

REPORT OF THE BUSINESS COMMITTEE

ARRANGEMENTS FOR BUSINESS AND BUSINESS SCHEDULE FOR

WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY, 17 - 18 SEPTEMBER 2025

Wednesday 17 September 2025 (2:00 p.m. - 9:23 p.m.)

Leaders' Questions (<i>Sinn Féin, Labour Party, Social Democrats, Independent and Parties Technical Group</i>)	2.00 p.m. - 2.34 p.m. (34 mins)
Other Members' Questions	2.34 p.m. - 2.42 p.m. (8 mins)
Order of Business and Questions on Policy or Legislation	2.42 p.m. - 3.12 p.m. (30 mins)
Motion(s) without debate	3.12 p.m. - 3.13 p.m. (1 min)
- Motion <i>re</i> Agreement on the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Marine Biological Diversity of Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction ('BBNJ Agreement') (<i>any division claimed to be taken immediately</i>) (<i>Dept of Climate, Energy and the Environment</i>)	
Taoiseach's Questions	3.13 p.m. - 3.58 p.m. (45 mins)
Government Business	3.58 p.m. - 6.23 p.m. (145 mins)
- Statements on National Human Rights Strategy for Disabled People 2025-2030 (<i>not to exceed 2 hours and 25 minutes</i>) (<i>Dept of Children, Disability and Equality</i>)	
Private Members' Business (Sinn Féin)	6.23 p.m. - 8.23 p.m. (120 mins)
- Motion <i>re</i> Special Education School Places	
Topical Issues	8.23 p.m. - 9.23 p.m. (60 mins)
Adjournment	9.23 p.m.

Thursday 18 September 2025 (8:47 a.m. - 7:17 p.m.)

P.Q.s: Oral – Tánaiste and Minister for Defence	8.47 a.m. - 10.23 a.m. (96.5 mins)
P.Q.s: Oral - Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment	10.23 a.m. - 12.00 p.m. (96.5 mins)
Leaders' Questions (<i>Sinn Féin, Labour Party, Social Democrats, Independent Technical Group</i>)	12.00 p.m. - 12.34 p.m. (34 mins)
Other Members' Questions	12.34 p.m. - 12.42 p.m. (8 mins)
Questions on Policy or Legislation	12.42 p.m. - 1.12 p.m. (30 mins)
SOS	1.12 p.m. - 1.52 p.m. (40 mins)
Government Business	1.52 p.m. - 4.17 p.m. (145 mins)
- Statements on Migration (<i>not to exceed 2 hours and 25 minutes</i>) (<i>Dept of Justice, Home Affairs and Migration</i>)	
Private Members' Business (Independent Technical Group)	4.17 p.m. - 6.17 p.m. (120 mins)
- Motion <i>re</i> Anti-Social Behavior	
Topical Issues	6.17 p.m. - 7.17 p.m. (60 mins)
Adjournment	7.17 p.m.

The proposed arrangements for the taking of business are as follows:

ARRANGEMENTS FOR BUSINESS

Wednesday proposal no. 1 - Arrangements for business

- The ordinary routine of business as contained in Schedule 3 to Standing Orders shall be modified to the extent that, notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 34(1)—
 - (a) the Order of Business and Questions on Policy or Legislation shall be taken immediately following Other Members' Questions;
 - (b) private members' business may be taken later than 6.12 p.m. and shall in any event be taken on the conclusion of the Statements on National Human Rights Strategy for Disabled People 2025-2030;
 - (c) questions pursuant to Standing Order 47(1) to a Minister other than the Taoiseach shall not be taken; and
 - (d) topical issues shall be taken on the conclusion of private members' business

Wednesday proposal no. 2 - Motion *re* Agreement on the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Marine Biological Diversity of Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction ('BBNJ Agreement')

- The proceedings on the Motion *re* Agreement on the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Marine Biological Diversity of Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction ('BBNJ Agreement') shall be taken without debate and any division claimed thereon shall be taken immediately

Wednesday proposal no. 3 - Statements on National Human Rights Strategy for Disabled People 2025-2030

- The Statements on National Human Rights Strategy for Disabled People 2025-2030 shall not exceed 2 hours and 25 minutes and the order of speaking and allocation of time shall be as follows:
 - (a) the arrangements for the statements, not including the Ministerial response, shall be in accordance with the arrangements contained in the table immediately below (to be read across, not down);
 - (b) following the statements, a Minister or Minister of State shall be called upon to make a statement in reply which shall not exceed 10 minutes; and
 - (c) members may share time

	Gov	SF	Lab	Gov	SF
Mins	25	15	10	10	3
	SD	Gov	SF	IPTG	Gov
Mins	10	10	3	9	10
	SF	ITG	Gov	SF	OM
Mins	3	9	10	3	5

Thursday proposal no. 1 - Arrangements for business

- The ordinary routine of business as contained in Schedule 3 to Standing Orders shall be modified to the following extent:
 - (a) no motion for a Committee report pursuant to Standing Order 111 or private member's Bill pursuant to Standing Order 169 shall be taken;
 - (b) private members' business pursuant to Standing Order 168(1) and Standing Order 176 shall be taken for 2 hours on the conclusion of the Statements on Migration; and
 - (c) topical issues shall be taken on the conclusion of private members' business, and the Dáil shall adjourn on the conclusion of topical issues

Thursday proposal no. 2 - Statements on Migration

- The Statements on Migration shall not exceed 2 hours and 25 minutes and the order of speaking and allocation of time shall be as follows:
 - (a) the arrangements for the statements, not including the Ministerial response, shall be in accordance with the arrangements contained in the table immediately below (to be read across, not down);
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MEMBERS DISSENTING

Deputies Mac Lochlainn and O'Callaghan dissented in relation to the speaking order sequencing between Government and Opposition on first speaking rounds, and in relation to the speaking order generally.

Deputy Mac Lochlainn dissented in relation to the lack of a legislative amendment to increase the cap provided in the Remediation of Dwellings Damaged by the Use of Defective Concrete Blocks Act 2022.

UPCOMING THURSDAY EVENING BUSINESS

25 September 2025: Industrial Relations (Boycott of Joint Labour Committees) Bill 2025 (Second Stage) *(Deputy George Lawlor)*

2 October 2025: Developer Profits Transparency Bill 2023 (Second Stage) *(Deputy Rory Hearne)*

16 October 2025: Education (Amendment) Bill 2024 (Second Stage) *(Deputy Ruairí Ó Murchú)*

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12 September 2025