

**REPORT OF THE BUSINESS COMMITTEE**  
**ARRANGEMENTS FOR BUSINESS AND BUSINESS SCHEDULE FOR**  
**TUESDAY TO THURSDAY, 28 - 30 JULY 2020**  
*(AS AGREED ON 24 JULY 2020)*  
**and**  
**SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON COVID-19 RESPONSE**  
**TUESDAY and FRIDAY, 28 & 31 JULY 2020**  
*(AS AGREED ON 23 JULY 2020)*

**Tuesday 28 July 2020 (9.00 a.m. – 1.30 p.m.)**

**Special Committee on COVID-19 Response** – see page 5 for agreed arrangements.

**Tuesday 28 July 2020 (9.30 a.m. – 12.48 a.m.)** [*Convention Centre Dublin*]

<b>Government Business:</b>	9.30 a.m. – 2.00 p.m.
- Residential Tenancies and Valuation Bill 2020 – Order for Second Stage and Second Stage (Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government) (to conclude by 2 p.m. if not previously concluded; any division claimed taken after Order of Business)	
Leaders' Questions (SF, Reg Grp, RIG, Ind Grp)	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>Motions without debate:</b>	
- Motion re Presentation and Circulation of Revised Estimates [Votes 35 and 36] (Defence Group) and [Votes 7, 8, 9 and 10] (Finance Group)	
- Motion to Approve the terms of the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade)	
- Motion re Restoration of Bills	
- Motion re Opt-in Protocol for Residents' Permits for Third-Country Nationals (Department of Justice and Equality)	
- Motion re Airport Covid-19 Testing Centre (Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport)	
- Motion re Report of the Committee on Standing Orders and Dáil Reform – Amendments to Standing Orders relating to Committees – 22 <sup>nd</sup> July 2020	
- Motion to Instruct the Committee on Budgetary Oversight	
Taoiseach's Questions	3.02 p.m. – 3.47 p.m. (45 mins)
P.Q.s: Oral - Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade	3.47 p.m. – 5.17 p.m. (90 mins)
<b>Government Business:</b>	5.17 p.m. – 10.00 p.m. (4 hrs 43 mins)
- Social Welfare (Covid-19) (Amendment) Bill 2020 - All Stages (Department of Employment Affairs and Social Protection) (Second Stage - 3 hours; Committee and Remaining Stages to conclude not later than 9 p.m., if not previously concluded)	
<b>Private Members Business (Sinn Féin):</b>	10.00 p.m. – 12.00 p.m. (120 mins)
- Motion re Future of School Education	
Topical Issues	12.00 p.m. – 12.48 a.m. (48 mins)
Adjournment	12.48 a.m.

**Wednesday 29 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)
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- Financial Provisions (Covid-19) (No. 2) Bill 2020 - Order for Second Stage and Second Stage (Department of Finance)	
P.Q.s: Oral – Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection	10.30 a.m. – 12.00 p.m. (90 mins)
Leaders’ Questions (SF, LAB, SocDem, Sol-PBP)	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)
SOS	1.47 p.m. – 2.47 p.m. (60 mins)
<b>Government Business:</b>	2.47 p.m. – 9.00 p.m. (6hrs 13 mins)
- Financial Provisions (Covid-19) (No. 2) Bill 2020 – Second Stage ( <i>resumed, to conclude not later than 5.47 p.m. approx.</i> ), Committee and Remaining Stages ( <i>to conclude not later than 9 p.m., if not previously concluded</i> )	
<b>Private Members’ Business (Regional Group):</b>	9.00 p.m. – 11.00 p.m. (120 mins)
- Motion re Perjury and Related Offences Bill 2018 [ <i>Seanad</i> ]	
Topical Issues	11.00 p.m. – 11.48 p.m. (48 mins)
Adjournment	11.48 p.m.

### Thursday 30 July 2020 (9.30 a.m. – 11.56 p.m.) [Convention Centre Dublin]

<b>Government Business:</b>	9.30 a.m. – 10.30 a.m. (60 mins)
- Companies (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Covid-19) Bill 2020 [ <i>Seanad</i> ] – Second Stage (Department of Business, Enterprise and Innovation)	
P.Q.s: Oral – Minister for Education and Skills	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)
SOS	1.02 p.m. – 1.42 p.m. (40 mins)
<b>Government Business:</b>	1.42 p.m. – 9.00 p.m. (8 hrs 18 mins)
- Companies (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Covid-19) Bill 2020 [ <i>Seanad</i> ] – Second Stage ( <i>resumed, to conclude not later than 2.42 p.m. approx., if not previously concluded</i> ) and Remaining Stages ( <i>to conclude not later than 4 p.m., if not previously concluded</i> )	
- Residential Tenancies and Valuation Bill 2020 – Committee and Remaining Stages ( <i>to conclude not later than 6 p.m., if not previously concluded</i> )	
- Civil Law and Criminal Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2020 [ <i>Seanad</i> ] – All Stages (Department of Justice and Equality) ( <i>Second Stage - 2 hours; Committee and Remaining Stages to conclude not later than 9 p.m.</i> )	
Weekly divisions	9.00 p.m. – 9.43 p.m. (43 mins)
<b>Government Business:</b>	
- Statement by the Minister for Education and Skills and Questions and Answers (85 mins)	
Topical Issues	11.08 p.m. – 11.56 p.m. (48 mins)
Adjournment	11.56 p.m.

### Friday 31 July 2020 (9.30 a.m. – 12 noon)

**Special Committee on COVID-19 Response** – see page 5 for agreed arrangements.

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

<b>ARRANGEMENTS FOR DÁIL BUSINESS</b>
<b><i>Tuesday proposal no. 1 – Motion re Presentation and Circulation of Revised Estimates [Votes 35 and 36] (Defence Group) and [Votes 7 to 10] (Finance Group), Motion to Approve the terms of the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons, Motion re Restoration of Bills, Motion re Opt-in Protocol for Residents’ Permits for Third-Country Nationals, Motion re Airport Covid-19 Testing Centre, Motion re Report of the Committee on Standing Orders and Dáil Reform – Amendments to Standing Orders relating to Committees – 22nd July 2020 and Motion to Instruct the Committee on Budgetary Oversight</i></b>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Shall be taken without debate</li> <li>• Any division shall be taken immediately</li> </ul>
<p><b>Tuesday proposal no. 2 – Social Welfare (Covid-19) (Amendment) Bill 2020 - All Stages</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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</li> <li>• Committee and Remaining Stages shall, if not previously concluded, be brought to a conclusion not later than 10 p.m. by one Question, which shall in relation to amendments, include only those set down or accepted by the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection</li> </ul>
<p><b>Tuesday proposal no. 3 – Private Members’ Business</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Private Members’ Business shall be taken for not more than 2 hours at 10 p.m. or on the conclusion of proceedings on the Social Welfare (Covid-19) (Amendment) Bill 2020, whichever is the earlier</li> </ul>
<p><b>Tuesday proposal no. 4 – Late Sitting and Topical Issues</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Dáil shall sit later than 10 p.m. and shall adjourn on the conclusion of Topical Issues, which shall be taken immediately following Private Members’ Business</li> </ul>
<p><b>Wednesday proposal no. 1 – Dáil meeting in Convention Centre Dublin and Early sitting</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Dáil shall meet at 9.30 a.m., and shall sit in the Convention Centre Dublin</li> </ul>
<p><b>Wednesday proposal no. 2 – Financial Provisions (Covid-19) (No. 2) Bill 2020</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If there are no further speakers offering before 10.30 a.m., the debate shall be adjourned and the sitting shall stand suspended until 10.30 a.m.</li> <li>• Second Stage, if not previously concluded, shall be brought to a conclusion after 4 hours, and any division demanded thereon shall be taken immediately</li> <li>• 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</li> </ul>
<p><b>Wednesday proposal no. 3 – Private Members’ Business</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Private Members’ Business shall be taken for not more than 2 hours at 9 p.m. or on the conclusion of proceedings on the Financial Provisions (Covid-19) (No. 2) Bill 2020, whichever is the earlier</li> </ul>
<p><b>Wednesday proposal no. 4 – Late sitting</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Dáil shall sit later than 10.15 p.m. and shall adjourn on the conclusion of Topical Issues, which shall be taken immediately following Private Members’ Business</li> </ul>
<p><b>Thursday proposal no. 1 – Dáil meeting in Convention Centre Dublin and Early sitting</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Dáil shall meet at 9.30 a.m., and shall sit in the Convention Centre Dublin</li> </ul>
<p><b>Thursday proposal no. 2 – Companies (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Covid-19) Bill 2020 [Seanad]</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Second Stage, if not previously concluded, shall be brought to a conclusion after 2 hours, speeches shall not exceed 10 minutes, with a 5-minute wrap-up by a Minister or Minister of State, and any division demanded thereon shall be taken at the commencement of Committee Stage</li> <li>• Committee and Remaining Stages shall, if not previously concluded, be brought to a conclusion not later than 4 p.m., by one Question, which shall in relation to amendments, include only those set down or accepted by the Tánaiste and Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation</li> </ul>
<p><b>Thursday proposal no. 3 – Suspension of Sitting</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Suspension of Sitting under Standing Order 25 shall be taken on the conclusion of Questions on Promised Legislation under Standing Order 35</li> </ul>
<p><b>Thursday proposal no. 4 – Residential Tenancies and Valuation Bill 2020 – Committee and Remaining Stages</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Committee and Remaining Stages shall, if not previously concluded, be brought to a conclusion not later than 6 p.m. by one Question, which shall in relation to amendments, include only those set down or accepted by the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government</li> </ul>
<p><b>Thursday proposal no. 5 – Civil Law and Criminal Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2020 [Seanad] – All Stages</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Second Stage, if not previously concluded, shall be brought to a conclusion after 2 hours, speeches shall not exceed 10 minutes, with a 5-minute wrap-up by a Minister or Minister of State, and any division demanded thereon shall be taken immediately</li> </ul>

- 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 Justice and Equality

**Thursday proposal no. 6 – Weekly Divisions**

- The Weekly Division time under Standing Order 80 shall take place on the conclusion of proceedings on the Civil Law and Criminal Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2020 [*Seanad*]

**Thursday proposal no. 7 – Statement by the Minister for Education and Skills and Questions and Answers**

- To be taken following the Weekly Division Time
- To conclude within 85 minutes
- Opening statement by Minister – 10 minutes
- All Opposition parties and groups – 10 minutes each;
- 5-minute response by a Minister or Minister of State

**Thursday proposal no. 8 – Private Members’ Bill/Committee Report**

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

**Thursday proposal no. 9 – 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 Statement by the Minister for Education and Skills followed by Questions and Answers

**PRIVATE MEMBERS’ BUSINESS**

Tuesday from 10.00 p.m. – 12.00 p.m.	Sinn Féin – Future of School Education
Wednesday from 9.00 p.m. – 11.00 p.m.	Regional Group – Motion <i>re</i> Perjury and Related Offences Bill 2018 [ <i>Seanad</i> ]

**BUSINESS COMMITTEE**

**24 JULY 2020**

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

TUESDAY and FRIDAY 28 & 31 JULY 2020

(AS AGREED ON 23 JULY 2020)

### Tuesday, 28 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 – Impact of Covid-19 on Aviation*

*SOS (30 minutes)*

11.30 a.m. – 1.30 p.m.

*Session 2 – Impact of Covid-19 on Aviation [resumed]*

### Friday, 31 July 2020 (10.00 a.m.)

#### Proposed Business:

10.00 a.m. – 10.05 a.m.

Business of the Committee [*Private Session*]

10.05 a.m. – 12.00 noon

*Session 3 – Update on measures to prevent spread of Covid-19*

## ARRANGEMENTS FOR BUSINESS

### ***Business of Special Committee on Covid-19 Response on Tuesday, 28 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, 31 July 2020***

- It is proposed, notwithstanding anything in Standing Orders-
  - o the Committee shall meet on 10.00 a.m.;
  - o public session shall consist of a single session on matters as advised to the Business Committee, which shall not exceed two hours;
- the witnesses shall be as proposed to the Business Committee.