

REVISED (2) REPORT OF THE BUSINESS COMMITTEE

ARRANGEMENTS FOR BUSINESS AND BUSINESS SCHEDULE FOR

TUESDAY TO THURSDAY, 5 - 7 APRIL 2022

Tuesday 5 April 2022 (2:00 p.m. - 10:58 p.m.)

Leaders' Questions (Sinn Féin, Labour Party, 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(s) without debate 3.04 p.m. - 3.05 p.m. (1 mins)

- Competition (Amendment) Bill 2022 - Motion to instruct the Committee (*any division demanded to be taken immediately*)
- Motion *re* Proposed authorisation by Dáil Éireann for the Houses of the Oireachtas Commission to instruct legal representatives
- Motion *re* Protocol and arrangements for President Zelenskyy's address to a Joint Sitting of both Houses of the Oireachtas (*any division demanded to be taken immediately*)
- Motion *re* Report of the Committee on Standing Orders and Dáil Reform relating to changes to Standing Orders
- Motion *re* Report of the Committee on Standing Orders and Dáil Reform on rota for Leaders' Questions
- Motion *re* Proposed approval by Dáil Éireann of the Council recommendation on the conversion of hryvnia banknotes into the currency of host Member States for the benefit of persons fleeing the war in Ukraine (*Dept of Finance*)

Taoiseach's Questions 3.05 p.m. - 3.50 p.m. (45 mins)

Government Business 3.50 p.m. - 6.40 p.m. (2 hrs 50 mins)

- Motion *re* Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a collaboration platform to support the functioning of Joint Investigation Teams and amending Regulation (E) 2018/1726 (*to conclude within 55 minutes*) (*Dept of Justice*)
- Electoral Reform Bill 2022 (Second Stage) (*if not previously concluded, to adjourn after 1 hr and 55 mins*) (*Dept of Housing, Local Government and Heritage*)

Private Members' Business (Sinn Féin) 6.40 p.m. - 8.40 p.m. (120 mins)

- Motion *re* Childcare Fees

P.Q.s: Oral - Minister for Rural and Community Development 8.40 p.m. - 10.10 p.m. (90 mins)

Topical Issues 10.10 p.m. - 10.58 p.m. (48 mins)

Adjournment 10.58 p.m.

* Any division claimed on Order of Business to be taken immediately

Wednesday 6 April 2022 (9.50 a.m. - 10:57 p.m.)

Joint sitting of both Houses of the Oireachtas

Address by President Zelenskyy to a joint sitting of both Houses of the Oireachtas 9.50 a.m. - 11.00 a.m. approx.

Adjournment of sitting 11.00 a.m. approx. - 12.00 p.m. (60 mins)

Sitting of the Dáil only

Leaders' Questions (Sinn Féin, Social Democrats, Regional Group, 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)

Government Business 1.04 p.m. - 3.09 p.m. (125 mins)

- Statements post European Council meeting of 24-25 March (*to conclude within 125 minutes, including 20 minutes Q&A*)

SOS 3.09 p.m. - 4.09 p.m. (60 mins)

Private Members' Business (Regional Group) 4.09 p.m. - 6.09 p.m. (120 mins)

- Motion *re* Vacant Properties

Government Business 6.09 p.m. - 9.39 p.m. (3 hrs 30 mins)

- Motion *re* Proposed approval by Dáil Éireann of the carbon budget under the Climate Action and Low Carbon Development Acts 2015 to 2021 (*to conclude within 210 minutes*) (*Dept of Environment Climate and Communications*)

Weekly Divisions** 9.39 p.m. - 10.09 p.m. (30 mins)

** *to be taken no earlier than 9.39 p.m.*

Topical Issues 10.09 p.m. - 10.57 p.m. (48 mins)

Adjournment 10.57 p.m.

Thursday 7 April 2022 (9:00 a.m. - 9:30 p.m.)

P.Q.s: Oral - Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment 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, Labour Party, Independent Group, 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)

Motion(s) without debate

- Motion *re* One Ocean summit declaration 1.04 p.m. - 1.05 p.m. (1 min)

SOS 1.05 p.m. - 1.45 p.m. (40 mins)

Government Business 1.45 p.m. - 7.28 p.m. (5 hrs 43 mins)

- Electoral Reform Bill 2022 (Second Stage, resumed)

- Sick Leave Bill 2022 (Second Stage) (*Dept of Enterprise, Trade and Employment*)

Topical Issues*** 7.28 p.m. approx. - 8.16 p.m. (48 mins)

*** *to be taken at 7.28 p.m., or on conclusion of Second Stage of Sick Leave Bill 2022, whichever is the earlier*

Private Members' Bill

8.16 p.m. - 9.31 p.m. (75 mins)

- Housing (Adaptation Grant for People with a Disability) Bill 2021 (Second Stage)

Adjournment

9.31 p.m.

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

ARRANGEMENTS FOR BUSINESS**Tuesday proposal no. 1 - Late sitting and adjournment**

- The Dáil shall sit later than 10.30 p.m. and shall adjourn on the conclusion of topical issues pursuant to Standing Order 37 until 9.50 a.m. on Wednesday
- Topical Issues shall be taken on the conclusion of oral Parliamentary Questions to the Minister for Rural and Community Development pursuant to Standing Order 46(1)(a)

Tuesday proposal no. 2 - Competition (Amendment) Bill 2022 - Motion to instruct the Committee

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

Tuesday proposal no. 3 - Motion *re* Proposed authorisation by Dáil Éireann for the Houses of the Oireachtas Commission to instruct legal representatives

- Shall be taken without debate

Tuesday proposal no. 4 – Motion *re* Protocol and arrangements for President Zelenskyy's address to a Joint Sitting of both Houses of the Oireachtas

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

Tuesday proposal no. 5 - Motion *re* Report of the Committee on Standing Orders and Dáil Reform relating to changes to Standing Orders

- Shall be taken without debate

Tuesday proposal no. 6 - Motion *re* Report of the Committee on Standing Orders and Dáil Reform on rotas for Leaders' Questions

- Shall be taken without debate

Tuesday proposal no. 7 – Motion *re* Proposed approval by Dáil Éireann of the Council recommendation on the conversion of hryvnia banknotes into the currency of host Member States for the benefit of persons fleeing the war in Ukraine

- Shall be taken without debate

Tuesday proposal no. 8 - Motion *re* Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a collaboration platform to support the functioning of Joint Investigation Teams and amending Regulation (E) 2018/1726

- The Motion *re* Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a collaboration platform to support the functioning of Joint Investigation Teams and amending Regulation (EU) 2018/1726 shall, if not previously concluded, be brought to a conclusion after 55 minutes, and following arrangements shall apply:
 - (i) the opening speech of a Minister or Minister of State shall be followed by a speech of a member of Sinn Féin, with those speeches not exceeding 10 minutes in each case;
 - (ii) the speeches of the 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; and
 - (iii) members may share time

Tuesday proposal no. 9 - Motion *re* Childcare Fees

- In relation to private members' business, the Motion *re* Childcare Fees the following arrangements shall apply:
 - (i) the proceedings on the second reading motion of the Electoral Reform Bill 2022 shall, if not previously concluded, be interrupted in order to take private members' business one hour and 55 minutes after the conclusion of the Motion *re* Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a collaboration platform to support the functioning of Joint Investigation Teams and amending Regulation (EU) 2018/1726;
 - (ii) private members' business shall, if not previously concluded, be brought to a conclusion after two hours; and
 - (iii) in the event that Second Stage of the Electoral Reform Bill 2022 concludes before the one hour and 55 minutes expires, private members' business shall be taken on the conclusion of Second Stage of the Bill

Tuesday proposal no. 10 - P.Q.s: Oral

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

Wednesday proposal no. 1 - Late sitting: Oral PQs to the Taoiseach not to be taken; more than two Bills to be taken in Select Committee

- Oral Parliamentary Questions to the Taoiseach pursuant to Standing Order 46(1)(a) shall not be taken
- On its second meeting of the day, the Dáil shall sit later than 9.30 p.m. and shall adjourn on the conclusion of topical issues pursuant to Standing Order 37
- Pursuant to Standing Order 94(3), the Dáil shall waive its instruction that not more than two Select Committees shall meet to consider a Bill on any given day in the case of the proposed meetings of the Select Committee on Enterprise, Trade and Employment, the Select Committee on Finance, Public Expenditure and Reform, and Taoiseach, and the Select Committee on Education, Further and Higher Education to consider, respectively, the Competition (Amendment) Bill 2022, the Finance (Covid-19 and Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2022, and the Higher Education Authority Bill 2022

Wednesday proposal no. 2 - Statements post European Council meeting of 24-25 March 2022

- The Statements post European Council meeting of 24-25 March shall be taken on the conclusion of Questions on Promised Legislation, and shall not exceed 125 minutes, and the following arrangements shall apply:
 - (i) the statements shall not exceed 100 minutes, with speaking arrangements in accordance those agreed by Order of the Dáil of 30th July, 2020, followed by 20 minutes of questions and answers;
 - (ii) on the conclusion of the questions and answers, a Minister or Minister of State shall be called upon to make a statement in reply which shall not exceed five minutes; and
 - (iii) members may share time

Wednesday proposal no. 3 – SOS

- The sitting shall be suspended for an hour on the conclusion of the Statements post European Council meeting of 24-25 March 2022, and shall not be otherwise suspended pursuant to the weekly schedule agreed by the Dáil on 11th May, 2021

Wednesday proposal no. 4 - Private Members' Business: Motion *re* Vacant Properties

- Private members' business, the Motion *re* Vacant Properties, shall be taken on the conclusion of the SOS and shall be brought to a conclusion after two hours

Wednesday proposal no. 5 - Motion *re* Proposed approval by Dáil Éireann of the carbon budget under the Climate Action and Low Carbon Development Acts 2015 to 2021

- The Motion *re* Proposed approval by Dáil Éireann of the carbon budget under the Climate Action and Low Carbon Development Acts 2015 to 2021 shall, if not previously concluded, be brought to a conclusion after 210 minutes and the following arrangements shall apply:
 - (i) the speaking arrangements shall be in accordance with those agreed by Order of the Dáil of 30th July, 2020, for 200 minutes;
 - (ii) a Minister or Minister of State shall be called upon to make a speech in reply which shall not exceed 10 minutes; and
 - (iii) members may share time

Wednesday proposal no. 6 - Weekly Divisions

- The weekly division time shall be taken at 9.39 p.m., or on the conclusion of the Motion *re* Proposed approval by Dáil Éireann of the carbon budget under the Climate Action and Low Carbon Development Acts 2015 to 2021 whichever is the later

Wednesday proposal no. 7 - Topical Issues

- Topical issues shall be taken on the conclusion of the weekly divisions

Thursday proposal no. 1 - Late sitting and adjournment

- The Dáil shall sit later than 9.27 p.m. and shall adjourn on the conclusion of Second Stage of the Housing (Adaptation Grant for People with a Disability) Bill 2021 until 2 p.m. on Tuesday, 26th April 2022

Thursday proposal no. 2 – Motion *re* One Ocean summit declaration

- Shall be taken without debate

Thursday proposal no. 3 - Topical Issues

- Topical issues pursuant to Standing Order 37 shall be taken at 7.28 p.m., or on the conclusion of the Second Stage of the Sick Leave Bill 2022, whichever is the earlier

Thursday proposal no. 4 - Housing (Adaptation Grant for People with a Disability) Bill 2021 (Second Stage)

- Second Stage of the Housing Adaptation Grant for People with a Disability) Bill 2021 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

Deputy Mattie McGrath dissented in respect of time not being allocated to a debate on the pig industry. Deputy Richard Boyd Barrett dissented in respect of time not being allocated to a debate on the crisis in the health service.

THURSDAY EVENING BUSINESS

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

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

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

12 May: Report on the Detailed Scrutiny of the Education (Admissions to School) Bill 2020 (Education Committee)

19 May: Property Services (Land Price Register) Bill 2021 – (*Deputy Cian O'Callaghan*)

BUSINESS COMMITTEE

5 April 2022