

REPORT OF THE BUSINESS COMMITTEE
ARRANGEMENTS FOR BUSINESS AND BUSINESS SCHEDULE FOR
TUESDAY TO THURSDAY, 15 - 17 SEPTEMBER 2020
(AS AGREED AT ITS MEETING ON 10 SEPTEMBER 2020)
and
SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON COVID-19 RESPONSE
WEDNESDAY and FRIDAY, 16 & 18 SEPTEMBER 2020
(AS AGREED ON 10 SEPTEMBER 2020)

Tuesday 15 September 2020 (1.30 p.m. – 11.17 p.m.) [Leinster House]

Leaders' Questions (SF, Lab, Soc Dems, RegGrp)	1.30 p.m. – 2.04 p.m. (34 mins)
Order of Business	2.04 p.m. – 2.34 p.m. (30 mins)
Taoiseach's Questions <i>SOS (20 minutes)</i>	2.34 p.m. – 3.19 p.m. (45 mins)
Government Business:	3.39 p.m. – 5.09 p.m. (90 mins)
- Defence (Amendment) Bill 2020 Second Stage [<i>resumed</i>] (Department of Defence)	
Statements on Climate Action [<i>Working Title</i>] (Department of Communications, Climate Action and Environment) (to conclude within 210 minutes – resuming on Thursday)	
Questions (Minister for Health)	5.09 p.m. – 6.39 p.m. (90 mins)
Private Members' Business (Sinn Féin):	6.39 p.m. – 8.39 p.m. (120 mins)
- Motion re Taxi Industry [<i>Working Title</i>] <i>SOS (20 minutes)</i>	
Topical Issues	8.59 p.m. – 9.47 p.m. (48 mins)
Questions (Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine)	9.47 p.m. – 11.17 p.m. (90 mins)
<i>Adjournment</i>	11.17 p.m.

Wednesday, 16th September 2020 (10.00 a.m.) [Seanad Chamber]

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Wednesday 16 September 2020 (10.00 a.m. – 10.15 p.m.) [Convention Centre Dublin]

Private Members' Business (Independent Group)	10.00 a.m. – 12.00 p.m. (120 mins)
- Motion re Debenhams Workers [<i>Working Title</i>]	
Leaders' Questions (SF, Lab, RegGrp, IndGrp)	12.00 p.m. – 12.34 p.m. (34 mins)
Questions on Promised Legislation	12.34 p.m. – 1.04 p.m. (30 mins)
Taoiseach's Questions	1.04 p.m. – 1.49 p.m. (45 mins)
SOS	1.49 p.m. – 2.49 p.m. (60 mins)
Topical Issues	2.49 p.m. – 3.37 p.m. (48 mins)
Government Business:	3.37 p.m. – 9.30 p.m. (5 hours 53 mins)
- Statements on Protecting Jobs and Supporting Business [<i>Working Title</i>] (Department of Business, Enterprise, and Innovation) (to conclude within 210 minutes)	
- Statements on the Expenditure Response to the COVID-19 Crisis (Department of Public Expenditure and Reform) (to conclude within 210 minutes – resuming on Thursday)	
Weekly divisions	9.30 p.m. – 10.15 p.m. (45 mins)
<i>Adjournment</i>	10.15 p.m.

Thursday 17 September 2020 (10.30 a.m. – 7.35 p.m.) [Leinster House]

Questions (Minister for Community & Rural Development & the Islands) 10.30 p.m. – 12.00 p.m. (90 mins)
Leader's Questions (SF, Lab, RegGrp, RIG) 12.00 p.m. – 12.34 p.m. (34 mins)
SOS (20 minutes)

Questions on Promised Legislation 12.54 p.m. – 1.24 p.m. (30 mins)

Motion without Debate

Motion re Restoration of Private Members' Bills

Government Business:

1.24 p.m. – 5.32 p.m. (4 hours 08 mins)

- Statements on the Expenditure Response to the COVID-19 Crisis [*resumed from Wednesday*] (Department of Public Expenditure and Reform)
 - Statements on Climate Action [*resumed from Tuesday*] [*Working Title*] (Department of Communications, Climate Action and Environment)
- SOS (20 minutes)*

Topical Issues 5.32 p.m. – 6.20 p.m. (48 mins)

Private notice question (if any)

Private Members' Bill:

6.20 p.m. – 7.35 p.m. (75 mins)

- Ban on Rent Increases Bill 2020 – Second Stage (Deputy Eoin Ó Broin)

Adjournment

7.35 p.m.

Friday, 18th September 2020 (10.30 a.m.) [Seanad Chamber]

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

ARRANGEMENTS FOR DÁIL BUSINESS

Tuesday proposal – Statements on Climate Action [*Working Title*]

- The statements shall not exceed 200 minutes, shall be followed by a 10-minute statement in reply by a Minister or Minister of State, and all members may share time

Wednesday proposal no. 1 – Statements on Protecting Jobs and Supporting Business [*Working Title*]

- The statements shall not exceed 200 minutes, shall be followed by a 10-minute statement in reply by a Minister or Minister of State, and all members may share time

Wednesday proposal no. 2 – Statements on the Expenditure Response to the COVID-19 Crisis

- The statements shall not exceed 200 minutes, shall be followed by a 10-minute statement in reply by a Minister or Minister of State, and all members may share time

Thursday proposal – Motion re Restoration of Private Members' Bills

- Shall be taken without debate
- Any division demanded shall be taken immediately

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

Tuesday from 6.39 p.m. – 8.39 p.m.	Sinn Féin – Motion re Taxi Industry [<i>Working Title</i>]
Wednesday from 10.00 a.m. – 12.00 p.m.	Independent Group – Motion re Debenhams Workers

THURSDAY BUSINESS FOR PRIVATE MEMBERS' BILLS/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Ban on Rent Increases Bill 2020 – Second Stage (Deputy Eoin Ó Broin)

INDICATIVE BUSINESS FOR WEEK COMMENCING 22 SEPTEMBER 2020

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

TBC

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

Tuesday 22 September 2020

Sinn Féin – TBC

Wednesday 23 September 2020

Labour – TBC

MEMBERS DISSENTING

Deputies Pádraig Mac Lochlainn and Mattie McGrath dissent to the Dáil sitting in the Convention Centre Dublin.

Deputies Richard Boyd Barrett, Mattie McGrath, Catherine Murphy and Thomas Pringle dissent to the speaking arrangements as set out in the Report of the Committee on Standing Orders and Dáil Reform of 30th July 2020.

Deputies Pádraig Mac Lochlainn, Richard Boyd Barrett and Mattie McGrath dissent to decision not to provide time for debate on regulations arising from Covid-19 reopening roadmap.

BUSINESS COMMITTEE

10 September 2020

BUSINESS SCHEDULE FOR THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON COVID-19 RESPONSE

WEDNESDAY and FRIDAY 16 & 18 SEPTEMBER 2020

(AS AGREED ON 10 SEPTEMBER 2020)

Wednesday, 16 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 – *Expert Panel Report on COVID-19 in Nursing Homes*

SOS (30 minutes)

12.30 p.m. – 2.30 p.m.

Session 2 – *Expert Panel Report on COVID-19 in Nursing Homes [resumed]*

Friday, 18 September 2020 (10.30 a.m.)

Proposed Business:

10.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.

Session 1 – *Impact of COVID-19 on Team Sport in Ireland*

SOS (30 minutes)

1.00 p.m. – 3.00 p.m.

Session 2 – *Impact of COVID-19 on Team Sport in Ireland [resumed]*