

# REVISED (2) REPORT OF THE BUSINESS COMMITTEE

## ARRANGEMENTS FOR BUSINESS AND BUSINESS SCHEDULE FOR

TUESDAY TO THURSDAY, 21 - 23 FEBRUARY 2023

### Tuesday 21 February 2023 (2:00 p.m. – 10.08 p.m.)

Leaders' Questions (Sinn Féin, Social Democrats, 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)

**Bill(s) for Introduction** 3.04 p.m. - 3.14 p.m. (10 mins)

- Broadcasting (Amendment) Bill 2023 (First Stage) (*Deputy Patrick Costello*)
- Electricity Regulation (Amendment) (Protection of Financially Vulnerable Customers) Bill 2023 (First Stage) (*Deputy Jennifer Whitmore*)

**Motion(s) without debate** 3.14 p.m. - 3.15 p.m. (1 min)

- Motion *re* Referral to Joint Committee of the Civil Law (Miscellaneous Provisions Act 2022 (Section 4(2)) (Scheme Termination Date) Order 2023 (*Dept of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth*)
- Motion *re* Referral to Joint Committee of proposed approval by Dáil Éireann of Regulation (EU) 2021/2303 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 December 2021 on the European Union Agency for Asylum and repealing Regulation (EU) No. 439/2010 (*Dept of Justice*)

Taoiseach's Questions 3.15 p.m. - 4.00 p.m. (45 mins)

**Government Business** 4.00 p.m. - 5.50 p.m. (110 mins)

- Motion *re* Establishment of Citizens' Assembly on Drugs Use (*to conclude within 110 mins*) (*Dept of the Taoiseach*)

**Private Members' Business (Sinn Féin)** 5.50 p.m. - 7.50 p.m. (120 mins)

- Motion *re* Housing and Evictions

P.Q.s: Oral - Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media 7.50 p.m. - 9.20 p.m. (90 mins)

Topical Issues 9.20 p.m. - 10.08 p.m. (48 mins)

Adjournment 10.08 p.m.

### Wednesday 22 February 2023 (9:12 a.m. – 11.15 9:00 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)

- Eviction Ban Bill 2022 (Second Stage) (*Deputies Richard Boyd Barrett, Gino Kenny, Paul Murphy, Bríd Smith, Mick Barry*)

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

**Motion(s) without debate**

1.04 p.m. - 1.05 p.m. (1 min)

- Motion *re* Presentation of Further Revised Estimates for Public Services 2023 [Votes 16, 23 and 34] (*Dept of Public Expenditure, NDP Delivery and Reform*)
- Motion *re* Ministerial Rota for Parliamentary Questions

Taoiseach's Questions

1.05 p.m. - 1.50 p.m. (45 mins)

SOS

1.50 p.m. - 2.50 p.m. (60 mins)

**Government Business**

2.50 p.m. - 4.00 p.m. (1 hr 10 mins)

- Policing, Security and Community Safety Bill 2023 (Second Stage) (*if not previously concluded, to be interrupted either at 4 p.m. or after 1 hr 10 mins, whichever is the later*) (*Dept of Justice*)

**Government Business**4.00 p.m. - ~~10.45~~ 8.30 p.m. (6 hrs 45 mins)

- Communications Regulation and Digital Hub Development Agency (Amendment) Bill 2022 (Amendments from the Seanad) (*to be taken no earlier than 4 p.m. and to conclude within 30 mins*) (*Dept of Environment, Climate and Communications*)
- Oil Emergency Contingency and Transfer of Renewable Transport Fuels Functions Bill 2023 (Amendments from the Seanad) (*to conclude within 30 mins*) (*Dept of Environment, Climate and Communications*)
- Mother and Baby Institutions Payment Scheme Bill 2022 (Report Stage, Amendment No. 27, resumed, and Final Stage) (*if not previously concluded, to adjourn at 8.30 p.m.*) (*Dept of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth*)
- Motion *re* Temporary Business Energy support Scheme (working title) (*to conclude within 45 mins*) (*Dept of Finance*)
- Financial Motions [No.s 1 to 3] by the Minister for Finance (*to be grouped together and to conclude within 90 mins and the question on each Financial Motion to dispose of any amendments thereto*)

**Deferred Divisions**~~10.45~~ 8.30 p.m. - ~~11.15~~ 9.00 p.m. (30 mins)

Adjournment

~~11.15~~ 9.00 p.m.**Thursday 23 February 2023 (9:00 a.m. – 7:18 p.m.)**

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

9.00 a.m. - 10.30 a.m. (90 mins)

P.Q.s: Oral - Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment

10.30 a.m. - 12.00 p.m. (90 mins)

Minute's silence to commemorate the anniversary of the Russian invasion of Ukraine

12.00 p.m. - 12.01 p.m. (1 min)

Leaders' Questions (Sinn Féin, Social Democrats, People Before Profit-Solidarity, Regional Group)

12.01 p.m. - 12.35 p.m. (34 mins)

Questions on Policy or Legislation

12.35 p.m. - 1.05 p.m. (30 mins)

SOS

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

**Government Business**

1.45 p.m. - 5.15 p.m. (3 hrs 30 mins)

- Motion *re* Proposed approval by Dáil Éireann of the addition of the Courts Service to the Schedule to the National Archives Act 1986 (*to conclude within 55 mins*) (*Dept of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media*)
- Policing, Security and Community Safety Bill 2023 (Second Stage, resumed, if not previously concluded)

Topical Issues

5.15 p.m. - 6.03 p.m. (48 mins)

**Thursday evening business: Private Member's Bill** 6.03 p.m. - 7.18 p.m. (75 mins)  
- Equality (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2021 (Second Stage) (*Deputy Violet-Anne Wynne*)  
*Adjournment* 7.18 p.m.

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

### **ARRANGEMENTS FOR BUSINESS**

#### **Tuesday proposal no. 1 - Time for private members' business**

- The ordinary routine of business as contained in Schedule 3 to Standing Orders shall be modified to the extent that private members' business may be taken earlier than 6.12 p.m. and shall, in any event, be taken on the conclusion of Government business, with consequential effect on the commencement time for Parliamentary Questions to the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media and topical issues, and on the time for the adjournment of the Dáil

#### **Tuesday proposal no. 2 - Motion *re* Referral to Joint Committee of the Civil Law (Miscellaneous Provisions Act 2022 (Section 4(2)) (Scheme Termination Date) Order 2023**

- To be taken without debate

#### **Tuesday proposal no. 3 - Motion *re* Referral to Joint Committee of proposed approval by Dáil Éireann of Regulation (EU) 2021/2303 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 December 2021 on the European Union Agency for Asylum and repealing Regulation (EU) No. 439/2010**

- To be taken without debate

#### **Tuesday proposal no. 4 - Motion *re* Establishment of Citizens' Assembly on Drugs Use**

- The Motion *re* Establishment of Citizens' Assembly on Drugs Use shall, if not previously concluded, be brought to a conclusion after 110 minutes, with arrangements in accordance with those agreed by Order of the Dáil of 30<sup>th</sup> July, 2020, for 100 minutes, following which a Minister or Minister of State shall be called upon to make a speech in reply which shall not exceed 10 minutes, and members may share time

#### **Wednesday proposal no. 1 - Weekly division time**

- The ordinary routine of business as contained in Schedule 3 to Standing Orders shall be ~~modified to the extent that the weekly division time shall be taken on either the adjournment or conclusion of proceedings on the Mother and Baby Institutions Payment~~

~~Scheme Bill 2022, with consequential effect on the time for the adjournment of the~~  
~~Dáil~~ modified to the following extent:

- (i) the Dáil shall sit later than 9.30 p.m.; and
- (ii) the weekly division time shall be taken on the conclusion of proceedings on the Financial Motions [No.s 1 to 3] by the Minister for Finance

**Wednesday proposal no. 2 - Motion *re* Presentation of Further Revised Estimates for Public Services 2023 [Votes 16, 23 and 34]**

- To be taken without debate

**Wednesday proposal no. 3 - Motion *re* Ministerial Rota for Parliamentary Questions**

- To be taken without debate

**Wednesday proposal no. 4 - Policing, Security and Community Safety Bill 2023**

- The proceedings on the second reading motion on the Policing, Security and Community Safety Bill 2023 shall, if not previously concluded, be interrupted and stand adjourned at either 4 p.m. or after 1 hour and 10 minutes, whichever is the later

**Wednesday proposal no. 5 - Communications Regulation and Digital Hub Development Agency (Amendment) Bill 2022**

- The proceedings on the amendments from the Seanad to the Communications Regulation and Digital Hub Development Agency (Amendment) 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 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 Environment, Climate and Communication

**Wednesday proposal no. 6 - Oil Emergency Contingency and Transfer of Renewable Transport Fuels Functions Bill 2023**

- The proceedings on the amendments from the Seanad to the Oil Emergency Contingency and Transfer of Renewable Transport Fuels Functions Bill 2023 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 Environment, Climate and Communications

**Wednesday proposal no. 7 - Mother and Baby Institutions Payment Scheme Bill 2022**

- The proceedings on the resumed Report Stage and Final Stage of the Mother and Baby Institutions Payment Scheme Bill 2022 shall, if not previously concluded, be interrupted and stand adjourned ~~either at 8.30 p.m. or after 3 hours and 30 minutes, whichever is the later~~

**Wednesday proposal no. 8 – Motion *re* Temporary Business Energy support Scheme (working title)**

- The Motion *re* Temporary Business Energy support Scheme shall, if not previously concluded, be brought to a conclusion after 45 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 – 5 minutes;
    - 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 - 5 minutes per party or group; and
    - a speech in response by the Minister – 5 minutes;
  - (ii) members may share time; and
  - (iii) any division claimed on the proceedings shall be taken immediately

**Wednesday proposal no. 9 - Financial Motions by the Minister for Finance**

- In relation to the Financial Motions by the Minister for Finance, the following arrangements shall apply:
  - (i) the Financial Motions shall be grouped together for the purposes of debate;
  - (ii) the proceedings thereon shall, if not previously concluded, be brought to a conclusion after 90 minutes by one question in respect of each motion which shall also dispose of any amendments to the motion and which shall be put from the Chair; and

- (iii) any divisions demanded shall be taken immediately

**Thursday proposal no. 1 - Time for topical issues and Thursday evening business**

- The ordinary routine of business as contained in Schedule 3 to Standing Orders shall be modified to the extent that topical issues shall be taken at either 5.15 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 Equality (Miscellaneous Provisions) 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 addition of the Courts Service to the Schedule to the National Archives Act 1986**

- The Motion *re* Proposed approval by Dáil Éireann of the addition of the Courts Service to the Schedule to the National Archives Act 1986 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 - Policing, Security and Community Safety Bill 2023**

- The resumed proceedings on the second reading motion of the Policing, Security and Community Safety Bill 2023 shall, if not previously concluded, be interrupted and stand adjourned at 5.15 p.m.

**MEMBERS DISSENTING**

Deputy Duncan Smith dissented in relation to late notice to members in regard to the additional items of business proposed for Wednesday

## INDICATIVE BUSINESS FOR WEEK COMMENCING 20 FEBRUARY 2023

- Policing, Security and Community Safety Bill 2023 (Second Stage, resumed)
- Courts and Civil Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2022 (Report and Final Stages)
- Regulation of Lobbying (Amendment) Bill 2022 (Report and Final Stages)

## UPCOMING THURSDAY EVENING BUSINESS

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

**9 March 2023:** Education (Inspection of Individual Education Plans for Children with Special Needs) Bill 2022 (Second Stage) – *Deputy Pauline Tully*

**23 March 2023:** Housing (Standards for Rented Houses) Bill 2020 (Second Stage) – *Deputy Eoin Ó Broin*

## BUSINESS COMMITTEE

**21 February 2023**