

REVISED (4) REPORT OF THE BUSINESS COMMITTEE

ARRANGEMENTS FOR BUSINESS AND BUSINESS SCHEDULE FOR

WEDNESDAY TO FRIDAY, 23 & 24 JULY 2020

(AS AGREED ON ~~16~~ 22 JULY 2020)

and

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON COVID-19 RESPONSE

FRIDAY, 24 JULY 2020

(AS AGREED ON 16 JULY 2020)

Thursday 23 July 2020 (9.30 a.m. – 10.56 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)
Government Business:	1.42 p.m. – 8.45 p.m. (7 hrs 3 mins)
- Motion re Revised Estimates for Public Services 2020 – [Votes 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 17, 18, 19, 39 and 43] (Public Enterprise and Reform Group) (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 (Department of Health) (Second Stage to conclude after 3 hours, Committee and Remaining Stages to conclude at 8.45 p.m. if not previously concluded)	
Motion re Membership of Committees	8.45 p.m. – 9.25 p.m. (40 mins)
Weekly divisions	9.25 p.m. – 10.08 p.m. (43 mins)
Topical Issues	10.08 p.m. – 10.56 p.m. (48 mins)
Private Notice Question (if any)	immediately following Topical Issues
Adjournment	10.56 p.m.

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

Government Business:	10.30 a.m. – 4.30 p.m. (6 hours)
- 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)	
- Statement by the Minister for Health and Questions and Answers on Covid-19 (to conclude after 2 hours and 5 minutes if not previously concluded)	
- Ministers and Secretaries (Amendment) Bill 2020 [working title] – All Stages (Department of Public Expenditure and Reform) (Second Stage to conclude after 2 hours 30 minutes, Committee and Remaining Stages to conclude after 30 minutes, if not previously concluded)	
Adjournment	4.30 p.m.

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

Special Committee on COVID-19 Response – see page 4 for agreed arrangements.

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

ARRANGEMENTS FOR DÁIL BUSINESS
<p>Thursday proposal no. 1 – Early sitting and Election of Leas-Cheann Comhairle</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Dáil shall sit at 9.30 a.m. in the Convention Centre Dublin and the election of Leas-Cheann Comhairle shall be conducted at 9.30 a.m.
<p>Thursday proposal no. 2 – Late sitting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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
<p>Thursday proposal no. 3 – Weekly Divisions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Weekly Division time under Standing Order 80 shall take place on the conclusion of all Stages of the Health (General Practitioner Service and Alteration of Criteria for Eligibility) Bill 2020
<p>Thursday proposal no. 3 4 – Suspension of sitting</p> <p>The Suspension of Sitting under Standing Order 25 shall be taken on the conclusion of Questions on Promised Legislation under Standing Order 35</p>
<p>Thursday proposal no. 4 5 – Revised Estimates for Public Services 2020 – [Votes 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 17, 18, 19, 39 and 43] (Public Enterprise and Reform Group)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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
<p>Thursday proposal no. 5 6 – Health (General Practitioner Service and Alteration of Criteria for Eligibility) Bill 2020 - All Stages</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proceedings on Second Stage shall, if not previously concluded, be brought to a conclusion after 3 hours, and any division demanded thereon shall be taken immediately 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
<p>Thursday proposal no. 6 – Motion re Membership of Committee, and Weekly Voting Block</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shall be taken on the conclusion of proceedings on all Stages of the Health (General Practitioner Service and alteration of Criteria for Eligibility) Bill 2020 and shall be followed by the Weekly Voting Block Shall be brought to a conclusion after 40 minutes and shall consist of single round of speeches by a Minister or Minister of State and all Opposition parties and groups, which shall not exceed 5 minutes in each case
<p>Thursday proposal no. 7 – Private Members’ Bill/Committee Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No private members’ Bill or motion for a Committee Report shall be taken under Standing Order 159
<p>Proposal re Friday Sitting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Dáil shall sit at 10.30 a.m., in the Convention Centre Dublin, on Friday 24th July 2020 to take– <ul style="list-style-type: none"> statements on the decision by the General Court of the European Union in the Apple case, statements by the Minister for Health and Questions and Answers on Covid-19, and all stages of the Ministers and Secretaries (Amendment) Bill 2020 [working title], 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> shall consist of a single round and shall be brought to a conclusion within 1 hour; opening statement by a Minister or Minister of State – 10 minutes;

- all other parties and groups – 7 minutes each
- 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 and 5 minutes;
 - Opening statement by a Minister or Minister of State – 10 minutes;
 - Sinn Féin – 15 minutes;
 - All other Opposition parties and groups – 10 minutes each;
 - Fianna Fáil and Fine Gael – 15 minutes each; and
 - the Green Party – 10 minutes
- In relation to the Ministers and Secretaries (Amendment) Bill 2020 [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.

MEMBER DISSENTING

Deputy Mattie McGrath dissents to the Dáil sitting in the Convention Centre Dublin.

BUSINESS COMMITTEE

22 JULY 2020

BUSINESS SCHEDULE FOR THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON COVID-19 RESPONSE

FRIDAY 24 JULY 2020

(AS AGREED ON 16 JULY 2020)

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 Friday, 24 July 2020

- It is proposed, notwithstanding anything in Standing Orders-
 - o the Committee shall meet on 9.30a.m.;
 - o public session shall consist of three sessions on matters as advised to the Business Committee, which shall not exceed two hours; and
 - o 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.