

REPORT OF THE BUSINESS COMMITTEE

ARRANGEMENTS FOR BUSINESS AND BUSINESS SCHEDULE FOR

TUESDAY TO THURSDAY, 4 - 6 JULY 2023

(AS AGREED AT ITS MEETING ON 29 JUNE 2023)

Tuesday 4 July 2023 (2:00 p.m. - 11:38 p.m.)

Leaders' Questions (Sinn Féin, Labour Party, Regional Group, 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)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Motion <i>re</i> Appointment of a Member of the Policing Authority (<i>Dept of Justice</i>)- Motion <i>re</i> Referral to Committee of proposed approval by Dáil Éireann of the Planning and Development (Exempted Development) (No. 4) Regulations 2023 (<i>Dept of Housing, Local Government and Heritage</i>)- Motion <i>re</i> Referral to Committee of proposed approval by Dáil Éireann of the Planning and Development (Fees for Certain Applications) Regulations 2023 (<i>Dept of Housing, Local Government and Heritage</i>)- Motion <i>re</i> Referral to Committee of proposed approval by Dáil Éireann of the Planning and Development (Amendment) (No. XX) Regulations 2023 (<i>Dept of Housing, Local Government and Heritage</i>)- Motion <i>re</i> Twenty-Seventh Report of the Committee of Selection	
Taoiseach's Questions	3.05 p.m. - 3.50 p.m. (45 mins)
Government Business	3.50 p.m. - 7.20 p.m. (3 hrs 30 mins)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Statements on matters arising in RTÉ in recent weeks (<i>not to exceed 210 mins</i>) (<i>Dept of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media</i>)	
Private Members' Business (Sinn Féin)	7.20 p.m. - 9.20 p.m. (120 mins)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Motion <i>re</i> A5 and N2 Project (working title)	
P.Q.s: Oral - Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth	9.20 p.m. - 10.50 p.m. (90 mins)
Topical Issues	10.50 p.m. - 11.38 p.m. (48 mins)
Adjournment	11.38 p.m.

Wednesday 5 July 2023 (9:12 a.m. - 11:30 p.m.)

Topical Issues	9.12 a.m. - 10.00 a.m. (48 mins)
Private Members' Business (Independent Group)	10.00 a.m. - 12.00 p.m. (120 mins)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Motion <i>re</i> Nature Restoration Law and Rewetting (working title)	
Leaders' Questions (Sinn Féin, Social Democrats, People Before Profit-Solidarity, 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 meeting of the Joint Committee on Social Protection, Community and Rural Development and the Islands on Arranmore

Taoiseach's Questions

1.05 p.m. - 1.50 p.m. (45 mins)

SOS

1.50 p.m. - 2.50 p.m. (60 mins)

Government Business

2.50 p.m. - 11.00 p.m. (8 hrs 10 mins)

- Health (Termination of Pregnancy Services) (Safe Access Zones) Bill 2023 (Second Stage) (*to stand adjourned either at 4 p.m. or after 1 hr and 10 mins, whichever is the later*) (Dept of Health)
- Energy (Windfall Gains in the Energy Sector) (Temporary Solidarity Contribution) Bill 2023 (Committee and remaining Stages) (*to be taken no earlier than 4 p.m. and to conclude within 2 hrs and 30 mins*) (Dept of Environment, Climate and Communications)
- Mother and Baby Institutions Payment Scheme Bill 2022 (Amendments from the Seanad) (*to conclude within 2 hrs 30 mins*) (Dept of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth)
- Wildlife (Amendment) Bill 2016 (Amendments from the Seanad) (*to conclude within 90 mins*) (Dept of Housing, Local Government and Heritage)
- Veterinary Medicinal Products, Medicated Feed and Fertilisers Regulation Bill 2023 (Amendments from the Seanad) (*to conclude within 30 mins*) (Dept of Agriculture, Food and the Marine)

Deferred Divisions

11.00 p.m. - 11.30 p.m. (30 mins)

Adjournment

11.30 p.m.

Thursday 6 July 2023 (9:00 a.m. - 8:02 p.m.)

P.Q.s: Oral - Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage

9.00 a.m. - 10.30 a.m. (90 mins)

P.Q.s: Oral - Minister for Social Protection

10.30 a.m. - 12.00 p.m. (90 mins)

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)

SOS

1.04 p.m. - 1.44 p.m. (40 mins)

Government Business

1.44 p.m. - 5.59 p.m. (4 hrs 15 mins)

- Statements on Progress of National Parks and Wildlife Service (*not to exceed 145 mins*) (Dept of Housing, Local Government and Heritage)
- Motion *re* Proposed approval by Dáil Éireann of Ireland's participation in four European Defence Agency Projects (*to conclude within 55 minutes*) (Dept of Justice)
- Motion *re* Proposed approval by Dáil Éireann of the proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on combating corruption (*to conclude within 55 mins*) (Dept of Justice)

Topical Issues

5.59 p.m. - 6.47 p.m. (48 mins)

Thursday evening business: Committee Report

6.47 p.m. - 8.02 p.m. (75 mins)

- Motion *re* Report entitled "Report on Section 481 - Film Tax Credit" (Committee on Budgetary Oversight)

Adjournment

8.02 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.;
 - (ii) the time allotted to Government business shall be extended in accordance with the arrangements for the Statements on matters arising in RTÉ in recent weeks; and
 - (iii) private members' business shall be taken on the conclusion of Government business, 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 Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth and topical issues

Tuesday proposal no. 2 - Motion *re* Appointment of a Member of the Policing Authority

- To be taken without debate

Tuesday proposal no. 3 - Motion *re* Referral to Committee of proposed approval by Dáil Éireann of the Planning and Development (Exempted Development) (No. 4) Regulations 2023

- To be taken without debate

Tuesday proposal no. 4 - Motion *re* Referral to Committee of proposed approval by Dáil Éireann of the Planning and Development (Fees for Certain Applications) Regulations 2023

- To be taken without debate

Tuesday proposal no. 5 - Motion *re* Referral to Committee of proposed approval by Dáil Éireann of the Planning and Development (Amendment) (No. XX) Regulations 2023

- To be taken without debate

Tuesday proposal no. 6 - Motion *re* Twenty-Seventh Report of the Committee of Selection

- To be taken without debate

Tuesday proposal no. 7 - Statements on matters arising in RTÉ in recent weeks

- The Statements on matters arising in RTÉ in recent weeks 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

Wednesday proposal no. 1 - Late sitting and time for weekly divisions

- The ordinary routine of business as set out in Schedule 3 to Standing Orders shall be modified to the extent:
 - (i) the Dáil shall sit later than 9.30 p.m.; and
 - (ii) the weekly division time may be taken later than 8.45 p.m., and shall, in any event, be taken on the conclusion of proceedings on the Veterinary Medical Products, Medicated Feed and Fertilisers Regulation Bill 2022

Wednesday proposal no. 2 - Motion *re* Proposed approval by Dáil Éireann of meeting of the Joint Committee on Social Protection, Community and Rural Development and the Islands on Arranmore

- To be taken without debate

Wednesday proposal no. 3 - Health (Termination of Pregnancy Services) (Safe Access Zones) Bill 2023

- The proceedings on Second Stage of the Health (Termination of Pregnancy Services) (Safe Access Zones) Bill 2023 shall, if not previously concluded, be interrupted and stand adjourned either at 4 p.m. or after 1 hour and 10 minutes, whichever is the later

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

- The proceedings on Committee and remaining Stages of the Energy (Windfall Gains in the Energy Sector) (Temporary Solidarity Contribution) Bill 2023 shall be taken no earlier than 4 p.m. and shall, if not previously concluded, be brought to a conclusion after 2 hours and 30 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 Environment, Climate and Communications

Wednesday proposal no. 5 - Mother and Baby Institutions Payment Scheme Bill 2022

- The proceedings on the amendments from the Seanad to the Mother and Baby Institutions Payment Scheme Bill 2022 shall, if not previously concluded, be brought to a conclusion after 2 hours and 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 Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth

Wednesday proposal no. 6 - Wildlife (Amendment) Bill 2016

- The proceedings on the amendments from the Seanad to the Wildlife (Amendment) Bill 2016 shall, if not previously concluded, be brought to a conclusion after 90 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 Housing, Local Government and Heritage

Wednesday proposal no. 7 - Veterinary Medicinal Products, Medicated Feed and Fertilisers Regulation Bill 2023

- The proceedings on the amendments from the Seanad to the Veterinary Medicinal Products, Medicated Feed and Fertilisers Regulation Bill 2023 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 Agriculture, Food and the Marine

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 the Government business, with consequential effect on the commencement time for the Motion *re* Committee Report entitled "Report on Section 481 - Film Credit Tax" and on the time for the adjournment of the Dáil

Thursday proposal no. 2 - Statements on Progress of National Parks and Wildlife Service

- The Statements on Progress of National Parks and Wildlife Service 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 - Motion *re* proposed approval by Dáil Éireann of Ireland's participation in four European Defence Agency Projects

- The proceedings on the Motion *re* proposed approval by Dáil Éireann of Ireland's participation in four European Defence Agency Projects 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

Thursday proposal no. 4 - Motion *re* Proposed approval by Dáil Éireann of the proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on combating corruption

- The proceedings on the Motion *re* Proposed approval by Dáil Éireann of the proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on combating corruption 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

MEMBERS DISSENTING

Deputies Pádraig MacLochlainn, Cian O’Callaghan, Richard Boyd Barrett, Denis Naughten, Mattie McGrath and Thomas Pringle dissented in relation to the use of the guillotine on Government Bills scheduled on Wednesday, 5th July.

INDICATIVE BUSINESS FOR WEEK COMMENCING 11th JULY 2023

- Health (Termination of Pregnancy)(Safe Access Zones) Bill 2023 (Second Stage, resumed, if not previously concluded)

UPCOMING THURSDAY EVENING BUSINESS

13th July 2023: Dereliction and Building Regeneration Bill 2022 – *Deputy Steven Matthews*

BUSINESS COMMITTEE

30 June 2023