

# REPORT OF THE BUSINESS COMMITTEE

## ARRANGEMENTS FOR BUSINESS AND BUSINESS SCHEDULE FOR

TUESDAY TO THURSDAY, 28 - 30 MARCH 2023

### Tuesday 28 March 2023 (2:00 p.m. - 10:46 p.m.)

Leaders' Questions (Sinn Féin, Social Democrats, People Before Profit-Solidarity, Regional 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 *re* Proposed approval by Dáil Éireann of the terms of the Convention on the International Organization for Marine Aids to Navigation (*Dept of Transport*)
- Motion *re* Ministerial Rota for Parliamentary Questions
- Motion *re* 22<sup>nd</sup> Report of the Committee of Selection

Taoiseach's Questions 3.05 p.m. - 3.50 p.m. (45 mins)

**Government Business** 3.50 p.m. - 5.40 p.m. (1 hr 50 mins)

- Motion *re* Proposed approval by Dáil Éireann of the terms of the Annual Emission Allocation Units Purchase Agreement (*to conclude within 55 mins*) (*Dept of Environment, Climate and Communications*)
- Motion *re* Opt-in to Article 3 proposal for a Council Decision regarding establishment of a standard form for requests for mutual assistance referred to in Article 635(1) (*to conclude within 55 mins*) (*Dept of Justice*)

**Private Members' Business (Sinn Féin)** 5.40 p.m. - 7.40 p.m. (120 mins)

- Residential Tenancies (Deferment of Termination Dates of Certain Tenancies) Bill 2023 (Second Stage)

P.Q.s: Oral - Minister for Social Protection 7.40 p.m. - 9.10 p.m. (90 mins)

Topical Issues 9.10 p.m. - 10.46 p.m. (96 mins)

Adjournment 10.46 p.m.

### Wednesday 29 March 2023 (9:12 a.m. - 7.50 p.m.)

**Government Business** 9.12 a.m. - 12.00 p.m.

Motion *re* Confidence in the Government (*to conclude within 145 min and any division claimed to be taken immediately by roll call*)

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)

**Motion(s) without debate** 1.04 p.m. - 1.05 p.m. (1 min)

- Motion *re* Proposed approval by Dáil Éireann of the Employment Equality Act 1998 (Section 12) (Reservation of Vocational Training Places) Order 2022 (*back from Committee*) (*Dept of Education*)
- Motion *re* Presentation and Circulation of Further Revised Estimates for Public Services 2023 [Votes 38 and 40] (*Dept of Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform*)

Taoiseach's Questions 1.05 p.m. - 1.50 p.m. (45 mins)

SOS	1.50 p.m. - 2.50 p.m. (60 mins)
<b>Private Members' Business (Labour Party)</b>	2.50 p.m. - 4.50 p.m. (2 hrs)
- Motion <i>re</i> Education and School Building Programme (working title)	
<b>Government Business</b>	4.50 p.m. - 7.20 p.m. (2 hrs 30 mins)
- Sex Offenders (Amendment) Bill 2021 (Amendments from the Seanad) <i>(to be taken no earlier than 4.50 p.m. and to conclude within 30 mins) (Dept of Justice)</i>	
- Criminal Justice (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2022 (Report and Final Stages) <i>(to conclude within 60 mins) (Dept of Justice)</i>	
- Work Life Balance and Miscellaneous Provisions Bill 2022 (Amendments from the Seanad) <i>(to conclude within 60 mins) (Dept of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth)</i>	
<b>Deferred Divisions</b>	7.20 p.m. - 7.50 p.m. (30 mins)
<i>Adjournment</i>	7.50 p.m.

### Thursday 30 March 2023 (9:00 a.m. - 6:12 p.m.)

P.Q.s: Oral - Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth	9.00 a.m. - 10.30 a.m. (90 mins)
P.Q.s: Oral - Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science	10.30 a.m. - 12.00 p.m. (90 mins)
Leaders' Questions (Sinn Féin, Social Democrats, 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)
SOS	1.04 p.m. - 1.44 p.m. (40 mins)
<b>Government Business</b>	1.44 p.m. - 4.09 p.m. (145 mins)
- Statements on Government supports for the Irish sheep sector <i>(not to exceed 145 mins) (Dept of Agriculture, Food and the Marine)</i>	
Topical Issues	4.09 p.m. - 4.57 p.m. (48 mins)
<b>Thursday evening business: private member's Bill</b>	4.57 p.m. - 6.12 p.m. (75 mins)
- Taisceadán (Valuable Property Register) Bill 2019 (Second Stage) <i>(Deputy Martin Kenny)</i>	
<i>Adjournment</i>	6.12 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 Schedule 3 to Standing Orders shall be modified to the following extent:
  - (i) the Dáil shall sit later than 10.30 p.m.;

- (ii) 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 Social Protection and topical issues; and
- (iii) notwithstanding anything in Standing Order 37, topical issues shall be taken for 96 minutes

**Tuesday proposal no. 2 - Motion *re* Proposed approval by Dáil Éireann of the terms of the Convention on the International Organization for Marine Aids to Navigation**

- To be taken without debate

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

- To be taken without debate

**Tuesday proposal no. 4 - Motion *re* 22<sup>nd</sup> Report of the Committee of Selection**

- To be taken without debate

**Tuesday proposal no. 5 - Motion *re* Proposed approval by Dáil Éireann of the terms of the Annual Emission Allocation Units Purchase Agreement**

- The proceedings on the Motion *re* Proposed approval by Dáil Éireann of the terms of the Annual Emission Allocation Units Purchase Agreement 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 the Minister – 5 minutes; and
  - (ii) members may share time

**Tuesday proposal no. 6 - Motion *re* Proposed approval by Dáil Éireann of Opt-in to Article 3 proposal for a Council Decision regarding the establishment of a standard form for requests for mutual assistance referred to in Article 635(1)**

- The proceedings on the Motion *re* Proposed approval by Dáil Éireann of Opt-in to Article 3 proposal for a Council Decision regarding establishment of a standard form for requests for mutual assistance referred to in Article 635(1) 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 the Minister – 5 minutes; and
  - (ii) members may share time

**Tuesday proposal no. 7 – Time for private members’ business**

- Notwithstanding anything in Standing Order 170(2), the proceedings on the second reading motion on the Residential Tenancies (Deferment of Termination Dates of Certain Tenancies) Bill 2023 shall, if not previously concluded, be brought to a conclusion after 2 hours

**Wednesday proposal no. 1 - Ordinary routine of 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 not be taken;
  - (ii) the Motion *re* Confidence in the Government shall be taken as the first item of business;
  - (iii) private members' business shall be taken on the conclusion of the SOS for two hours, and Government business shall resume on the conclusion of private members’ business; and

- (iv) the voting block shall be taken on the conclusion of proceedings on the Work Life Balance and Miscellaneous Provisions Bill 2022, with consequential effect on the time for the adjournment of the Dáil

**Wednesday proposal no. 2 – Motion *re* Confidence in the Government**

- The proceedings on the Motion *re* Confidence in the Government shall, if not previously concluded, be brought to a conclusion after 145 minutes, with arrangements in accordance with those agreed by Order of the Dáil of 30<sup>th</sup> July, 2020, for 135 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. 3 - Motion *re* Proposed approval by Dáil Éireann of the Employment Equality Act 1998 (Section 12) (Reservation of Vocational Training Places) Order 2022**

- To be taken without debate

**Wednesday proposal no. 4 - Motion *re* Presentation and Circulation of Further Revised Estimates for Public Services 2023 [Votes 38 and 40]**

- To be taken without debate

**Wednesday proposal no. 5 - Sex Offenders (Amendment) Bill 2021**

- The proceedings on the amendments from the Seanad to the Sex Offenders (Amendment) Bill 2021 shall be taken no earlier than 4.50 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 Justice

**Wednesday proposal no. 6 - Criminal Justice (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2022**

- The proceedings on Report and Final Stages of the Criminal Justice (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2022 shall, if not previously concluded, be brought to a conclusion after 60 minutes 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

**Wednesday proposal no. 7 - Work Life Balance and Miscellaneous Provisions Bill 2022**

- The proceedings on the amendments from the Seanad to the Work Life Balance and Miscellaneous Provisions Bill 2022 shall, if not previously concluded, be brought to a

conclusion after 60 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 Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth

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

- The following arrangements shall apply in relations to Thursday:
  - (i) 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 Government supports for the Irish sheep sector, with consequential effect on the commencement time for Second Stage of the Taisceadán (Valuable Property Register) Bill 2019, and on the time for the adjournment of the Dáil; and
  - (ii) the Dáil on its rising shall adjourn until 2 p.m. on 18<sup>th</sup> April, 2023

#### **Thursday proposal no. 2 - Statements on Government supports for the Irish sheep sector**

- The Statements on Government supports for the Irish sheep sector shall not exceed 145 minutes, with arrangements in accordance with those agreed by Order of the Dáil of 30<sup>th</sup> 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**

Deputies Pádraig MacLochlainn, Cian O’Callaghan and Richard Boyd Barrett dissented in relation to Statements on Eviction Ban (and homelessness) not being scheduled in the Dáil this week.

#### **INDICATIVE BUSINESS FOR WEEK COMMENCING 18<sup>th</sup> APRIL**

- Courts Bill 2023 (Second Stage)
- Representative Actions for the Protection of the Collective Interests of Consumers Bill 2023 (Second Stage)
- Finance Bill 2023 (Report and Final Stages)

#### **UPCOMING THURSDAY EVENING BUSINESS**

**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 Community on International Surrogacy’ – *Joint Committee on International Surrogacy*

**18 May 2023:** Motion *re* Committee Report entitled ‘Issues impacting Dog Welfare in Ireland’ – *Joint Committee on Agriculture and Food*

**BUSINESS COMMITTEE**

**24 March 2023**