

REPORT OF THE BUSINESS COMMITTEE

ARRANGEMENTS FOR BUSINESS AND BUSINESS SCHEDULE FOR TUESDAY TO THURSDAY, 20 - 22 OCTOBER 2020

Tuesday 20 October 2020 (2.00 p.m. – 12.42 a.m.) [Leinster House]

Leaders' Questions (SF, Lab, Soc Dems, Sol-PBP)	2.00 p.m. – 2.34 p.m. (34 mins)
Order of Business*	2.34 p.m. – 3.04 p.m. (30 mins)
Motion without debate	
- Motion re Parliamentary Precincts and Privilege	
Taoiseach's Questions	3.04 p.m. – 3.49 p.m. (45 mins)
SOS (20 minutes)	
Government Business:	4.09 p.m. – 6.14 p.m. (125 mins)
- Statements post European Council (to conclude within 125 minutes)	
SOS (20 minutes)	
PQs: Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration	6.34 p.m. – 8.04 p.m. (90 mins)
Private Members' Business (Sinn Féin)	8.04 p.m. – 10.04 p.m. (120 mins)
- Ministerial Power (Repeal) (Ban Co-Living and Build to Rent) Bill 2020 – Second Stage	
SOS (20 minutes)	
Topical Issues	10.24 p.m. – 11.12 p.m. (48 mins)
PQs: Minister for Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science	11.12 p.m. – 12.42 p.m. (90 mins)
Adjournment	12.42 a.m.
*Any divisions on reduced numbers	

Wednesday 21 October 2020 (10.00 a.m. – 11.17 p.m.) [Leinster House]

Private Members' Business (Reg Grp)	10.00 a.m. – 12.00 p.m. (120 mins)
- Motion re An Post - Post Office Networks [Working Title]	
Leaders' Questions (SF, Lab, Soc Dems, Reg Grp)	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)
Taoiseach's Questions	1.24 p.m. – 2.09 p.m. (45 mins)
SOS	2.09 p.m. – 3.09 p.m. (60 mins)
Government Business:	3.09 p.m. – 4.54 p.m. (105 mins)
- Railway Safety (Reporting and Investigation of Serious Accidents, Accidents and Incidents involving Certain Railways) Bill 2020 – Order for Second Stage and Second Stage (Department of Transport) (to conclude within 1 hour 45 mins)	
SOS (20 minutes)	
Government Business:	5.14 p.m. – 10.29 p.m. (5 hrs 15 mins)
- Commission of Investigation (Mother and Baby Homes and certain related Matters) Records, and another Matter, Bill 2020 [Seanad] – Second Stage (Department of Children and Youth Affairs) (to conclude within 5 hours 15 mins)	
Topical Issues	10.29 p.m. – 11.17 p.m. (48 mins)
Adjournment	11.17 p.m.

Thursday 22 October 2020 (10.30 a.m. – 9.37 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, Labour, Reg Grp, 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)
Motion without debate:	
- Revised Estimates for 2020: Vote 30 – Agriculture, Food and the Marine, and Vote 42 – Rural and Community Development	

Government Business

1.04 p.m. – 6.49 p.m. (5 hrs 45 mins)

- Motion re Extension of sunset clause for Part 5 of the Emergency Measures in the Public Interest (Covid-19) Act 2020 (*Department of Health*) (to conclude after 45 mins if not previously concluded)
- Railway Safety (Reporting and Investigation of Serious Accidents, Accidents and Incidents involving Certain Railways) Bill 2020 – Committee and Remaining Stages (to conclude within 75 mins)
- Commission of Investigation (Mother and Baby Homes and certain related Matters) Records, and another Matter, Bill 2020 [*Seanad*] – Committee and Remaining Stages (to conclude after 3 hours 45 mins if not previously concluded)

Voting block

6.49 p.m. – 7.34 p.m. (45 mins)

Topical Issues

7.34 p.m. – 8.22 p.m. (48 mins)

Private Members' Bill (Sinn Féin)

8.22 p.m. – 9.37 p.m. (75 mins)

- Forestry (Planning Permission) (Amendment) Bill 2020 – Second Stage (Deputy Martin Kenny)

Adjournment

9.37 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 PQs to the Minister for Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science

Tuesday proposal No. 2 – Motion re Parliamentary Precincts and Privilege

- shall be taken without debate

Tuesday proposal No. 3 – Suspension of sitting for sanitisation, and timing of Oral PQs and topical issues

- the sitting shall be suspended for a 20-minute sanitisation SOS immediately following oral Parliamentary Questions to the Taoiseach, Statements post European Council meeting, and private members' business
- oral Parliamentary Questions to the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs shall be taken immediately following the second SOS
- topical issues shall be taken immediately following the third SOS

Tuesday proposal No. 4 – Statements post European Council

- shall be taken on the conclusion of the SOS following oral Parliamentary Questions to the Taoiseach
- to conclude within 125 minutes and to be confined to a round of speeches not exceeding 100 minutes, in accordance with the arrangements agreed by Order of the Dáil of 30th July, 2020, followed by 20 minutes of questions and answers, and a 5-minute wrap-up by a Minister or Minister of State
- all members may share time

Tuesday proposal No. 5 – Second Stage of Ministerial Power (Repeal) (Ban Co-Living and Build to Rent) Bill 2020

- shall be brought to a conclusion within 2 hours

Wednesday proposal No. 1 – Meeting in Leinster House and late sitting

- The Dáil shall meet in Leinster House and shall sit later than 10.15 p.m. and shall adjourn on the conclusion of topical issues

Wednesday proposal No. 2 – Suspension of sitting for sanitisation

- the sitting shall be suspended for a 20-minute sanitisation SOS immediately following Leaders' Questions, and the conclusion of Second Stage of the Railway Safety (Reporting and Investigation of Serious Accidents, Accidents and Incidents involving Certain Railways) Bill 2020

Wednesday proposal No. 3 – timing of topical issues

- shall be taken on the conclusion of Second Stage of the Commission of Investigation (Mother and Baby Homes and certain related Matters) Records, and another Matter, Bill 2020 [*Seanad*]

Wednesday proposal No. 4 – Order for Second Stage and Second Stage of the Railway Safety (Reporting and Investigation of Serious Accidents, Accidents and Incidents involving Certain Railways) Bill 2020

- to be brought to a conclusion within 105 minutes, with arrangements for speaking in accordance with those agreed by Order of the Dáil of 30th July, 2020, save that the times shall be halved in each instance, and any division demanded on the proceedings thereon shall be deferred until immediately before Committee Stage on Thursday

Wednesday proposal No. 5 – Second Stage of the Commission of Investigation (Mother and Baby Homes and certain related Matters) Records, and another Matter, Bill 2020 [Seanad]

- to be brought to a conclusion within 5 hours 15 minutes, and any division demanded on the proceedings thereon shall be deferred until immediately before Committee Stage on Thursday

Wednesday proposal No. 6 – weekly division time

- not to be taken

Thursday proposal No. 1 – Meeting in Convention Centre and late sitting

- the Dáil shall meet in the Convention Centre Dublin and shall sit later than 7.35 p.m. and shall adjourn on the conclusion of Second Stage of the Forestry (Planning Permission) (Amendment) Bill 2018

Thursday proposal No. 2 – Revised Estimates for 2020: Vote 30 – Agriculture, Food and the Marine, and Vote 42 – Rural and Community Development

- shall be moved together and decided without debate by one question

Thursday proposal No. 3 – Motion re extension of sunset clause for Part 5 of the Emergency Measures in the Public Interest (Covid-19) Act 2020

- to be brought to a conclusion within 45 minutes, and to be confined to a single round of speeches by a Minister of Minister of State and all parties and groups in Opposition which shall not exceed 5 minutes each, followed by a 5-minute wrap-up by a Minister or Minister of State, and all members may share time

Thursday proposal No. 4 – Railway Safety (Reporting and Investigation of Serious Accidents, Accidents and Incidents involving Certain Railways) Bill 2020 – Committee and Remaining Stages

- shall, if not previously concluded, be brought to a conclusion within 75 minutes by one question, which shall, in relation to amendments, include only those set down or accepted by the Minister for Transport

Thursday proposal No. 5 – Commission of Investigation (Mother and Baby Homes and certain related Matters) Records, and another Matter, Bill 2020 [Seanad] – Committee and Remaining Stages

- shall, if not previously concluded, be brought to a conclusion within 3 hours 45 minutes by one question, which shall, in relation to amendments, include only those set down or accepted by the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs

Thursday proposal No. 6 – weekly division time

- shall be taken on the conclusion of proceedings on the Commission of Investigation (Mother and Baby Homes and certain related Matters) Records, and another Matter, Bill 2020 [Seanad]

Thursday proposal No. 7 – timing of topical issues

- shall be taken on the conclusion of the weekly division time

Thursday proposal No. 8 – adjournment of the Dáil until Tuesday 3rd of November

- the Dáil on its rising shall adjourn until 2 p.m. on Tuesday 3 November 2020

MEMBERS DISSENTING

Dissent was expressed by Deputies Pádraig MacLochláinn, Duncan Smith, Cian O’Callaghan, Richard Boyd Barrett, Denis Naughten, and Thomas Pringle on the scheduling and guillotining of the Railway Safety (Reporting and Investigation of Serious Accidents, Accidents and Incidents involving Certain Railways) Bill 2020

Dissent was expressed by Deputies Pádraig MacLochláinn, Duncan Smith, Cian O’Callaghan, Richard Boyd Barrett, Denis Naughten, Mattie McGrath and Thomas Pringle on the scheduling and guillotining of the Commission of Investigation (Mother and Baby Homes and certain related Matters) Records, and another Matter, Bill 2020

Deputies Duncan Smith and Denis Naughten dissented on the frequency of late sittings and the voting block being moved from Wednesday to Thursday

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

Tuesday from 8.04 p.m. – 10.04 p.m.	Sinn Féin – Ministerial Power (Repeal) (Ban Co-Living and Build to Rent) Bill 2020
Wednesday from 10.00 a.m. – 12.00 noon	Regional Group – Motion re An Post – Post Office Networks [Working Title]

THURSDAY BUSINESS FOR PRIVATE MEMBERS' BILLS/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Forestry (Planning Permission) (Amendment) Bill 2020 – Second Stage (Deputy Martin Kenny)

INDICATIVE BUSINESS FOR SITTING WEEK COMMENCING 3 NOV 2020

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

TBC

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

Tuesday 3 November 2020	Sinn Féin – TBC
Wednesday 4 November 2020	Rural Independent Group – TBC

DEFERRED DIVISIONS ON HAND RELATING TO 2ND STAGES OF BILLS

THURSDAY 22 OCTOBER 2020

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BUSINESS COMMITTEE
15 October 2020