

**REPORT OF THE BUSINESS COMMITTEE**  
**ARRANGEMENTS FOR BUSINESS AND BUSINESS SCHEDULE FOR**  
**TUESDAY TO FRIDAY, 21 - 24 JULY 2020**  
*(AS AGREED ON 16 JULY 2020)*  
**and**  
**SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON COVID-19 RESPONSE**  
**TUESDAY and FRIDAY, 21 & 24 JULY 2020**  
*(AS AGREED ON 16 JULY 2020)*

**Tuesday 21 July 2020 (9.00 a.m. – 1.30 p.m.)**

Special Committee on COVID-19 Response – see page 6 for agreed arrangements.

**Tuesday 21 July 2020 (2.00 p.m. – 12.08 a.m.) [Dáil Éireann]**

Leaders' Questions (SF, LAB, SocDem, Sol-PBP)	2.00 p.m. – 2.32 p.m. (32 mins)
Order of Business and Questions on Promised Legislation	2.32 p.m. – 3.02 p.m. (30 mins)
<b>Motion without debate:</b>	
- Motion re Election of Leas-Cheann Comhairle	
<i>SOS (20 minutes)</i>	
Taoiseach's Questions	3.22 p.m. – 4.07 p.m. (45 mins)
P.Q.s: Oral - Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform	4.07 p.m. – 5.37 p.m. (90 mins)
<i>Private Notice Question (if any)</i>	
<i>SOS (20 minutes)</i>	
<b>Government Business:</b>	5.57 p.m. – 9.00 p.m. (3 hrs 03 mins)
- Credit Guarantee (Amendment) Bill 2020 - Order for Second Stage and Second Stage (Department of Finance)	
<i>SOS (20 minutes)</i>	
<b>Private Members Business (Sinn Féin):</b>	9.20 p.m. – 11.20 p.m. (120 mins)
- Motion re Childcare [working title]	
Topical Issues	11.20 p.m. – 12.08 p.m. (48 mins)
Adjournment	12.08 p.m.

**Wednesday 22 July 2020 (9.30 a.m. – 11.48 p.m.) [Convention Centre Dublin]**

<b>Government Business:</b>	9.30 a.m. – 10.30 a.m. (60 mins)
- Credit Guarantee (Amendment) Bill 2020 - Second Stage (resumed) (to conclude at 10.30 a.m. if not previously concluded)	
P.Q.s: Oral – Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht	10.30 a.m. – 12.00 p.m. (90 mins)
Leaders' Questions (SF, Reg Grp, RIG, Ind Grp)	12.00 p.m. – 12.32 p.m. (32 mins)
Questions on Promised Legislation	12.32 p.m. – 1.02 p.m. (30 mins)
Taoiseach's Questions	1.02 p.m. – 1.47 p.m. (45 mins)
<i>Private Notice Question (if any)</i>	
<b>Government Business:</b>	1.47 p.m. – 3.32 p.m. (105 mins)
- Statements post-European Council meeting of 17-18 July 2020, pursuant to Standing Order 124	
SOS	3.32 p.m. – 4.32 p.m. (60 mins)

<b>Government Business:</b>	4.32 p.m. – 9.00 p.m. (4 hrs 28 mins)
- National Oil Reserves Agency (Amendment) and Provisions of Central Treasury Services Bill 2020 - Amendment from the Seanad (to conclude after 1 hour if not previously concluded)	
- Credit Guarantee (Amendment) Bill 2020 - Committee and remaining stages (to conclude at 9.00 p.m. if not previously concluded)	
<b>Private Members' Business (Solidarity People Before Profit):</b>	9.00 p.m. – 11.00 p.m. (120 mins)
- TBC	
Topical Issues	11.00 p.m. – 11.48 p.m. (48 mins)
<i>Adjournment</i>	11.48 p.m.

### Thursday 23 July 2020 (9.30 a.m. – 10.16 p.m.) [Convention Centre Dublin]

Election of Leas-Cheann Comhairle	9.30 a.m. – 10.30 a.m. (60 mins)
P.Q.s: Oral – Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government	10.30 a.m. – 12.00 p.m. (90 mins)
Leaders' Questions (SF, LAB, SocDem, Reg Grp)	12.00 p.m. – 12.32 p.m. (32 mins)
Questions on Promised Legislation	12.32 p.m. – 1.02 p.m. (30 mins)
SOS	1.02 p.m. – 1.42 p.m. (40 mins)
<b>Government Business:</b>	1.42 p.m. – 8.45 p.m. (393 mins)
- Motion re Revised Estimate for Public Services 2020 – [Vote 11] (Department of Public Expenditure and Reform) (to conclude within 2 hours if not previously concluded)	
- Health (General Practitioner Service and Alteration of Criteria for Eligibility) Bill 2020 - All Stages (Second Stage to conclude after 3 hours, Committee and remaining stages to conclude at 8.45 p.m. if not previously concluded)	
Weekly divisions	8.45 p.m. – 9.28 p.m. (43 mins)
Topical Issues	9.28 p.m. – 10.16 p.m. (48 mins)
<i>Private Notice Question (if any)</i>	<i>immediately following Topical Issues</i>
<i>Adjournment</i>	10.16 p.m.

### Friday 24 July 2020 (10.30 a.m. – 4.30 p.m.) [Convention Centre Dublin]

<b>Government Business:</b>	10.30 a.m. – 4.30 p.m. (360 mins)
- Statements on the decision by the General Court of the European Union in the Apple case (to conclude after 1 hour if not previously concluded)	
- Ministers and Secretaries (Amendment) Bill 2020 [working title] [working title] – All Stages (Second Stage to conclude after 2 hours 30 minutes, Committee and remaining stages to conclude after 30 minutes, if not previously concluded)	
- Statement by the Minister for Health and Questions and Answers on Covid-19 (to conclude after 2 hours if not previously concluded)	
<i>Adjournment</i>	4.30 p.m.

### Friday 24 July 2020 (9.30 a.m. – 4.30 p.m.)

**Special Committee on COVID-19 Response** – see page 6 for agreed arrangements.

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

<b>ARRANGEMENTS FOR DÁIL BUSINESS</b>
<b>Tuesday proposal no. 1 – Late Sitting</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Dáil shall sit later than 10pm and shall adjourn on the conclusion of Topical Issues</li> </ul>
<b>Tuesday proposal no. 2 – Motion re Election of Leas-Cheann Comhairle</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Shall be taken without debate</li> <li>Any division shall be taken immediately</li> </ul>

**Tuesday proposal no. 3 – Suspension of sitting**

On the conclusion of–

- the Order of Business,
- Questions to the Minister Public Expenditure and Reform, and
- Second Stage of the Credit Guarantee (Amendment) Bill 2020

the House shall suspend for a period not exceeding 20 minutes

**Tuesday proposal no. 4 – Credit Guarantee (Amendment) Bill 2020 – Second Stage**

- To adjourn not later than 9 p.m. if not previously concluded
- Any division demanded on the conclusion of Second Stage shall be taken at the commencement of Committee Stage on Wednesday

**Tuesday proposal no. 5 – Private Members’ Business**

- Private Members’ Business shall be taken for not more than 2 hours at 9.20 p.m. or on the conclusion of the SOS following Second Stage of the Credit Guarantee (Amendment) Bill 2020, whichever is the earlier

**Tuesday proposal no. 6 – Topical Issues**

- Topical Issues shall be taken on the conclusion of the debate on Private Members’ Business

**Wednesday proposal no. 1 – Early sitting**

- In the event that Second Stage of the Credit Guarantee (Amendment) Bill 2020 does not conclude on Tuesday, the Dáil shall sit at 9.30 a.m. to consider the resumed Second Stage of the Bill; otherwise the Dáil shall meet at 10.30 a.m.
- If the debate on Second Stage concludes before 10.30 a.m. the sitting shall stand suspended until 10.30 a.m., and in any case, the proceedings on the Second Stage, if not previously concluded, shall be brought to a conclusion at 10.30 a.m.

**Wednesday proposal no. 2 – Late sitting**

- The Dáil shall sit later than 10.15 p.m. and shall adjourn on the conclusion of Topical Issues which shall take place immediately following Private Members’ Time

**Wednesday proposal no. 3 – Statements post European Council meeting of 17-18 July 2020, pursuant to Standing Order 124**

- Shall be taken on the conclusion of Questions to the Taoiseach under Standing Order 47 and shall be followed the SOS under Standing Order 25
- To conclude within 1 hour 45 minutes and to be confined to a single round of speeches, 20 minutes of questions and answers and a 5-minute wrap-up by a Minister or Minister of State
- The statements of the Taoiseach and the main spokespersons for parties and groups, or a member nominated in their stead - 10 minutes each
- All members may share time

**Wednesday proposal no. 4 – National Oil Reserves Agency (Amendment) and Provision of Central Treasury Services Bill 2020 – Amendment from the Seanad**

- To conclude within 1 hour if not previously concluded

**Wednesday proposal no. 5 – Credit Guarantee (Amendment) Bill 2020 – Committee and Remaining Stages**

- Proceedings on Committee and Remaining Stages shall, if not previously concluded, be brought to a conclusion not later than 9 p.m. by one Question, which shall in relation to amendments, include only those set down or accepted by the Minister for Finance

**Wednesday proposal no. 6 – Private Members’ Business**

- Private Members’ Business shall be taken for not more than 2 hours at 9.00 p.m. or on the conclusion Committee and Remaining Stages of the Credit Guarantee (Amendment) Bill 2020, whichever is the earlier

**Wednesday proposal no. 7 – Topical Issues**

- Topical Issues shall be taken on the conclusion of the debate on Private Members’ Business

**Thursday proposal no. 1 – Early sitting and Election of Leas-Cheann Comhairle**

- The Dáil shall sit at 9.30 a.m. to conduct the election of Leas-Cheann Comhairle

**Thursday proposal no. 2 – Late sitting**

- The Dáil shall sit later than 8.03 p.m. and shall adjourn on the conclusion of Topical Issues which shall be taken on the conclusion of the Voting Block

**Thursday proposal no. 3 – Weekly Divisions**

- The Weekly Division time under Standing Order 80 shall take place on the conclusion of the Health (General Practitioner Service and Alteration of Criteria for Eligibility) Bill 2020

**Thursday proposal no. 4 – Suspension of sitting**

The Suspension of Sitting under Standing Order 25 shall be taken on the conclusion of Questions on Promised Legislation under Standing Order 35

**Thursday proposal no. 5 – Revised Estimate for Public Services 2020 – [Votes 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 17, 18, 19, 39 and 43] (Public Enterprise and Reform Group)**

- The Group of Estimates shall be moved together and decided by one question, shall conclude within two hours, and speeches and Questions and Answers shall be confined to a single round, as follows:
  - Minister – 20-minute opening speech
  - Sinn Féin – 15 minutes
  - Labour Party, Social Democrats, Solidarity-People Before Profit, the Regional Group, the Rural Independent Group and the Independent Group – 8 minutes each
  - Fianna Fáil and Fine Gael – 15 minutes each; and
  - the Green Party – 8 minutes
- All members may share time

**Thursday proposal no. 6 – Health (General Practitioner Service and Alteration of Criteria for Eligibility) Bill 2020 - All Stages**

- Proceedings on Second Stage shall, if not previously concluded, be brought to a conclusion after 3 hours
- Committee and remaining stages shall, if not previously concluded, be brought to a conclusion not later than 8.45 p.m. by one Question, which shall in relation to amendments, include only those set down or accepted by the Minister for Health

**Thursday proposal no. 7 – Private Members' Bill/Committee Report**

- No private members' Bill or motion for a Committee Report shall be taken under Standing Order 159

**Proposal re Friday Sitting**

- The Dáil shall sit at 10.30 a.m. on Friday 24th July 2020 to take–
  - statements on the decision by the General Court of the European Union in the Apple case, which shall be brought to a conclusion within 1 hour
  - all stages of the Ministers and Secretaries (Amendment) Bill 2020 [working title] [working title],
  - statements by the Minister for Health and Questions and Answers on Covid-19, and
- In relation to the statements on the decision by the General Court of the European Union in the Apple case, the following arrangements shall apply:
  - opening statement by a Minister or Minister of State – 10 minutes;
  - all other parties and groups – 7 minutes each
- In relation to the Ministers and Secretaries (Amendment) Bill 2020 [working title] [working title], the following arrangements shall apply:
  - proceedings on Second Stage shall, if not previously concluded, be brought to a conclusion after 2 hours 30 minutes and speeches shall not exceed 10 minutes with a 5-minute wrap-up by a Minister or Minister of State; and
  - Committee and remaining stages shall, if not previously concluded, be brought to a conclusion after 30 minutes by one Question, which shall in relation to amendments, include only those set down or accepted by the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform
- In relation to the statement by the Minister for Health and Questions and Answers on Covid-19, the following arrangements shall apply:
  - shall be brought to a conclusion within two hours;
  - Opening statement by a Minister or Minister of State – 10 minutes;
  - Sinn Féin – 15 minutes;
  - All other parties and groups – 10 minutes each;
  - Fianna Fáil and Fine Gael – 15 minutes each; and
  - the Green Party – 10 minutes

**PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS**

Tuesday from 9.20 p.m. – 11.20 p.m.	Sinn Féin – Motion <i>re</i> Childcare [working title]
Wednesday from 9.00 p.m. – 11.00 p.m.	Solidarity People Before Profit – tbc

**BUSINESS COMMITTEE**  
***16 JULY 2020***

## BUSINESS SCHEDULE FOR THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON COVID-19 RESPONSE

TUESDAY & FRIDAY 21 & 24 JULY 2020

(AS AGREED ON 16 JULY 2020)

### Tuesday, 21 July 2020 (9.00 a.m.)

#### Proposed Business:

**9.00 a.m. – 9.05 a.m.**

Business of the Committee [*Private Session*]

**9.05 a.m. – 11.00 a.m.**

**Session 1** – *Infection rate among healthcare workers*

*SOS (30 minutes)*

**11.30 a.m. – 1.30 p.m.**

**Session 2** – *Infection rate among healthcare workers [resumed]*

### Friday, 24 July 2020 (9.30 a.m.)

#### Proposed Business:

**9.30 a.m. – 9.35 a.m.**

Business of the Committee [*Private Session*]

**9.35 a.m. – 11.30 a.m.**

**Session 1** – *Impact of Covid-19 on international travel*

*SOS (30 minutes)*

**12 noon – 2.00 p.m.**

**Session 2** – *Impact of Covid-19 on public transport provision*

*SOS (30 minutes)*

**2.30 p.m. – 4.30 p.m.**

**Session 3** – *Impact of Covid-19 on public transport provision [resumed]*

### ARRANGEMENTS FOR BUSINESS

#### ***Business of Special Committee on Covid-19 Response on Tuesday, 21 July 2020***

- It is proposed, notwithstanding anything in Standing Orders-
  - o the Committee shall meet at 9.00 a.m.;
  - o public session shall consist of two sessions on matters as advised to the Business Committee, each of which shall not exceed two hours;
  - o between each public session, the Committee shall suspend for a period of not less than 30 minutes; and
- The witnesses shall be as proposed to the Business Committee.

#### ***Business of Special Committee on Covid-19 Response on Friday, 24 July 2020***

- It is proposed, notwithstanding anything in Standing Orders-

- the Committee shall meet on 9.30a.m.;
  - public session shall consist of three sessions on matters as advised to the Business Committee, which shall not exceed two hours; and
  - between each public session, the Committee shall suspend for a period of not less than 30 minutes;
- The witnesses shall be as proposed to the Business Committee.