**REPORT OF THE BUSINESS COMMITTEE**

**ARRANGEMENTS FOR BUSINESS AND BUSINESS SCHEDULE FOR**

**WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY, 13 & 14 MAY 2020**

*(AS AGREED ON 7 MAY 2020)*

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**Wednesday 13 May 2020 (12.00 p.m. – 6.40 p.m.)**

**Government Business:** 12.00 p.m. – 6.40 p.m. *(400 mins)*

- Statement on Business Supports Update by the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation followed by Questions and Answers
- Statement by the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport on Covid-19 (focus on Transport) followed by Questions and Answers
- Statement by the Minister for Justice and Equality on Covid-19 followed by Questions and Answers

**Adjournment** 6.40 p.m.

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**Thursday 14 May 2020 (12.00 p.m. – 8.40 p.m.)**

**Government Business:** 12.00 p.m. – 8.40 p.m. *(520 mins)*

- Statements on Covid-19 (including Questions and Answers to the Taoiseach)

**Motion without debate:**

- Motion re withdrawal of Report by Seán Guerin SC dated 6th May 2014
- Statement by the Minister for Health and Questions and Answers on Covid-19
- Statement by the Minister for Education and Skills and Questions and Answers on Covid-19
- Statement by the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht on Covid-19 (focus on Arts) followed by Questions and Answers

**Adjournment** 8.40 p.m.

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

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**ARRANGEMENTS FOR BUSINESS**

**Wednesday proposal no. 1 – Business of the Dáil**

- Notwithstanding anything in Standing Orders, the only business to be taken this week shall be the business as set out in the Report of the Business Committee dated 7 May 2020, with no Questions on Promised Legislation

**Wednesday proposal no. 2 – Suspension of Sitting**

- Between each set of statements and Q&A, on each sitting day this week, the House shall suspend for a period not exceeding 20 minutes

**Wednesday proposal no. 3 – All Statements and Questions and Answers, except for those with the Taoiseach**

- The following arrangements shall apply to each set of statements and Questions and Answers this week, save for those with the Taoiseach
- Each set of statements and Questions and Answers to conclude within two hours
- Opening statement by a Minister or Minister of State of 10 minutes, followed by Questions and Answers not exceeding 110 minutes
- Questions and Answers by Fianna Fáil and Sinn Féin – 15 minutes each
- All other parties and groups – 10 minutes each

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**Thursday proposal no. 1 – Time of commencement and later sitting**
- Notwithstanding anything in Standing Orders, the Dáil shall sit at 12 noon on Thursday.
- The Dáil shall sit later than 8.03 p.m. and shall adjourn on the conclusion of Statement by the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht on Covid-19 (focus on Arts) followed by Questions and Answers.

**Thursday proposal no. 2 – Statements on Covid-19 (including Questions and Answers to the Taoiseach)**
- Statements on Covid-19 (including Questions and Answers to the Taoiseach) shall not exceed 100 minutes, with each party or group having 10 minutes.

**Thursday proposal no. 3 – Motion re withdrawal of Report by Seán Guerin SC dated 6th May 2014**
- Shall be taken without debate.
- Any divisions demanded shall be taken immediately.

**Thursday proposal no. 4 – Adjournment**
- The Dáil shall adjourn on the conclusion of Statement by the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht on Covid-19 (focus on Arts) followed by Questions and Answers, until 12 noon on Wednesday 20 May 2020.

**BUSINESS COMMITTEE**

*7 May 2020*