

# REPORT OF THE BUSINESS COMMITTEE

## ARRANGEMENTS FOR BUSINESS AND BUSINESS SCHEDULE FOR

TUESDAY TO THURSDAY, 27 - 29 JUNE 2023

(AS AGREED AT ITS MEETING ON 22 JUNE 2023)

### Tuesday 27 June 2023 (2:00 p.m. - 11:33 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)

**Motion(s) without debate** 3.04 p.m. - 3.05 p.m. (1 min)

- Motion *re* Proposed approval by Dáil Éireann of the Technological Universities Act 2018 (Section 44F) (Appointed Day) Order 2023 (*Dept of Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science*)

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

**Government Business** 3.50 p.m. - 7.15 p.m. (3 hrs 25 mins)

- Motion *re* Offences against the State (Amendment) Act 1998 and Motion *re* Criminal Justice (Amendment) Act 2009 (*2 separate motions, to be debated together and conclude within 145 mins*) (*Dept of Justice*)
- Energy (Windfall Gains in the Energy Sector) (Temporary Solidarity Contribution) Bill 2023 (Second Stage) (*if not previously concluded, to stand adjourned at either 7.15 p.m. or after 60 mins, whichever is the later*) (*Dept of Environment, Climate and Communications*)

**Private Members' Business (Sinn Féin)** 7.15 p.m. - 9.15 p.m. (120 mins)

- Motion *re* Nursing Homes (working title)

P.Q.s: Oral - Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform 9.15 p.m. - 10.45 p.m. (90 mins)

Topical Issues 10.45 p.m. - 11.33 p.m. (48 mins)

*Adjournment* 11.33 p.m.

### Wednesday 28 June 2023 (9:12 a.m. - 8:34 p.m.)

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

**Private Members' Business (Rural Independent Group)** 10.00 a.m. - 12.00 p.m. (120 mins)

- Motion *re* Cattle Culling (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)

Taoiseach's Questions 1.04 p.m. - 1.49 p.m. (45 mins)

**Government Business** 1.49 p.m. - 3.39 p.m. (110 mins)

- Statements pre-European Council meeting of 29- 30 June pursuant to Standing Order 124 (*not to exceed 110 mins*)

SOS 3.39 p.m. - 4.39 p.m. (60 mins)

**Government Business**

4.39 p.m. – 8.04 p.m. (3 hrs 25 mins)

- Statements on Environmental Protection Agency Water Quality Report 2022 *(not to exceed 145 mins)*  
*(Dept of Housing, Local Government and Heritage)*
- Courts and Civil Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2022 (Amendments from the Seanad) *(to be taken no earlier than 6 p.m. and to conclude within 60 mins)* *(Dept of Justice)*

**Deferred Divisions**

8.04 p.m. – 8.34 p.m. (30 mins)

**Adjournment**

8.34 p.m.

**Thursday 29 June 2023 (9:00 a.m. - 8:27 p.m.)**

P.Q.s: Oral - Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment 9.00 a.m. – 10.30 a.m. (90 mins)

P.Q.s: Oral - Minister for Education 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)

SOS 1.04 p.m. – 1.44 p.m. (40 mins)

**Government Business**

1.44 p.m. – 6.24 p.m. (4 hrs 40 mins)

- Energy (Windfall Gains in the Energy Sector) (Temporary Solidarity Contribution) Bill 2023 (Second Stage, resumed, if not previously concluded) *(to conclude either at 6.24 p.m. or after 4 hrs and 40 mins, whichever is the later)*

Topical Issues 6.24 p.m. – 7.12 p.m. (48 mins)

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

7.12 p.m. – 8.27 p.m. (75 mins)

- Defective Dwellings Bill 2021 (Second Stage) *(Deputy Francis Noel Duffy)*

**Adjournment**

8.27 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 set out 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 be interrupted to take private members' business shall be in accordance with the arrangements for the Energy (Windfall Gains in the Energy Sector) (Temporary Solidarity Contribution) Bill 2023, with consequential effect on the commencement times for the items following private members' business in the ordinary routine of business, namely,

oral Parliamentary Questions to the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform and topical issues

**Tuesday proposal no. 2 - Motion *re* Proposed approval by Dáil Éireann of the Technological Universities Act 2018 (Section 44F) (Appointed Day) Order 2023**

- To be taken without debate

**Tuesday proposal no. 3 - Motion *re* Offences Against the State (Amendment) Act 1998 and Motion *re* Criminal Justice (Amendment) Act 2009**

- In relation to the Motion *re* Offences against the State (Amendment) Act 1998 and the Motion *re* Criminal Justice (Amendment) Act 2009, the following arrangements shall apply:
  - (i) the motions shall be debated together, with separate questions put on all proceedings thereon;
  - (ii) the proceedings 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
  - (iii) members may share time

**Tuesday proposal no. 4 - Energy (Windfall Gains in the Energy Sector) (Temporary Solidarity Contribution) Bill 2023**

- The proceedings on Second Stage of the Energy (Windfall Gains in the Energy Sector) (Temporary Solidarity Contribution) Bill 2023 shall, if not previously concluded, be interrupted and stand adjourned at either 7.15 p.m. or after 60 minutes, whichever is the later

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

- The ordinary routine of business as set out in Schedule 3 to Standing Orders shall be modified to the following extent:
  - (i) the SOS pursuant to Standing Order 25(1) shall be taken immediately following the Statements pre-European Council meeting of 29-30 June pursuant to Standing Order 124, which shall be taken on the conclusion of Parliamentary Questions to the Taoiseach pursuant to Standing Order 46(1); and

- (ii) the weekly division time may be taken earlier than 8.45 p.m., and shall, in any event, be taken on the conclusion of proceedings on the Courts and Civil Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2022, with consequential effect on the time for the adjournment of the Dáil

**Wednesday proposal no. 2 - Statements pre-European Council meeting of 29-30 June pursuant to Standing Order 124**

- The Statements pre-European Council meeting of 29-30 June pursuant to Standing Order 124 shall not exceed 110 minutes, with arrangements in accordance with those agreed by Order of the Dáil of 30<sup>th</sup> 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

**Wednesday proposal no. 3 - Statements on the Environmental Protection Agency Water Quality Report 2022**

- The Statements on the Environmental Protection Agency Water Quality Report 2022 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

**Wednesday proposal no. 4 - Courts and Civil Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2022**

- The proceedings on the amendments from the Seanad to the Courts and Civil Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2022 shall be taken no earlier than 6 p.m. and 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 Justice

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

- 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 Second Stage of the Energy (Windfall Gains in the Energy Sector) (Temporary Solidarity Contribution) Bill 2023, with consequential effect on the commencement for Second Stage of the Defective Dwellings Bill 2021 and on the time for the adjournment of the Dáil

## **Thursday proposal no. 2 - Energy (Windfall Gains in the Energy Sector) (Temporary Solidarity Contribution) Bill 2023**

- The proceedings on the resumed Second Stage of the Energy (Windfall Gains in the Energy Sector) (Temporary Solidarity Contribution) Bill 2023 shall, if not previously concluded, be brought to a conclusion at either 6.24 p.m. or after 4 hours and 40 minutes, whichever is the later, and any division demanded thereon shall be taken immediately prior to Committee Stage of the Bill

### **MEMBERS DISSENTING**

Deputies Pádraig MacLochlainn, Cian O’Callaghan and Mattie McGrath dissented in relation to Statements on the National Children’s Hospital not being scheduled in the Dáil this week.

### **INDICATIVE BUSINESS FOR WEEK COMMENCING 4<sup>th</sup> JULY 2023**

- Energy (Windfall Gains in the Energy Sector) Bill 2023 (Committee and remaining stages)
- Motion *re* Nature Restoration Law and Rewetting (Private members’ business: Independent Group)

### **UPCOMING THURSDAY EVENING BUSINESS**

**6<sup>th</sup> July 2023:** Report entitled “Report on Section 481 - Film Tax Credit” – *Committee on Budgetary Oversight*

**13<sup>th</sup> July 2023:** Dereliction and Building Regeneration Bill 2022 (Second Stage) – Deputy Steven Matthews

## **BUSINESS COMMITTEE**

**23 June 2023**