

REPORT OF THE BUSINESS COMMITTEE
ARRANGEMENTS FOR BUSINESS AND BUSINESS SCHEDULE FOR
WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY, 27 & 28 January 2021*

Wednesday 27 January 2021 (10.00 a.m. – 6 p.m.) [Convention Centre Dublin]

Private Members' Business (Independent Group):	10.00 a.m. – 12.00 p.m. (120 mins)
- Thirty-Seventh Amendment of the Constitution (Economic, Social And Cultural Rights) Bill 2018 – Second Stage	
Leaders' Questions (SF, Soc Dems, RIG, Ind Grp)	12.00 p.m. – 12.34 p.m. (34 mins)
Order of Business**	12.34 p.m. – 1.04 p.m. (30 mins)
Government Business:	1.04 p.m. – 6.00 p.m. (4 hrs 56 mins)
- Motion re Covid-19 Support Scheme (Dept of Finance) (105 mins) (any division claimed to be deferred)	
- Motion re Appointment of two new Members to GSOC (Dept of Justice) (45 mins) (any division claimed to be deferred)	
- Criminal Justice (Theft and Fraud Offences) (Amendment) Bill 2020 [Seanad] – Second Stage (Dept of Justice)	
<i>Adjournment</i>	6.00 p.m.

**** Any divisions on reduced numbers**

Thursday 28 January 2021 (10.00 a.m. – 6.22 p.m.) [Convention Centre Dublin]

Government Business:	10.00 a.m. – 11.40 a.m. (100 mins)
- Statements and Q&A by the Minister for Health on Covid-19 Vaccinations (100 mins)	
Leaders' Questions (SF, Lab, RIG, Ind Group)	12.00 p.m. – 12.34 p.m. (34 mins)
Questions on Promised Legislation	12.34 p.m. – 1.04 p.m. (30 mins)
Government Business:	1.04 p.m. – 5.34 p.m. (4 hrs 30 mins)
- Statements and Q&A by the Minister for Social Protection on Covid-19 (135 mins)	
- Statements and Q&A by the Minister for Housing, Local Government & Heritage on the Department of Housing, Local Government & Heritage's response to Covid-19 (135 mins)	
Topical Issues	5.34 p.m. – 6.22 p.m. (48 mins)
<i>Adjournment</i>	6.22 p.m.

*** Sittings subject to reduced numbers**

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

ARRANGEMENTS FOR DÁIL BUSINESS

Wednesday proposal no. 1 – Thirty-Seventh Amendment of the Constitution (Economic, Social And Cultural Rights) Bill 2018 – Second Stage

- Shall be brought to a conclusion within 2 hours

Wednesday proposal no. 2 – Oral Parliamentary Questions

- Oral Parliamentary Questions pursuant to Standing Order 46 shall not be taken

Wednesday proposal no. 3 – No suspension of sitting

- There shall be no suspension of sitting pursuant to the weekly Dáil schedule agreed by Order of the Dáil on 16th December 2020

Wednesday proposal no. 4 – Motion re Covid-19 Support Scheme

- Shall not exceed 105 minutes and the arrangements shall be in accordance with those agreed by Order of the Dáil of 30th July, 2020, for 100 minutes, to conclude with a 5-minute speech in reply by a Minister or Minister of State
- All members may share time

Wednesday proposal no. 5 – Motion re Appointment of two new Members to GSOC

- Shall be brought to a conclusion within 45 minutes, and shall be confined to a single round of speeches not exceeding 5 minutes each by a Minister or Minister of State and representatives of Sinn Féin, the Labour Party, Social Democrats, Solidarity-People Before Profit, the Regional Group, the Rural Independent Group and the Independent Group, who shall be called upon in that order, and a Minister or Minister of State may make a statement in reply, which shall not exceed 5 minutes
- All members may share time

Wednesday proposal no. 6 – Topical issues

- Topical issues pursuant to Standing Order 37 shall not be taken

Wednesday proposal no. 7 – Voting block deferred

- Any division that would have been taken in the weekly division time this evening shall be deferred until the next weekly division time

Wednesday proposal no. 8 – Adjournment

- The proceedings on any business under consideration shall be interrupted and the Dáil shall adjourn not later than 6 p.m. until 10.00 a.m. on Thursday, when it shall meet in the Convention Centre Dublin to take Statements and Q&A by the Minister for Health on Covid-19 Vaccinations

Thursday proposal no. 1 – Oral Parliamentary Questions

- No oral Parliamentary Questions pursuant to Standing Order 46 shall be taken

Thursday proposal no. 2 – Statements and Q&A by the Minister for Health on Covid-19 Vaccinations

- Shall not exceed 100 minutes and the arrangements shall be in accordance with those agreed by Order of the Dáil of 30th July, 2020, for 100 minutes, provided that members may use their time for a combination of statements and questions and answers, or questions and answers only, and all members may share time
- If the statements and Q&A conclude prior to 12 noon, the sitting shall stand suspended until 12 noon

Thursday proposal no. 3 – No suspension of sitting

- There shall be no suspension of sitting pursuant to the weekly Dáil schedule agreed by Order of the Dáil on 16th December 2020

Thursday proposal no. 4 – Statements and Q&A by the Minister for Social Protection on Covid-19

- Shall not exceed 135 minutes and the arrangements shall be in accordance with those agreed by Order of the Dáil of 30th July, 2020, for 135 minutes, provided that members may use their time for a combination of statements and questions and answers, or questions and answers only, and all members may share time

Thursday proposal no. 5 – Statements and Q&A by the Minister for Housing, Local Government & Heritage on the Department of Housing, Local Government & Heritage's response to Covid-19

- Shall not exceed 135 minutes and the arrangements shall be in accordance with those agreed by Order of the Dáil of 30th July, 2020, for 135 minutes, provided that members may use their time for a combination of statements and questions and answers, or questions and answers only, and all members may share time

Thursday proposal no. 6 – Topical issues

- Topical issues pursuant to Standing Order 37 shall be taken on the conclusion of Statements and Q&A by the Minister for Housing, Local Government & Heritage on the Department of Housing, Local Government & Heritage's response to Covid-19

Thursday proposal no. 7 – Thursday evening business

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

NOTE RE TWO-DAY SITTING WEEK

For the information of members, the decision of the Business Committee that the Dáil sit for two days only this week, was made on the basis of health and safety advice.

MEMBERS DISSENTING

Deputies Cian O'Callaghan, Richard Boyd-Barrett, Denis Naughten, Mattie McGrath and Thomas Pringle expressed their dissent in relation to the fact that there may be insufficient time for the first speaking round to be completed on Wednesday on the Criminal Justice (Theft and Fraud Offences) (Amendment) Bill 2020, with the Dáil adjourning at 6 p.m.

Deputy Richard Boyd Barrett has expressed his dissent in relation to the speaking arrangements adopted by Order of the Dáil of 30th July, 2020.

Deputy Mattie McGrath has expressed his dissent in relation to not having topical issues on Wednesday.

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

Wednesday from 10.00 a.m. – 12.00 noon

Thirty-Seventh Amendment of the Constitution (Economic, Social And Cultural Rights) Bill 2018 — Second Stage

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