

REPORT OF THE BUSINESS COMMITTEE

ARRANGEMENTS FOR BUSINESS AND BUSINESS SCHEDULE FOR

TUESDAY TO THURSDAY, 5 - 7 OCTOBER 2021

(AS AGREED AT ITS MEETING ON 30 SEPTEMBER 2021)

Tuesday 5 October 2021 (2:00 p.m. - 09:48 p.m.)

Leaders' Questions (Day 9: Sinn Féin, Labour Party, Regional Group, Independent Group) 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* Sittings and Business of the Dáil
- Motion *re* rota for Leaders' Questions and arrangements for Order of Business
- Motion *re* reasoned opinion on Proposals of the EU "Fit for 55" package – COM (2021) 551, 554, 555, 557, 558, and 568

Government Business 3.04 p.m. - 5.30 p.m. (146 mins)

- Motion *re* continuance of emergency provisions of the Health (Amendment) (No. 2) Act 2021 (to conclude within 145 minutes) (Dept of Health)

Private Members' Business (Sinn Féin) 5.30 p.m. - 7.30 p.m. (120 mins)

- Motion *re* Childcare Services

P.Q.s: Oral - Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media 7.30 p.m. - 9.00 p.m. (90 mins)

Topical Issues 9.00 p.m. - 9.48 p.m. (48 mins)

Adjournment 9.48 p.m.

* Any divisions claimed immediate and on reduced numbers

Wednesday 6 October 2021 (9:12 a.m. - 10:30 p.m.)

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

Private Members' Business (People Before Profit-Solidarity) 10.00 a.m. - 12.00 p.m. (120 mins)

- Motion *re* Energy Prices

Leaders' Questions (Day 10: Sinn Féin, Social Democrats, Regional Group, Rural Independent 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. - 4.34 p.m. (3 hrs 30 mins)

- Statements on the National Youth Justice Strategy 2021-2027 and supporting community safety (not exceeding 210 minutes) (Dept of Justice)

SOS 4.34 p.m. - 5.34 p.m. (60 mins)

Government Business 5.34 p.m. - 10.00 p.m. (4 hrs 26 mins)

- Criminal Justice (Amendment) Bill 2021 (Committee and remaining Stages) (Dept of Justice)

- Official Languages (Amendment) Bill 2019 (Report and Final Stages) *(to conclude within 210 minutes)*
(Dept of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media)

Weekly Divisions	10.00 p.m. - 10.30 p.m. (30 mins)
Adjournment	10.30 p.m.

Thursday 7 October 2021 (9:00 a.m. - 6:12 p.m.)

P.Q.s: Oral - Minister for Social Protection	9.00 a.m. - 10.30 a.m. (90 mins)
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P.Q.s: Oral - Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth	10.30 a.m. - 12.00 p.m. (90 mins)
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Leaders' Questions (Day 11: Sinn Féin, Labour Party, People Before Profit-Solidarity, Regional Group)	12.00 p.m. - 12.34 p.m. (34 mins)
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Questions on Promised Legislation	12.34 p.m. - 1.04 p.m. (30 mins)
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Government Business	1.04 p.m. - 3.29 p.m. (145 mins)
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- Statements on the recovery and reopening of tourism and aviation [working title] *(not exceeding 145 minutes)* *(Dept of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media)*

SOS	3.29 p.m. - 4.09 p.m. (40 mins)
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Topical Issues	4.09 p.m. - 4.57 p.m. (48 mins)
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Private Members' Bill	4.57 p.m. - 6.12 p.m. (75 mins)
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- Broadcasting (Amendment) (Protection of Journalism) Bill 2019 (Second Stage)

Adjournment	6.12 p.m.
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The proposed arrangements for the taking of business are as follows:

ARRANGEMENTS FOR BUSINESS

Tuesday proposal no. 1 - Oral PQs to the Taoiseach not to be taken; adjournment of the Dáil

- The Dáil shall adjourn on the conclusion of topical issues
- Oral Parliamentary Questions to the Taoiseach pursuant to Standing Order 46(1) shall not be taken

Tuesday proposal no. 2 - Motion reittings and Business of the Dáil

- Shall be taken without debate

Tuesday proposal no. 3 - Motion re rota for Leaders' Questions and arrangements for Order of Business

- Shall be taken without debate

Tuesday proposal no. 4 - Motion re reasoned opinion on Proposals of the EU "Fit for 55" package – COM (2021) 551, 554, 555, 557, 558, and 568

- Shall be taken without debate

Tuesday proposal no. 5 - Motion re continuance of emergency provisions of the Health (Amendment) (No. 2) Act 2021

- Shall, if not previously concluded, be brought to a conclusion within 145 minutes, with arrangements in accordance with those agreed by Order of the Dáil of 30 July 2020, for 135 minutes, followed by a 10-minute speech in reply by a Minister or Minister of State, and all members may share time

Tuesday proposal no. 6 - Motion re Childcare Services

- Shall be taken on the conclusion of the Motion re continuance of emergency provisions of Health (Amendment) (No. 2) Act 2021, and shall, if not previously concluded, be brought to a conclusion after two hours

Tuesday proposal no. 7 - Oral PQs to the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media pursuant to Standing Order 46(1)

- Shall be taken on the conclusion of the Motion re Childcare Services, and shall conclude within 90 minutes

Tuesday proposal no. 8 - Topical issues pursuant to Standing Order 37

- Topical issues pursuant to Standing Order 37 shall be taken on the conclusion of oral Parliamentary Questions to the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media pursuant to Standing Order 46(1)

Wednesday proposal no. 1 - Oral PQs to the Taoiseach not to be taken; late sitting

- The Dáil shall sit later than 9.30 p.m., and shall adjourn on the conclusion of the weekly division time
- Oral Parliamentary Questions to the Taoiseach pursuant to Standing Order 46(1) shall not be taken

Wednesday proposal no. 2 - Statements on the National Youth Justice Strategy 2021-2027 and supporting community safety

- Shall not exceed 210 minutes, with arrangements in accordance with those agreed by Order of the Dáil of 30 July 2020, for 200 minutes, 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

Wednesday proposal no. 3 - SOS

- The sitting shall be suspended for an hour on the conclusion of Statements on the National Youth Justice Strategy 2021-2027 and supporting community safety, and shall not be otherwise suspended pursuant to the weekly schedule agreed by the Dáil on 11 May 2021

Wednesday proposal no. 4 - Criminal Justice (Amendment) Bill 2021 (Committee and remaining Stages)

- Committee and remaining Stages shall be taken immediately following the SOS

Wednesday proposal no. 5 - Official Languages (Amendment) Bill 2019 (Report and Final Stages)

- Proceedings on Report and Final Stages shall be taken immediately following the conclusion of the Criminal Justice (Amendment) Bill 2021, and shall, if not previously concluded, be brought to a conclusion after 210 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 Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media

Wednesday proposal no. 6 - Weekly Divisions

- The weekly division time shall be taken on the conclusion of the Official Languages (Amendment) Bill 2019

Thursday proposal no. 1 - Adjournment of the Dáil

- The Dáil shall adjourn on the conclusion of Second Stage of the Broadcasting (Amendment) (Protection of Journalism) Bill 2019

Thursday proposal no. 2 - Statements on the recovery and reopening of tourism and aviation [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 may make a statement in reply which shall not exceed 10 minutes, and all members may share time

Thursday proposal no. 3 - SOS

- The sitting shall be suspended for 40 minutes on the conclusion of the Statements on the recovery and reopening of tourism and aviation [working title], and shall not be

otherwise suspended pursuant to the weekly schedule agreed by the Dáil on 11 May 2021

Thursday proposal no. 4 - Topical issues

- Topical issues pursuant to Standing Order 37 shall be taken immediately following the SOS

Thursday proposal no. 5 - Broadcasting (Amendment) (Protection of Journalism) Bill 2019 (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 Pádraig Mac Lochlainn, Cian O’Callaghan, Paul Murphy and Thomas Pringle expressed dissent in relation to the time allowed for the Official Languages (Amendment) Bill 2019.

Deputy Mac Lochlainn expressed dissent in relation to the lack of a debate on the Irish Human Rights and Equality Commission’s report on housing.

DEFERRED DIVISIONS ON HAND RELATING TO A MOTION OR A BILL

Planning and Development (Climate Emergency Measures) (Amendment) Bill 2021 – Second Stage

INDICATIVE BUSINESS FOR 12 TO 14 OCTOBER 2021

Budget 2022

THURSDAY EVENING BUSINESS FOR 21 OCTOBER 2021

Statistics (Decade of Centenaries) Bill 2020 (Second Stage) – Deputy Aengus Ó Snodaigh

BUSINESS COMMITTEE

30 September 2021