

REPORT OF THE BUSINESS COMMITTEE

ARRANGEMENTS FOR BUSINESS AND BUSINESS SCHEDULE FOR

TUESDAY TO THURSDAY, 29 - 31 MARCH 2022

(AS AGREED AT ITS MEETING ON 24 MARCH 2022)

Tuesday 29 March 2022 (2:00 p.m. - 9:03 p.m.)

Leaders' Questions (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)
Motion(s) without debate	3.04 p.m. - 3.05 p.m. (1 min)
- Motion <i>re</i> Proposed approval by Dáil Éireann of the Technological Universities Act 2018 (Section 36) (Appointed Day) (No. 2) Order 2022 (<i>back from Committee</i>) (Dept of Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science)	
Taoiseach's Questions	3.05 p.m. - 3.50 p.m. (45 mins)
Government Business	3.50 p.m. - 4.45 p.m. (55 mins)
- Motion <i>re</i> Proposed approval by Dáil Éireann of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (Exempted Development) (No. 2) Regulations 2022 (<i>to conclude within 55 minutes</i>) (Dept of Housing, Local Government and Heritage)	
Private Members' Business (Sinn Féin)	4.45 p.m. - 6.45 p.m. (120 mins)
- Motion <i>re</i> Services for Children with Disabilities	
P.Q.s: Oral - Minister for Justice	6.45 p.m. - 8.15 p.m. (90 mins)
Topical Issues	8.15 p.m. - 9.03 p.m. (48 mins)
Adjournment	9.03 p.m.
* Any division claimed on the Order of Business to be taken immediately	

Wednesday 30 March 2022 (9:12 a.m. - 8:45 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)
- Thirty-Ninth Amendment of the Constitution (Neutrality) Bill 2022 (Second Stage)	
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. - 2.04 p.m. (60 mins)
Government Business	2.04 p.m. - 8.00 p.m. (5 hrs 56 mins)
- Statements on the Government's response to the situation in Ukraine (<i>to conclude within 210 minutes</i>) (Dept of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth)	
- Circular Economy, Waste Management (Amendment) and Minerals Development (Amendment) Bill 2022 (Second Stage) (Dept of Environment, Climate and Communications)**	

(** Please note: if not previously concluded, debate shall be interrupted on the Second Stage of the Circular Economy Bill either at 8 p.m., or two hours and 13 minutes after the conclusion of the Ukraine Statements, whichever is the later)

Weekly Divisions

8.00 p.m. - 8.45 p.m. (45 mins)

- Planning and Development (Protect Social Housing) Bill 2020 (Second Stage) (*deferred division*)

Adjournment

8.45 p.m.

Thursday 31 March 2022 (9:00 a.m. - 9:23 p.m.)

P.Q.s: Oral - Minister for Health

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

P.Q.s: Oral - Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine

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

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

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. - 6.45 p.m. (5 hrs)

- Statements on the Women's Health Action Plan (*to conclude within 145 minutes*) (*Dept of Health*)
- Circular Economy, Waste Management (Amendment) and Minerals Development (Amendment) Bill 2022 (Second Stage, resumed, if not previously concluded)

Topical Issues

6.45 p.m. - 7.33 p.m. (48 mins)

Government Business

7.33 p.m. - 9.23 p.m. (110 mins)

- Statements on the National Maternity Hospital (*to conclude within 110 minutes*) (*Dept of Health*)

Adjournment

9.23 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 Justice pursuant to Standing Order 46(1)(b)

Tuesday proposal no. 2 - Motion *re* Proposed approval by Dáil Éireann of the Technological Universities Act 2018 (Section 36) (Appointed Day) (No. 2) Order 2022

- Shall be taken without debate

Tuesday proposal no. 3 - Motion *re* Proposed approval by Dáil Éireann of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (Exempted Development) (No. 2) Regulations 2022

- Shall, if not previously concluded, be brought to a conclusion after 55 minutes, and the following arrangements shall apply:

- (i) the opening speech of a Minister or Minister of State shall be followed by the speech of a member of Sinn Féin, with those speeches not exceeding 10 minutes in each case;
- (ii) the speeches of members of the Labour Party, Social Democrats, People-Before-Profit-Solidarity, the Regional Group, the Rural Independent Group and the Independent Group, who shall be called upon in that order, shall not exceed 5 minutes in each case;
- (iii) members may share time; and
- (iv) 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* Services for Children with Disabilities

- In relation to private members' business, the Motion *re* Services for Children with Disabilities, the following arrangements shall apply:
 - (i) the motion shall be taken on the conclusion of the Motion *re* Planning and Development Act 2000 (Exempt Development) (No. 2) Regulations 2022; 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 Justice

- Oral Parliamentary Questions to the Minister for Justice 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
- Oral Parliamentary Questions to the Taoiseach pursuant to Standing Order 46(1)(a) shall not be taken
- Notwithstanding Standing Order 25(1)(a), the time when Oral Parliamentary Questions to the Taoiseach normally takes place pursuant to the Order of the Dáil on 11th May, 2021, shall be the time when the Dáil adjourns for 60 minutes

Wednesday proposal no. 2 - Private Members' Business: Thirty-Ninth Amendment of the Constitution (Neutrality) Bill 2022 (Second Stage)

- Notwithstanding anything in Standing Orders, the proceedings on the second reading motion on the Thirty-Ninth Amendment of the Constitution (Neutrality) Bill 2022 shall, if not previously concluded, be brought to a conclusion after two hours

Wednesday proposal no. 3 - Statements on the Government's response to the situation in Ukraine

- In relation to the Statements on the Government's response to the situation in Ukraine, the following arrangements shall apply:
 - (i) the statements shall not exceed 210 minutes;
 - (ii) the speaking arrangements shall be in accordance with those agreed by Order of the Dáil of 30th July, 2020, for 200 minutes;
 - (iii) a Minister or Minister of State shall be called upon to make a statement in reply which shall not exceed 10 minutes; and
 - (iv) members may share time

Wednesday proposal no. 4 - Interruption of Second Stage of Circular Economy, Waste Management (Amendment) and Minerals Development (Amendment) Bill 2022 to take weekly division time

- On Wednesday, proceedings on the second reading motion on the Circular Economy, Waste Management (Amendment) and Minerals Development (Amendment) Bill 2022 shall, if not previously concluded, be interrupted, and the weekly division time shall take place, either at 8 p.m., or two hours and 17 minutes after the conclusion of the Statements on the Government's response to the situation in Ukraine, whichever is the later: Provided that in any event, the weekly division time shall take place not earlier than 8 p.m.

Thursday proposal no. 1 - Adjournment of the Dáil; Thursday evening business not to be taken

- The Dáil shall adjourn on the conclusion of the Statements on the National Maternity Hospital
- Thursday evening business pursuant to Standing Order 159(2) shall not take place

Thursday proposal no. 2 - Statements on the Women's Health Action Plan

- In relation to the Statements on the Women's Health Action Plan, the following arrangements shall apply:

- (i) the statements shall not exceed 145 minutes;
- (ii) the speaking arrangements shall be in accordance with those agreed by Order of the Dáil of 30th July, 2020, for 135 minutes;
- (iii) a Minister or Minister of State shall be called upon to make a statement in reply which shall not exceed 10 minutes; and
- (iv) members may share time

Thursday proposal no. 3 - Topical Issues

- Topical issues pursuant to Standing Order 37 shall be taken at 6.45 p.m., or on the conclusion of the Second Stage of the Circular Economy, Waste Management (Amendment) and Minerals Development (Amendment) Bill 2022, whichever is the earlier

Thursday proposal no. 4 - Statements on the National Maternity Hospital

- In relation to the Statements on the National Maternity Hospital, the following arrangements shall apply:
 - (i) the statements shall take place on the conclusion of topical issues and 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 upon to make a statement in reply which shall not exceed 10 minutes; and
 - (iv) members may share time

UPCOMING THURSDAY EVENING BUSINESS

Amended dates due to scheduling of Statements on the National Maternity Hospital on 31 March:

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

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

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

12 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

24 March 2022