

REPORT OF THE BUSINESS COMMITTEE

ARRANGEMENTS FOR BUSINESS AND BUSINESS SCHEDULE FOR

TUESDAY TO THURSDAY, 25 - 27 APRIL 2023

(AS AGREED AT ITS MEETING ON 20 APRIL 2023)

Tuesday 25 April 2023 (2:00 p.m. - 10:48 p.m.)

Leaders' Questions (Sinn Féin, Labour Party, Regional Group, Rural 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 *re* Referral to Committee of the Proposed approval by Dáil Éireann of the Sectoral Employment Order (Construction Sector) 2023

- Motion *re* Appointment to the Policing Authority (*Dept of Justice*)

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

Government Business 3.50 p.m. - 6.30 p.m. (2 hrs 40 mins)

- Motion *re* Deployment of Naval Vessel to Operation Irini (*to conclude within 55 minutes*) (*Dept of Defence*)

- Motion *re* Proposed approval by Dáil Éireann of a proposal for a Regulation on the Collection and Transfer of advance passenger information (*to conclude within 55 mins*) (*Dept of Justice*)

- Historic and Archaeological Heritage Bill 2023 [*Seanad*] (Second Stage) (*Dept of Housing, Local Government and Heritage*) (*if not previously concluded, to stand adjourned after 50 minutes or at 6.30 p.m., whichever is the later*)

Private Members' Business (Sinn Féin) 6.30 p.m. - 8.30 p.m. (120 mins)

- Motion *re* Cost-of-Living Measures (working title)

P.Q.s: Oral - Minister for Rural and Community Development 8.30 p.m. - 10.00 p.m. (90 mins)

Topical Issues 10.00 p.m. - 10.48 p.m. (48 mins)

Adjournment 10.48 p.m.

Wednesday 26 April 2023 (9:12 a.m. - 9:45 p.m.)

Topical Issues 9.12 a.m. - 10.00 a.m. (48 mins)

Private Members' Business (People Before Profit-Solidarity) 10.00 a.m. - 12.00 p.m. (120 mins)

- Rent Reduction Bill 2023 (Second Stage) (*Deputies Paul Murphy, Richard Boyd Barrett, Brid Smith, Gino Kenny, Mick Barry*)

Leaders' Questions (Sinn Féin, Labour Party, Regional Group, 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* Twenty-Third Report of the Committee of Selection

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

Government Business 1.50 p.m. - 4.15 p.m. (145 mins)

- Statements on the Anniversary of the Good Friday Agreement (*not to exceed 145 mins*)

SOS 4.15 p.m. - 5.15 p.m. (60 mins)

Government Business 5.15 p.m. - 9.15 p.m. (4 hrs)

- Patient Safety (Notifiable Incidents and Open Disclosure) Bill 2019 (Amendments from the Seanad) (*to conclude within 30 minutes*) (Dept of Health)
- Courts Bill 2023 (Committee and remaining Stages) (*to conclude within 60 minutes*) (Dept of Justice)
- Criminal Justice (Incitement to Violence or Hatred and Hate Offences) Bill 2022 (Report and Final Stages) (*to conclude within 90 minutes*) (Dept of Justice)
- Agricultural and Food Supply Chain Bill 2022 (Report and Final Stages) (*to conclude within 60 mins*) (Dept of Agriculture, Food and the Marine)

Deferred Divisions 9.15 p.m. - 9.45 p.m. (30 mins)

- Motion *re* Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage Underspend and Reduced Delivery of Affordable Housing (*deferred division on Ministerial amendment*)
- Motion *re* Vacant Homes Tax (*deferred division on Ministerial amendment*)

Adjournment 9.45 p.m.

Thursday 27 April 2023 (9:00 a.m. - 7:03 p.m.)

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

P.Q.s: Oral - Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications 10.30 a.m. - 12.00 p.m. (90 mins)

Leaders' Questions (Sinn Féin, Social Democrats, People Before Profit-Solidarity, Regional 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 Sectoral Employment Order (Construction Sector) 2023 (*back from Committee*)

SOS 1.05 p.m. - 1.45 p.m. (40 mins)

Government Business 1.45 p.m. - 5.00 p.m. (3 hrs 15 mins)

- Historic and Archaeological Heritage Bill 2023 [*Seanad*] (Second stage, resumed, if not previously concluded)

Topical Issues 5.00 p.m. - 5.48 p.m. (48 mins)

Thursday evening business: Committee report 5.48 p.m. - 7.03 p.m. (75 mins)

- Motion *re* Report entitled "Final Report of the Joint Committee on International Surrogacy" (*Joint Committee on International Surrogacy*)

Adjournment 7.03 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.; and
 - (ii) the time at which Government business shall interrupted to take private members' business shall be in accordance with the arrangements for the Historic and Archaeological Heritage Bill 2023 [*Seanad*], which shall have consequential effect on the commencement time for private members' business, oral Parliamentary Questions to the Minister for Rural and Community Development and topical issues

Tuesday proposal no. 2 - Motion *re* Referral to Committee of Proposed approval by Dáil Éireann of the Sectoral Employment Order (Construction Sector) 2023

- To be taken without debate

Tuesday proposal no. 3 - Motion *re* Appointment to the Policing Authority

- To be taken without debate

Tuesday proposal no. 4 - Motion *re* Deployment of Naval Vessel to Operation Irini

- The proceedings on the Motion *re* Deployment of Naval Vessel to Operation Irini 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. 5 - Motion *re* Proposed approval by Dáil Éireann of a proposal for a Regulation on the Collection and Transfer of advance passenger information

- The proceedings on the Motion *re* Proposed approval by Dáil Éireann of a proposal for a Regulation on the Collection and Transfer of advance passenger information 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 - Historic and Archaeological Heritage Bill 2023

- The proceedings on the second reading motion on the Historic and Archaeological Heritage Bill 2023 [*Seanad*] shall, if not previously concluded, be interrupted and stand adjourned either at 6.30 p.m. or after 50 minutes, whichever is the later

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

- 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 9.30 p.m.;
 - (ii) the Statements on the Anniversary of the Good Friday Agreement shall be taken immediately following oral Parliamentary Questions to the Taoiseach pursuant to Standing Order 46(1) and the sitting shall be suspended pursuant to Standing Order 25(1) on the conclusion of the statements;
 - (iii) Government business shall resume on the conclusion of the SOS; and

- (iv) the weekly division time shall be taken on the conclusion of Report and Final Stages of the Agricultural and Food Supply Chain Bill 2022

Wednesday proposal no. 2 – Rent Reduction Bill 2023

- Notwithstanding anything in Standing Order 170(2), the proceedings on the second reading motion on the Rent Reduction Bill shall, if not previously concluded, be brought to a conclusion after two hours

Wednesday proposal no. 3 - Motion *re* Twenty-Third Report of the Committee of Selection

- To be taken without debate

Wednesday proposal no. 4 - Statements on the Anniversary of the Good Friday Agreement

- The Statements on the Anniversary of the Good Friday Agreement 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

Wednesday proposal no. 5 - Patient Safety (Notifiable Incidents and Open Disclosure) Bill 2019

- The proceedings on the amendments from the Seanad to the Patient Safety (Notifiable Incidents and Open Disclosure) Bill 2019 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 Health

Wednesday proposal no. 6 - Courts Bill 2023

- The proceedings on the Committee and remaining Stages of the Courts Bill 2023 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 - Criminal Justice (Incitement to Violence or Hatred and Hate Offences) Bill 2022

- The proceedings on Report and Final Stages of the Criminal Justice (Incitement to Violence or Hatred and Hate Offences) Bill 2022 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 Justice

Wednesday proposal no. 8 - Agricultural and Food Supply Chain Bill 2022

- The proceedings on Report and Final Stages of the Agricultural and Food Supply Chain 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 Agriculture, Food and the Marine

Thursday proposal no. 1 - Time for topical issues, Thursday evening business and adjournment of the Dáil

- The following arrangements shall apply in relation to Thursday:
 - (i) the ordinary routine of business as contained in the Schedule 3 to Standing Orders shall be 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 5 p.m., with consequential effect on the commencement time for the Motion *re* Committee Report entitled "*Final Report of the Joint Committee on International Surrogacy*" and on the time for the adjournment of the Dáil; Provided that in the event Government business concludes before 5 p.m., topical issues shall be taken on the conclusion of Government business; and
 - (ii) the Dail on its rising shall adjourn until 2 p.m. on 3rd May, 2023

Thursday proposal no. 2 - Motion *re* Proposed approval by Dáil Éireann of the Sectoral Employment Order (Construction Sector) 2023

- To be taken without debate

INDICATIVE BUSINESS FOR WEEK COMMENCING 2nd MAY

- Construction Safety Licensing Bill 2023 (Second Stage)

UPCOMING THURSDAY EVENING BUSINESS

11 May 2023: Tairiscint maidir le Tuarascáil dar teideal "*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

1 June 2023: Motion re Committee Report entitled *“Lessons from the Architects of the Good Friday Agreement”* – Joint Committee on the Implementation of the Good Friday Agreement

BUSINESS COMMITTEE

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