

REPORT OF THE BUSINESS COMMITTEE

ARRANGEMENTS FOR BUSINESS AND BUSINESS SCHEDULE FOR

WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY, 18 - 19 JANUARY 2023

(AS AGREED AT ITS MEETING ON 12 JANUARY 2023)

Wednesday 18 January 2023 (12:00 p.m. - 8:48 p.m.)

Leaders' Questions (Sinn Féin, Labour Party, People Before Profit-Solidarity, Regional Group) 12.00 p.m. - 12.34 p.m. (34 mins)

Order of Business 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 *re* Referral to Committee of Proposed approval by Dáil Éireann of Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from their Utilization to the Convention on Biological Diversity (Dept of Housing, Local Government and Heritage)

Government Business 1.05 p.m. - 6.00 p.m. (4 hrs 55 mins)

- Statements on Climate Action Plan 2023 (not to exceed 145 mins) (Dept of Environment, Climate and Communications)
- Oil Emergency Contingency and Transfer of Renewable Transport Fuels Functions Bill 2023 (Second Stage) (if not previously concluded, to adjourn either at 6 p.m. or 150 minutes after the conclusion of the Statements on the Climate Action Plan 2023, whichever is the later) (Dept of Environment, Climate and Communications)

Private Members' Business (Sinn Féin) 6.00 p.m. - 8.00 p.m. (120 mins)

- Motion *re* Capacity in the Health Service

Topical Issues 8.00 p.m. - 8.48 p.m. (48 mins)

Adjournment 8.48 p.m.

Thursday 19 January 2023 (9:00 a.m. - 9:48 p.m.)

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

P.Q.s: Oral - Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform 10.30 a.m. - 12.00 p.m. (90 mins)

Leaders' Questions (Sinn Féin, Social Democrats, 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)

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

Government Business 1.44 p.m. - 7.00 p.m. (5 hrs 16 mins)

- Oil Emergency Contingency and Transfer of Renewable Transport Fuels Functions Bill 2023 (Second Stage, resumed, if not previously concluded)
- Agricultural and Food Supply Chain Bill 2022 (Second Stage) (Dept of Agriculture, Food and the Marine)

Topical Issues 7.00 p.m. - 7.48 p.m. (48 mins)

Private Members' Business (Regional Group) 7.48 p.m. - 9.48 p.m. (120 mins)

- Motion *re* Public Dental Services (working title)

Adjournment 9.48 p.m.

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

ARRANGEMENTS FOR BUSINESS

Wednesday proposal no. 1 - Early sitting and business arrangements

- Notwithstanding anything in Standing Order 34A, or in the ordinary routine of business as contained in Schedule 3 to Standing Orders, the following arrangements shall apply in relation to Wednesday's business:
 - (i) the order in which Business shall be taken immediately following Questions on Policy or Legislation pursuant to Standing Order 35A(3) shall be as follows—
 - any motions for introduction of Bills pursuant to Standing Order 174(2),
 - motions without debate,
 - Government business,
 - private members' business pursuant to Standing Order 159(1) and Standing Order 169, and
 - topical issues pursuant to Standing Order 37;
 - (ii) there shall be no suspension of sitting pursuant to Standing Order 25(1);
 - (iii) oral Parliamentary Questions pursuant to Standing Order 46(1) to the Taoiseach or to any other Minister shall not be taken;
 - (iv) the weekly division time pursuant to Standing Order 80(2) shall not be taken; and
 - (v) the Dáil shall adjourn on the conclusion of topical issues

Wednesday proposal no. 2 - Motion *re* Referral to Committee of Proposed approval by Dáil Éireann of Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from their Utilization to the Convention on Biological Diversity

- To be taken without debate

Wednesday proposal no. 3 - Statements on Climate Action Plan 2023

- The Statements on the Climate Action Plan 2023 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

Wednesday proposal no. 4 – adjournment of Government Bills

- The proceedings on any second reading motion on a Government Bill shall, if not previously concluded, be interrupted and stand adjourned either at 6 p.m. or 150 minutes

after the conclusion of the Statements on the Climate Action Plan 2023, whichever is the later, and any such Government Bill shall not be resumed on Wednesday: Provided that in the event of the Second Stages of the Government Bills concluding within the allotted time, private members' business shall be taken on their conclusion

Thursday proposal - Arrangements for business

- The ordinary routine of business as contained in Schedule 3 to Standing Orders shall be modified to the following extent:
 - (i) topical issues shall be taken either at 7 p.m., or on the conclusion of Government business, whichever is earlier, with consequential effect on the commencement time for Motion *re* Public Dental Services and on the adjournment of the Dáil, which may be later than 9.27 p.m.; and
 - (ii) no private member's Bill pursuant to Standing Order 102 or motion for a Committee report pursuant to Standing Order 160 shall be taken, and private members' business pursuant to Standing Order 159(1) and Standing Order 169 shall be taken for two hours on the conclusion of topical issues

Proposal in relation to Tuesday, 24th January, and Thursday, 26th January, 2023 – Priority Questions

- Notwithstanding anything in Standing Orders, in relation to oral Parliamentary Questions pursuant to Standing Order 46(1) to the Minister for Finance on Tuesday, 24th January, 2023, and the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage on Thursday, 26th January, 2023, the following arrangements shall apply:
 - (i) the number of Questions nominated for priority pursuant to Standing Order 49 that may be taken on each day shall be increased to six;
 - (ii) the sixth question on Tuesday shall be allocated to Social Democrats; and
 - (iii) the sixth question on Thursday shall be allocated to People-Before-Profit-Solidarity

MEMBERS DISSENTING

Deputies Mattie McGrath and Denis Naughten dissented in relation to the commencement time for the Regional Group's private members' business on Thursday evening.

INDICATIVE BUSINESS FOR WEEK COMMENCING 24 JANUARY 2023

- Human Tissue (Transplantation, Post-Mortem, Anatomical Examination and Public Display) Bill 2022 (Second Stage)
- Credit Union (Amendment) Bill 2022 [*Seanad*] (Second Stage)

UPCOMING THURSDAY EVENING BUSINESS

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

2 February 2023: Motion *re* Report entitled “Report on Summer Programme 2023” (Joint Committee on Autism)

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13 January 2023