

REPORT OF THE BUSINESS COMMITTEE

ARRANGEMENTS FOR BUSINESS AND BUSINESS SCHEDULE FOR

TUESDAY TO THURSDAY, 6 - 8 DECEMBER 2022

(AS AGREED AT ITS MEETING ON 1 DECEMBER 2022)

Tuesday 6 December 2022 (2:00 p.m. - 11:18 p.m.)

Leaders' Questions (Sinn Féin, Social Democrats, 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 min)

- Motion *re* Proposed approval by Dáil Éireann of the Comprehensive Air Transport Agreement between the Member States of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) and the European Union and its Member States (*Dept of Transport*)

- Motion *re* Report of the Committee on Standing Orders and Dáil Reform on Rota for Leaders' Questions

Government Business 3.05 p.m. - 7.00 p.m. (3 hrs 55 mins)

- Gambling Regulation Bill 2022 (Second Stage) (*to be interrupted either at 7 p.m., or 3 hours and 55 minutes after the conclusion of the Comprehensive Air Transport Agreement motion, whichever is the later*) (*Dept of Justice*)

Private Members' Business (Sinn Féin) 7.00 p.m. - 9.00 p.m. (120 mins)

- Motion *re* Building Defects

P.Q.s: Oral - Minister for Justice 9.00 p.m. - 10.30 p.m. (90 mins)

Topical Issues 10.30 p.m. - 11.18 p.m. (48 mins)

Adjournment 11.18 p.m.

Wednesday 7 December 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 *re* Teacher Shortages

Leaders' Questions (Sinn Féin, Labour Party, Rural Independent Group, Independent Group) 12.00 p.m. - 12.34 p.m. (34 mins)

Questions on Policy or Legislation 12.34 p.m. - 1.04 p.m. (30 mins)

Motion(s) without debate 1.04 p.m. - 1.05 p.m. (1 min)

- Motions for Supplementary Estimates for Public Services [Votes 5, 12, 13, 14, 17, 26, 32, 33, 38 and 45] (*Dept of Public Expenditure and Reform*)

Government Business 1.05 p.m. - 2.55 p.m. (110 mins)

- Statements pre-European Council meeting of 15th December 2022, pursuant to Standing Order 124

SOS 2.55 p.m. - 3.55 p.m. (60 mins)

Government Business

3.55 p.m. - 9.00 p.m. (5 hrs 5 mins)

- Water Environment (Abstractions and Associated Impoundments) Bill 2022 [*Seanad*] (Second Stage) (to stand adjourned either at 5 p.m., or 1 hour and 5 minutes after the conclusion of the SOS, whichever is the later) (Dept of Housing, Local Government and Heritage)
- Health Insurance (Amendment) Bill 2022 (Committee and remaining Stages) (to be taken no earlier than 5 p.m. and to conclude within 60 minutes) (Dept of Health)
- Patient Safety (Notifiable Patient Safety Incidents) Bill 2019 (Report and Final Stages) (to conclude within 2 hours) (Dept of Health)
- Work Life Balance and Miscellaneous Provisions Bill 2022 (Report and Final Stages) (to conclude within 60 minutes) (Dept of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth)

Deferred Divisions

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

Adjournment

9.30 p.m.

Thursday 8 December 2022 (9:00 a.m. – 7.17 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, Labour Party, People Before Profit-Solidarity, Regional Group)

12.00 p.m. - 12.34 p.m. (34 mins)

Questions on Policy or 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. – 5.14 p.m. (3 hrs 30 mins)

- Motion *re* Proposed approval by Dáil Éireann of the opt-in under Article 3 of Protocol 21 to the TFEU (to conclude within 55 minutes) (Dept of Justice)
- Water Environment (Abstractions and Associated Impoundments) Bill 2022 [*Seanad*] (Second Stage, resumed) (to conclude at the end of the first round and any division claimed to be taken immediately prior to Committee Stage)

Topical Issues

5.14 p.m. – 6.02 p.m. (48 mins)

Private Member's Bill

6.02 p.m. – 7.17 p.m. (75 mins)

- Dublin Bay Bill 2021 (Second Stage) (Deputy Ivana Bacik)

Adjournment

7.17 p.m.

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

ARRANGEMENTS FOR BUSINESS**Tuesday proposal no. 1 - Late sitting; Oral PQs to the Taoiseach not to be taken**

- The ordinary routine of business as set out in Schedule 3 to Standing Orders is modified to the following extent:
 - (i) the Dáil shall sit later than 10.30 p.m.;

- (ii) Parliamentary Questions to the Taoiseach pursuant to Standing Order 46(1) shall not be taken and Government business shall commence at the time when Parliamentary Questions to the Taoiseach would normally be taken; and
- (iii) if not previously concluded, the proceedings on Government business may be interrupted later than 6.12 p.m., and shall in any event be interrupted either at 7 p.m., or 3 hours and 55 minutes after the conclusion of the Comprehensive Air Transport Agreement motion, whichever is later, with consequential effect on the time for commencement of private members' business, Parliamentary Questions to the Minister for Justice and topical issues: Provided that where Government business concludes within that time, private members' business shall be taken forthwith

Tuesday proposal no. 2 - Motion *re* Proposed approval by Dáil Éireann of the Comprehensive Air Transport Agreement between the Member States of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) and the European Union and its Member States

- To be taken without debate

Tuesday proposal no. 3 - Motion *re* Report of the Committee on Standing Orders and Dáil Reform on Rota for Leaders' Questions

- To be taken without debate

Tuesday proposal no. 4 - Gambling Regulation Bill 2022

- The proceedings on Second Stage of the Gambling Regulation Bill 2022 shall, if not previously concluded, be interrupted either at 7 p.m., or 3 hours and 55 minutes after the conclusion of the Motion *re* Proposed approval by Dáil Éireann of the Comprehensive Air Transport Agreement between the Member States of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) and the European Union and its Member States, whichever is the later

Wednesday proposal no. 1 - Time for Government business and weekly division time

- The ordinary routine of business as set out in Schedule 3 to Standing Orders shall be modified to the following extent:
 - (i) Parliamentary Questions to the Taoiseach pursuant to Standing Order 46(1) shall not be taken, and the SOS shall be taken on the conclusion of Statements pre-European Council of 15th December 2022, pursuant to Standing Order 124, which

shall be taken at the time when Parliamentary Questions to the Taoiseach would normally be taken;

- (ii) Government business may continue after 8.45 p.m. in order to allow the proceedings on Report and Final Stages of the Work Life Balance and Miscellaneous Provisions Bill 2022 to conclude; and
- (iii) the weekly division time may be taken after 8.45 p.m. and shall, in any event, be taken on the conclusion of proceedings on Report and Final Stages of the Work Life Balance and Miscellaneous Provisions Bill 2022

Wednesday proposal no. 2 - Motions for Supplementary Estimates for Public Services [Votes 5, 12, 13, 14, 17, 26, 32, 33, 38 and 45]

- To be moved together and decided without debate by one question which shall be put from the Chair

Wednesday proposal no. 3 - Statements pre-European Council meeting of 15th December, 2022, pursuant to Standing Order 124

- The Statements pre-European Council meeting of 15th December, 2022, pursuant to Standing Order 124, shall not exceed 110 minutes, with arrangements in accordance with those agreed by the 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 statement in reply which shall not exceed 10 minutes, and members may share time

Wednesday proposal no. 4 - Water Environment (Abstractions and Associated Impoundments) Bill 2022 [*Seanad*]

- The proceedings on Second Stage of the Water Environment (Abstractions and Associated Impoundments) Bill 2022 [*Seanad*] shall, if not previously concluded, stand adjourned either at 5 p.m., or 1 hour and 5 minutes after the conclusion of the SOS, whichever is the later, and shall not resume on Wednesday

Wednesday proposal no. 5 - Health Insurance (Amendment) Bill 2022

- The proceedings on Committee and remaining Stages of the Health Insurance (Amendment) Bill 2022 shall be taken no earlier than 5 p.m. and shall, if not previously concluded, be brought to a conclusion after 60 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 Health

Wednesday proposal no. 6 - Patient Safety (Notifiable Patient Safety Incidents) Bill 2019

- The proceedings on Report and Final Stages of the Patient Safety (Notifiable Patient Safety Incidents) Bill 2019 shall, if not previously concluded, be brought to a conclusion after 2 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 Health

Wednesday proposal no. 7 - Work Life Balance and Miscellaneous Provisions Bill 2022

- The proceedings on Report and Final Stages of the Work Life Balance and Miscellaneous Provisions Bill 2022 shall, if not previously concluded, be brought to a conclusion after 60 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 Children, Disability, Equality, Integration and Youth

Thursday proposal no. 1 - Time for topical issues

- The ordinary routine of business as set out in Schedule 3 to Standing Orders is modified to the extent that topical issues shall be taken either at 5.14 p.m. or on the conclusion of Government business, whichever is the earlier, with consequential effect on the commencement time for Second Stage of the Dublin Bay Bill 2021 and on the time for the adjournment of the Dáil

Thursday proposal no. 2 - Motion *re* Proposed approval by Dáil Éireann of the opt-in under Article 3 of Protocol 21 to the TFEU

- The Motion *re* Proposed approval by Dáil Éireann of the opt-in under Article 3 of Protocol 21 to the TFEU *re* extension of the interim period during which the UK may derogate from the obligation to delete Passenger Name Record data of passengers after their departure from the UK shall, if not previously concluded, be brought to a conclusion after 55 minutes and the following arrangements shall apply:
 - (i) the order of speaking and allocation of time shall be as follows:
 - opening speech by a Minister or Minister of State - 10 minutes;
 - speech by representative of Sinn Féin - 10 minutes;
 - speeches by representatives of the Labour Party, Social Democrats, People-Before-Profit-Solidarity, the Regional Group, the Rural Independent Group and the Independent Group - 5 minutes per party or group; and
 - a speech in response by a Minister or Minister of State - 5 minutes; and

- (ii) members may share time

Thursday proposal no. 3 - Water Environment (Abstractions and Associated Impoundments) Bill 2022 [*Seanad*]

- On conclusion of the first speaking round on Second Stage of the Water Environment (Abstractions and Associated Impoundments) Bill 2022 [*Seanad*], a Minister or Minister of State shall be called upon to make a speech in reply, which shall not exceed 10 minutes, whereupon proceedings on Second Stage shall be brought to a conclusion; Provided that any division claimed shall be taken immediately prior to Committee Stage of the Bill

MEMBERS DISSENTING

Deputies Duncan Smith, Cian O’Callaghan, Richard Boyd Barrett, Mattie McGrath and Thomas Pringle dissented in relation to the time afforded to Report and Final Stages of the Work Life Balance (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2022 and the Patient Safety (Notifiable Patient Safety Incidents) Bill 2019 and the use of the guillotine.

INDICATIVE BUSINESS FOR WEEK COMMENCING 12 DECEMBER

- Appropriation Bill 2022 (All Stages)
- Planning and Development and Foreshore (Amendment) Bill 2022 (All Stages)
- Assisted Decision-Making Capacity (Amendment) Bill 2022 (Amendments from the Seanad)
- Water Environment (Abstractions and Associated Impoundments) Bill 2022 [*Seanad*] (Committee and remaining Stages)
- Statements on Social Housing Income Eligibility Thresholds and Defects in Housing

UPCOMING THURSDAY EVENING BUSINESS

15 December 2022: Criminal Justice (Theft and Fraud Offences) (Amendment) (Pets) Bill 2021 (Second Stage) (*Deputy Verona Murphy*)

BUSINESS COMMITTEE

2 December 2022