

REPORT OF THE BUSINESS COMMITTEE

ARRANGEMENTS FOR BUSINESS AND BUSINESS SCHEDULE FOR

TUESDAY TO THURSDAY, 19 - 21 OCTOBER 2021

(AS AGREED AT ITS MEETING ON 14 OCTOBER 2021)

Tuesday 19 October 2021 (2:00 p.m. - 10:52 p.m.)

Leaders' Questions (Sinn Féin, Social Democrats, People Before Profit-Solidarity, Regional Group) 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* Restoration of Sex Offenders (Amendment) Bill 2018

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

Government Business 3.49 p.m. - 6.34 p.m. (165 mins)

- Motion *re* Approval of the Terms of the Partnership and Cooperation Agreement between the European Union and its Member States and the Republic of Singapore (*back from Committee*) (*to conclude within 55 mins*) (*Dept of Foreign Affairs*)
- Motion *re* Ireland's Article 3 Opt-in as regards Access of Competent Authorities to Centralised Bank Account Registries through Single Access Point (*to conclude within 110 minutes*) (*Dept of Justice*)

Private Members' Business (Sinn Féin) 6.34 p.m. - 8.34 p.m. (120 mins)

- Motion *re* Renters

P.Q.s: Oral - Minister for Health 8.34 p.m. - 10.04 p.m. (90 mins)

Topical Issues 10.04 p.m. - 10.52 p.m. (48 mins)

Adjournment 10.52 p.m.

* Any division claimed to be taken immediately, on reduced numbers

Wednesday 20 October 2021 (9:12 a.m. - 9:30 p.m.)

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)

- Autism Spectrum Disorder Bill 2017 (Second Stage)

Leaders' Questions (Sinn Féin, Labour Party, Rural Independent Group, 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)

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

Government Business 1.49 p.m. - 4.30 p.m. (161 mins)

- Statements pre European Council meeting of 21st and 22nd October 2021, pursuant to Standing Order 124 (*to conclude within 110 minutes*)
- Child and Family Agency (Amendment) Bill 2021 (Second Stage) (*to adjourn at 4.30 p.m.*) (*Dept of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth*)

SOS	4.30 p.m. - 5.30 p.m. (60 mins)
Government Business	5.30 p.m. - 9.00 p.m. (3 hrs 30 mins)
- Statements on the Recommendations of the Citizens' Assembly on Gender Equality (to conclude within 210 minutes) (Dept of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth)	
Weekly Divisions	9.00 p.m. - 9.30 p.m. (30 mins)
Adjournment	9.30 p.m.

Thursday 21 October 2021 (9:00 a.m. - 8:30 p.m.)

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 Justice	10.30 a.m. - 12.00 p.m. (90 mins)
Leaders' Questions (Sinn Féin, Labour Party, Regional Group, 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)
SOS	1.04 p.m. - 1.44 p.m. (40 mins)
Government Business	1.44 p.m. - 6.27 p.m. (4 hrs 43 mins)
- Statements on Breast Cancer Awareness Month [<i>working title</i>] (to conclude within 145 minutes) (Dept of Health)	
- Child and Family Agency (Amendment) Bill 2021 (Second Stage) (<i>resumed, if not previously concluded</i>)	
Topical Issues	6.27 p.m. - 7.15 p.m. (48 mins)
Private Members' Bill	7.15 p.m. - 8.30 p.m. (75 mins)
- Statistics (Decade of Centenaries) Bill 2020 (Second Stage) (<i>Deputy Aengus Ó Snodaigh</i>)	
Adjournment	8.30 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 taken pursuant to Standing Order 37, which shall be taken on the conclusion of oral Parliamentary Questions to the Minister for Health pursuant to Standing Order 46(1)

Tuesday proposal no. 2 - Motion re Restoration of Sex Offenders (Amendment) Bill 2018

- Shall be taken without debate

Tuesday proposal no. 3 - Motion re Approval of the Terms of the Partnership and Cooperation Agreement between the European Union and its Member States and the Republic of Singapore (back from Committee)

- Shall, if not previously concluded, be brought to a conclusion within 55 minutes, and the contributions shall be as follows:
 - the opening speech of a Minister or Minister of State and the speech of a representative of Sinn Féin shall not exceed 10 minutes in each case;
 - the speeches of representatives of all other parties and groups in Opposition shall not exceed 5 minutes in each case;
 - members may share time; and
 - a Minister or Minister of State shall be called upon to make a speech in reply which shall not exceed 5 minutes

Tuesday proposal no. 4 - Motion re Ireland's Article 3 Opt-in as regards Access of Competent Authorities to Centralised Bank Account Registries through Single Access Point

- Shall, if not previously concluded, be brought to a conclusion after 110 minutes, with arrangements in accordance with those agreed by Order of the Dáil of 30 July 2020, for 100 minutes, following which a Minister or Minister of State may make a speech in reply which shall not exceed 10 minutes, and members may share time

Tuesday proposal no. 5 - Private Members' Business: Motion re Renters

- Shall be taken on the conclusion of the Motion re Ireland's Article 3 Opt-in as regards Access of Competent Authorities to Centralised Bank Account Registries through Single Access Point, and shall, if not previously concluded, be brought to a conclusion after two hours

Tuesday proposal no. 6 - PQs: Oral

- Oral Parliamentary Questions to the Minister for Health pursuant to Standing Order 46(1) shall be taken on the conclusion of Private Members' Business, and shall conclude within 90 minutes

Wednesday proposal no. 1 - Autism Spectrum Disorder Bill 2017 (Second Stage)

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

Wednesday proposal no. 2 - Statements pre European Council meeting of 21st and 22nd October 2021, pursuant to Standing Order 124

- Shall be taken on the conclusion of Questions to the Taoiseach pursuant to Standing Order 46(1), and shall not exceed 110 minutes, with arrangements in accordance with those agreed by Order of the Dáil of 30 July 2020, for 100 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 - Child and Family Agency (Amendment) Bill 2021 (Second Stage)

- Shall be taken on the conclusion of the pre European Council statements and shall not resume following the SOS

Wednesday proposal no. 4 - Suspension of sitting

- The sitting shall be suspended for an hour at 4.30 p.m., 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 - Statements on the Recommendations of the Citizens' Assembly on Gender Equality

- 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. 6 - Weekly Divisions

- Shall be taken on the conclusion of Statements on the Recommendations of the Citizens' Assembly on Gender Equality or at 9.00 p.m., whichever is the later

Thursday proposal no. 1 - Adjournment of the Dáil

- The Dáil shall adjourn on the conclusion of Second Stage of Statistics (Decade of Centenaries) Bill 2020 until 2.00 p.m. on Tuesday 2 November 2021

Thursday proposal no. 2 - Statements on Breast Cancer Awareness Month [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 members may share time

Thursday proposal no. 3 - Topical issues

- Shall be taken on the conclusion of Government business or at 6.27 p.m., whichever is the earlier

Thursday proposal no. 4 - Statistics (Decade of Centenaries) Bill 2020 (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

INDICATIVE BUSINESS FOR 2 AND 3 NOVEMBER 2021

Finance Bill 2021 (Second Stage)

UPCOMING THURSDAY EVENING BUSINESS

4 November: Wind Turbine Regulation Bill 2020 (Second Stage) (*Deputy Brian Stanley*)

11 November: Report entitled 'Issues impacting the Forestry Sector in Ireland' (*Joint Committee on Agriculture and the Marine*)

18 November: Report entitled 'Aligning Disability Funding with the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, Budget 2022 Pre-Budget Submission' (*Joint Committee on Disability Matters*)

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