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THE COMMITTEE SYSTEM & THE PRESIDENT

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The work of parliament is very broad and sometimes very detailed. Members have to deal with an ever-increasing volume of business. The committee system gives them more opportunities to take part in the work of the parliament.

This is one of the four Committee Rooms in Leinster House. Committees are formed to make sure that Dáil Éireann and Seanad Éireann can review the work of the Government, TDs and Senators.

Each of these committees examine a specific area of Government business, such as Transport or Foreign Affairs. Generally speaking the committees mirror Government Departments. Committees examine proposed legislation in detail, monitor Government spending and often invite organisations with a special interest in a topic to contribute to their work.

Committees are also the only forum where Members of the Parliament may interact with the public. Journalists and members of the public are allowed to attend public meetings and you can also watch the proceedings online.