

REPORT OF THE BUSINESS COMMITTEE

ARRANGEMENTS FOR BUSINESS AND BUSINESS SCHEDULE FOR

TUESDAY TO THURSDAY, 23 - 25 NOVEMBER 2021

(AS AGREED AT ITS MEETING ON 18 NOVEMBER 2021)

Tuesday 23 November 2021 (2:00 p.m. - 10:33 p.m.)

Leaders' Questions (Sinn Féin, Labour Party, Rural Independent 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)
Taoiseach's Questions	3.04 p.m. - 3.49 p.m. (45 mins)
Government Business	3.49 p.m. - 6.15 p.m. (146 mins)
- Statements on the Climate Action Plan 2021 (to conclude within 145 minutes) (Dept of Environment, Climate and Communications)	
Private Members' Business (Sinn Féin)	6.15 p.m. - 8.15 p.m. (120 mins)
- Motion re Mother and Baby Homes (working title)	
P.Q.s: Oral - Minister for Education	8.15 p.m. - 9.45 p.m. (90 mins)
Topical Issues	9.45 p.m. - 10.33 p.m. (48 mins)
Adjournment	10.33 p.m.

Wednesday 24 November 2021 (9:12 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.)

Topical Issues	9.12 a.m. - 10.00 a.m. (48 mins)
Private Members' Business (Social Democrats)	10.00 a.m. - 12.00 p.m. (120 mins)
- Education (Health, Relationships and Sex Education) Bill 2021 (Second Stage)	
Leaders' Questions (Sinn Féin, Social Democrats, People Before Profit-Solidarity, Regional 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)
Motion(s) without debate	
- Motion re Leave to Introduce Supplementary Estimates [Votes 6, 29 and 37]	
- Motion re Referral of Supplementary Estimates [Votes 6, 29 and 37] to Select Committee	
Taoiseach's Questions	1.04 p.m. - 1.49 p.m. (45 mins)
SOS	1.49 p.m. - 2.49 p.m. (60 mins)
Government Business	
- Merchant Shipping (Investigation of Marine Casualties) (Amendment) Bill 2021 (Second Stage) (to be adjourned at 5 p.m., if not previously concluded) (Dept of Transport)	2.49 p.m. - 5.00 p.m. (131 mins)

- Statements on Covid-19 and the New Measures (to be taken at 5 p.m. or on conclusion of Second Stage of Merchant Shipping (Investigation of Marine Casualties) (Amendment) Bill 2021, whichever is the earlier, and to conclude within 210 minutes) (Dept of Health)	5.00 p.m. - 8.30 p.m. (210 mins)
- Land and Conveyancing Law Reform Bill 2021 [Seanad] (Committee and remaining Stages) (to be taken no earlier than 8.30 p.m.) (Dept of Justice)	8.30 p.m. - 9.00 p.m. approx. (30 mins)
- Criminal Justice (Smuggling of Persons) Bill 2021 [Seanad] (Committee and remaining Stages) (Dept of Justice)	9.00 p.m. - 9.30 p.m. approx. (30 mins)
Weekly Divisions	9.30 p.m. - 10.00 p.m. approx. (30 mins)
Adjournment	10.00 p.m.
Thursday 25 November 2021 (9:00 a.m. - 9:43 p.m.)	
P.Q.s: Oral - Minister for Social Protection	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, Social Democrats, People Before Profit-Solidarity, Regional 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	
- Planning and Development (Amendment) (Large-scale Residential Development) Bill 2021 [Seanad] (Second Stage) (Dept of Housing, Local Government and Heritage)	1.44 p.m. - 5.15 p.m. (3 hrs 31 mins)
- Merchant Shipping (Investigation of Marine Casualties) (Amendment) Bill 2021 (Second Stage, resumed, if not previously concluded)	
- Statements on Mother and Baby Institutions (to be taken on conclusion of Govt legislation, or at 5.15 p.m., whichever is the earlier, and to conclude within 145 minutes) (Dept of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth)	5.15 p.m. - 7.40 p.m. (145 mins)
Topical Issues	7.40 p.m. - 8.28 p.m. (48 mins)
Private Members' Bill	8.28 p.m. - 9.43 p.m. (75 mins)
- Employment Permits (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2021 (Second Stage)	
Adjournment	9.43 p.m.

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

ARRANGEMENTS FOR BUSINESS

Tuesday proposal no. 1 - Adjournment of the Dáil and topical issues

- The Dáil shall sit later than 10.30 p.m. and shall adjourn on the conclusion of topical issues pursuant to Standing Order 37, which shall be taken on the conclusion of oral Parliamentary Questions to the Minister for Education pursuant to Standing Order 46(1)

Tuesday proposal no. 2 - Statements on the Climate Action Plan 2021

- Shall not exceed 145 minutes, with arrangements in accordance with those agreed by Order of the Dáil of 30th 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

Tuesday proposal no. 3 - Private Members' Business: Motion re Mother and Baby Homes [working title]

- Shall take place on the conclusion of the Statements on the Climate Action Plan 2021 and shall, if not previously concluded, be brought to a conclusion after two hours

Tuesday proposal no. 4 - Oral P.Q.s: to the Minister for Education

- Oral Parliamentary Questions to the Minister for Education 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 - Adjournment of the Dáil

- The Dáil shall sit later than 9.30 p.m. and shall adjourn on the conclusion of the weekly division time, which shall take place on the conclusion of the Criminal Justice (Smuggling of Persons) Bill 2021 [*Seanad*]; in the event there are no deferred divisions, the Dáil shall adjourn on the conclusion of the Criminal Justice (Smuggling of Persons) Bill 2021

Wednesday proposal no. 2 - Private Members' Business: Education (Health, Relationships and Sex Education) Bill 2021 (Second Stage)

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

Wednesday proposal no. 3 - Leave to introduce and referral to Select Committee of Supplementary Estimates

- The Motion *re* Leave to Introduce Supplementary Estimates [Votes 6, 29 and 37] and, subject to the agreement of the motion for leave to introduce, the Motion *re* Referral of Supplementary Estimates [Votes 6, 29 and 37] to Select Committee, shall be taken without debate

Wednesday proposal no. 4 - Merchant Shipping (Investigation of Marine Casualties) (Amendment) Bill 2021 (Second Stage)

- Shall, if not previously concluded, be adjourned at 5 p.m., and if adjourned, shall not be resumed today

Wednesday proposal no. 5 - Statements on Covid-19 and the New Measures

- Shall be taken on the conclusion of Second Stage of the Merchant Shipping (Investigation of Marine Casualties) (Amendment) Bill 2021, or at 5.00 p.m., whichever is the earlier, and shall not exceed 210 minutes, with arrangements in accordance with those agreed by Order of the Dáil of 30th 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
- Members may share time
- In the event that the statements conclude before 8.30 p.m., the sitting shall be suspended until 8.30 p.m.

Wednesday proposal no. 6 - Land and Conveyancing Law Reform Bill 2021 [Seanad] (Committee and remaining Stages)

- The Order of Referral to the Select Committee on Justice hereby stands discharged, and Committee, Report and Final Stages shall take place today, with Committee Stage to be taken in Committee of the whole Dáil, either on the conclusion of the Statements on Covid-19 and the New Measures, or at 8.30 p.m., whichever is the later

Wednesday proposal no. 7 - Criminal Justice (Smuggling of Persons) Bill 2021 [Seanad] (Committee and remaining Stages)

- The Order of Referral to the Select Committee on Justice hereby stands discharged, and Committee, Report and Final Stages shall take place today, with Committee Stage to be taken in Committee of the whole Dáil, on the conclusion of the Land and Conveyancing Law Reform Bill 2021 [Seanad]

Thursday proposal no. 1 - Adjournment of the Dáil

- The Dáil shall sit later than 9.27 p.m. and shall adjourn on the conclusion of Second Stage of the Employment Permits (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2021, which shall be taken on the conclusion of topical issues

Thursday proposal no. 2 - Statements on Mother and Baby Institutions

- Shall be taken on the conclusion of Government legislation or at 5.15 p.m., whichever is the earlier, and shall not exceed 145 minutes, with arrangements in accordance with those agreed by Order of the Dáil of 30th 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 take place on the conclusion of Statements on Mother and Baby Institutions

Thursday proposal no. 4 - Employment Permits (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2021 [Second Stage]

- Second Stage of the Employment Permits (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2021 shall take place 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 MacLochlainn, Cian O' Callaghan and Mattie McGrath dissented in respect of the lack of a debate on the appointments to the Climate Advisory Council by the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications

THURSDAY EVENING BUSINESS

2 December 2021: Health (Pricing and Supply of Medical Goods) (Amendment) Bill 2021 (Second Stage) (*Deputy Pádraig O'Sullivan*)

9 December 2021: Regulation of Tenderers Bill 2021 (Second Stage) (*Deputy Mairéad Farrell*)

16 December 2021: Proceeds of Crime (Gross Human Rights Abuses) Bill 2020 (Second Stage) (*Deputy Brendan Howlin*)

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