

REVISED (4) REPORT OF THE BUSINESS COMMITTEE

ARRANGEMENTS FOR BUSINESS AND BUSINESS SCHEDULE FOR THURSDAY, 26 NOVEMBER 2020

Thursday 26 November (9.00 a.m. – 5.27 p.m. ~~7.35 p.m.~~) [Convention Centre Dublin]

PQs (Minister for Foreign Affairs)	9.00 a.m. – 10.30 a.m. (90 mins)
PQs (Minister for Finance)	10.30 a.m. – 12.00 p.m. (90 mins)
Leaders' Questions (SF, Reg Grp, Rural Ind 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)
SOS (20 minutes)	1.04 p.m. – 1.24 p.m. (20 mins)
Government Business:	1.24 p.m. – 3.24 p.m. (2 hrs)
— Withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the European Union (Consequential Provisions) Bill 2020— Committee and Remaining Stages (resumed)	
- Statements and Questions-and-Answers on Judicial Appointments Process (to conclude within 2 hours) (Department of Justice)	
Topical Issues	3.24 p.m. – 4.12 p.m. 5.32 p.m. – 6.20 p.m. (48 mins)
Private Members' Bill:	4.12 p.m. – 5.27 p.m. 6.20 p.m. – 7.35 p.m. (75 mins)
- Mental Health Parity of Esteem Bill 2020 – Second Stage (Deputy Mark Ward)	
Adjournment	5.27 p.m. 7.35 p.m.

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

ARRANGEMENTS FOR STATEMENTS AND QUESTIONS-AND-ANSWERS ON JUDICIAL APPOINTMENTS PROCESS

- At the Business Committee meeting on Wednesday 25 November 2020, the Government Chief Whip proposed the following arrangements in relation to Item 15a, Statements and Questions-and-Answers on Judicial Appointments Process:
 - that the statements and questions-and-answers be taken immediately following the SOS after Questions on Promised Legislation, and be brought to a conclusion within 2 hours;
 - that a Minister and a representative of each party and group in Opposition may each make a statement not exceeding 10 minutes, provided that all members may share time;
 - following the statements, each party and group in Opposition shall have 5 minutes for questions-and-answers; and
 - a Minister may make a statement in reply which shall not exceed 5 minutes.
- Deputies Pádraig MacLochlainn, Duncan Smith, Cian O'Callaghan, Richard Boyd Barrett and Mattie McGrath dissented to the Government Chief Whip's proposed arrangements.
- Deputy Pádraig MacLochlainn proposed the following alternative arrangements:
 - that a Minister and a representative of each party and group in Opposition may each make a statement not exceeding 5 minutes; and
 - following the statements, each party and group in Opposition shall have 10 minutes for questions-and-answers.
- Consensus not having been reached on Deputy Mac Lochlainn's proposal, he proposed further alternative arrangements, as follows:
 - that a Minister and a representative of each party and group in Opposition may each make a statement not exceeding 7.5 minutes; and

- following the statements, each party and group in Opposition shall have 7.5 minutes for questions-and-answers.

- Consensus not having been reached on either of Deputy Mac Lochlainn's proposals, or on the Government Chief Whip's proposed arrangements, the Business Committee adjourned. The arrangements proposed by the Government Chief Whip were later agreed by Order of the Dáil.

THURSDAY BUSINESS FOR PRIVATE MEMBERS' BILLS/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mental Health Parity of Esteem Bill 2020 – Second Stage (Deputy Mark Ward)

INDICATIVE BUSINESS FOR WEEK COMMENCING 1 DECEMBER 2020

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

Finance Bill 2020 – Report and Final Stages

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

Tuesday 1 December 2020 – Sinn Féin

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Wednesday 2 December 2020 – Sol-PBP

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