

REVISED (1) 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. - ~~11.01~~ 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)

Bill(s) for Introduction 3.04 p.m. - 3.19 p.m. (15 mins)

- Tenancy Protection Bill 2023 (First Stage) (Deputy Cian O'Callaghan)

- Local Authority Public Administration Bill 2023 (First Stage) (Deputy Robert Troy)

- Illegal Israeli Settlement Divestment Bill 2023 (First Stage) (Deputy John Brady)

Motion(s) without debate 3.19 ~~3.04~~ p.m. - 3.20 ~~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* 22nd Report of the Committee of Selection

Taoiseach's Questions 3.20 ~~3.05~~ p.m. - 4.05 ~~3.50~~ p.m. (45 mins)

Government Business 4.05 ~~3.50~~ p.m. - 5.55 ~~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* Proposed approval by Dáil Éireann of the proposal for a Council Decision on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union in the Specialised Committee on Law Enforcement and Judicial Cooperation (to conclude within 55 mins) (Dept of Justice)

Private Members' Business (Sinn Féin) 5.55 ~~5.40~~ p.m. - 7.55 ~~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 7.55 ~~7.40~~ p.m. - 9.25 ~~9.10~~ p.m. (90 mins)

Topical Issues 9.25 ~~9.10~~ p.m. - 11.01 ~~10.46~~ p.m. (96 mins)

Adjournment 11.01 ~~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)
- **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)

Private Members' Business (Labour Party) 2.50 p.m. - 4.50 p.m. (2 hrs)

- Motion *re* Education and School Building Programme

Government Business 4.50 p.m. - 7.20 p.m. (2 hrs 30 mins)

- Sex Offenders (Amendment) Bill 2021 (Amendments from the Seanad) (*to be taken no earlier than 4.50 p.m. and to conclude within 30 mins*) (Dept of Justice)
- Criminal Justice (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2022 (Report and Final Stages) (*to conclude within 60 mins*) (Dept of Justice)
- Work Life Balance and Miscellaneous Provisions Bill 2022 (Amendments from the Seanad) (*to conclude within 60 mins*) (Dept of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth)

Deferred Divisions 7.20 p.m. - 7.50 p.m. (30 mins)

Adjournment 7.50 p.m.

Thursday 30 March 2023 (9:00 a.m. - 8.02 ~~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)

Government Business 1.44 p.m. - ~~5.59~~ 4.09 p.m. (4 hrs 15 mins) (~~145 mins~~)

- Statements on Government Supports for the Irish Sheep Sector (*not to exceed 145 mins*) (Dept of Agriculture, Food and the Marine)

- **Statements on Report of the Independent Review Group on Dignity and Equality issues in the Defence Forces** (*not to exceed 110 mins*)

Topical Issues ~~5.59~~ 4.09 p.m. - ~~6.47~~ 4.57 p.m. (48 mins)

Thursday evening business: private member's Bill ~~6.47~~ 4.57 p.m. - ~~8.02~~ 6.12 p.m. (75 mins)

- Taisceadán (Valuable Property Register) Bill 2019 (Second Stage) (Deputy Martin Kenny)

Adjournment 8.02 ~~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* 22nd 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 the proposal for a Council Decision on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union in the Specialised Committee on Law Enforcement and Judicial Cooperation

- The proceedings on the Motion *re* Proposed approval by Dáil Éireann of the proposal for a Council Decision on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union in the Specialised Committee on Law Enforcement and Judicial Cooperation 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 Second Stage of 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 30th 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 - Motion *re* Ministerial Rota for Parliamentary Questions

- To be taken without debate

Wednesday proposal no. 6 - 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. 7 - 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. 8 - 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 relation 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 Report of the Independent Review Group on Dignity and Equality issues in the Defence Forces** ~~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 18th 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 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

Thursday proposal no. 3 - Statements on Report of the Independent Review Group on Dignity and Equality issues in the Defence Forces

- The Statements on the Report of the Independent Review Group on Dignity and Equality issues in the Defence Forces shall not exceed 110 minutes, with arrangements in

accordance with those agreed by 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

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 18th 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 Committee 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*

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