

Revised (2) REPORT OF THE BUSINESS COMMITTEE

ARRANGEMENTS FOR BUSINESS AND BUSINESS SCHEDULE FOR TUESDAY TO THURSDAY, 13 - 15 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)

Motions without debate

- Motion re Referral to Joint Committee of proposal that Dáil Éireann approves the exercise by the State of the option or discretion under Protocol No. 21 on the position of the United Kingdom and Ireland in respect of the area of freedom, security and justice annexed to the Treaty on European Union and to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union. (*Dept of Justice*)
- Motion re Referral to Select Committee of proposed approval by Dáil Éireann of Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income and Capital Gains) (Republic of Kosovo) Order 2021, and Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income and Capital Gains) (Federal Republic of Germany) Order 2021 (*Dept of Finance*)
- Motion re Approval of appointment of member of the Legal Services Regulatory Authority (*Dept of Justice*)
- Motion re Amendment of Orders of Reference of the 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 Long-term residential care

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

Wed 14 July 2021 (9:12 a.m. – 00.45 a.m. ~~11:30 p.m.~~) [Convention Centre Dublin]

~~Topical Issues 9.12 a.m. – 10.00 a.m. (48 mins)~~

Government Business 9.15 a.m. – 10 a.m.

- Motion re Extension of Mandatory Hotel Quarantine (*to conclude within 45 minutes*) (*Dept of Health*)

Private Members' Business (Rural Independent Group) 10.00 a.m. - 12.00 p.m. (120 mins)

- Motion re Covid-19 Reopening [*working title*]

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)

Motions without debate

- 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 Planning and Development Act 2000 (Section 254 – Overground Telecommunication Cables) Regulations 2021 (referral to Committee) (Department of Housing, Local Government, and Heritage)**

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

Government Business 1.49 p.m. – ~~5.30~~ ~~5.45~~ p.m. (3 hrs ~~41~~ ~~56~~ mins)

- ~~Motion re Extension of Mandatory Hotel Quarantine (to conclude within 145 minutes) (Dept of Health)~~
- ~~Consumer Protection (Regulation of Retail Credit and Credit Serving Firms) Bill 2021 – Second Stage (resumed) (to adjourn at 5.45 p.m., and in any event, to adjourn immediately prior to Minister's concluding speech) (Dept of Finance)~~
- **Health (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill 2021 - Second Stage (to conclude with 220 mins; any division claimed to be taken immediately prior to Committee Stage) (Dept of Health)**

SOS ~~5.30~~ ~~5.45~~ p.m. – ~~6.30~~ ~~6.45~~ p.m. (60 mins)

Government Business ~~6.30~~ ~~6.45~~ p.m. – ~~10.15~~ ~~11.00~~ p.m. (3 hrs 45 mins)

- Nursing Homes Support Scheme (Amendment) Bill 2021 - Report and Final Stages (to conclude within 45 minutes) (Dept of Health)
- **Health (Amendment) (No.2) Bill 2021 - Committee and remaining Stages (to conclude within 90 mins)**
- Climate Action and Low Carbon Development (Amendment) Bill 2021 - Amendments from the Seanad (to conclude within 45 minutes) (Dept of Environment, Climate and Communications)
- Maritime Jurisdiction Bill 2021 [Seanad] - Committee and remaining Stages (to conclude within 45 minutes) (Dept of Foreign Affairs)

Motion without debate

- **Finance (Local Property Tax) (Amendment) Bill 2021 – Financial Resolution (without debate and any division claimed immediate)**

Government Business 10.15 p.m. – 00.15 a.m.

- Finance (Local Property Tax) (Amendment) Bill 2021 - Committee and remaining Stages (to conclude within 120 mins)

Motions without debate

- Motion re Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income and Capital Gains) (Federal Republic of Germany) Order 2021 (*back from Committee*) (*any division claimed immediate*)
- Motions re Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income and Capital Gains) (Republic of Kosovo) Order 2021 (*back from Committee*) (*any division claimed immediate*)
- Motions re Further Revised Estimates [Votes 32 and 33] (*back from Committee*) (*to be moved together and decided by one question and any division claimed immediate*) (*Dept of Public Expenditure and Reform*)
- **Motion re Planning and Development Act 2000 (Section 254 – Overground Telecommunication Cables) Regulations 2021 (*back from Committee*) (*any division claimed immediate*)**

Weekly Divisions 12.15 p.m. – 00.45 a.m. ~~11.00 p.m. – 11.30 p.m.~~ (30 mins)
Adjournment 00.45 a.m. ~~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)

Government Business 1.44 p.m. – 6.24 p.m. ~~7.12 p.m.~~ (4 hrs 40 mins)

- Consumer Protection (Regulation of Retail Credit and Credit Serving Firms) Bill 2021 - Second Stage (*resumed, if not previously adjourned*) (*to adjourn at 6.24 p.m. ~~7.12 p.m.~~, and in any event, to adjourn immediately prior to Minister's concluding speech*)

Topical Issues 6.24 p.m. ~~7.12 p.m.~~ - 8.00 p.m. (96 ~~48~~ mins)

Private Member's Bill 8.00 p.m. - 9.15 p.m. (75 mins)

- Firearms and Offensive Weapons (Amendment) Bill 2021 - Second Stage (*Deputy Jim O'Callaghan*)

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, 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 Long-term residential care

- 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 taken as the first item of business at 9.15 a.m. and topical issues shall not be taken
- Shall be brought to a conclusion after 45 minutes, with speaking slots confined to a single round of five minutes each for a Minister or Minister of State, and a representative of Sinn Féin, the Labour Party, Social Democrats, PBP-Solidarity, the Regional Group, the Rural Independent Group, and the Independent Group, who shall be called upon in that order, following which a Minister or Minister of State shall be called upon to make a speech in reply which shall not exceed 5 minutes, and all members may share time

Wednesday proposal no. 3 – Motion re Arrangements on the Order of Business and Leaders’ Questions rota and Motion re Planning and Development Act 2000 (Section 254 – Overground Telecommunication Cables) Regulations 2021 (referral to Committee)

- Shall be taken without debate

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

- ~~• Shall be adjourned at 5.45 p.m., and in any event, shall be adjourned immediately prior to the concluding speech of a Minister or Minister of State: Provided that in the event Second Stage of the Bill is adjourned immediately prior to the Minister’s concluding speech on Wednesday, it shall not be resumed on Thursday~~

Wednesday proposal no. 4 - Health (Amendment) (No 2) Bill 2021 – All Stages

- Proceedings on Second Stage shall be brought to a conclusion within 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 shall be taken immediately prior to Committee Stage
- Committee and remaining Stages shall be brought to a conclusion after 90 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. 5 - 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. 6 - 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. 7 - 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. 8 - 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. 9 - Finance (Local Property Tax) (Amendment) Bill 2021 - – Financial Resolution

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

Wednesday proposal no. 10 - 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. 11 - Motions re Double Taxation Relief (Federal Republic of Germany and Republic of Kosovo)

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

Wednesday proposal no. 12 - 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. 13 - Motion re Planning and Development Act 2000 (Section 254 – Overground Telecommunication Cables) Regulations 2021 (back from Committee)

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

Wednesday proposal no. 14 - Weekly Divisions

- Shall be taken on the conclusion of proceedings on the ~~Further Revised Estimates~~ **Motion re Planning and Development Act 2000 (Section 254 – Overground Telecommunication Cables) Regulations 2021 (back from Committee)**

Thursday proposal no. 1 - Adjournment of the Dáil

- The Dáil on its rising shall adjourn until 2 p.m. on Wednesday 15 September 2021 when it shall meet in Leinster House

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

- Shall be adjourned at **6.24 p.m.** ~~7.12 p.m.~~, and in any event, shall be adjourned immediately prior to Minister's concluding speech

Thursday proposal no. 3 - Topical Issues

- Shall be taken **for 96 minutes** on the adjournment of Second Stage of the Consumer Protection (Regulation of Retail Credit and Credit Servicing Firms) Bill 2021, or at **6.24 p.m.** ~~7.12 p.m.~~, whichever is the earlier

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 parliamentary questions from the Minister for Health.

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

Deputies Pádraig Mac Lochlainn, Cian O'Callaghan, Richard Boyd Barrett, Mattie McGrath and Thomas Pringle dissented in relation to the arrangements for Health (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill 2021.

Deputy Mattie McGrath dissented to the Financial Resolution for the Finance (Local Property Tax) (Amendment) Bill 2021 being taken without debate.

BUSINESS COMMITTEE

13 July 2021