

REPORT OF THE BUSINESS COMMITTEE
ARRANGEMENTS FOR BUSINESS AND BUSINESS SCHEDULE FOR
WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY, 2nd and 3rd SEPTEMBER 2020
and
SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON COVID-19 RESPONSE
WEDNESDAY, 2nd SEPTEMBER 2020

Wednesday 2nd September 2020 (2 p.m. – 9 p.m.) [Convention Centre Dublin]

Proposed arrangements from the Business Committee	2.00 p.m.
Leaders' Questions (SF, Lab, SocDems, Sol-PBP)	2.00 p.m. – 2.34 p.m. (34 mins)
Business under Article 13.1.2 of the Constitution	2.34 p.m. – 3.14 p.m. (40 mins)
- Motion re Approval of Nomination by the Taoiseach of member of the Government (to conclude within 40 minutes)	
Government Business:	3.14 p.m. – 9.00 p.m. (5 hrs 46 mins)
- Criminal Justice (Enforcement Powers) (Covid-19) Bill 2020 – Order for Second Stage and Second Stage (Department of Justice) (to conclude not later than 9 p.m.)	
Adjournment	9 p.m.

Thursday 3rd September 2020 (10.30 a.m. – 7.04 p.m.) [Convention Centre Dublin]

Leaders' Questions (SF, SocDems, Reg, RIG)	10.30 a.m. – 11.04 a.m. (34 mins)
Government Business:	11.04 a.m. – 7.04 p.m. (8 hrs)
- Criminal Justice (Enforcement Powers) (Covid-19) Bill 2020 – Committee and Remaining Stages (to conclude within 3 hours)	
- Statements re Back to School, Further Education and Special Education (to conclude within 5 hours, in three sections of 100 minutes each, with: (a) the Minister for Education, (b) the Minister for Further and Higher Education and Research, Innovation and Science, and (c) the MOS with responsibility for Special Education)	
Adjournment	7.04 p.m.

Wednesday 2nd September July 2020 (10 a.m. – 5 p.m.) [Seanad Chamber]

Special Committee on COVID-19 Response – see page 3 for agreed arrangements.

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

ARRANGEMENTS FOR DÁIL BUSINESS

Wednesday Proposal No. 1 – Meetings and Business of the Dáil

- Notwithstanding anything in Standing Orders, the Dáil shall meet in the Convention Centre Dublin on Wednesday and Thursday, and the only business to be taken shall be the business as set out in the Report of the Business Committee dated 28th August, 2020, with no Questions on Promised Legislation

Wednesday Proposal No. 2 – Motion re Approval of Nomination by the Taoiseach of member of the Government

- To conclude within 40 minutes, and to be confined to a single round of speeches not exceeding 5 minutes each for the Taoiseach and a representative for each of the parties or groups in Opposition, and all members may share time

Wednesday Proposal No. 3 – Criminal Justice (Enforcement Powers) (Covid-19) Bill 2020 – Second Stage

- Proceedings on Second Stage, if not previously concluded, to be brought to a conclusion at 9 p.m., and any division demanded to be taken immediately prior to Committee Stage on Wednesday

Thursday Proposal No. 1 – Criminal Justice (Enforcement Powers) (Covid-19) Bill 2020 – Committee and Remaining Stages

- Proceedings on Committee and Remaining Stages, if not previously concluded, to be brought to a conclusion after 3 hours¹ by one Question, which shall, in relation to amendments, include only those set down or accepted by the Minister for Justice

Thursday Proposal No. 2 – Statements re Back to School, Further Education and Special Education

- To be brought to a conclusion within 5 hours
- To consist of three sections, with each section not to exceed 100 minutes, and the sections commenced respectively by the Minister for Education, the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science, and the Minister of State with responsibility for Special Education

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¹ At its meeting on 28th August, 2020, the Business Committee agreed that more time could be ordered on Thursday, if required, on Committee and Remaining Stages of the Criminal Justice (Enforcement Powers) (Covid-19) Bill 2020.

BUSINESS SCHEDULE FOR THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON COVID-19 RESPONSE

WEDNESDAY 2nd SEPTEMBER 2020

(AS AGREED ON 28th AUGUST 2020)

Wednesday, 2nd September 2020 (10.00 a.m. – 5 p.m.) [Seanad Chamber]

Proposed Business:

10.00 a.m. – 10.05 a.m.

Business of the Committee [*Private Session*]

10.05 a.m. – 12 noon

Session 1 – *Re-opening of schools* [with representatives of teachers' unions]

SOS (30 minutes)

12.30 p.m. – 2.30 p.m.

Session 2 – *Re-opening of schools (resumed)* [with representatives from parents' groups and Inclusion Ireland]

SOS (30 minutes)

3.00 p.m. – 5.00 p.m.

Session 3 – *Re-opening of schools (resumed)* [with the Minister for Education]