

REPORT OF THE BUSINESS COMMITTEE

ARRANGEMENTS FOR BUSINESS AND BUSINESS SCHEDULE FOR TUESDAY TO THURSDAY, 15-17 DECEMBER 2020

Tuesday 15 December 2020 (1.10 p.m. – 10.37 p.m.) [Leinster House]

Government Business	1.10 p.m. – 2.00 p.m. (50 mins)
- Statements on the 50 th anniversary of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons and on the entry-into-force of the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (to conclude within 50 minutes) (Department of Foreign Affairs)	
Leaders' Questions (SF, Sol PBP, Reg Grp, 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)
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 Economic and Trade Agreement between the European Union and its Member States and Canada (CETA) (to conclude within 55 minutes) (Department of Enterprise Trade and Employment)	
- Motion re proposed ratification by Ireland of the EU-Canada Strategic Partnership Agreement (to conclude within 55 minutes) (Department of Foreign Affairs)	
SOS (20 minutes)	
PQs (Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science)	6.19 p.m. – 7.49 p.m. (90 mins)
Private Members' Business (Sinn Féin):	7.49 p.m. – 9.49 p.m. (120 mins)
- Homeless Prevention 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 16 December 2020 (9.15 a.m – 11.27 p.m.) [Convention Centre Dublin]

Government Business	9.15 a.m. – 10.00 a.m. (45 mins)
- Motion re proposed approval by Dáil Éireann of the terms of the Agreement on the Establishment of a framework for the statistical transfer of energy from renewable sources between Ireland and the Danish State, and Ireland and the Republic of Estonia (back from committee) (to conclude within 45 minutes) (Department of Environment, Climate and Communications)	
Private Members' Business (Rural Independent Group):	
- Motion re Impact of Covid-19 Restrictions [working title]	10.00 a.m. – 12.00 p.m. (120 mins)
Leaders' Questions (SF, Labour, Reg Grp, Rural 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)
Motions without debate	
- Motion re Presentation and Circulation of Revised Estimates 2021 (referral to Select Committee) (Department of Public Expenditure and Reform)	
- Motion re Joint Report of the Dáil Committee on Procedure and Seanad Éireann's Committee on Procedure and Privileges on the Response of the Houses of the Oireachtas to the judgments of the Supreme Court in the Kerins case	
- Motion re Report of the Committee on Standing Orders and Dáil Reform re schedule of Dáil sitting week and Leaders' Questions rota	
Taoiseach's Questions	1.04 p.m. – 1.49 p.m. (45 mins)
Government Business	1.49 p.m. – 3.54 p.m. (125 mins)
- Statements post European Council meeting of 10th – 11th December, pursuant to Standing Order 124 (to conclude within 125 mins)	
SOS	3.54 p.m. – 4.54 p.m. (60 mins)
Topical Issues	4.54 p.m. – 5.42 p.m. (48 mins)
Government Business:	5.42 p.m. – 10.42 p.m. (5 hrs)

- Planning and Development Bill 2020 [*Seanad*] – All Stages (*Second Stage – 105 minutes; Committee and Remaining Stages – 2 hrs and 45 minutes*) (*Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage*)
- Investment Limited Partnerships (Amendment) Bill 2020 [*Seanad*] – Report and Final Stages (*to conclude within 30 mins*) (*Department of Finance*)

Voting block 10.42 p.m. – 11.27 p.m. (45 mins)

Adjournment 11.27 p.m.

Thursday 17 December 2020 (9.00 a.m. – 12.02 a.m.) [Convention Centre Dublin]

PQs (*Minister for Rural and Community Development*) 9.00 a.m. – 10.30 a.m. (90 mins)

PQs (*Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment*) 10.30 a.m. – 12.00 p.m. (90 mins)

Leaders' Questions (SF, Lab, 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)

SOS (20 minutes)

Government Business: 1.24 p.m. – 11.14 p.m.

- Appropriation Bill 2020 – All Stages (*Second Stage – 105 minutes; Committee and Remaining Stages – 30 minutes*) (*Department of Public Expenditure and Reform*)
- Criminal Justice (Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing) (Amendment) Bill 2020 – Report and Final Stages (*to conclude within 45 mins*) (*Department of Justice*)
- Harassment, Harmful Communications and Related Offences Bill 2017 – Report and Final Stages (*to conclude within 2 hrs*) (*Deputy Brendan Howlin*)
- Statements on Covid-19 vaccine taskforce [*working title*] (*to conclude within 145 mins*) (*Department of Health*)
- Statements on Brexit Readiness for the End of the Transition Period (*to conclude within 145 mins*)

Topical Issues 11.14 p.m.– 12.02 a.m. (48 mins)

Adjournment 12.02 a.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 – Statements on the 50th anniversary of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons and on the entry-into-force of the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons

- Shall be brought to a conclusion within 50 minutes, and the following arrangements shall apply: a Minister or Minister of State and Deputy Eoghan Murphy shall have 5 minutes each for a statement, followed by Opposition parties and groups, who shall have 5 minutes each; a Minister or Minister of State may make a statement in response not exceeding 5 minutes; and all members may share time

Tuesday Proposal No. 3 – Motion re Economic and Trade Agreement between the European Union and its Member States and Canada (CETA)

- Shall be brought to a conclusion within 55 minutes, and the following arrangements shall apply: a Minister or Minister of State and a representative of Sinn Féin shall each have 10 minutes each for their speeches, followed by all other Opposition parties and groups, who shall have 5 minutes each; a Minister or Minister of State may make a speech in response not exceeding 5 minutes; and all members may share time

Tuesday Proposal No. 4 – Motion re proposed ratification by Ireland of the EU-Canada Strategic Partnership Agreement

- Shall be brought to a conclusion within 55 minutes, and the following arrangements shall apply: a Minister or Minister of State and a representative of Sinn Féin shall each have 10 minutes each for their speeches, followed by all other Opposition parties and groups, who shall have 5 minutes each; a Minister or Minister of State may make a speech in response not exceeding 5 minutes; and all members may share time

Tuesday proposal No. 5 – Timing of sanitisation SOS and time for Questions to the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science

- The sitting shall be suspended for a 20-minute sanitisation SOS immediately following the Motion re proposed ratification by Ireland of the EU-Canada Strategic Partnership Agreement, and shall not be suspended immediately following Private Members' Business
- Questions to the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science shall be taken immediately following the SOS after the Motion re proposed ratification by Ireland of the EU-Canada Strategic Partnership Agreement

Tuesday Proposal No. 6 – Homeless Prevention Bill 2020 – Second Stage

- Shall be taken immediately following the Questions to the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science
- Shall be brought to a conclusion within 2 hours

Tuesday proposal No. 7 – Oral Questions

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

Wednesday proposal no. 1 – Early sitting

- The Dáil shall meet at 9.15 a.m. to take the Motion re proposed approval by Dáil Éireann of the terms of the Agreement on the Establishment of a framework for the statistical transfer of energy from renewable sources between Ireland and the Danish State, and Ireland and the Republic of Estonia

Wednesday proposal no. 2 – Time for voting block and late sitting

- The Dáil shall sit later than 10.15 p.m., and shall adjourn on the conclusion of the weekly division time, which shall be taken on the conclusion of proceedings on the Investment Limited Partnerships (Amendment) Bill 2020 [*Seanad*]

Wednesday proposal no. 3 – Motion re proposed approval by Dáil Éireann of the terms of the Agreement on the Establishment of a framework for the statistical transfer of energy from renewable sources between Ireland and the Danish State, and Ireland and the Republic of Estonia

- Shall be brought to a conclusion within 45 minutes, and the following arrangements shall apply: a Minister or Minister of State and representatives of each Opposition party and group shall have 5 minutes each; a Minister or Minister of State may make a speech in response not exceeding 5 minutes; and all members may share time

Wednesday proposal no. 4 – Motion re Presentation and Circulation of Revised Estimates 2021 (*referral to Select Committee*)

- Shall be taken without debate

Wednesday proposal no. 5 – Motion re Joint Report of the Dáil Committee on Procedure and Seanad Éireann's Committee on Procedure and Privileges on the Response of the Houses of the Oireachtas to the judgments of the Supreme Court in the Kerins case

- Shall be taken without debate

Wednesday proposal no. 6 – Motion re Report of the Committee on Standing Orders and Dáil Reform re schedule of Dáil sitting week and Leaders' Questions rota

- Shall be taken without debate

Wednesday proposal no. 7 – Statements post European Council meeting of 10th – 11th December, pursuant to Standing Order 124

- Shall be taken immediately following oral Parliamentary Questions to the Taoiseach
- Shall conclude within 125 minutes and shall 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

Wednesday proposal no. 8 – Time of SOS and time of topical issues

- Topical issues shall be taken immediately following the suspension of sitting under Standing Order 25(1)(a), which shall be taken immediately following Statements post European Council meeting

Wednesday proposal no. 9 – Planning and Development 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 2 hours and 45 minutes 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 Housing, Local Government and Heritage

Wednesday proposal no. 10 – Investment Limited Partnerships (Amendment) Bill 2020 [Seanad] – Report and Final Stages

- Report and Final Stages shall, if not previously concluded, be brought to a conclusion after 30 minutes 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. 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 Rural and Community Development pursuant to Standing Order 46(1)(b)

Thursday proposal no. 2 – Late sitting and time for topical issues

- The Dáil shall sit later than 7.35 p.m., and shall adjourn on the conclusion of topical issues, which shall be taken on the conclusion of Statements on Brexit Readiness for the End of the Transition Period

Thursday proposal no. 3 – Suspension of sitting

- The sitting shall be suspended for 20 minutes immediately following Questions on Promised Legislation

Thursday proposal no. 4 – Appropriation 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, and which shall, in relation to amendments, include only those set down or accepted by the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform

Thursday proposal No. 5 – Criminal Justice (Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing) (Amendment) Bill 2020 – Report and Final Stages

- Report and Final Stages shall, if not previously concluded, be brought to a conclusion after 45 minutes 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 Justice

Thursday proposal No. 6 – Harassment, Harmful Communications and Related Offences Bill 2017 – Report and Final Stages

- Shall be taken in Government time
- Report and Final Stages shall, if not previously concluded, be brought to a conclusion after 2 hours 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 Justice

Thursday proposal No. 7 – Statements on Covid-19 vaccine taskforce [working title]

- Shall not exceed 145 minutes
- Arrangements shall be in accordance with those agreed by Order of the Dáil of 30th July, 2020, for 135 minutes, followed by a 10-minute statement in reply by a Minister or Minister of State
- All members may share time

Thursday proposal No. 8 – Statements on Brexit Readiness for the End of the Transition Period

- Shall not exceed 145 minutes
- Arrangements shall be in accordance with those agreed by Order of the Dáil of 30th July, 2020, for 135 minutes, followed by a 10-minute statement in reply by a Minister or Minister of State
- All members may share time

Thursday proposal No. 9 – Thursday evening business not to be taken

- No Thursday evening business pursuant to Standing Order 159(2) shall be taken

Thursday proposal No. 10 – Adjournment for Christmas recess

- The Dáil on its rising today shall adjourn until 2 p.m. on Wednesday 13 January 2021 when it shall meet in Leinster House

MEMBERS DISSENTING

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

Deputies Denise Mitchell, Duncan Smith, Cian O’Callaghan, Denis Naughten, Richard Boyd Barrett, Mattie McGrath and Thomas Pringle dissented owing to the fact that questions-and-answers in relation to Brexit and the Covid-19 vaccination programme had not been scheduled

PRIVATE MEMBERS’ BUSINESS

Tuesday from 7.49 p.m. – 9.49 p.m.	Sinn Féin – Homeless Prevention Bill 2020 – Second Stage
Wednesday from 10.00 a.m. – 12.00 noon	Rural Independent Group – Motion re Covid-19 Restrictions [working title]

DEFERRED DIVISIONS ON HAND RELATING TO 2ND STAGES OF BILLS

WEDNESDAY 16 December 2020

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

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