

## REPORT OF THE BUSINESS COMMITTEE

### ARRANGEMENTS FOR BUSINESS AND BUSINESS SCHEDULE FOR

TUESDAY TO FRIDAY, 29 JUNE 2021 - 2 JULY 2021

(AS AGREED AT ITS MEETING ON 24 JUNE 2021)

#### Tuesday 29 June 2021 (2:00 p.m. - 10:32 p.m.) [Convention Centre Dublin]

Leaders' Questions (Day 15: Sinn Féin, Labour, Rural Ind 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)

#### **Motion(s) without debate**

- Motion re Defence Annual Report 2020 (referral to Committee)
- Motion re waiver requests on pre-legislative scrutiny

Taoiseach's Questions 3.04 p.m. - 3.14 p.m. (10 mins)

**Government Business** 3.14 p.m. - 6.14 p.m. (180 mins)

- Planning and Development (Amendment) Bill (No. 3) Bill 2021 [*Seanad*] – Second Stage (to adjourn at 6.14 p.m.; otherwise, to conclude following completion of first round) (Dept of Housing, Local Government and Heritage)

**Private Members' Business (Sinn Féin)** 6.14 p.m. - 8.14 p.m. (120 mins)

- Motion re affordable homes in the Poolbeg Strategic Development Zone

P.Q.s: Oral - Minister for Defence 8.14 p.m. - 9.44 p.m. (90 mins)

Topical Issues 9.44 p.m. - 10.32 p.m. (48 mins)

Adjournment 10.32 p.m.

\* Any divisions claimed immediate and on reduced numbers

#### Wednesday 30 June 2021 (9:12 a.m. - 11:50 p.m.) [Convention Centre Dublin]

Topical Issues 9.12 a.m. - 10.00 a.m. (48 mins)

**Private Members' Business (PBP-Solidarity)** 10.00 a.m. - 12.00 p.m. (120 mins)

- Industrial Relations (Provisions in Respect of Pension Entitlements of Retired Workers) Bill 2021 – Second Stage

Leaders' Questions (Day 16: Sinn Féin, Soc Dems, PBP-Sol, 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(s) without debate**

- Motion re Presentation, Circulation and Referral to Select Committee of Further Revised Estimate [Vote 33] (Dept of Public Expenditure and Reform)
- Motion re Further Revised Estimate 2021 [Vote 42] (back from Committee) (Dept of Public Expenditure and Reform)

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

**Government Business** 1.49 p.m. - 6.20 p.m. (4 hrs 31 mins)

- Statements post European Council meeting of 24th and 25th June 2021 (to conclude within 125 mins)

- Statements on Covid-19 Vaccine Rollout [*working title*] (*to conclude within 145 minutes*) (*Dept of Health*)

SOS 6.20 p.m. - 7.20 p.m. (60 mins)

**Government Business** 7.20 p.m. - 11.20 p.m. (4 hrs)

- Defence (Amendment) Bill 2020 – Report and Final Stages (*to conclude within 60 minutes*) (*Dept of Defence*)
- Land Development Agency Bill 2021– Report and Final Stages (*to conclude within 180 minutes*) (*Dept of Housing, Local Government and Heritage*)

Weekly Divisions 11.20 p.m. - 11.50 p.m. (30 mins)

Adjournment 11.50 p.m.

### Thursday 1 July 2021 (9:00 a.m. - 10:33 p.m.) [Convention Centre Dublin]

P.Q.s: Oral - Minister for Education 9.00 a.m. - 10.30 a.m. (90 mins)

P.Q.s: Oral - Minister for Social Protection 10.30 a.m. - 12.00 p.m. (90 mins)

Leaders' Questions (Day 17: Sinn Féin, Labour, PBP-Sol, 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 1.04 p.m. - 1.44 p.m. (40 mins)

**Government Business** 1.44 p.m. - 8.30 p.m. (6 hrs 46 mins)

- Planning and Development (Amendment) (No. 3) Bill 2021 - Second Stage (*resumed, to conclude after first round*)
- Finance (Covid-19 and Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2021 - Second Stage (*to conclude within 220 minutes*) (*Dept of Finance*)
- Statements on the Future of Banking in Ireland (*to conclude within 145 minutes*) (*Dept of Finance*)

Topical Issues 8.30 p.m. - 9.18 p.m. (48 mins)

**Private Members' Bill** 9.18 p.m. - 10.33 p.m. (75 mins)

- Traveller Culture and History in Education Bill 2018 – Second Stage (Deputy Thomas Pringle)

Adjournment 10.33 p.m.

### Friday 2 July 2021 (9:00 a.m. - 05:00 p.m.) [Leinster House]

**Government Business** 9.00 a.m. - 12.40 p.m. (3 hrs 40 mins)

- Workplace Relations (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2021 - Second Stage (*to conclude within 220 minutes*) (*Dept of Enterprise, Trade and Employment*)

SOS 12.40 p.m. - 1.20 p.m. (40 mins)

**Government Business** 1.20 p.m. - 5.00 p.m. (3 hrs 40 mins)

- Companies (Rescue Process for Small and Micro Companies) Bill 2021 - Second Stage (*to conclude within 220 minutes*) (*Dept of Enterprise, Trade and Employment*)

Adjournment 5.00 p.m.

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

### **ARRANGEMENTS FOR BUSINESS**

#### ***Tuesday proposal no. 1 - Late sitting***

- The Dáil shall sit later than 10.30 p.m. and shall adjourn on the conclusion of topical issues

#### ***Tuesday proposal no. 2 - Motion re Defence Annual Report 2020 (referral to Committee) and Motion re waiver requests on pre-legislative scrutiny***

- Shall be taken without debate

#### ***Tuesday proposal no. 3 - Planning and Development (Amendment) Bill (No. 3) Bill 2021 [Seanad] - Second Stage***

- Shall, if not previously concluded, be brought to a conclusion, after 220 minutes, with speeches confined to a single round in accordance with the arrangements agreed by Order of the Dáil of 30 July 2020 for the first round, following which a Minister or Minister of State shall be called upon to make a speech in reply which shall not exceed 10 minutes, and all members may share time, but in any event, and if not previously concluded, shall be adjourned at 6.14 p.m. on Tuesday

#### ***Tuesday proposal no. 4 - Private Members' Business: Motion re affordable homes in the Poolbeg Strategic Development Zone***

- Shall be taken on the conclusion of proceedings on the Planning and Development (No. 3) (Amendment) Bill 2021 [Seanad] and shall, if not previously concluded, be brought to a conclusion after 2 hours

#### ***Tuesday proposal no. 5 - Questions to the Minister for Defence***

- Parliamentary Questions to the Minister for Defence shall be taken on the conclusion of private members' business and shall not exceed 90 minutes

#### ***Tuesday proposal no. 6 - Topical Issues***

- Topical issues shall be taken on the conclusion of oral Parliamentary Questions to the Minister for Defence

#### ***Wednesday proposal no. 1 - Late sitting***

- The Dáil shall sit later than 9.30 p.m. and shall adjourn on the conclusion of the weekly division time, which shall take place on the conclusion of proceedings on the Land Development Agency Bill 2021

#### ***Wednesday proposal no. 2 - Industrial Relations (Provisions in Respect of Pension Entitlements of Retired Workers) Bill 2021 - Second Stage***

- Shall, if not previously concluded, be brought to a conclusion after two hours

***Wednesday proposal no. 3 - Motion re Presentation, Circulation and Referral to Select Committee of Further Revised Estimate [Vote 33] and Motion re Further Revised Estimate [Vote 42]***

- Shall be taken without debate

***Wednesday proposal no. 4 - Statements Post European Council meeting of 24th and 25th June 2021***

- Shall be taken immediately following oral Parliamentary Questions to the Taoiseach
- Shall not exceed 125 minutes and shall be confined to a round of statements not exceeding 100 minutes, in accordance with the arrangements agreed by Order of the Dáil of 30 July, 2020, for that time, followed by 20 minutes of questions and answers, following which a Minister or Minister of State shall be called upon to make a statement in reply which shall not exceed 5 minutes
- All members may share time

***Wednesday proposal no. 5 - Statements on Covid-19 Vaccine Rollout [working title]***

- Shall not exceed 145 minutes, with arrangements in accordance with those agreed by Order of the Dáil of 30 July 2020, for 135 minutes, following which a Minister or Minister of State shall be called upon to make a statement in reply which shall not exceed 10 minutes, and all members may share time

***Wednesday proposal no. 6 - Suspension of sitting***

- The sitting shall be suspended for an hour on the conclusion of the Statements on Covid-19 Vaccine Rollout, but shall not be otherwise suspended pursuant to the weekly Dáil schedule agreed by Order of the Dáil on 11 May 2021

***Wednesday proposal no. 7 - Defence (Amendment) Bill 2020 - Report and Final Stages***

- Shall, if not previously concluded, be brought to a conclusion after 60 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 Defence

***Wednesday proposal no. 8 - Land Development Agency Bill 2021 - Report and Final Stages***

- Shall, if not previously concluded, be brought to a conclusion after 180 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

***Thursday proposal no. 1 - Late sitting***

- The Dáil shall sit later than 9.27 p.m. and shall adjourn on the conclusion of Second Stage of the Traveller Culture and History in Education Bill 2018
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***Thursday proposal no. 2 - Finance (Covid-19 and Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2021 - Second Stage***

- Shall, if not previously concluded, be brought to a conclusion, after 220 minutes, with speeches confined to a single round in accordance with the arrangements agreed by Order of the Dáil of 30 July 2020 for the first round, following which a Minister or Minister of State shall be called upon to make a speech in reply which shall not exceed 10 minutes, and all members may share time

***Thursday proposal no. 3 - Statements on the Future of Banking in Ireland***

- Shall not exceed 145 minutes and shall be confined to a round of statements not exceeding 135 minutes, in accordance with the arrangements agreed by Order of the Dáil of 30 July, 2020, for 135 minutes, followed which a Minister or Minister of State may make a speech in reply which shall not exceed 10 minutes, and all members may share time

***Thursday proposal no. 4 - Topical Issues***

- Shall be taken on the conclusion of the Statements on the Future of Banking in Ireland

***Thursday proposal no. 5 - Thursday evening business: Traveller Culture and History in Education Bill 2018 - Second Stage***

- Shall be taken on the conclusion of topical issues, with arrangements as provided for in Standing Order 160, save that the proceedings shall, if not previously concluded, be brought to a conclusion after 75 minutes

***Friday proposal - Friday sitting***

- The Dáil shall meet at 9 a.m. on Friday in Leinster House to take the Second Stages of the Workplace Relations (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2021 and the Companies (Rescue Process for Small and Micro Companies) Bill 2021 and the following arrangements shall apply:
  - (i) Second Stage of the Workplace Relations (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2021 shall, if not previously concluded, be brought to a conclusion, after 220 minutes, with speeches confined to a single round in accordance with the arrangements agreed by Order of the Dáil of 30 July 2020 for the first round, following which a Minister or Minister of State shall be called upon to make a speech in reply which shall not exceed 10 minutes, and all members may share time
  - (ii) the sitting shall be suspended on the conclusion of Second Stage of the Workplace Relations (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2021 for 40 minutes
  - (iii) Second Stage of the Companies (Rescue Process for Small and Micro Companies) Bill 2021 shall, if not previously concluded, be brought to a conclusion, after 220 minutes, with speeches confined to a single round in accordance with the arrangements agreed by Order of the Dáil of 30 July 2020 for the first round, following which a Minister or Minister of State shall be called upon to make a

speech in reply which shall not exceed 10 minutes, and all members may share time

### **MEMBERS DISSENTING**

Deputy Pádraig MacLochlainn dissented on the Dáil not sitting in Leinster House on Tuesday and Thursday.

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

Deputies Padraig MacLochlainn, Cian O'Callaghan, Richard Boyd Barrett, Mattie McGrath and Thomas Pringle expressed dissent on the imposition of a guillotine on the Land Development Agency Bill 2021.

### **BUSINESS COMMITTEE**

*25 June 2021*