

REVISED (2) REPORT OF THE BUSINESS COMMITTEE

ARRANGEMENTS FOR BUSINESS AND BUSINESS SCHEDULE FOR

TUESDAY TO THURSDAY, 18 - 20 APRIL 2023

Tuesday 18 April 2023 (2:00 p.m. - ~~12.18 a.m.~~ 11:48 p.m.)

Leaders' Questions (Sinn Féin, Labour Party, 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 <i>re</i> Report of the Committee on Standing Orders and Dáil Reform on Rota for Leaders' Questions	
Taoiseach's Questions	3.05 p.m. - 3.50 p.m. (45 mins)
Government Business	3.50 p.m. - 8.00 7:30 p.m. (4 hrs 10 mins)
- Statements and Q&A post European Council meeting of 23 rd March 2023 (not exceeding 130 mins, including 20 mins Q&A)	
- Finance Bill 2023 - Motion for a Financial Resolution (to be taken no earlier than 5.30 p.m., to conclude within 30 mins and any division claimed shall be taken immediately)	
- Finance Bill 2023 (Report and Final Stages) (to be taken no earlier than 6 p.m. and to conclude within 90 minutes) (Dept of Finance)	
Private Members' Business (Sinn Féin)	8.00 7:30 p.m. - 10.00 9:30 p.m. (120 mins)
- TBC	
P.Q.s: Oral - Minister for Justice	10.00 9:30 p.m. - 11.30 11:00 p.m. (90 mins)
Topical Issues	11.30 11:00 p.m. - 12.18 11:48 p.m. (48 mins)
Adjournment	12.18 a.m. 11:48 p.m.

Wednesday 19 April 2023 (9:12 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.)

Topical Issues	9.12 a.m. - 10.00 a.m. (48 mins)
Private Members' Business (Social Democrats)	10.00 a.m. - 12.00 p.m. (120 mins)
- Motion <i>re</i> Vacant Homes Tax (working title)	
Leaders' Questions (Sinn Féin, Social Democrats, 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. - 2.04 p.m. (60 mins)
Government Business	2.04 p.m. - 6.30 p.m. (4 hrs 26 mins)
- Motion <i>re</i> Proposed approval by Dáil Éireann to amend the EU Anti-Trafficking Directive 2011/36/EU (to conclude within 55 60 minutes) (Dept of Justice)	
- Courts Bill 2023 (Second Stage)* (Dept of Justice)	

- Representative Actions for the Protection of the Collective Interests of Consumers Bill 2023 (Second Stage)* *(Dept of Enterprise, Trade and Employment)*

Adjournment

6.30 p.m.

** Please note: if not previously concluded, proceedings shall be interrupted on either of these two Bills at 6.30 p.m., or 3 hrs and 30 mins after the conclusion of the Motion re Proposed approval by Dáil Éireann to amend the EU Anti-Trafficking Directive 2011/36/EU, whichever is the later*

Thursday 20 April 2023 (9:00 a.m. - 9:03 p.m.)

P.Q.s: Oral - Minister for Health	9.00 a.m. - 10.30 a.m. (90 mins)
P.Q.s: Oral - Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine	10.30 a.m. - 12.00 p.m. (90 mins)
Leaders' Questions (Sinn Féin, Social Democrats, People Before Profit-Solidarity, 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. - 7.00 p.m. (5 hrs 16 mins)
- Statements on Gangland Crime (working title) <i>(not to exceed 210 mins) (Dept of Justice)</i>	
- Courts Bill 2023 (Second stage, resumed)	
- Representative Actions for the Protection of the Collective Interests of Consumers Bill 2023 (Second Stage)	
Topical Issues	7.00 p.m. - 7.48 p.m. (48 mins)
Thursday evening business: private member's Bill	7.48 p.m. - 9.03 p.m. (75 mins)
- Safe Deposit Boxes and Related Deposits Bill 2022 (Second Stage) <i>(Deputy Eamon Ó Cuív)</i>	
<i>Adjournment</i>	<i>9.03 p.m.</i>

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.; and
 - (ii) the time for Government business shall be extended for the purpose of allowing Report and Final Stages of the Finance Bill 2023 to conclude, with consequential effect on the commencement time for private members' business, Parliamentary Questions to the Minister for Justice, and topical issues

Tuesday proposal no. 2 - Motion *re* Report of the Committee on Standing Orders and Dáil Reform on Rota for Leaders' Questions

- To be taken without debate

Tuesday proposal no. 3 – Statements and Q&A post European Council meeting of 23rd March 2023

- The following arrangements shall apply in relation to the Statements and Q&A post European Council meeting of 23rd March 2023:
 - (i) the statements shall consist of a single round, which shall not exceed 100 minutes, with arrangements in accordance with those agreed by Order of the Dáil of 30th July, 2020, for that time, and shall be immediately followed by questions and answers which shall not exceed 20 minutes;
 - (ii) following the questions and answers, a Minister or Minister of State shall be called upon to make a statement in reply which shall not exceed 10 minutes; and
 - (iii) members may share time

Tuesday proposal no. 4 - Finance Bill 2023 - Motion for a Financial Resolution

- To be taken no earlier than 5.30 p.m., to conclude within 30 minutes and any division claimed shall be taken immediately

Tuesday proposal no. 5 - Finance Bill 2023

- The proceedings on Report and Final Stage of the Finance Bill 2023 ~~shall be taken no earlier than 6 p.m. and~~ shall, if not previously concluded, be brought to a conclusion after 90 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 Finance

Wednesday proposal no. 1 - Oral PQs to the Taoiseach not to be taken; SOS to take place at point when oral Taoiseach PQs would normally take place

- The ordinary routine of business as set out in Schedule 3 to Standing Orders shall be modified to the following extent:
 - (i) Parliamentary Questions to the Taoiseach pursuant to Standing Order 46(1) shall not be taken and the proceedings shall be suspended pursuant to Standing Order

25(1) at the time when Parliamentary Questions to the Taoiseach would normally be taken;

- (ii) Government business shall, if not previously concluded, be interrupted and stand adjourned, and the Dáil shall adjourn, at either 6.30 p.m. or 3 hours and 30 minutes after the conclusion of the Motion *re* Proposed approval by Dáil Éireann to amend the EU Anti-Trafficking Directive 2011/36/EU, whichever is the later; and
- (iii) no weekly division time pursuant to Standing Order 80(2) shall be taken

Wednesday proposal no. 2 - Motion *re* Proposed approval by Dáil Éireann to amend the EU Anti-Trafficking Directive 2011/36/EU

- The proceedings on the Motion *re* Proposed approval by Dáil Éireann to amend the EU Anti-Trafficking Directive 2011/36/EU shall, if not previously concluded, be brought to a conclusion after **55** ~~60~~ 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** ~~10~~ minutes; and
 - (ii) members may share time

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 is modified to the extent that, if not previously concluded, the proceedings on Government business shall be interrupted and stand adjourned and topical issues shall be taken at 7 p.m., with consequential effect on the commencement time for Second Stage of the Safe Deposit Boxes and Related Deposits Bill 2022 and on the time for the adjournment of the Dáil; Provided that in the event Government business concludes before 7 p.m., topical issues shall be taken on the conclusion of Government business

Thursday proposal no. 2 - Statements on Gangland Crime (working title)

- The Statements on Gangland Crime (working title) shall not exceed 210 minutes, with arrangements in accordance with those agreed by Order of the Dáil of 30th July, 2020, for

200 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 and Cian O’Callaghan dissented in relation to no weekly division time being scheduled for this week. Deputy Mattie McGrath dissented in relation to the time allotted to the debate on the Financial Resolution on Tuesday.

INDICATIVE BUSINESS FOR WEEK COMMENCING 18th APRIL

- Statements to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the Good Friday Agreement

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 ‘Final Report of the Joint Committee on International Surrogacy’ – *Joint Committee on International Surrogacy*

11 May 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*

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

25 May 2023: Health (Regulation of Termination of Pregnancy) (Amendment) Bill 2023 – *Deputy Bríd Smith*

BUSINESS COMMITTEE

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