

REPORT OF THE BUSINESS COMMITTEE

ARRANGEMENTS FOR BUSINESS AND BUSINESS SCHEDULE FOR

TUESDAY TO THURSDAY, 8 – 10 SEPTEMBER 2020

(AS AGREED AT ITS MEETING ON 3 SEPTEMBER 2020)

and

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON COVID-19 RESPONSE

WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY, 9 & 10 SEPTEMBER 2020

(AS AGREED ON 3 SEPTEMBER 2020)

Tuesday 8 September 2020 (2.00 p.m. – 10.20 p.m.) [Leinster House]

Leaders' Questions (SF, Sol-PBP RegGrp, IndGrp)	2.00 p.m. – 2.34 p.m. (34 mins)
Order of Business	2.34 p.m. – 2.44 p.m. (10 mins)
Motion without debate:	
Motion re Committee of Selection Report and Appointment of Committee Chairs	
Taoiseach's Questions	2.44 p.m. – 3.29 p.m. (45 mins)
P.Q.s: Oral - Minister for Children, Disability, Equality & Integration	3.29 p.m. – 4.59 p.m. (90 mins)
<i>SOS (20 minutes)</i>	
Topical Issues	5.20 p.m. – 6.08 p.m. (48 mins)
<i>Private Notice Question (if any)</i>	
Government Business:	6.08 p.m. – 8.00 p.m. (112 mins)
- Defence (Amendment) Bill 2020 Order for Second Stage and Second Stage (<i>Department of Defence</i>)	
<i>SOS (20 minutes)</i>	
Private Members' Business (Sinn Féin):	8.20 p.m. – 10.20 p.m. (120 mins)
- Motion re Cancer Screening	
<i>Adjournment</i>	10.20 p.m.

Wednesday 9 September 2020 (10.00 a.m. – 5.00 p.m.) [Committee Room 2]

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Wednesday 9 September 2020 (10.30 a.m. – 10.15 p.m.) [Leinster House]

P.Q.s: Oral – Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science	10.30 a.m. – 12.00 p.m. (90 mins)
Leaders' Questions (SF, Reg Grp, RIG, Ind Grp)	12.00 p.m. – 12.34 p.m. (34 mins)
Taoiseach's Questions	12.34 p.m. – 1.19 p.m. (45 mins)
SOS	1.19 p.m. – 2.19 p.m. (60 mins)
Topical Issues	2.19 p.m. – 3.07 p.m. (48 mins)
Private Members' Business (Rural Independent Group):	3.07 p.m. – 5.07 p.m. (120 mins)
- Motion re Flooding	
<i>SOS (20 minutes)</i>	
Government Business:	5.27 p.m. – 10.15 p.m. (4 hrs 48 mins)
- Statements with the Minister for Health re Covid-19 (<i>Department of Health</i>) (to conclude within 110 minutes, if not previously concluded)	
- Statements re Mental Health and Older People [working title] (<i>Minister of State with responsibility for Mental Health and Older People</i>) (to conclude within 110 minutes, if not previously concluded)	
- Defence (Amendment) Bill 2020 Second Stage (<i>resumed</i>)	
<i>Adjournment</i>	10.15 p.m.

Thursday 10 September 2020 (10.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.) [Seanad Chamber]

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Thursday 10 September 2020 (10.30 a.m. – 8.22 p.m.) [Convention Centre Dublin]

P.Q.s: Oral – Minister for Justice	10.30 a.m. – 12.00 p.m. (90 mins)
Leaders' Questions (SF, Lab, SocDem, Sol-PBP)	12.00 p.m. – 12.34 p.m. (34 mins)
Weekly divisions	12.34 p.m. – 1.14 p.m. (40 mins)
SOS	1.14 p.m. – 1.54 p.m. (40 mins)
Government Business:	1.54 p.m. – 5.34 p.m. (3 hours 40 mins)
- Statements re Disabilities [working title] (<i>Minister of State with responsibility for Disability</i>) (to conclude within 110 minutes, if not previously concluded)	
- Statements re Public Health and the National Drugs Strategy [working title] (<i>Minister of State with responsibility for Public Health, Wellbeing and the National Drugs Strategy</i>) (to conclude within 110 minutes, if not previously concluded)	
Topical Issues	5.34 p.m. – 6.22 p.m. (48 mins)
Private Members' Bill:	6.22 p.m. – 8.22 p.m. (120 mins)
- Ministers and Ministers of State (Successors) Bill 2020 – Second Stage (Deputy Peadar Tóibín)	
Adjournment	8.22 p.m.

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

ARRANGEMENTS FOR DÁIL BUSINESS
Tuesday proposal no. 1 – Late Sitting <ul style="list-style-type: none">The Dáil shall sit later than 10 p.m. and shall adjourn on the conclusion of Private Members' Business
Tuesday proposal no. 2 – Questions on Promised Legislation <ul style="list-style-type: none">Questions on Promised Legislation under Standing Order 35 shall not be taken
Tuesday proposal no. 3 – Motion re Committee of Selection Report and Appointment of Committee Chairs <ul style="list-style-type: none">Shall be taken without debateAny division demanded shall be taken immediately
Tuesday proposal no. 4 – Suspensions of Sitting <ul style="list-style-type: none">The sitting shall be suspended for not less than 20 minutes on the conclusion of Questions to the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration, and immediately prior to Private Members' Business, and Topical Issues and Private Members' Business shall be taken immediately following the respective SOS's
Wednesday proposal no. 1 – Questions on Promised Legislation <ul style="list-style-type: none">Questions on Promised Legislation under Standing Order 35 shall not be taken, and Questions to the Taoiseach under Standing Order 46(1)(a) shall be taken immediately following Leaders' Questions
Wednesday proposal no. 2 – Statements re Covid-19 <ul style="list-style-type: none">The statements shall not exceed 100 minutes, and shall be followed by a 10-minute statement in reply by a Minister or Minister of State
Wednesday proposal no. 3 – Statements re Mental Health and Older People <ul style="list-style-type: none">The statements shall not exceed 100 minutes, and shall be followed by a 10-minute statement in reply by a Minister or Minister of State
Thursday proposal no. 1 – Meeting in Convention Centre Dublin and late sitting <ul style="list-style-type: none">The Dáil shall meet in the Convention Centre Dublin and shall sit later than 8.03 p.m. and shall adjourn on the conclusion of debate on the Ministers and Ministers of State (Successors) Bill 2020

Thursday proposal no. 2 – Questions on Promised Legislation

- Questions on Promised Legislation under Standing Order 35 shall not be taken, and the Weekly Division Time shall be taken immediately following Leaders' Questions

Thursday proposal no. 3 – Statements re Disabilities

- The statements shall not exceed 100 minutes, and shall be followed by a 10-minute statement in reply by a Minister or Minister of State

Thursday proposal no. 4 – Statements re Public Health and the National Drugs Strategy

- The statements shall not exceed 100 minutes, and shall be followed by a 10-minute statement in reply by a Minister or Minister of State

Thursday proposal no. 5 – Topical issues

- To take place on the conclusion of Statements re Public Health and the National Drugs Strategy

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

Tuesday from 8.20 p.m. – 10.20 p.m.	Sinn Féin – Motion re Cancer Screening
Wednesday from 3.07 p.m. – 5.07 p.m.	Rural Independent Group – Motion re Flooding
THURSDAY BUSINESS FOR PRIVATE MEMBERS' BILLS/COMMITTEE REPORTS	
Ministers and Ministers of State (Successors) Bill 2020 – Second Stage (Deputy Peadar Tóibín)	

INDICATIVE BUSINESS FOR WEEK COMMENCING 15 SEPTEMBER 2020**GOVERNMENT BUSINESS**

Statements on the Economic impact of Covid-19 [working title]

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

Tuesday 15 September 2020	Sinn Féin – TBC
Wednesday 16 September 2020	Independent Group – TBC

BUSINESS COMMITTEE
4 September 2020

BUSINESS SCHEDULE FOR THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON COVID-19 RESPONSE

WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY 9 & 10 SEPTEMBER 2020

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Wednesday, 9 September 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 noon

Session 1 – *Legislative framework in outside jurisdictions*

SOS (30 minutes)

12.30 p.m. – 2.30 p.m.

Session 2 – *Legislative framework in Ireland*

SOS (30 minutes)

3.00 p.m. – 5.00 p.m.

Session 3 – *Human Rights and Civil Liberty considerations*

Thursday, 10 September 2020 (10.30 a.m.)

Proposed Business:

10.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.

Session – *Examination of HIQA Report – The impact of Covid-19 on nursing homes in Ireland*