

## **How the Irish MEPs voted in the May Plenary (May 17-20)**

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### **Food additives other than colours and sweeteners (bovine and/or porcine thrombin) – “Meat Glue”**

#### **Subject of the vote**

Meat glue is used by the meat industry to bind together smaller pieces of meat and sell them as a single piece. The use of meat glue can greatly increase the chances of bacteria on meat and poses a health risk.

**Reference number:** (B7-0264/2010)

#### **For**

Aylward (FF), Joe Higgins (SP), Alan Kelly (Lab), De Rossa (Lab), Childers (Lab).

#### **Against**

Nicholson (UCUNF), Dodds (DUP), Mitchell (FG), Seán Kelly (FG), Jim Higgins (FG), McGuinness (FG)

#### **Abstain**

Harkin (Ind), Gallagher (FF),

#### **Did not vote/ not present for vote**

De Brún (SF), Crowley (FF)

**Overall result:** Adopted with 370 votes in favour against 261 (32 abstentions)

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### **Equal treatment between men and women engaged in an activity in a self-employed capacity – Maternity rights for self-employed workers**

#### **Subject of the vote**

Proposal for the extension of maternity leave rights of 14 weeks to self-employed women as well as to the partners of the self-employed. An extremely important vote in the context of the widespread use of bogus “self-employed” contracts.

**Reference number:** A7-0146/2010

#### **For**

Joe Higgins (SP), Gallagher (FF), Harkin (Ind), Seán Kelly (FG), Mitchell (FG), McGuinness (FG), Jim Higgins (FG), Alan Kelly (Lab), Childers (Lab)

**Against**

Nicholson (UCUNF), Dodds (DUP)

**Not present for vote**

Crowley (FF), Alyward (FF), De Rossa (Lab), De Brún (SF)

**Overall result**

Adopted with 532 votes in favour against 30 (36 abstentions)