

REPORT OF THE BUSINESS COMMITTEE

ARRANGEMENTS FOR BUSINESS AND BUSINESS SCHEDULE FOR TUESDAY TO THURSDAY, 22 - 24 MARCH 2022 (AS AGREED AT ITS MEETING ON 10 MARCH 2022)

Tuesday 22 March 2022 (2:00 p.m. - 9:58 p.m.)

Leaders' Questions (<i>Sinn Féin, Social Democrats, Regional Group, Rural Independent Group</i>)	2.00 p.m. - 2.34 p.m. (34 mins)
Order of Business*	2.34 p.m. - 3.04 p.m. (30 mins)
Motion(s) without debate	3.04 p.m. - 3.05 p.m. (1 min)
- Motion <i>re</i> Referral to Committee of Draft Order, Section 60 of the Data Protection Act 2018 - Office of the Ombudsman (<i>Dept of Public Expenditure and Reform</i>)	
Taoiseach's Questions	3.05 p.m. - 3.50 p.m. (45 mins)
Government Business	3.50 p.m. - 5.40 p.m. (110 mins)
- Statements pre European Council meeting of 24-25 March 2022 (<i>to conclude within 110 minutes</i>)	
Private Members' Business (Sinn Féin)	5.40 p.m. - 7.40 p.m. (120 mins)
- Motion <i>re</i> Childcare (working title)	
P.Q.s: Oral - Minister for Social Protection	7.40 p.m. - 9.10 p.m. (90 mins)
Topical Issues	9.10 p.m. - 9.58 p.m. (48 mins)
<i>Adjournment</i>	9.58 p.m.
* Any division claimed on the Order of Business to be taken immediately	

Wednesday 23 March 2022 (9:12 a.m. - 9:30 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)
- Motion <i>re</i> the cost of living (working title)	
Leaders' Questions (<i>Sinn Féin, Labour Party, People Before Profit-Solidarity, Independent Group</i>)	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. - 2.04 p.m. (60 mins)
Government Business	2.04 p.m. - 9.00 p.m. (6 hrs 56 mins)
- Health (Assisted Human Reproduction) Bill 2022 (Second Stage) (<i>Dept of Health</i>)**	
- European Arrest Warrant (Amendment) Bill 2022 (Second Stage) (<i>Dept of Justice</i>)**	
- Bretton Woods Agreements (Amendment) Bill 2022 (Second Stage) (<i>Dept of Finance</i>)**	
- Regulation of Providers of Building Works Bill 2022 (Report and Final Stages) (<i>to be taken no earlier than 7 p.m. and to conclude within 120 minutes</i>) (<i>Dept of Housing, Local Government and Heritage</i>)	
(** Please note: if not previously concluded, debate shall be interrupted on these Second Stages either at 7 p.m., or four hours and 56 minutes after the conclusion of the SOS, whichever is the later)	

Weekly Divisions

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

- Education (Voluntary Contributions) Bill 2021 (Second Stage) (*Amendment No.1 – deferred division*)

Adjournment

9.30 p.m.

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

P.Q.s: Oral - Minister for Children, Equality, Disability,
Integration and Youth

9.00 a.m. - 10.30 a.m. (90 mins)

P.Q.s: Oral - Minister for Foreign Affairs

10.30 a.m. - 12.00 p.m. (90 mins)

Leaders' Questions (*Sinn Féin, Labour Party, People Before Profit-
Solidarity, 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)

SOS

1.04 p.m. - 1.44 p.m. (40 mins)

Government Business

1.44 p.m. - 5.15 p.m. (3 hrs 31 mins)

- Health (Assisted Human Reproduction) Bill 2022 (Second Stage, resumed)

- European Arrest Warrant (Amendment) Bill 2022 (Second Stage)

- Bretton Woods Agreements (Amendment) Bill 2022 (Second Stage)

Topical Issues

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

Private Notice Question (if any)

Private Members' Bill

6.03 p.m. - 7.18 p.m. (75 mins)

- Planning and Development (Protect Social Housing) Bill 2020 (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 Social Protection pursuant to Standing Order 46(1)(b)

Tuesday proposal no. 2 - Motion *re* Referral to Committee of Draft Order, Section 60 of the Data Protection Act 2018 - Office of the Ombudsman

- Shall be taken without debate

Tuesday proposal no. 3 - Statements pre European Council meeting of 24-25 March 2022

- In relation to the Statements pre European Council Meeting of 24-25 March 2022, the following arrangements shall apply:
 - (i) the statements shall not exceed 110 minutes;
 - (ii) the speaking arrangements shall be in accordance with those agreed by Order of the Dáil of 30th July, 2020, for 100 minutes;
 - (iii) a Minister or Minister of State shall be called on to make a statement in reply which shall not exceed 10 minutes; and
 - (iv) members may share time

Tuesday proposal no. 4 - Motion *re* Childcare (working title)

- In relation to private members' business, the Motion *re* Childcare (working title), the following arrangements shall apply:
 - (i) the motion shall be taken on the conclusion of the Statements pre European Council meeting of 24-25 March; and
 - (ii) the proceedings thereon shall, if not previously concluded, be brought to a conclusion after two hours

Tuesday proposal no. 5 - Oral PQs to the Minister for Social Protection

- Oral Parliamentary Questions to the Minister for Social Protection 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; oral PQs to the Taoiseach not to be taken; SOS to take place at point when oral Taoiseach PQs would normally take place

- The Dail shall adjourn on the conclusion of the weekly division time which shall take place on the conclusion of the Regulation of Providers of Building Works Bill 2022
- Oral Parliamentary Questions to the Taoiseach pursuant to Standing Order 46(1)(a) shall not be taken
- The 60-minute SOS shall take place at the point in the schedule when Oral Parliamentary Questions to the Taoiseach would normally be taken

Wednesday proposal no. 2 - Interruption of Second Stages to take Report and Final Stages of the Regulation of Providers of Building Works Bill 2022

- On Wednesday, proceedings on any second reading motion on a Government Bill shall, if not previously concluded, be interrupted either at 7 p.m., or four hours and 56 minutes after the conclusion of the SOS, whichever is the later

Wednesday proposal no. 3 - Regulation of Providers of Building Works Bill 2022 (Report and Final Stages)

- In relation to the Regulation of Providers of Building Works Bill 2022, the following arrangements shall apply:
 - (i) Report and Final Stages shall be taken either at 7 p.m., or on the adjournment of proceedings on the second reading motion on a Government Bill four hours and 56 minutes after the conclusion of the SOS, whichever is the later; and
 - (ii) Report and Final Stages shall, if not previously concluded, be brought to a conclusion after two hours 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 Housing, Local Government and Heritage

Thursday proposal no. 1 - Adjournment of the Dáil

- The Dáil shall adjourn on the conclusion of Second Stage of the Planning and Development (Protect Social Housing) Bill 2020

Thursday proposal no. 2 - Topical issues

- Topical issues pursuant to Standing Order 37 shall be taken on the conclusion of Government business or at 5.15 p.m., whichever is the earlier

Thursday proposal no. 3 - Planning and Development (Protect Social Housing) Bill 2020 (Second Stage)

- Second Stage of the Planning and Development (Protect Social Housing) Bill 2020 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 MacLochlainn, Cian O' Callaghan, Richard Boyd Barrett and Thomas Pringle dissented on the lack of a debate on the National Maternity Hospital.

Deputies Pádraig MacLochlainn, Cian O' Callaghan and Richard Boyd Barrett dissented on the lack of a debate on food sovereignty.

Deputy Mattie McGrath dissented on the lack of a debate on food sovereignty, along with issues facing the agriculture sector generally.

UPCOMING THURSDAY EVENING BUSINESS

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

7 April 2022: Wildlife (Amendment) Bill 2021 (Second Stage) (*Deputy Jennifer Whitmore*)

28 April 2022: Electricity Regulation (Amendment) (Prohibition of Winter Disconnections) Bill 2021 (Second Stage) (*Deputy Darren O'Rourke*)

5 May 2022: Report on the Detailed Scrutiny of the Education (Admissions to School) Bill 2020
(*Joint Committee on Education, Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science*)

BUSINESS COMMITTEE

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