

REPORT OF THE BUSINESS COMMITTEE

ARRANGEMENTS FOR BUSINESS AND BUSINESS SCHEDULE FOR TUESDAY TO THURSDAY, 8-10 DECEMBER 2020

Tuesday 8 December 2020 (2.00 p.m. – 10.37 p.m.) [Leinster House]

Leaders' Questions (SF, Lab, Reg Grp, Rural 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 Request for Ireland's participation in a European Defence Agency Project – Maritime Surveillance (MARSUR) Networking – Operational Support and Development (MARSUR III) (*Referral to Committee on Foreign Affairs and Defence*) (*Department of Defence*) *
- Motion re Agreements with Denmark and Estonia on the establishment of a framework for statistical transfer of energy from renewable sources (*Referral to Committee on Climate Action*) (*Department of Environment, Climate Action and Communications*) *

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)

- Motion re section 6(1) of the National Surplus (Reserve Fund for Exceptional Contingencies, Act) 2019 (*to conclude within 110 minutes*) (*Department of Finance*)

PQs (*Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine*) 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)

- Organisation of Working Time (Domestic Violence Leave) Bill 2020 – Second Stage

Topical Issues 9.49 p.m. – 10.37 p.m. (48 mins)

Adjournment 10.37 p.m.

***Any divisions on reduced numbers**

Wednesday 9 December 2020 (10.00 a.m. – 10.15 p.m.) [Convention Centre Dublin]

Private Members' Business (Regional Group): 10.00 a.m. – 12.00 p.m. (120 mins)

- Motion re Mental Health [*working title*]

Leaders' Questions (SF, Soc Dems, Sol-PBP, 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

- Motions re Supplementary Estimates 2020 [Votes 30, 38 and 45] (*back from Committee*)

Taoiseach's Questions 1.04 p.m. – 1.49 p.m. (45 mins)

SOS 1.49 p.m. – 2.49 p.m. (60 mins)

Topical Issues 2.49 p.m. – 3.37 p.m. (48 mins)

Government Business: 3.37 p.m. – 9.30 p.m. (5 hrs 53 mins)

- Health Insurance (Amendment) Bill 2020 [*Seanad*] – All Stages (*Second Stage – 105 minutes; Committee and Remaining Stages – 60 minutes*) (*Department of Health*)
- Social Welfare Bill 2020 – All Stages (*Second Stage – 210 minutes; Committee and Remaining Stages – 60 minutes; to adjourn at 9.30 p.m., if not previously concluded*) (*Department of Social Protection*)
- Finance (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2020 [*Seanad*] – All Stages (*Second Stage – 210 minutes; Committee and Remaining Stages – 60 minutes; to adjourn at 9.30 p.m., if not previously concluded*) (*Department of Finance*)

Voting block 9.30 p.m. – 10.15 p.m. (45 mins)

Adjournment 10.15 p.m.

Thursday 10 December 2020 (9.00 a.m. – 10.18 p.m.) [Convention Centre Dublin]

PQs (<i>Minister for Justice</i>)	9.00 a.m. – 10.30 a.m. (90 mins)
PQs (<i>Minister for Health</i>)	10.30 a.m. – 12.00 p.m. (90 mins)
Leaders' Questions (SF, Soc Dems, 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)	
Government Business:	1.24 p.m. – 8.15 p.m. (6 hrs 51 mins)
- Social Welfare Bill 2020 – All Stages (<i>resumed, if not previously concluded</i>)	
- Finance (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2020 [<i>Seanad</i>] – All Stages (<i>resumed</i>)	
- Central Mental Hospital (Relocation) Bill 2020 – All Stages (<i>Second Stage – 105 minutes; Committee and Remaining Stages – 30 minutes</i>) (<i>Department of Health</i>)	
Topical Issues	8.15 p.m.– 9.03 p.m. (48 mins)
Private Members' Bill:	9.03 p.m.– 10.18 p.m. (75 mins)
- Prohibition of Sulky-Racing Bill 2018 – Second Stage (<i>Deputy Mattie McGrath</i>)	
Adjournment	10.18 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 Request for Ireland's participation in a European Defence Agency Project – Maritime Surveillance (MARSUR) Networking – Operational Support and Development (MARSUR III) (*Referral to Committee*)

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

Tuesday proposal No. 3 – Motion re Agreements with Denmark and Estonia on the establishment of a framework for statistical transfer of energy from renewable sources (*Referral to Committee*)

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

Tuesday proposal No. 4 – Motion re section 6(1) of the National Surplus (Reserve Fund for Exceptional Contingencies, Act) 2019

- 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 speech in reply by a Minister or Minister of State, and all members may share time

Tuesday proposal No. 5 – Time for Questions to the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine and timing of sanitisation SOS

- Questions to the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine shall be taken immediately following the Motion re section 6(1) of the National Surplus (Reserve Fund for Exceptional Contingencies, Act) 2019
- The sitting shall be suspended for a 20-minute sanitisation SOS immediately following Parliamentary Questions to the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine, and shall not be suspended immediately following Private Members' Business

Tuesday proposal No. 6 – Organisation of Working Time (Domestic Violence Leave) Bill 2020 – Second Stage

- Shall be taken immediately following the sanitisation SOS after Questions to the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine
- Shall be brought to a conclusion within 2 hours

Tuesday proposal No. 7 – Oral Questions

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

Wednesday proposal no. 1 – Motion re Supplementary Estimates 2020 [Votes 30, 38 and 45]

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

Wednesday proposal no. 2 – 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 after 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

Wednesday proposal no. 3 – Social Welfare Bill 2020 – All Stages

- Second Stage shall be brought to a conclusion within 210 minutes, with arrangements for speaking in accordance with those agreed by Order of the Dáil of 30th July, 2020, 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 after 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 Social Protection

Wednesday proposal no. 4 – Finance (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2020 [Seanad] – All Stages

- Second Stage shall be brought to a conclusion within 210 minutes, with arrangements for speaking in accordance with those agreed by Order of the Dáil of 30th July, 2020, 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 after 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 Finance

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 Justice pursuant to Standing Order 46(1)(b)

Thursday proposal no. 2 – Late sitting

- The Dáil shall sit later than 7.35 p.m., and shall adjourn on the conclusion of debate on Second Stage of the Prohibition of Sulky-Racing Bill 2018

Thursday proposal no. 3 – Suspension of sitting

- The sitting shall be suspended for 20 minutes immediately prior to the resumption of the Finance (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2020 [Seanad]

Thursday proposal no. 4 – Central Mental Hospital (Relocation) Bill 2020 – 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 after 30 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. 5 – Time for topical issues

- Shall be taken on the conclusion of proceedings of the Central Mental Hospital (Relocation) Bill 2020

MEMBERS DISSENTING

Deputy Richard Boyd Barrett dissented to the speaking arrangements adopted by Order of the Dáil of 30th July, 2020

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

Tuesday from 7.49 p.m. – 9.49 p.m.	Sinn Féin - Organisation of Working Time (Domestic Violence Leave) Bill 2020 – Second Stage
Wednesday from 10.00 a.m. – 12.00 noon	Regional Group - Motion re Mental Health [<i>working title</i>]

THURSDAY BUSINESS FOR PRIVATE MEMBERS' BILLS/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Prohibition of Sulky-Racing Bill 2018 – Second Stage (*Deputy Mattie McGrath*)

INDICATIVE BUSINESS FOR WEEK COMMENCING 14 DECEMBER 2020**GOVERNMENT BUSINESS**

Appropriation Bill 2020
 Harassment, Harmful Communications and Related Offences Bill 2017
 Post European Council Statements
 Planning and Development Bill 2020 [*Seanad*]
 Investment Limited Partnerships (Amendment) Bill 2020 [*Seanad*]

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

Tuesday 15 December 2020	Sinn Féin: TBC
Wednesday 16 December 2020	Rural Independent Group: TBC

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