

REPORT OF THE BUSINESS COMMITTEE

ARRANGEMENTS FOR BUSINESS AND BUSINESS SCHEDULE FOR TUESDAY TO THURSDAY, 1-3 DECEMBER 2020

Tuesday 1 December 2020 (2.00 p.m. – 9.47 p.m.) [Leinster House]

Leaders' Questions (SF, Labour, 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)
Motions without debate	
- Motion re PQ Rota Swap (<i>Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine and the Department of Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science</i>)*	
- Motion re Sixth Report of the Committee of Selection*	
Taoiseach's Questions	3.04 p.m. – 3.49 p.m. (45 mins)
SOS (20 minutes)	
Government Business:	
- Motion re Proposed approval by Dáil Éireann of the Horse and Greyhound Racing Fund Regulations 2020 (<i>back from committee</i>) (to conclude within 45 minutes) (<i>Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine</i>)	
PQs (<i>Minister for Education</i>)	5.09 p.m. – 6.39 p.m. (90 mins)
SOS (20 minutes)	
Private Members' Business (Sinn Féin):	
- Motion re Pensions [<i>working title</i>]	
Topical Issues	8.59 p.m. – 9.47 p.m. (48 mins)
Adjournment	9.47 p.m.
*Any divisions on reduced numbers	

Wednesday 2 December 2020 (10.00 a.m. – 10.15 p.m.) [Convention Centre Dublin]

Private Members' Business (Solidarity-People Before Profit):	
- Motion re Pay for Student Nurses and Midwives [<i>working title</i>]	
Leaders' Questions (SF, Labour, Soc Dems, Reg 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	
- Motions re Supplementary Estimates 2020 [Votes 9 and 38] (<i>back from Committee</i>)	
Taoiseach's Questions	1.04 p.m. – 1.49 p.m. (45 mins)
Government Business:	
- Statements pre European Council meeting of 10 th - 11 th December 2020, pursuant to Standing Order 124 (<i>to conclude within 110 minutes</i>)	
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:	
- Finance Bill 2020 – Report and Final Stages (<i>Department of Finance</i>)	
- Health Insurance (Amendment) Bill 2020 [<i>Seanad</i>] - All Stages (<i>Department of Health</i>) (<i>Second Stage to conclude within 105 minutes; Committee and Remaining Stages to conclude within 60 minutes</i>)	
[NB: Health Insurance (Amendment) Bill 2020 [Seanad] will only be taken on Wednesday if Finance Bill 2020 concludes]	
Voting block	9.30 p.m. – 10.15 p.m. (45 mins)
Adjournment	10.15 p.m.

Thursday 3 December 2020 (9.00 a.m. – 7.35 p.m.) [Convention Centre Dublin]

PQs (<i>Minister for Social Protection</i>)	9.00 a.m. – 10.30 a.m. (90 mins)
PQs (<i>Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth</i>)	10.30 a.m. – 12.00 p.m. (90 mins)
Leaders' Questions (SF, Lab, 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)

SOS (20 minutes)

Government Business:

1.24 p.m. – 5.32 p.m.

- Finance Bill 2020 – Report and Final Stages (*resumed, to conclude at 5.32 p.m., if not previously concluded*)
- Health Insurance (Amendment) Bill 2020 [*Seanad*] – All Stages (*see Wednesday for arrangements*)

Topical Issues

5.32 p.m. approx.– 6.20 p.m. (48 mins)

Private Members' Bill:

6.20 p.m. approx.– 7.35 p.m. (75 mins)

- Safety, Health and Welfare at Work (Amendment) Bill 2020 – Second Stage (*Deputy Louise O'Reilly*)

Adjournment

7.35 p.m.

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

ARRANGEMENTS FOR DÁIL BUSINESS

Tuesday proposal No. 1 – Topical issues and adjournment of the House

- The Dáil shall adjourn on the conclusion of topical issues, which shall be taken immediately following private members' business

Tuesday proposal No. 2 – Motion re PQ Rota Swap

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

Tuesday proposal No. 3 – Motion re Sixth Report of the Committee of Selection

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

Tuesday proposal No. 4 – Motion re Proposed approval by Dáil Éireann of the Horse and Greyhound Racing Fund Regulations 2020

- Shall conclude within 45 minutes
- Speeches shall be confined to a single round of 5 minutes each for a Minister or Minister of State and a representative of each party and group in Opposition
- A Minister or Minister of State may make a speech in reply which shall not exceed 5 minutes
- All members may share time

Tuesday proposal No. 5 – Sanitisation SOS

- The sitting shall be suspended for a 20-minute sanitisation SOS immediately following Questions to the Minister for Education, and shall not be suspended immediately following Private Members' Business

Tuesday proposal No. 6 – Oral Questions

- Oral Questions to the Minister for Social Protection pursuant to Standing Order 46(1)(b) shall not be taken today

Wednesday proposal No. 1 – Motions re Supplementary Estimates 2020 [Votes 9 and 38]

- Shall be moved together and decided without debate by one Question which shall be put from the Chair

Wednesday proposal No. 2 – Statements pre European Council meeting of 10th- 11th December 2020, pursuant to Standing Order 124

- Shall be taken immediately following Oral Parliamentary Questions to An Taoiseach, and shall be followed by the SOS for 60 minutes 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, for 100 minutes, followed by a 10-minute statement in reply by a Minister or Minister of State, and all members may share time

Wednesday proposal No. 3 – Health Insurance (Amendment) Bill 2020 [*Seanad*] - All Stages

- Second Stage shall 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 with any division demanded on the second reading motion to be taken immediately

- Committee and Remaining Stages shall, if not previously concluded, be brought to a conclusion within 60 minutes by one question which shall be put from the Chair, which shall, in relation to amendments, include only those set down or accepted by the Minister for Health

Thursday proposal no. 1 – Early sitting and Dáil sitting in the Convention Centre Dublin

- The Dáil shall meet at 9 a.m. in the Convention Centre Dublin, when it shall take Oral Questions to the Minister for Social Protection pursuant to Standing Order 46(1)(b)

Thursday proposal no. 2 – Suspension of sitting

- The sitting shall be suspended for 20 minutes immediately prior to the resumption of the Finance Bill 2020

Thursday proposal no. 3 – Finance Bill 2020– Report and Final Stages (resumed)

- Shall, if not previously concluded, be brought to a conclusion at 5.32 p.m. by one Question which shall be put from the Chair, and which shall, in relation to amendments, include only those set down or accepted by the Minister for Finance

Thursday proposal no. 4 – Time for topical issues

- Shall be taken on the conclusion of proceedings on the Health Insurance (Amendment) Bill 2020 [Seanad]

MEMBERS DISSENTING

Deputies Pádraig Mac Lochlainn, Cian O’Callaghan, and Richard Boyd Barrett dissented to the speaking arrangements adopted by Order of the Dáil of 30th July, 2020

PRIVATE MEMBERS’ BUSINESS

Tuesday from 6.59 p.m. – 8.59 p.m.

Sinn Féin: Motion re Pensions [*working title*]

Wednesday from 10.00 a.m. – 12.00 noon

Solidarity-People Before Profit: Motion re Pay for Student Nurses and Midwives [*working title*]

THURSDAY BUSINESS FOR PRIVATE MEMBERS’ BILLS/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Safety, Health and Welfare at Work (Amendment) Bill 2020 – Second Stage (*Deputy Louise O’Reilly*)

INDICATIVE BUSINESS FOR WEEK COMMENCING 7 DECEMBER 2020

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

Social Welfare Bill 2020 – Second Stage

PRIVATE MEMBERS’ BUSINESS

Tuesday 8 December 2020

Sinn Féin: TBC

Wednesday 9 December 2020

Regional Group: Motion re Mental Health

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