

# REPORT OF THE BUSINESS COMMITTEE

## ARRANGEMENTS FOR BUSINESS AND BUSINESS SCHEDULE FOR

TUESDAY TO THURSDAY, 22 - 24 FEBRUARY 2022

(AS AGREED AT ITS MEETING ON 17 FEBRUARY 2022)

### Tuesday 22 February 2022 (2:00 p.m. - 9:23 p.m.)

Leaders' Questions (Sinn Féin, Social Democrats, Regional Group, Rural 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)
<b>Motion(s) without debate</b>	3.04 p.m. - 3.05 p.m. (1 min)
- Motion <i>re</i> Instruction to Committee on the Redundancy Payments (Amendment) Bill 2022 ( <i>subject to confirmation following examination of amendments proposed to Bill</i> )	
- Revised Estimates for Public Services 2022 [Votes 1 to 26, 29 to 32, 34, 37 and 39 to 45] ( <i>Considered by Select Committees</i> ) ( <i>Dept of Public Expenditure and Reform</i> )	
Taoiseach's Questions	3.05 p.m. - 3.15 p.m. (10 mins <i>approx.</i> )
<b>Government Business</b>	3.15 p.m. - 5.05 p.m. (110 mins)
- Motion <i>re</i> Citizens' Assemblies ( <i>to conclude within 110 minutes</i> ) ( <i>Dept of the Taoiseach</i> )	
<b>Private Members' Business (Sinn Féin)</b>	5.05 p.m. - 7.05 p.m. (120 mins)
- Motion <i>re</i> Carbon Tax	
P.Q.s: Oral - Minister for Finance	7.05 p.m. - 8.35 p.m. (90 mins)
Topical Issues	8.35 p.m. - 9.23 p.m. (48 mins)
<i>Adjournment</i>	9.23 p.m.

\* Any division claimed on the Order of Business shall be taken immediately

### Wednesday 23 February 2022 (9:12 a.m. - 9:30 p.m.)

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 <i>re</i> Rural Communities, Farmers and Need for Mini-Budget (working title)	
Leaders' Questions (Sinn Féin, Labour Party, 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)
Taoiseach's Questions	1.04 p.m. - 1.49 p.m. (45 mins)
SOS	1.49 p.m. - 2.50 p.m. (61 mins)
<b>Government Business</b>	2.50 p.m. - 9.00 p.m. (6 hrs and 10 mins)
- Statements on Legacy Issues in Northern Ireland including recent reports of the Police Ombudsman for Northern Ireland ( <i>to conclude within 145 minutes</i> ) ( <i>Dept of Foreign Affairs</i> )	
- Statements on the Security Situation in Europe ( <i>to conclude within 145 minutes</i> ) ( <i>Dept of Foreign Affairs</i> )	

- Merchant Shipping (Investigation of Marine Casualties) (Amendment) Bill 2021 (Report and Final Stages) *(to be taken no earlier than 7.40 p.m. and to conclude within 80 minutes)* (Dept of Transport)

Weekly Divisions 9.00 p.m. - 9.30 p.m. (30 mins)

Adjournment 9.30 p.m.

### Thursday 24 February 2022 (9:00 a.m. - 7:18 p.m.)

P.Q.s: Oral - Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media 9.00 a.m. - 10.30 a.m. (90 mins)

P.Q.s: Oral - Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications 10.30 a.m. - 12.00 p.m. (90 mins)

Leaders' Questions (Sinn Féin, Social Democrats, 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)

SOS 1.04 p.m. - 1.45 p.m. (41 mins)

**Government Business** 1.45 p.m. - 5.15 p.m. (3 hrs 30 mins)

- Statements on the Town Centre First Policy *(to conclude within 210 minutes)* (Dept of Rural and Community Development and Dept of Housing, Local Government and Heritage)

Topical Issues 5.15 p.m. - 6.03 p.m. (48 mins)

**Private Members' Bill** 6.03 p.m. - 7.18 p.m. (75 mins)

- Social Welfare (Payment Order) (Amendment) Bill 2021 (Second Stage)

Adjournment 7.18 p.m.

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

### ARRANGEMENTS FOR BUSINESS

#### **Tuesday proposal no. 1 - Adjournment of the Dáil**

- The Dáil 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 Finance pursuant to Standing Order 46(1)(b)

#### **Tuesday proposal no. 2 - Motion *re* Instruction to Committee on the Redundancy Payments (Amendment) Bill 2022**

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

**Tuesday proposal no. 3 - Revised Estimates for Public Services 2022 [Votes 1 to 26, 29 to 32, 34, 37 and 39 to 45]**

- The Motions for Revised Estimates for Public Services 2022 [Votes 1 to 26 inclusive, 29 to 32 inclusive, 34, 37 and 39 to 45 inclusive] shall be moved together and decided without debate by one Question, which shall be put from the Chair

**Tuesday proposal no. 4 - Motion *re* Citizens' Assemblies**

- The Motion *re* Citizen' Assemblies 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 30th July, 2020, for 100 minutes, 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 members may share time

**Tuesday proposal no. 5 - Private Members' Business: Motion *re* Carbon Tax**

- in relation to Private Members' Business, the Motion *re* Carbon Tax, the following arrangements shall apply:
  - (i) the motion shall be taken on the conclusion of the Motion *re* Citizens' Assemblies; and
  - (ii) the proceedings thereon shall, if not previously concluded, be brought to a conclusion after two hours

**Tuesday proposal no. 6 - Oral Parliamentary Questions to the Minister for Finance**

- Oral Parliamentary Questions to the Minister for Finance pursuant to Standing Order 46(1)(b) shall be taken for 90 minutes on the conclusion of Private Members' Business

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

- The Dail shall adjourn on the conclusion of the weekly division time which shall be taken on the conclusion of proceedings on the Merchant Shipping (Investigation of Marine Casualties) (Amendment) Bill 2021: Provided that if there are no postponed divisions, the Dáil shall adjourn on the conclusion of proceedings on the Merchant Shipping (Investigation of Marine Casualties) (Amendment) Bill 2021

**Wednesday proposal no. 2 - Statements on Legacy Issues in Northern Ireland including recent reports of the Police Ombudsman for Northern Ireland**

- Statements on Legacy Issues in Northern Ireland including recent reports of the Police Ombudsman for Northern Ireland 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 shall be called upon to make a statement in reply which shall not exceed 10 minutes, and members may share time

### **Wednesday proposal no. 3 - Statements on the Security Situation in Europe**

- Statements on the Security Situation in Europe 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 shall be called upon to make a statement in reply which shall not exceed 10 minutes, and members may share time

### **Wednesday proposal no. 4 - Merchant Shipping (Investigation of Marine Casualties) (Amendment) Bill 2021 (Report and Final Stages)**

- Report and Final Stages of the Merchant Shipping (Investigation of Marine Casualties) (Amendment) Bill 2021 shall be taken on the conclusion of the Statements on the Security Situation in Europe, or at 7.40 p.m., whichever is the later, and the proceedings thereon shall, if not previously concluded, be brought to a conclusion after 80 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 Transport

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

- The Dáil shall adjourn on the conclusion of Second Stage of the Social Welfare (Payment Order) (Amendment) Bill 2021 which shall be taken on the conclusion of topical issues pursuant to Standing Order 37

### **Thursday proposal no. 2 - Statements on the Town Centre First Policy**

- Statements on the Town Centre First Policy 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 shall be called upon to make a statement in reply which shall not exceed 10 minutes, and members may share time

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

- Topical issues shall be taken on the conclusion of the Statements on the Town Centre First Policy

## THURSDAY EVENING BUSINESS

**3 March 2022:** Motion *re* Report entitled 'Response to the Report of the Commission on Pensions' (*Joint Committee on Social Protection, Community and Rural Development and the Islands*)

**10 March 2022:** Education (Voluntary Contributions) Bill 2021 (Second Stage) (*Deputy Matt Carthy*)

**24 March 2022:** Planning and Development (Protect Social Housing) Bill 2020 (Second Stage) (*Deputy Chris Andrews*)

**31 March 2022:** Housing (Adaptation Grant for People with a Disability) Bill 2021 (Second Stage) (*Deputy Pauline Tully*)

## BUSINESS COMMITTEE

*18 February 2022*