

REVISED (2) REPORT OF THE BUSINESS COMMITTEE

ARRANGEMENTS FOR BUSINESS AND BUSINESS SCHEDULE FOR

WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY, 22 - 23 MARCH 2023

Wednesday 22 March 2023 (9:12 a.m. - 9.11 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)
Bill(s) for Introduction	1.04 p.m. - 1.09 p.m. (5 mins)
Unfair Dismissals (Increased Protections for Workers) (Amendment) Bill 2023 (Deputy Catherine Murphy)	
Motion(s) without debate	1.09 1.04 p.m. - 1.10 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 (back from Committee) (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	1.10 1.05 p.m. - 1.55 1.50 p.m. (45 mins)
Government Business	1.55 1.50 p.m. - 3.45 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	3.45 3.40 p.m. - 4.45 4.40 p.m. (60 mins)
Government Business	4.45 p.m. - 4.46 p.m. (1 min)
- Finance Bill 2023 – Motion for Financial Resolution (without debate) (Dept of Finance)	
Deferred Divisions	4.46 4.40 p.m. - 5.16 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.)	
- Motion <i>re</i> Eviction Ban (deferred division on Amendment No.1 to Govt amendment)	
Government Business	5.16 5.10 p.m. - 9.11 9.05 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)	
Adjournment	9.11 9.05 p.m.

Thursday 23 March 2023 (9:00 a.m. - 7.47 ~~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)
Bill(s) for Introduction	1.04 p.m. - 1.09 p.m. (5 mins)
Residential Tenancies (Deferment of Termination Dates of Certain Tenancies) Bill 2023 (Deputy Eoin Ó Broin)	
SOS	1.09 1.04 p.m. - 1.49 1.44 p.m. (40 mins)
Government Business	1.49 1.44 p.m. - 5.44 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 (not to exceed 145 mins) (Dept of Health)	
Topical Issues	5.44 5.39 p.m. - 6.32 6.27 p.m. (48 mins)
Thursday evening business: private member's Bill	6.32 6.27 p.m. - 7.47 7.42 p.m. (75 mins)
- Housing (Standards for Rented Houses) Bill 2020 (Second Stage) (Deputy Eoin Ó Broin)	
Adjournment	7.47 7.42 p.m.

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

ARRANGEMENTS FOR BUSINESS

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; 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 the SOS~~ **immediately following the Motion for a Financial Resolution on the Finance Bill 2023;**
 - (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 - Finance Bill 2023 – Motion for Financial Resolution

- To be taken without debate

Wednesday proposal no. 6 - 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 the 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. **Deputies Mattie McGrath and Thomas Pringle dissented in relation to the scheduling of the Financial Resolution motion on the Finance Bill 2023 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*

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