

# REPORT OF THE BUSINESS COMMITTEE

## ARRANGEMENTS FOR BUSINESS AND BUSINESS SCHEDULE FOR

TUESDAY TO THURSDAY, 23 - 25 MAY 2023

(AS AGREED AT ITS MEETING ON 18 MAY 2023)

### Tuesday 23 May 2023 (2:00 p.m. - 11:37 p.m.)

Leaders' Questions (Sinn Féin, Social Democrats, Independent 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)
Taoiseach's Questions	3.04 p.m. - 3.49 p.m. (45 mins)
<b>Government Business</b>	3.49 p.m. - 7.19 p.m. (3 hrs 30 mins)
- Statements on Accommodation Needs for New Arrivals to Ireland (working title) (not to exceed 210 mins) (Dept of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth)	
<b>Private Members' Business (Sinn Féin)</b>	7.19 p.m. - 9.19 p.m. (120 mins)
- Motion re Hospitals and the Health Sector (working title)	
P.Q.s: Oral - Minister for Social Protection	9.19 p.m. - 10.49 p.m. (90 mins)
Topical Issues	10.49 p.m. - 11.37 p.m. (48 mins)
Adjournment	11.37 p.m.

### Wednesday 24 May 2023 (9:12 a.m. - 8:30 p.m.)

Topical Issues	9.12 a.m. - 10.00 a.m. (48 mins)
<b>Private Members' Business (Labour Party)</b>	10.00 a.m. - 12.00 p.m. (120 mins)
- Motion re Autism and Disability Services (working title)	
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)
<b>Motion(s) without debate</b>	1.04 p.m. - 1.05 p.m. (1 min)
- Motion re Proposed approval by Dáil Éireann of the Extension of the Temporary Business Energy Support Scheme (TBESS) (Dept of Finance)	
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>Government Business</b>	2.50 p.m. - 8.00 p.m. (5 hrs 10 mins)
- Motion re Proposed approval by Dáil Éireann of the Extension of the Civil Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2021 (to conclude within 55 mins) (Dept of Justice)	
- Motion re Government Commitments on Offshore Renewable Energy (to conclude within 55 mins) (Dept of Environment, Climate and Communications)	
- Court Proceedings (Delays) Bill 2023 (Second Stage) (if not previously concluded, to stand adjourned either at 6 p.m. or 1 hour and 20 minutes after the conclusion of the Motion re Government Commitments on Offshore Renewable Energy, whichever is the later) (Dept of Justice)	

- Agricultural and Food Supply Chain Bill 2022 (Report Stage, Amendment No. 14, resumed, and Final Stage) *(if not previously concluded, to stand adjourned after 2 hours)* (Dept of Agriculture, Food and the Marine)

**Deferred Divisions**

8.00 p.m. - 8.30 p.m. (30 mins)

*Adjournment*

8.30 p.m.

**Thursday 25 May 2023 (9:00 a.m. - 6:57 p.m.)**

P.Q.s: Oral - Minister for Justice

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, Labour Party, 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)

**Expressions of Sympathy for the late Noel Treacy**

1.04 p.m. - 1.49 p.m. (45 mins)

SOS

1.49 p.m. - 2.29 p.m. (40 mins)

**Government Business**

2.29 p.m. - 4.54 p.m. (145 mins)

- Statements on Biodiversity Action (working title) *(not to exceed 2 hrs and 25 mins)* (Dept of Housing, Local Government and Heritage)

Topical Issues

4.54 p.m. - 5.42 p.m. (48 mins)

**Thursday evening business: Private Member's Bill**

5.42 p.m. - 6.57 p.m. (75 mins)

- Health (Regulation of Termination of Pregnancy) (Amendment) Bill 2023 (Second Stage) *(Deputy Brid Smith)*

*Adjournment*

6.57 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) the time for Government business shall be extended in accordance with the arrangements for the Statements on Accommodation Needs for New Arrivals in Ireland (working title); and
  - (iii) private members' business shall be taken immediately following the Statements on Accommodation Needs for New Arrivals in Ireland (working title), with consequential effect on the commencement time for the items following in the ordinary routine of business, namely, oral Parliamentary Questions to the

Minister for Social Protection and topical issues, and on the time for the adjournment of the Dáil

**Tuesday proposal no. 2 - Statements on Accommodation Needs for New Arrivals to Ireland (working title)**

- The Statements on Accommodation Needs for New Arrivals to Ireland (working title) shall, if not previously concluded, be brought to a conclusion after 210 minutes, with arrangements in accordance with those agreed by Order of the Dáil of 30<sup>th</sup> 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

**Wednesday proposal no. 1 - Time for weekly divisions**

- The ordinary routine of business as contained in Schedule 3 to Standing Orders shall be modified to the extent that the weekly division time may be taken earlier than 8.45 p.m., and shall in any event be taken on the adjournment of proceedings on the Agricultural and Food Supply Chain Bill 2022, or where those proceedings conclude within two hours, on the conclusion thereof, with consequential effect on the time for the adjournment of the Dáil

**Wednesday proposal no. 2 - Motion *re* Proposed approval by Dáil Éireann of the Extension of the Temporary Business Energy Support Scheme (TBESS)**

- To be taken without debate

**Wednesday proposal no. 3 - Motion *re* Proposed approval by Dáil Éireann to the Extension of the Civil Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2021**

- The proceedings on the Motion *re* Proposed approval by Dáil Éireann of the Extension of the Civil Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2021 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

#### **Wednesday proposal no. 4 - Motion *re* Government Commitments on Offshore Renewable Energy**

- The proceedings on the Motion *re* Government Commitments on Offshore Renewable Energy 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

#### **Wednesday proposal no. 5 - Court Proceedings (Delays) Bill 2023**

- The proceedings on Second Stage of the Court Proceedings (Delays) Bill 2023 shall, if not previously concluded, be interrupted and stand adjourned either at 6 p.m. or 1 hour and 20 minutes after the conclusion of the Motion *re* Government Commitments on Offshore Renewable Energy, whichever is the later

#### **Wednesday proposal no. 6 - Agricultural and Food Supply Chain Bill 2022**

- The proceedings on the resumed Report Stage and Final Stage of the Agricultural and Food Supply Chain Bill 2022 shall commence no earlier than 6 p.m. and shall, if not previously concluded, be interrupted and stand adjourned after two hours

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

- The ordinary routine of business as contained in Schedule 3 to Standing Orders is modified to the following extent:
  - (i) expressions of sympathy for the late Noel Treacy shall be taken for not more than 45 minutes immediately following Questions on Policy or Legislation;

- (ii) the sitting shall be suspended pursuant to Standing Order 25(1) on the conclusion of the expressions of sympathy, with consequential effect on the commencement time for Government business; and
- (iii) topical issues shall be taken on the conclusion of the Statements on Biodiversity Action (working title), with consequential effect on the commencement time for Second Stage of the Health (Regulation of Termination of Pregnancy) (Amendment) Bill 2023 and on the time for the adjournment of the Dáil

#### **Thursday proposal no. 2 - Statements on Biodiversity Action (working title)**

- The Statements on Biodiversity Action (working title) 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 statement in reply which shall not exceed 10 minutes, and members may share time

#### **INDICATIVE BUSINESS FOR WEEK COMMENCING 30<sup>TH</sup> MAY**

- Court Proceedings (Delays) Bill 2023 (Second Stage, resumed, if not previously concluded)
- Veterinary Medicinal Products, Medicated Feed and Fertilisers Regulation Bill 2023 (Report and Final Stages)

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

**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*

**15 June 2023:** Flood Insurance Bill 2021 (Second Stage) – *Deputy John Brady*

**22 June 2023:** Local Government and Residential Tenancies (Amendment) (Carrigaline Rent Pressure Zone) Bill 2022 (Second Stage) – *Deputy Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire*

**29 June 2023:** Defective Dwellings Bill 2021 (Second Stage) – *Deputy Francis Noel Duffy*

**6 July 2023:** Motion *re* Committee Report entitled “*Report on Section 481 – Film Tax Credit*” – *Committee on Budgetary Oversight*

**BUSINESS COMMITTEE**

**19 May 2023**