

REPORT OF THE BUSINESS COMMITTEE

ARRANGEMENTS FOR BUSINESS AND BUSINESS SCHEDULE FOR TUESDAY TO THURSDAY, 6-8 OCTOBER 2020

Tuesday 6 October 2020 (2.00 p.m. – 12.27 a.m.) [Leinster House]

Leaders' Questions (SF, Reg Grp, RIG, Ind Grp)	2.00 p.m. – 2.34 p.m. (34 mins)
Order of Business*	2.34 p.m. – 3.04 p.m. (30 mins)
Motions without debate	
- Motion re Dáil start time on Tuesday	
- Sittings and Business motion for Budget week	
Taoiseach's Questions	3.04 p.m. – 3.49 p.m. (45 mins)
SOS (20 minutes)	
Government Business:	4.09 p.m. – 5.59 p.m. (110 mins)
- Statements on the Arts (Covid-19) ((Dept of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht) (to conclude within 110 mins)	
PQs (Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government)	5.59 p.m. – 7.29 p.m. (90 mins)
SOS (20 minutes)	
Private Members' Business (Sinn Féin):	7.49 p.m. – 9.49 p.m. (120 mins)
- Motion re Disability Services	
SOS (20 minutes)	
Topical Issues	10.09 p.m. – 10.57 p.m. (48 mins)
PQs (Minister for Foreign Affairs)	10.57 p.m. – 12.27 a.m. (90 mins)
Adjournment	12.27 a.m.
*Any divisions on reduced numbers	

Wednesday 7 October 2020 (10.00 a.m. – 10.15 p.m.) [Convention Centre Dublin]

Private Members' Business (Solidarity-People Before Profit):	10.00 a.m. – 12.00 p.m. (120 mins)
- [TBC]	
Leaders' Questions (SF, Lab, SocDems, Sol-PBP)	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)
Government Business	1.49 p.m. – 3.39 p.m. (110 mins)
- Statements pre European Council meeting	
SOS	3.39 p.m. – 4.39 p.m. (60 mins)
Topical Issues	4.39 p.m. – 5.27 p.m. (48 mins)
Government Business:	5.27 p.m. – 9.30 p.m. (3 hrs 53 mins)
- Statements on Business and Brexit [Working Title] (Dept of Business, Enterprise and Innovation) (to conclude within 210 minutes)	
- Regulated Professions (Health and Social Care) (Amendment) Bill 2019 (Dept of Health) (Amdts from Seanad)	
Voting block	9.30 p.m. – 10.15 p.m. (45 mins)
Adjournment	10.15 p.m.

Thursday 8 October 2020 (10.30 a.m. – 7.35 p.m.) [Leinster House]

PQs (Minister for Defence)	10.30 a.m. – 12.00 p.m. (90 mins)
Leaders' Questions (SF, SocDems, Reg Grp, RIG)	12.00 p.m. – 12.34 p.m. (34 mins)
Questions on Promised Legislation	12.34 p.m. – 1.04 p.m. (30 mins)
SOS (20 minutes)	
Government Business:	1.24 p.m. – 5.12 p.m.
- Official Languages (Amendment) Bill 2019 – Order for Second Stage and Second Stage (Dept of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht)	
SOS (20 minutes)	

Topical Issues	5.32 p.m. <i>approx.</i> – 6.20 p.m. (48 mins)
Private Members' Bill:	6.20 p.m. <i>approx.</i> – 7.35 p.m. (75 mins)
Trade Union Representation (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2018 – Second Stage (<i>Deputy Imelda Munster</i>)	
<i>Adjournment</i>	7.35 p.m.

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

ARRANGEMENTS FOR DÁIL BUSINESS

Tuesday proposal No. 1 – Late sitting

- The Dáil shall sit later than 11.17 p.m. and shall adjourn on the conclusion of Questions to the Minister for Foreign Affairs

Tuesday proposal No. 2 – Motion re Dáil start time on Tuesday, and Sittings and Business motion for Budget week

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

Tuesday proposal No. 3 – Sanitisation SOS's

- The sitting shall be suspended for a 20-minute sanitisation SOS immediately following—
 - o oral PQs to An Taoiseach
 - o oral PQs to the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government, and
 - o Private Members' Business

Tuesday proposal No. 4 – Statements on the Arts (Covid-19)

- Shall not exceed 110 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 not be adjourned today, with consequential effect on start times of items of business following

Wednesday proposal No. 1 – Statements pre European Council meeting

- Shall be taken immediately following oral PQs to An Taoiseach, and shall be followed by the SOS under Standing Order 25(1)
- Shall not exceed 110 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

Wednesday proposal No. 2 – Statements on Business and 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

Thursday proposal – Sanitisation SOS's

- The sitting shall be suspended for a 20-minute sanitisation SOS immediately following Questions on Promised Legislation and again immediately before Topical Issues

MEMBERS DISSENTING

Deputy Richard Boyd Barrett dissented to the amount of time allocated to the Statements on the Arts (Covid-19) and to the late sitting on Tuesday 6 October 2020

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

Tuesday from 7.49 p.m. – 9.49 p.m.	Sinn Féin – Motion re Disability Services
Wednesday from 10.00 a.m. – 12.00 noon	Sol-PBP - TBC

THURSDAY BUSINESS FOR PRIVATE MEMBERS' BILLS/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Trade Union Representation (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2018 – Second Stage (Deputy Imelda Munster)

INDICATIVE BUSINESS FOR WEEK COMMENCING 12 OCTOBER 2020

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

Budget statements by the Minister for Finance and the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform

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