

REPORT OF THE BUSINESS COMMITTEE

ARRANGEMENTS FOR BUSINESS AND BUSINESS SCHEDULE FOR

TUESDAY TO THURSDAY, 6 - 8 JULY 2021

(AS AGREED AT ITS MEETING ON 1 JULY 2021)

Tuesday 6 July 2021 (2:00 p.m. - 10:32 p.m.) [Convention Centre Dublin]

Leaders' Questions (Day 1: Sinn Féin, Soc Dems, PBP-Sol, RIG) 2.00 p.m. - 2.34 p.m. (34 mins)

Order of Business* 2.34 p.m. - 3.04 p.m. (30 mins)

Motion without debate

- Motion *re* changes to Standing Orders arising from recommendations of Committee on Budgetary Oversight

Taoiseach's Questions 3.04 p.m. - 3.49 p.m. (45 mins)

Government Business 3.49 p.m. - 6.14 p.m. (145 mins)

- Statements on action to tackle sexual, domestic, and gender-based violence (to conclude within 145 mins) (Dept of Justice)

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

- Ban on Rent Increases Bill 2021 - Second Stage

P.Q.s: Oral - Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth 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 7 July 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 (Regional Group) 10.00 a.m. - 12.00 p.m. (120 mins)

- Motion *re* Post Offices

Leaders' Questions (Day 2: Sinn Féin, 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)

Motion without debate

- Motion *re* Technological Universities Act 2018 (Section 36) (Appointed Day) Order 2021 (back from Committee) (Dept of Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science)

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

Government Business 1.49 p.m. - 3.35 p.m. (106 mins)

- Maritime Area Planning Bill 2021 - Second Stage (to adjourn at 3.35 p.m., if not previously concluded) (Dept of Housing, Local Government and Heritage)
- Consumer Protection (Regulation of Retail Credit and Credit Serving Firms) Bill 2021 - Second Stage (to adjourn at 3.35 p.m., if not previously concluded) (Dept of Finance)

SOS 3.35 p.m. - 4.35 p.m. (60 mins)

Government Business 4.35 p.m. - 11.30 p.m. (6 hrs 55 mins)

- CervicalCheck Tribunal (Amendment) Bill 2021 - All Stages (*Second Stage to conclude within 115 minutes; Committee and remaining Stages to conclude within 30 minutes; any division on Second Stage, and Committee and remaining Stages, to be taken not earlier than 6.30 p.m.*) (Dept of Health)
- Workplace Relations (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2021 - Committee and remaining Stages (*to conclude within 30 mins*) (Dept of Enterprise, Trade, and Employment)
- Companies (Rescue Process for Small and Micro Companies) Bill 2021 - Committee and remaining Stages (*to conclude within 60 minutes*) (Dept of Enterprise, Trade and Employment)
- Gender Pay Gap Information Bill 2021 - Amendments from the Seanad (*to conclude within 30 mins*) (Dept of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth)
- Air Navigation and Transport Bill 2020 – Report and Final Stages (*to conclude within 60 minutes*) (Dept of Transport)
- Finance (Covid-19 and Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2021 - Committee and remaining Stages (*to conclude within 60 minutes*) (Dept of Finance)
- Planning and Development (Amendment) (No. 3) Bill 2021 [*Seanad*] - Committee and remaining Stages (*to conclude within 30 minutes*) (Dept of Housing, Local Government and Heritage)

Weekly Divisions 11.30 p.m. - 11.50 p.m. (20 mins)

Adjournment 11.50 p.m.

Thursday 8 July 2021 (9:00 a.m. - 10:15 p.m.) [Convention Centre Dublin]

P.Q.s: Oral - Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science 9.00 a.m. - 10.30 a.m. (90 mins)

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

Leaders' Questions (Day 3: Sinn Féin, Soc Dems, 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 1.04 p.m. - 1.44 p.m. (40 mins)

Government Business 1.44 p.m. - 8.12 p.m. (6 hrs 28 mins)

- Sale of Tickets (Cultural, Entertainment, Recreational and Sporting Events) Bill 2021 - Amendments from the Seanad (*to conclude within 60 minutes*) (Dept of Enterprise, Trade and Employment)
- Affordable Housing Bill 2021 [*Seanad*] - Committee and remaining Stages (*to conclude within 180 minutes*) (Dept of Housing, Local Government and Heritage)
- Residential Tenancies (No. 2) Bill 2021 - Amendments from the Seanad (*to conclude within 60 minutes*) (Dept of Housing, Local Government and Heritage)
- Maritime Area Planning Bill 2021 - Second Stage (resumed) (*to adjourn, if not previously concluded, at 8.12 p.m.*)

- Consumer Protection (Regulation of Retail Credit and Credit Serving Firms) Bill 2021
- Second Stage (*to adjourn, if not previously concluded, at 8.12 p.m.*)

Topical Issues 8.12 p.m. - 9.00 p.m. (*48 mins*)

Private Members' Bill 9.00 p.m. - 10.15 p.m. (*75 mins*)

- Proceeds of Crime (Investment in Disadvantaged Communities) (Amendment) Bill 2021 - Second Stage (*Deputies Mark Ward, Ruairí Ó Murchú*)

Adjournment 10.15 p.m.

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

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 changes to Standing Orders arising from recommendations of Committee on Budgetary Oversight

- Shall be taken without debate

Tuesday proposal no. 3 - Statements on action to tackle sexual, domestic, and gender-based violence

- 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 that time, following which a Minister or Minister of State may make a statement in reply which shall not exceed 10 minutes, and all members may share time

Tuesday proposal no. 4 - Ban on Rent Increases Bill 2021 - Second Stage

- Shall be taken on the conclusion of the Statements on action to tackle sexual, domestic, and gender-based violence and shall, if not previously concluded, be brought to a conclusion after 2 hours

Tuesday proposal no. 5 - Questions to the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth

- Parliamentary Questions to the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth 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 Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth

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 be taken on the conclusion of proceedings on the Planning and Development (Amendment) (No. 3) Bill 2021 [*Seanad*]: Provided that if there are no postponed divisions, the Dáil shall adjourn on the conclusion of the Planning and Development (Amendment) (No. 3) Bill 2021 [*Seanad*]

Wednesday proposal no. 2 - Motion re Technological Universities Act 2018 (Section 36) (Appointed Day) Order 2021 (back from Committee)

- Shall be taken without debate

Wednesday proposal no. 3 - Maritime Area Planning Bill 2021 - Second Stage

- Shall be adjourned at 3.35 p.m., if not previously concluded

Wednesday proposal no. 4 - Consumer Protection (Regulation of Retail Credit and Credit Serving Firms) Bill 2021 - Second Stage

- Shall be adjourned at 3.35 p.m., if not previously concluded

Wednesday proposal no. 5 - Suspension of sitting

- The sitting shall be suspended for an hour immediately prior to the CervicalCheck Tribunal (Amendment) Bill 2021, 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. 6 - CervicalCheck Tribunal (Amendment) Bill 2021 - All Stages

- Proceedings on Second Stage shall, if not previously concluded, be brought to a conclusion within 115 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, save that the times shall be halved in each instance, 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
- If proceedings on Second Stage conclude earlier than 6.30 p.m. and a division is claimed on the proceedings on the second reading motion, such division shall be taken at 6.30 p.m.; otherwise, any division demanded on the proceedings on the second reading motion shall be taken immediately
- Committee and remaining Stages shall, if not previously concluded, be taken not earlier than 6.30 p.m., and shall 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 Health

Wednesday proposal no. 7 - Workplace Relations (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2021 - 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 Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment

Wednesday proposal no. 8 - Companies (Rescue Process for Small and Micro Companies) Bill 2021 - 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 and which shall, in relation to amendments, include only those set down or accepted by the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment

Wednesday proposal no. 9 - Gender Pay Gap Information Bill 2021 - Amendments from the Seanad

- The proceedings on the amendments from the Seanad to the Gender Pay Gap Information Bill 2021 shall, if not previously concluded, be brought to a conclusion after 30 minutes and any amendments from the Seanad not disposed of shall be decided by one Question which shall be put from the Chair, and which shall, in relation to amendments to the Seanad amendments, include only those set down or accepted by the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth

Wednesday proposal no. 10 - Air Navigation and Transport 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 Transport

Wednesday proposal no. 11 - Finance (Covid-19 and Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2021 - 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 and which shall, in relation to amendments, include only those set down or accepted by the Minister for Finance

Wednesday proposal no. 12 - Planning and Development (Amendment) (No. 3) Bill 2021 [Seanad] - 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 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 Proceeds of Crime (Investment in Disadvantaged Communities) (Amendment) Bill 2021

Thursday proposal no. 2 - Sale of Tickets (Cultural, Entertainment, Recreational and Sporting Events) Bill 2021 - Amendments from the Seanad

- The proceedings on the amendments from the Seanad to the Sale of Tickets (Cultural, Entertainment, Recreational and Sporting Events) Bill 2021 shall, if not previously concluded, be brought to a conclusion after 60 minutes and any amendments from the Seanad not disposed of shall be decided by one Question which shall be put from the Chair, and which shall, in relation to amendments to the Seanad amendments, include only those set down or accepted by the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment

Thursday proposal no. 3 - Affordable Housing Bill 2021 [Seanad] - Committee and remaining 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. 4 - Residential Tenancies (No. 2) Bill 2021 - Amendments from the Seanad

- The proceedings on the amendments from the Seanad to the Residential Tenancies (No. 2) Bill 2021 shall, if not previously concluded, be brought to a conclusion after 60 minutes and any amendments from the Seanad not disposed of shall be decided by one Question which shall be put from the Chair, and which shall, in relation to amendments to the Seanad amendments, include only those set down or accepted by the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage

Thursday proposal no. 5 - Maritime Area Planning Bill 2021 - Second Stage (resumed)

- Shall be adjourned, if not previously concluded, at 8.12 p.m.

Thursday proposal no. 6 - Consumer Protection (Regulation of Retail Credit and Credit Serving Firms) Bill 2021 - Second Stage

- Shall be adjourned, if not previously concluded at 8.12 p.m.

Thursday proposal no. 7 - Topical Issues

- Shall be taken on the conclusion of Second Stage of the Consumer Protection (Regulation of Retail Credit and Credit Serving Firms) Bill 2021, or at 8.12 p.m., whichever is the earlier

Thursday proposal no. 8 - Proceeds of Crime (Investment in Disadvantaged Communities) (Amendment) Bill 2021 - Second Stage

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

MEMBERS DISSENTING

Deputies Cian O'Callaghan, Richard Boyd Barrett, Denis Naughten and Mattie McGrath expressed dissent in relation to the speaking arrangements adopted by Order of the Dáil of 30th July, 2020.

Deputies Pádraig MacLochlainn dissented on the Dáil not sitting in Leinster House on Tuesday and Thursday. Deputies Pádraig MacLochlainn, Richard Boyd Barrett, Cian O'Callaghan, Denis Naughten, Duncan Smith and Mattie McGrath dissented on the lack of a Friday sitting of the Dáil.

Deputies Pádraig MacLochlainn, Richard Boyd Barrett, Cian O'Callaghan, Denis Naughten, Duncan Smith and Mattie McGrath dissented on the imposition of a guillotine on a number of Bills next week. Deputy Duncan Smith also dissented on the late sitting on Wednesday evening.

Deputies Pádraig MacLochlainn, Cian O'Callaghan, Denis Naughten and Mattie McGrath dissented on the lack of statements on the Common Agricultural Policy and on the lack of statements on the Covid vaccine rollout.

INDICATIVE BUSINESS FOR 13 and 14 JULY 2021

Maritime Area Planning Bill 2021

Consumer Protection (Regulation of Retail Credit and Credit Serving Firms) Bill 2021

Maritime Jurisdiction Bill 2021

Nursing Home Support Scheme Bill 2021

Official Languages Bill 2021

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