

## REPORT OF THE BUSINESS COMMITTEE

### ARRANGEMENTS FOR BUSINESS AND BUSINESS SCHEDULE FOR

TUESDAY TO THURSDAY, 13 - 15 JULY 2021

(AS AGREED AT ITS MEETING ON 8 JULY 2021)

#### Tuesday 13 July 2021 (2:00 p.m. - 11:48 p.m.) [Convention Centre Dublin]

Leaders' Questions (Day 4: Sinn Féin, Labour, 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)

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

- Motion re Regulation (EU) 2021/693 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 28 April 2021 establishing the Justice Programme and repealing Regulation (EU) No 1382/2013 (*referral to Committee*) (*Dept of Justice*)
- Motions re Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income and Capital Gains) (Federal Republic of Germany) and (Republic of Kosovo) Order 2021 (*referral to Committee*) (*Dept of Finance*)
- Motion re Approval of appointment of member of the Legal Services Regulatory Authority (*Dept of Justice*)
- Motion re Arrangements on the Order of Business and Report of the Committee on Standing Orders and Dáil Reform on rota for Leaders' Questions pursuant to Standing Order 36
- Motion re Extension of Reporting Date of Committee on Key Issues affecting the Traveller Community

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

P.Q.s: Oral - Minister for Health 3.49 p.m. - 5.19 p.m. (90 mins)

**Private Members' Business (Sinn Féin)** 5.19 p.m. - 7.19 p.m. (120 mins)

- Motion re Nursing Homes [*working title*]

**Government Business** 7.19 p.m. - 11.00 p.m. (3 hrs 41 mins)

- Finance (Local Property Tax) (Amendment) Bill 2021 - Second Stage (*to conclude within 220 minutes; any division on Second Stage to be taken immediately prior to Committee Stage on Wednesday*) (*Dept of Finance*)

Topical Issues 11.00 p.m. - 11.48 p.m. (48 mins)

Adjournment 11.48 p.m.

\* Any divisions claimed immediate and on reduced numbers

#### Wednesday 14 July 2021 (9:12 a.m. - 11:30 p.m.) [Convention Centre Dublin]

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

<b>Private Members' Business (Rural Independent Group)</b>	10.00 a.m. - 12.00 p.m. (120 mins)
- Motion re Covid-19 Reopening [ <i>working title</i> ]	
Leaders' Questions (Day 5: Sinn Féin, Soc Dems, PBP-Sol, RIG)	12.00 p.m. - 12.34 p.m. (34 mins)
Questions on Promised Legislation	12.34 p.m. - 1.04 p.m. (30 mins)
Taoiseach's Questions	1.04 p.m. - 1.49 p.m. (45 mins)
<b>Government Business</b>	1.49 p.m. - 5.45 p.m. (3 hrs 56 mins)
- Motion re Extension of Mandatory Hotel Quarantine ( <i>to conclude within 145 minutes</i> ) (Dept of Health)	
- Consumer Protection (Regulation of Retail Credit and Credit Serving Firms) Bill 2021 - Second Stage ( <i>resumed</i> ) ( <i>to adjourn at 5.45 p.m. if not previously concluded</i> ) (Dept of Finance)	
SOS	5.45 p.m. - 6.45 p.m. (60 mins)
<b>Government Business</b>	6.45 p.m. - 11.00 p.m. (4 hrs 15 mins)
- Nursing Homes Support Scheme (Amendment) Bill 2021 - Report and Final Stages ( <i>to conclude within 45 minutes</i> ) (Dept of Health)	
- Climate Action and Low Carbon Development (Amendment) Bill 2021 - Amendments from the Seanad ( <i>to conclude within 45 minutes</i> ) (Dept of Environment, Climate and Communications)	
- Maritime Jurisdiction Bill 2021 [ <i>Seanad</i> ] - Committee and remaining Stages ( <i>to conclude within 45 minutes</i> ) (Dept of Foreign Affairs)	
- Finance (Local Property Tax) (Amendment) Bill 2021 - Committee and remaining Stages ( <i>to conclude within 120 mins</i> )	
<b>Motions without debate</b>	
- Motions re Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income and Capital Gains) (Federal Republic of Germany) and (Republic of Kosovo) Order 2021 ( <i>back from Committee</i> )	
- Motions re Further Revised Estimates [Votes 32 and 33] ( <i>back from Committee</i> ) (Dept of Public Expenditure and Reform)	
Weekly Divisions	11.00 p.m. - 11.30 p.m. (30 mins)
Adjournment	11.30 p.m.

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

P.Q.s: Oral - Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine	9.00 a.m. - 10.30 a.m. (90 mins)
P.Q.s: Oral - Minister for Rural and Community Development	10.30 a.m. - 12.00 p.m. (90 mins)
Leaders' Questions (Day 6: Sinn Féin, Labour, Reg Grp, RIG)	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)

<b>Government Business</b>	1.44 p.m. - 7.12 p.m. (5 hrs 28 mins)
- Consumer Protection (Regulation of Retail Credit and Credit Serving Firms) Bill 2021 - Second Stage ( <i>resumed, if not previously concluded</i> ) (to adjourn, if not previously concluded at 7.12 p.m., and in any event, immediately prior to concluding speech) (Dept of Finance)	
Topical Issues	7.12 p.m. - 8.00 p.m. (48 mins)
<b>Private Member's Bill</b>	8.00 p.m. - 9.15 p.m. (75 mins)
- Firearms and Offensive Weapons (Amendment) Bill 2021 - Second Stage ( <i>Deputy Jim O'Callaghan</i> )	
Adjournment	9.15 p.m.

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

### **ARRANGEMENTS FOR BUSINESS**

#### ***Tuesday proposal no. 1 - Late sitting and topical issues***

- The Dáil shall sit later than 10.30 p.m. and shall adjourn on the conclusion of topical issues, which shall be taken on the conclusion of Second Stage of the Finance (Local Property Tax) (Amendment) Bill 2021

#### ***Tuesday proposal no. 2 – Motions re Justice Programme, Double Taxation Relief, Appointment of member of the Legal Services Regulatory Authority, Arrangements on the Order of Business and Leaders' Questions rota, and Extension of Reporting Date of Committee on Key Issues affecting the Traveller Community***

- Shall be taken without debate

#### ***Tuesday proposal no. 3 - Oral PQs to the Minister for Health***

- Shall be taken for 90 minutes on the conclusion of Oral Questions to the Taoiseach taken pursuant to Standing Order 46(1)(a)

#### ***Tuesday proposal no. 4 – Private Members' Business: Motion re Nursing Homes [working title]***

- Shall be taken on the conclusion of Parliamentary Questions to the Minister for Health and brought to a conclusion within two hours

#### ***Tuesday proposal no. 5 - Finance (Local Property Tax) (Amendment) Bill 2021 - Second Stage***

- Proceedings on 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, all members may

share time, and any division demanded thereon shall be taken immediately prior to Committee Stage

***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

***Wednesday proposal no. 2 - Motion re Extension of Mandatory Hotel Quarantine***

- Shall be brought to a conclusion after 145 minutes and shall be confined to a single round of speeches 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 shall be called upon to make a speech in reply which shall not exceed 10 minutes, and all members may share time

***Wednesday proposal no. 3 - Consumer Protection (Regulation of Retail Credit and Credit Serving Firms) Bill 2021 - Second Stage***

- Shall be adjourned at 5.45 p.m., if not previously concluded

***Wednesday proposal no. 4 - SOS***

- The sitting shall be suspended for an hour immediately prior to Report Stage of the Nursing Homes Support Scheme (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. 5 - Nursing Homes Support Scheme (Amendment) Bill 2021 – 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 Health

***Wednesday proposal no. 6 - Climate Action and Low Carbon Development (Amendment) Bill 2021 – Amendments from the Seanad***

- The proceedings on the amendments from the Seanad to the Climate Action and Low Carbon (Amendment) Bill 2021 shall, if not previously concluded, be brought to a conclusion after 45 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 Environment, Climate and Communications

***Wednesday proposal no. 7 - Maritime Jurisdiction Bill 2021 [Seanad] – Committee and remaining Stages***

- The Order of Referral to the Select Committee on Foreign Affairs and Defence shall stand discharged, and Committee Stage shall be taken in Committee of the whole Dáil
- Committee and remaining 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 Foreign Affairs

***Wednesday proposal no. 8 - Finance (Local Property Tax) (Amendment) Bill 2021 - Committee and remaining Stages***

- Shall, if not previously concluded, be brought to a conclusion after 120 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. 9 - Motions re Double Taxation Relief***

- Shall be taken without debate, and any division demanded thereon shall be taken immediately

***Wednesday proposal no. 10 - Motions re Further Revised Estimates [Votes 32 and 33]***

- Shall be moved together and decided without debate by one Question, which shall be put from the Chair, and any division demanded thereon shall be taken immediately

***Wednesday proposal no. 11 - Weekly Divisions***

- Shall be taken on the conclusion of proceedings on the Further Revised Estimates

***Thursday proposal no. 1 - Adjournment of the Dáil***

- The Dáil on its rising shall adjourn until 2 p.m. on Wednesday 15 September 2021

***Thursday proposal no. 2 - Consumer Protection (Regulation of Retail Credit and Credit Serving Firms) Bill 2021 - Second Stage***

- Shall be adjourned at 7.12 p.m., if not previously concluded, and in any event, shall be adjourned immediately prior to Minister's concluding speech

***Thursday proposal no. 3 - Topical Issues***

- Shall be taken on the adjournment of Second Stage of the Consumer Protection (Regulation of Retail Credit and Credit Servicing Firms) Bill 2021, or at 7.12 p.m., whichever is the earlier, or in the event Second Stage of the Consumer Protection

(Regulation of Retail Credit and Credit Servicing Firms) Bill 2021 concludes on Wednesday, immediately following the suspension of sitting

***Thursday proposal no. 4 - Firearms and Offensive Weapons (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, Mattie McGrath and Thomas Pringle expressed dissent in relation to the speaking arrangements adopted by Order of the Dáil of 30th July, 2020.

Deputies Pádraig MacLochlainn, Cian O'Callaghan, Richard Boyd Barrett, Denis Naughten, Mattie McGrath and Thomas Pringle expressed dissent in relation to the lack of provision of statements/Q&A on the vaccine rollout and re-opening of the hospitality sector.

Deputies Pádraig MacLochlainn, Richard Boyd Barrett, Cian O' Callaghan, Denis Naughten, Mattie McGrath and Thomas Pringle dissented on the imposition of a guillotine on a number of Bills on Tuesday and on Wednesday. Deputy Denis Naughten also dissented on the lack of a 'catch-up' round of oral PQ's with the Minister for Health before the summer recess.

Deputies Mattie McGrath dissented on the lack of statements on the Common Agricultural Policy and on the situation regarding replies to P.Q's from the Minister for Health.

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

**BUSINESS COMMITTEE**

***9 July 2021***