

**REPORT OF THE BUSINESS COMMITTEE**  
**ARRANGEMENTS FOR BUSINESS AND BUSINESS SCHEDULE FOR**  
**TUESDAY TO THURSDAY, 22-24 SEPTEMBER 2020**

**SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON COVID-19 RESPONSE**  
**WEDNESDAY 23rd SEPTEMBER 2020**

**Tuesday 22 September 2020 (1.30 p.m. – 11.17 p.m.) [Leinster House]**

Leaders' Questions (SF, SocDems, RegGRP, IndGrp)	1.30 p.m. – 2.04 p.m. (34 mins)
Order of Business*	2.04 p.m. – 2.34 p.m. (30 mins)
<b>Motion without Debate*</b>	
- Motion re the Report of the Committee on Standing Orders and Dáil Reform on Amendments to Standing Orders relating to Committees	
- Motion re the appointment of the Chair to the Working Group of Committee Chairmen	
Taoiseach's Questions	2.34 p.m. – 3.19 p.m. (45 mins)
<b>SOS (20 minutes)</b>	
<b>Government Business:</b>	3.39 p.m. – 5.09 p.m. (112 mins)
- Defence (Amendment) Bill 2020 – Second Stage (resumed) ( <i>Department of Defence</i> )	
- Criminal Justice Money Laundering and Terrorism Financing (Amendment) Bill 2020 (Dáil) – Order for Second Stage and Second Stage ( <i>Department of Justice and Equality</i> )	
PQs (Minister for Employment Affairs & Social Protection)	5.09 p.m. – 6.39 p.m. (90 mins)
<b>Private Members' Business (Sinn Féin):</b>	6.39 p.m. – 8.39 p.m. (120 mins)
Motion re Community Safety and Fireworks	
<b>SOS (20 minutes)</b>	
Topical Issues	8.59 p.m. – 9.47 p.m. (48 mins)
PQs (Minister for Communications, Climate Action & Environment)	9.47 p.m. – 11.17 p.m. (90 mins)
Adjournment	11.17 p.m.

\* Any divisions on reduced numbers

**Wednesday 23 September 2020 (10.00 a.m. – 5.00 p.m.) [TBC]**

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

**Wednesday 23 September 2020 (10.00 a.m. – 10.15 p.m.) [Leinster House]**

<b>Private Members' Business (Labour Party):</b>	10.00 a.m. – 12.00 p.m. (120 mins)
- Sick Leave and Parental Leave (Covid-19) Bill 2020	
Leaders' Questions (SF, SocDems, RIG, Ind Grp)	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)
<b>SOS</b>	1.49 p.m. – 2.49 p.m. (60 mins)
Topical Issues	2.49 p.m. – 3.37 p.m. (48 mins)
<b>Government Business:</b>	3.37 p.m. – 9.30 p.m. (5 hrs 53 mins)
- Statements re Transport (Covid-19) [Working Title] ( <i>to conclude within 145 minutes</i> )	
<b>SOS (20 minutes)</b>	
Criminal Justice (Money Laundering and Terrorism Financing) (Amendment) Bill 2020 (Dáil) – Order for Second Stage and Second Stage	
Voting block [on reduced numbers]	9.30 p.m. – 10.15 p.m.
Adjournment	10.15 p.m.

## Thursday 24 September 2020 (10.30 a.m. – 7.35 p.m.) [Leinster House]

PQs (Minister for Transport)	10.30 a.m. – 12.00 p.m. (90 mins)
Leaders' Questions (SF, Labour, Sol-PBP, Regional GrP)	12.00 p.m. – 12.34 p.m. (34 mins)
Questions on Promised Legislation	12.34 p.m. – 1.04 p.m. (30 mins)
<b>SOS (20 minutes)</b>	
<b>Government Business:</b>	1.24 p.m. – 5.12 p.m. (3 hours 48 mins)
- Statements re Brexit [working title] ( <i>Department of Foreign Affairs</i> ) (to conclude within 210 minutes)	
- Criminal Justice (Money Laundering and Terrorism Financing) (Amendment) Bill 2020 (Dáil) – Second Stage ( <i>resumed</i> )	
<b>SOS (20 minutes)</b>	
Topical Issues	5.32 p.m. – 6.20 p.m. (48 mins)
<b>Private Members' Bill:</b>	6.20 p.m. – 7.35 p.m. (75 mins)
- Health (Amendment) (Professional Home Care) Bill 2020 – Second Stage (Deputy Colm Burke)	
<i>Adjournment</i>	7.35 p.m.

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

### ARRANGEMENTS FOR DÁIL BUSINESS

**Tuesday proposal – Motion re the Report of the Committee on Standing Orders and Dáil Reform on Amendments to Standing Orders relating to Committees and Motion re the appointment of the Chair to the Working Group of Committee Chairmen**

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

**Wednesday proposal no. 2 – Dáil Sitting in Leinster House**

- The Dáil shall meet in Leinster House

**Wednesday proposal no. 3 – Sick Leave and Parental Leave (Covid-19) Bill 2020**

- To conclude within two hours

**Wednesday proposal no. 4 – Statements re Transport (Covid-19)**

- Shall not exceed 145 minutes, and the arrangements shall be in accordance with those agreed by Order of the Dáil of 30th July, 2020, followed by a 10-minute statement in reply by a Minister or Minister of State, and all members may share time
- Shall be followed by a sanitisation SOS for 20 minutes

**Wednesday proposal no. 5 – Voting Block**

- Any deferred division on the second reading motion of a Bill which would normally have been taken on Wednesday 23 September 2020 shall be further deferred until Wednesday 30 September 2020

**Thursday proposal no. 1 – Leader's Question**

- The Labour Party shall have a Leader's Question instead of the Independent Group

**Thursday proposal no. 2 – Sanitisation SOS**

- The sitting shall be suspended for 20 minutes immediately following Questions on Promised Legislation

**Thursday proposal no. 3 – Statements re Brexit [Working Title]**

- Shall not exceed 210 minutes, and the arrangements shall be in accordance with those agreed by Order of the Dáil of 30th July, 2020, followed by a 10-minute statement in reply by a Minister or Minister of State, and all members may share time

### MEMBERS DISSENTING

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

**PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS**

Tuesday from 6.39 p.m. – 8.39 p.m.	Sinn Féin – Motion re Community Safety and Fireworks
Wednesday from 10.00 a.m. – 12.00 noon	Labour Party – Sick Leave and Parental Leave (COVID-19) Bill 2020

**THURSDAY BUSINESS FOR PRIVATE MEMBERS' BILLS/COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Health (Amendment) (Professional Home Care) Bill 2020 – (Deputy Colm Burke)

**INDICATIVE BUSINESS FOR WEEK COMMENCING 29 SEPTEMBER 2020**

**GOVERNMENT BUSINESS**

Agriculture Appeals (Amendment) Bill 2020  
Criminal Justice Money Laundering and Terrorism Financing (Amendment) Bill 2020 (Dáil)

**PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS**

Tuesday 29 September 2020	Sinn Féin – TBC
Wednesday 30 September 2020	Social Democrats – TBC

**DEFERRED DIVISIONS ON HAND RELATING TO MOTIONS**

**WEDNESDAY 23 SEPTEMBER 2020 [On reduced numbers]**

Motion re the Taxi Industry – postponed Division on Government Amendment  
Motion re Workers' Rights – postponed Division on Government Amendment

**DEFERRED DIVISIONS ON HAND RELATING TO 2<sup>ND</sup> STAGES OF BILLS**

**WEDNESDAY 30 SEPTEMBER 2020**

Ministers and Ministers of State (Successors) Bill 2020 – Second Stage  
Ban on Rent Increases Bill 2020 – Second Stage

**BUSINESS COMMITTEE**  
*18 September 2020*

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

WEDNESDAY 23 SEPTEMBER 2020

*(AS AGREED ON 18 SEPTEMBER 2020)*

### Wednesday, 23 September 2020 (10.00 a.m. – 5 p.m.) [TBC]

#### **Proposed Business:**

#### **10.00 a.m. – 10.05 a.m.**

Business of the Committee [*Private Session*]

#### **10.05 a.m. – 12 noon**

**Session 1** – *Up-date on Covid 19 situation and the plan to address increasing prevalence of the virus* [with Representatives of NPHE]

*SOS (30 minutes)*

#### **12.30 p.m. – 2.30 p.m.**

**Session 2** – *Covid 19: Preparedness of the health sector for winter 2020/21* [with representatives from the HSE and the HPSC]

*SOS (30 minutes)*

#### **3.00 p.m. – 5.00 p.m.**

**Session 3** – *Review of the policy entitled Resilience and Recovery 2020-2021 Plan for living with Covid 19* [with the Minister for Health]