

REVISED (1) REPORT OF THE BUSINESS COMMITTEE

ARRANGEMENTS FOR BUSINESS AND BUSINESS SCHEDULE FOR

TUESDAY TO THURSDAY, 21 - 23 MARCH 2023

Tuesday 21 March 2023 (2:00 p.m. - 11:48 p.m.)

Leaders' Questions (Sinn Féin, Labour Party, Regional Group, 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 Civil Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2022 (Section 4(2)) (Scheme Termination Date) Order 2023 (<i>back from Committee</i>) (Dept of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth)	
- Motions for Revised Estimates for Public Services 2023 [Votes 1 to 10, 13, 29 and 33] (<i>back from Committee</i>) (<i>to be moved together and decided by one question</i>) (Dept of Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform)	
- Motion <i>re</i> Referral to Committee of the proposed approval by Dáil Éireann of the Convention on the International Organisation for Marine Aids to Navigation (Dept of Transport)	
Taoiseach's Questions	3.05 p.m. - 3.50 p.m. (45 mins)
Government Business	3.50 p.m. - 7.30 p.m. (3 hrs 40 mins)
- Finance Bill 2023 (Second Stage) (<i>to conclude at the end of the first speaking round</i>) (Dept of Finance)	
Private Members' Business (Sinn Féin)	7.30 p.m. - 9.30 p.m. (120 mins)
- Motion <i>re</i> Eviction Ban	
P.Q.s: Oral - Minister for Foreign Affairs	9.30 p.m. - 11.00 p.m. (90 mins)
Topical Issues	11.00 p.m. - 11.48 p.m. (48 mins)
Adjournment	11.48 p.m.

Wednesday 22 March 2023 (9:12 a.m. - 9:05 p.m.)

Topical Issues	9.12 a.m. - 10.00 a.m. (48 mins)
Private Members' Business (Independent Group)	10.00 a.m. - 12.00 p.m. (120 mins)
- Motion <i>re</i> Reform of Carer's Allowance Scheme	
Leaders' Questions (Sinn Féin, Social Democrats, People Before Profit-Solidarity, 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 <i>re</i> 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 (<i>back from Committee</i>) (Dept of Justice)	
- Motion <i>re</i> Proposed approval by Dáil Éireann of the Criminal Justice Act 1984 (Treatment of Persons in Custody in Garda Síochána Stations) (Amendment) Regulations 2023 (Dept of Justice)	
Taoiseach's Questions	1.05 p.m. - 1.50 p.m. (45 mins)
Government Business	1.50 p.m. - 3.40 p.m. (110 mins)

- Statements pre-European Council meeting of 23 - 24 March 2023 pursuant to Standing Order 124 *(not to exceed 110 mins)*

SOS 3.40 p.m. - 4.40 p.m. *(60 mins)*

Deferred Divisions 4.40 p.m. - 5.10 p.m. *(30 mins)*

- Education (Inspection of Individual Education Plans for Children with Special Needs) Bill 2022
(deferred division on Ministerial amendment) (to be taken no earlier than 4.30 p.m.)

Government Business 5.10 4.40 p.m. - 9.05 8.35 p.m. *(3 hrs 55 mins)*

- Health (Amendment) Bill 2023 (Second and remaining Stages) *(Second Stage to conclude within 1 hr 55 mins and any division claimed to be taken immediately prior to Committee Stage, but in any event, no earlier than 6 p.m.; Committee and remaining Stages to be taken no earlier than 6 p.m. and to conclude within 2 hrs) (Dept of Health)*

Deferred Divisions 8.35 p.m. - 9.05 p.m. *(30 mins)*

~~- Education (Inspection of Individual Education Plans for Children with Special Needs) Bill 2022
(deferred division on Ministerial amendment)~~

Adjournment 9.05 p.m.

Thursday 23 March 2023 (9:00 a.m. - 7:42 p.m.)

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

P.Q.s: Oral - Minister for Education 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. - 5.39 p.m. *(3 hrs and 55 mins)*

- Policing, Security and Community Safety Bill 2023 (Second Stage, resumed) *(if not previously concluded, to stand adjourned at 3.14 p.m.) (Dept of Justice)*

- Statements on Safe Staffing Levels in Hospitals (working title) *(not to exceed 145 mins) (Dept of Health)*

Topical Issues 5.39 p.m. - 6.27 p.m. *(48 mins)*

Thursday evening business: private member's Bill 6.27 p.m. - 7.42 p.m. *(75 mins)*

- Housing (Standards for Rented Houses) Bill 2020 (Second Stage) *(Deputy Eoin Ó Broin)*

Adjournment 7.42 p.m.

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

ARRANGEMENTS FOR BUSINESS

Tuesday proposal no. 1 - Late sitting

- The ordinary routine of business as contained in the Schedule 3 to Standing Orders shall be modified to the following extent:

- (i) the Dáil shall sit later than 10.30 p.m.; and
- (ii) the time for Government business shall be extended for the purpose of allowing Second Stage of the Finance Bill 2023 to conclude, with consequential effect on the commencement time for private members' business, Parliamentary Questions to the Minister for Foreign Affairs, and topical issues

Tuesday proposal no. 2 - Motion *re* Proposed approval by Dáil Éireann 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 - Motions for Revised Estimates for Public Services 2023 [Votes 1 to 10, 13, 29 and 33]

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

Tuesday proposal no. 4 - Motion *re* Referral to Committee of the proposed approval by Dáil Éireann of the Convention on the International Organisation for Marine Aids to Navigation

- To be taken without debate

Tuesday proposal no. 5 - Finance Bill 2023

- On Second Stage of the Finance Bill 2023, on the conclusion of the first speaking round in accordance with arrangements agreed by the Order of the Dáil of 30th July, 2020, 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

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

- The ordinary routine of business as set out in Schedule 3 to Standing Orders shall be modified to following extent:
 - (i) **in relation to the suspension of sitting pursuant to Standing Order 25(1), the following arrangements shall apply—**
 - (a) the SOS shall be taken on the conclusion of Statements pre-European Council meeting of 23 - 24 March, 2023, pursuant to Standing Order 124, ~~which shall be taken immediately following oral Parliamentary Questions to the Taoiseach pursuant to Standing Order 46(1); and~~

- (b) the House shall stand suspended for either an hour, or until 4.30 p.m., whichever is the later;
- (ii) the weekly division time shall be taken on the conclusion of ~~proceedings on the Health (Amendment) Bill 2023, with consequential effect on the time for the adjournment of the Dáil~~ the SOS;
- (iii) Government business shall resume on the conclusion of the weekly division time; and
- (iv) the Dáil shall adjourn on the conclusion of proceedings on the Health (Amendment) Bill 2023

Wednesday proposal no. 2 - Motion *re* 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

Wednesday proposal no. 3 - Motion *re* Proposed approval by Dáil Éireann of the Criminal Justice Act 1984 (Treatment of Persons in Custody in Garda Síochána Stations) (Amendment) Regulations 2023

- To be taken without debate

Wednesday proposal no. 4 - Statements pre-European Council meeting of 23 - 24 March 2023

- The Statements pre-European Council meeting of 23 - 24 March, 2023, pursuant to Standing Order 124, shall be taken immediately following oral Parliamentary Questions to the Taoiseach pursuant to Standing Order 46(1) and 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. 5 - Health (Amendment) Bill 2023

- In relation to the Health (Amendment) Bill 2023, the following arrangements shall apply:
 - (i) on the proceedings on Second Stage, 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 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 on

Second Stage 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, but in any event, no earlier than 6 p.m.; and

- (ii) the proceedings on Committee and remaining Stages shall be taken no earlier than 6 p.m. and 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

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

- The ordinary routine of business as set out in Schedule 3 to Standing Orders shall be modified to the extent that topical issues shall be taken on the conclusion of Statements on Safe Staffing Levels in Hospitals, with consequential effect on the commencement time for Second Stage of the Housing (Standards for Rented Houses) Bill 2020 and on the time for the adjournment of the Dáil

Thursday proposal no. 2 - 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 3.14 p.m.

Thursday proposal no. 3 - Statements on Safe Staffing Levels in Hospitals

- The Statements on Safe Staffing Levels in Hospitals 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

MEMBERS DISSENTING

Deputy Thomas Pringle dissented in relation to the changes to the schedule on Wednesday.

INDICATIVE BUSINESS FOR WEEK COMMENCING 28th MARCH

- Post-European Council Statements
- Criminal Justice (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2022 (Report and Final Stages)
- Work Life Balance and Miscellaneous Provisions Bill 2022 (Amendments from the Seanad)

- Statements on Eviction Ban

UPCOMING THURSDAY EVENING BUSINESS

30 March 2023: Taisceadán (Valuable Property Register) Bill 2019 (Second Stage) – *Deputy Martin Kenny*

20 April 2023: Safe Deposit Boxes and Related Deposits Bill 2022 (Second Stage) – *Deputy Éamon Ó Cuív*

27 April 2023: Motion *re* Committee Report entitled “An Comhaontas Cuimsitheach Eacnamaíoch agus Trádála agus an tionchar a bheadh aige ar an nGaeilge, ar an nGaeltacht agus ar Phobal Labhartha na Gaeilge” – *Comhchoiste na Gaeilge, na Gaeltachta agus Phobal Labhartha na Gaeilge*

11 May 2023: Motion *re* Committee Report entitled “Final Report of the Joint Committee on International Surrogacy” – *Joint Committee on International Surrogacy*

BUSINESS COMMITTEE

20 March 2023