It is only 23 years since Labour & Fianna Fáil in government introduced legislation to decriminalise homosexuality.

We have travelled a substantial journey since. We are all proud of the fact that Ireland is the first country in the world to endorse by popular vote the right for same-sex couples to marry.

I have introduced a Bill to the Seanad which provides for an apology to and the exoneration of gay men who were criminalised for being who they are and were, by Ireland's laws pre-1993.

This is an important milestone on the road to full equality in our society and I am hopeful that all parties will support this Bill.



Senators Ged Nash and Ivana Bacik launch Ged's Bill for a State apology to and exoneration for LGBT citizens who were convicted of certain offences prior to the decriminalisation of homosexuality.



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