

REPORT OF THE BUSINESS COMMITTEE

ARRANGEMENTS FOR BUSINESS AND BUSINESS SCHEDULE FOR

TUESDAY TO THURSDAY, 13 - 15 DECEMBER, AND SATURDAY, 17 DECEMBER 2022

(AS AGREED AT ITS MEETING ON 8 DECEMBER 2022)

Tuesday 13 December 2022 (2:00 p.m. - 11:48 p.m.)

Leaders' Questions (Sinn Féin, Labour Party, 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)
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 Regulation of Providers of Building Works and Miscellaneous Provisions Act 2022 (Appointment of Registration Body) Order 2022 (<i>back from Committee</i>) (Dept of Housing, Local Government and Heritage)	
Taoiseach's Questions	3.05 p.m. - 3.50 p.m. (45 mins)
Expressions of Sympathy	3.50 p.m. - 4.35 p.m. (45 mins)
Expressions of Sympathy for the late Bobby Aylward	
Government Business	4.35 p.m. - 7.30 p.m. (2 hrs 55 mins)
- Appropriation Bill 2022 (Second Stage) (<i>to conclude within 1 hr 55 mins and any division claimed to be taken immediately prior to Committee Stage on Wednesday</i>) (Dept of Public Expenditure and Reform)	
- Motion <i>re</i> Recommendation of Appointment of Ordinary Members of the Electoral Commission (<i>to conclude within 60 mins</i>)	
Private Members' Business (Sinn Féin)	7.30 p.m. - 9.30 p.m. (120 mins)
- Motion <i>re</i> Current issues affecting the Health Services	
P.Q.s: Oral – Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment	9.30 p.m. - 11.00 p.m. (90 mins)
Topical Issues	11.00 p.m. - 11.48 p.m. (48 mins)
<i>Adjournment</i>	11.48 p.m.

Wednesday 14 December 2022 (9:12 a.m. - 10:15 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)
- Motion <i>re</i> Confidence in the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage	
Leaders' Questions (Sinn Féin, Social Democrats, 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)
Motion(s) without debate	1.04 p.m. - 1.05 p.m. (1 min)
- Motion <i>re</i> Proposed approval by Dáil Éireann of the Sustainable Energy Act 2002 (section 8(2)) (Conferral of Additional Functions — Energy Efficiency) Order 2022 (<i>back from Committee</i>) (Dept of Environment, Climate and Communications)	

- Motion *re* Presentation and Circulation of Revised Estimates for Public Services 2023 (Dept of Public Expenditure and Reform)

SOS

1.05 p.m. - 2.05 p.m. (60 mins)

Government Business

2.05 p.m. – 9.45 p.m. (7 hrs 40 mins)

- Planning and Development and Foreshore (Amendment) Bill 2022 [*Seanad*] (Second Stage) (to conclude within 1 hr 55 mins and any division claimed to be taken immediately before Committee Stage) (Dept of Housing, Local Government and Heritage)
- Appropriation Bill 2022 (Committee and remaining Stages) (to be taken no earlier than 4 p.m. and to conclude within 30 mins) (Dept of Public Expenditure and Reform)
- Local Government (Maternity Protection and Other Measures for Members of Local Authorities) Bill 2022 (Report and Final Stages) (to conclude within 30 mins) (Dept of Housing, Local Government and Heritage)
- Planning and Development and Foreshore (Amendment) Bill 2022 [*Seanad*] (Committee and remaining Stages) (to conclude within 3 hrs 30 mins)
- Assisted Decision-Making (Capacity) (Amendment) Bill 2022 (Amendments from the Seanad) (to conclude within 30 mins) (Dept of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth)
- Water Environment (Abstractions and Associated Impoundments) Bill 2022 [*Seanad*] (Committee and remaining Stages) (to conclude within 45 mins) (Dept of Housing, Local Government and Heritage)

Deferred Divisions

9.45 p.m. - 10.15 p.m. (30 mins)

Adjournment

10.15 p.m.

Thursday 15 December 2022 (8:54 a.m. - 8:37 p.m.)

P.Q.s: Oral - Minister for Rural and Community Development

8.54 a.m. - 10.24 a.m. (90 mins)

P.Q.s: Oral - Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications

10.24 a.m. - 12.00 p.m. (96 mins)

Leaders' Questions (Sinn Féin, Labour Party, Regional 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)

SOS

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

Government Business

1.44 p.m. - 6.34 p.m. (4 hrs 50 mins)

- Statements on Defects in Apartments - Report of the Working Group to Examine Defects in Housing (not to exceed 2 hr 25 mins) (Dept of Housing, Local Government and Heritage)
- Statements on Social Housing Income Level Thresholds (not to exceed 2 hrs 25 mins) (Dept of Housing, Local Government and Heritage)

Topical Issues

6.34 p.m. - 7.22 p.m. (48 mins)

Thursday evening business: Private Members' Bill

7.22 p.m. - 8.37 p.m. (75 mins)

- Criminal Justice (Theft and Fraud Offences) (Amendment) (Pets) Bill 2021 (Second Stage) (Deputy Verona Murphy)

Adjournment

8.37 p.m.

Saturday 17 December 2022 (10:30 a.m. - 7:10 p.m.)

Statement by the Taoiseach and Constitutional business:	10.30 a.m. - 1.00 p.m. approx. (150 mins)
nominations for Taoiseach (<i>Government proposer and seconder, 5 mins each, other parties and groups, 10 mins per party or group</i>)	
SOS	1.00 p.m. – 5.00 p.m. approx. (4 hours)
Constitutional business: nomination of members of the Government (<i>Taoiseach, 10 mins, other parties and groups, 10 minutes each</i>)	5.00 p.m. - 7.10 p.m. approx. (130 mins)
Adjournment	7.10 p.m. approx.

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

ARRANGEMENTS FOR BUSINESS

Tuesday proposal no. 1 - Late sitting and time allotted to Government business

- The ordinary routine of business as contained in Schedule 3 to Standing Orders is modified to the following extent:
 - (i) the Dáil shall sit later than 10.30 p.m.;
 - (ii) expressions of sympathy for the late Bobby Aylward shall be taken on the conclusion of Parliamentary Questions to the Taoiseach pursuant to Standing Order 46(1); and
 - (iii) after the expressions of sympathy, the time for Government business shall be extended for the purpose of allowing the Motion *re* Recommendation of Appointment of Ordinary Members of the Electoral Commission to conclude, with consequential effect on the commencement time for private members' business, Parliamentary Questions to the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment, and topical issues

Tuesday proposal no. 2 - Motion *re* Proposed approval by Dáil Éireann of the Regulation of Providers of Building Works and Miscellaneous Provisions Act 2022 (Appointment of Registration Body) Order 2022 (*back from Committee*)

- To be taken without debate

Tuesday proposal no. 3 - Appropriation Bill 2022

- In relation to proceedings on Second Stage of the Appropriation Bill 2022, the following arrangements shall apply:

- (i) the first speaking round shall be in accordance with the arrangements agreed by Order of the Dáil of 30th July, 2020, save that the times shall be halved in each case; and
- (ii) on conclusion of the first speaking round, a Minister or Minister of State shall be called upon to make a speech in reply, which shall not exceed 10 minutes, whereupon proceedings shall be brought to a conclusion: Provided that any division claimed on the Second Stage proceedings shall be taken immediately prior to Committee Stage of the Bill on Wednesday

Tuesday proposal no. 4 - Motion *re* Recommendation of Appointment of Ordinary Members of the Electoral Commission

- The Motion *re* Recommendation of Appointment of Ordinary Members of the Electoral Commission shall, if not previously concluded, be brought to a conclusion after 60 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 – 7.5 minutes; and
 - speeches by representatives of Sinn Féin, the Labour Party, Social Democrats, People-Before-Profit-Solidarity, the Regional Group, the Rural Independent Group and the Independent Group – 7.5 minutes per party or group; and
 - (ii) members may share time

Wednesday proposal no. 1 - Late sitting and no Taoiseach's questions

- The ordinary routine of business as contained in Schedule 3 to Standing Orders shall be modified to the following extent:
 - (i) the Dáil shall sit later than 9.30 p.m.
 - (ii) Parliamentary Questions to the Taoiseach pursuant to Standing Order 46(1) shall not be taken and the SOS shall be taken at the time when Parliamentary Questions to the Taoiseach would normally be taken;
 - (iii) the weekly division time may be taken later than 8.45 p.m., and shall in any event be taken on the conclusion of proceedings on the Water Environment (Abstractions and Associated Impoundments) Bill 2022 [*Seanad*]

Wednesday proposal no. 2 - Motion *re* Proposed approval by Dáil Éireann of the Sustainable Energy Act 2002 (section 8(2)) (Conferral of Additional Functions — Energy Efficiency) Order 2022 (*back from Committee*)

- To be taken without debate

Wednesday proposal no. 3 - Motion *re* Presentation and Circulation of Revised Estimates for Public Services 2023

- To be taken without debate

Wednesday proposal no. 4 - Planning and Development and Foreshore (Amendment) Bill 2022 [*Seanad*]

- In relation to Second Stage of the Planning and Development and Foreshore (Amendment) Bill 2022 [*Seanad*], the following arrangements shall apply:
 - (i) the first speaking round shall be in accordance with the arrangements agreed in the Order of the Dáil of 30th July, 2022, save that the times shall be halved in each case; and
 - (ii) on conclusion of the first speaking round, a Minister or Minister of State shall be called upon to make a speech in reply, which shall not exceed 10 minutes, whereupon proceedings shall be brought to a conclusion: Provided that any division claimed on the Second Stage proceedings shall be taken immediately prior to Committee Stage of the Bill on Wednesday

Wednesday proposal no. 5 - Appropriation Bill 2022

- The proceedings on Committee and remaining Stages of the Appropriation Bill 2022 shall be taken no earlier than 4 p.m. and shall, if not previously concluded, be brought to a conclusion after 30 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 Public Expenditure and Reform

Wednesday proposal no. 6 - Local Government (Maternity Protection and Other Measures for Members of Local Authorities) Bill 2022

- The proceedings on Report and Final Stages of the Local Government (Maternity Protection and Other Measures for Members of Local Authorities) Bill 2022 shall, if not previously concluded, be brought to a conclusion after 30 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 Housing, Local Government and Heritage

Wednesday proposal no. 7 - Planning and Development and Foreshore (Amendment) Bill 2022 [Seanad]

- The proceedings on Committee and remaining Stages of the Planning and Development and Foreshore (Amendment) Bill 2022 [Seanad] shall, if not previously concluded, be brought to a conclusion after 3 hours and 30 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 Housing, Local Government and Heritage

Wednesday proposal no. 8 - Assisted Decision-Making (Capacity) (Amendment) Bill 2022

- The proceedings on the amendments from the Seanad to the Assisted Decision-Making (Capacity) (Amendment) Bill 2022 shall, if not previously concluded, be brought to a conclusion after 30 minutes and any amendments from the Seanad not disposed of shall be decided by one question which shall be put from the Chair, and which shall, in relation to amendments to the Seanad amendments, include only those set down or accepted by the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth

Wednesday proposal no. 9 - Water Environment (Abstractions and Associated Impoundments) Bill 2022 [Seanad]

- The proceedings on Committee and remaining Stages of the Water Environment (Abstractions and Associated Impoundments) Bill 2022 [Seanad] shall, if not previously concluded, be brought to a conclusion after 45 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 Housing, Local Government and Heritage

Thursday proposal no. 1 – Early sitting, time for topical issues, and adjournment

- The ordinary routine of business as contained in Schedule 3 to Standing Orders shall be modified to the following extent:
 - (i) the Dáil shall meet at 8.54 a.m.;
 - (ii) topical issues shall be taken on the conclusion of Government business, with consequential effect on the commencement time for the Criminal Justice (Theft and Fraud Offences) (Amendment) (Pets) Bill 2021 and for the adjournment of the Dáil; and
 - (iii) the Dáil on its rising shall adjourn until 10.30 a.m. on Saturday 17th December, 2022

Thursday proposal no. 2 - Statements on Defects in Apartments – Report of the Working Group to Examine Defects in Housing

- The Statements on Defects in Apartments – Report of the Working Group to Examine Defects in Housing 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

Thursday proposal no. 3 - Statements on Social Housing Income Level Thresholds

- The Statements on Social Housing Income Level Thresholds 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

Saturday proposal no. 1 - Adjournment of the Dáil

- The Dáil on its rising on Saturday shall adjourn until 2 p.m. on Wednesday, 18th January, 2023

Saturday proposal no. 2 – Statement by the Taoiseach and Constitutional business

- Unless the Dáil shall otherwise order, the business to be taken on Saturday 17th December, 2022, and the arrangements relating thereto shall be as follows:
 - (I) a statement by the Taoiseach which shall not exceed 15 minutes;
 - (II) subject to the necessity arising pursuant to Article 28.9.1 of Bunreacht na hÉireann, nominations of a Taoiseach for appointment by the President pursuant to Standing Order 34A(2)(b), in relation to which the order of speaking and arrangements shall be as follows:
 - speeches of a Government proposer and seconder - 5 minutes each; and
 - speeches by representatives of other Government parties, Sinn Féin, the Labour Party, Social Democrats, People-Before-Profit-Solidarity, the Regional Group, the Rural Independent Group and the Independent Group - 10 minutes per party or group; and
 - members may share time;
 - (III) subject to the necessity arising pursuant to Article 28.11.1 of the Constitution, a Motion for approval by Dáil Éireann of the nomination by the Taoiseach of other

members of the Government for appointment by the President pursuant to Standing Order 34A(2)(c), in relation to which the order of speaking and arrangements shall be as follows:

- speech by the Taoiseach - 10 minutes; and
 - speeches by representatives of other Government parties, Sinn Féin, the Labour Party, Social Democrats, People-Before-Profit-Solidarity, the Regional Group, the Rural Independent Group and the Independent Group - 10 minutes per party or group; and
 - members may share time; and
- on the nomination by the Dáil of a Taoiseach for appointment by the President, the Dáil shall, unless it otherwise orders, stand suspended for four hours

Proposal re Priority PQs on 19th January 2023

- Notwithstanding anything in Standing Orders, the number of Questions nominated for priority pursuant to Standing Order 49 that may be taken on Thursday 19th January, 2023, to the Minister for Finance shall be increased to six, and the sixth question shall be allocated to Social Democrats, with the time for Questions to the Minister for Finance pursuant to Standing Order 46(2) accordingly extended by 6 minutes

MEMBERS DISSENTING

Deputies Pádraig MacLochlainn, Duncan Smith, Cian O’Callaghan and Paul Murphy dissented in relation to the scheduling of Second Stage and Committee and remaining stages of the Planning and Development and Foreshore (Amendment) Bill 2022 [*Seanad*] on Wednesday.

UPCOMING THURSDAY EVENING BUSINESS

26 January 2023: Parental Bereavement Leave (Amendment) Bill 2021 (Second Stage) (*Deputy Réada Cronin*)

BUSINESS COMMITTEE

9 December 2022