

REPORT OF THE BUSINESS COMMITTEE

ARRANGEMENTS FOR BUSINESS AND BUSINESS SCHEDULE FOR

WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY, 8 - 9 FEBRUARY 2023

(AS AGREED AT ITS MEETING ON 2 FEBRUARY 2023)

Wednesday 8 February 2023 (2:00 p.m. - 9:38 p.m.)

Leaders' Questions (Sinn Féin, Social Democrats, People Before Profit-Solidarity, 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> Committee Consideration of Estimates for Public Services 2023	
Taoiseach's Questions	3.05 p.m. - 3.50 p.m. (45 mins)
Government Business	3.50 p.m. - 6.50 p.m. (3 hrs)
- Criminal Justice (Mutual Recognition of Custodial Sentences) Bill 2021 (Report and Final Stages) (to be taken no earlier than 3.50 p.m. and to conclude within 3 hours) (Dept of Justice)	
Private Members' Business (Sinn Féin)	6.50 p.m. - 8.50 p.m. (2 hrs)
- Motion <i>re</i> Mortgage Interest Relief Scheme	
Topical Issues	8.50 p.m. - 9.38 p.m. (48 mins)
Adjournment	9.38 p.m.

Thursday 9 February 2023 (9:00 a.m. - 9:22 p.m.)

P.Q.s: Oral - Minister for Social Protection	9.00 a.m. - 10.30 a.m. (90 mins)
P.Q.s: Oral - Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth	10.30 a.m. - 12.00 p.m. (90 mins)
Leaders' Questions (Sinn Féin, Labour Party, Regional Group, Rural 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 Nursing Home Charges (working title) (not to exceed 210 mins) (Dept of Health)	
- Garda Síochána (Recording Devices) Bill 2022 (Second stage, resumed) (if not previously concluded, to stand adjourned either at 6.34 p.m. or 1 hr and 20 mins after the conclusion of Statements on Nursing Home Charges) (Dept of Justice)	
Private Members' Business (Labour Party)	6.34 p.m. - 8.34 p.m. (120 mins)
- Motion <i>re</i> Housing (working title)	
Topical Issues	8.34 p.m. - 9.22 p.m. (48 mins)
Adjournment	9.22 p.m.

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

ARRANGEMENTS FOR BUSINESS

Wednesday proposal no. 1 – Arrangements for business

- The ordinary routine of business as contained in Schedule 3 to Standing Orders shall be modified to the following extent:
 - (i) the time for Government business shall be extended for the purposes of allowing the proceedings on Report and Final Stages of the Criminal Justice (Mutual Recognition of Custodial Sentences) Bill 2021 to conclude, with consequential effect on the commencement time for private members' business;
 - (ii) oral Parliamentary Questions pursuant to Standing Order 46(1) to any Minister other than the Taoiseach shall not be taken; and
 - (iii) topical issues shall be taken on the conclusion of private members' business

Wednesday proposal no. 2 – Motion *re* Committee Consideration of Estimates for Public Services 2023

- To be taken without debate

Wednesday proposal no. 3 - Criminal Justice (Mutual Recognition of Custodial Sentences) Bill 2021

- The proceedings on Report and Final Stages of the Criminal Justice (Mutual Recognition of Custodial Sentences) Bill 2021 shall be taken no earlier than 3.50 p.m. and shall, if not previously concluded, be brought to a conclusion after 3 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 Justice

Thursday proposal no. 1 - Arrangements for business

- The ordinary routine of business as contained in Schedule 3 to Standing Orders shall be modified to the following extent:
 - (i) 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 or adjournment of Second Stage of the Garda Síochána (Recording Devices) Bill 2022; and

- (ii) topical issues shall be on the conclusion of private members' business

Thursday proposal no. 2 - Statements on Nursing Home Charges (working title)

- The Statements on Nursing Home Charges shall not exceed 210 minutes, with arrangements in accordance with those agreed by Order of the Dáil of 30th July, 2020, for 200 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 - Garda Síochána (Recording Devices) Bill 2022

- The resumed proceedings on the second reading motion of the Garda Síochána (Recording Devices) Bill 2022 shall, if not previously concluded, be interrupted and stand adjourned either at 6.34 p.m. or 1 hour and 20 minutes after the conclusion of the Statements on Nursing Home Charges, whichever is the later

MEMBERS DISSENTING

Deputies Pádraig MacLochlainn, Duncan Smith, Cian O'Callaghan, Paul Murphy, Mattie McGrath and Thomas Pringle dissented in relation to the fact that the format for Statements on Nursing Home Charges does not include Q&A.

INDICATIVE BUSINESS FOR WEEK COMMENCING 6TH FEBRUARY

- Veterinary Medicinal Products, Medicated Feed and Fertilisers Regulation Bill 2023 (Second Stage)
- Civil Defence Bill 2023 (Second Stage)
- Patient Safety (Notifiable Patient Safety Incidents) Bill 2019 (Report and Final Stages)
- Statements on Coordinated Response to Refugee Accommodation and related issues (working title)

UPCOMING THURSDAY EVENING BUSINESS

16 February 2023: Health (Amendment) (Dual Diagnosis: No Wrong Door) Bill 2021 (Second Stage) – *Deputy Mark Ward*

23 February 2023: Equality (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2021 (Second Stage) – *Deputy Violet-Anne Wynne*

2 March 2023: Employment Equality (Pay Transparency) Bill 2022 (Second Stage) – *Deputy Rose Conway-Walsh*

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3 February 2023