

# REPORT OF THE BUSINESS COMMITTEE

## ARRANGEMENTS FOR BUSINESS AND BUSINESS SCHEDULE FOR

TUESDAY TO THURSDAY, 11 - 13 JULY 2023

(AS AGREED AT ITS MEETING ON 6 JULY 2023)

### Tuesday 11 July 2023 (2:00 p.m. - 10:33 p.m.)

Leaders' Questions (Sinn Féin, Social Democrats, 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)
<b>Motion(s) without debate</b>	3.04 p.m. - 3.05 p.m. (1 min)
- Motion <i>re</i> Appointment of Members of the Irish Human Rights and Equality Commission (Dept of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth)	
Taoiseach's Questions	3.05 p.m. - 3.50 p.m. (45 mins)
<b>Government Business</b>	3.50 p.m. - 6.15 p.m. (2 hrs 25 mins)
- Motion <i>re</i> Proposal for a Regulation on the transfer of proceedings in criminal matters (to conclude within 55 mins) (Dept of Justice)	
- Health (Termination of Pregnancy Services) (Safe Access Zones) Bill 2023 (Second Stage, resumed) (if not previously concluded, to stand adjourned after 90 mins) (Dept of Health)	
<b>Private Members' Business (Sinn Féin)</b>	6.15 p.m. - 8.15 p.m. (120 mins)
- Motion <i>re</i> Housing (working title, TBC)	
P.Q.s: Oral - Minister for Justice	8.15 p.m. - 9.45 p.m. (90 mins)
Topical Issues	9.45 p.m. - 10.33 p.m. (48 mins)
Adjournment	10.33 p.m.

### Wednesday 12 July 2023 (9:12 a.m. - 10:25 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 <i>re</i> Funding of Grassroots Football (working title)	
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)
<b>Motion(s) without debate</b>	1.04 p.m. - 1.05 p.m. (1 min)
- Motion <i>re</i> Proposed approval by Dáil Éireann of the Planning and Development (Fees for Certain Applications) Regulations 2023 (back from Committee) (Dept of Housing, Local Government and Heritage)	
- Motion <i>re</i> Proposed approval by Dáil Éireann of the Planning and Development (Amendment) (No. XX) Regulations 2023 (back from Committee) (Dept of Housing, Local Government and Heritage)	
- Motion <i>re</i> Proposed approval by Dáil Éireann of the Planning and Development (Exempted Development) (No. 4) Regulations 2023 (back from Committee) (Dept of Housing, Local Government and Heritage)	
Taoiseach's Questions	1.05 p.m. - 1.50 p.m. (45 mins)

**Government Business**

1.50 p.m. - 3.55 p.m. (125 mins)

- Statements and Q&A post European Council Meeting of 29<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> June 2023, pursuant to Standing Order 124 (*not to exceed 125 mins, including 20 mins Q&A*)

SOS

3.55 p.m. - 4.55 p.m. (60 mins)

**Government Business**

4.55 p.m. - 9.55 p.m. (5 hrs)

- Criminal Justice (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2022 (Amendments from the Seanad) (*to be taken no earlier than 4.30 p.m. and to conclude within 2 hours*) (Dept of Justice)
- Garda Síochána (Recording Devices) Bill 2022 (Report and Final Stages) (*if not previously concluded, to stand adjourned after 90 mins*) (Dept of Justice)
- Policing, Security and Community Safety Bill 2023 (Report and Final Stages) (*if not previously concluded, to stand adjourned after 90 mins*) (Dept of Justice)

**Deferred Divisions**

9.55 p.m. - 10.25 p.m. (30 mins)

- Motion *re* Proposed approval by Dáil Éireann of Ireland's participation in four European Defence Agency Projects (*Amendment No. 1 – deferred division*)

*Adjournment*

10.25 p.m.

**Thursday 13 July 2023 (9:00 a.m. - 8:17 p.m.)**

P.Q.s: Oral - Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine

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

P.Q.s: Oral - Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media

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

Leaders' Questions (Sinn Féin, Social Democrats, Independent 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)

**Government Business**

1.04 p.m. - 4.34 p.m. (3 hrs 30 mins)

- Statements on the situation in Israel and the occupied Palestinian territory (*not to exceed 3 hrs 30 mins*) (Dept of Foreign Affairs)

SOS

4.34 p.m. - 5.14 p.m. (40 mins)

**Government Business**

5.14 p.m. - 6.14 p.m. (60 mins)

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

Topical Issues

6.14 p.m. - 7.02 p.m. (48 mins)

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

7.02 p.m. - 8.17 p.m. (75 mins)

- Dereliction and Building Regeneration Bill 2022 (Second Stage) (*Deputy Steven Matthews*)

*Adjournment*

8.17 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) where the ordinary routine of business is not concluded before 10.30 p.m., the Dáil shall sit later than that time and shall in any event adjourn on the conclusion of topical issues; 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 Health (Termination of Pregnancy Services) (Safe Access Zones) 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 Justice and topical issues: Provided that if the Health (Termination of Pregnancy Services) (Safe Access Zones) Bill 2023 concludes within the allotted time, private members' business shall take place on the conclusion thereof

### **Tuesday proposal no. 2 - Motion *re* Appointment of Members of the Irish Human Rights and Equality Commission**

- To be taken without debate

### **Tuesday proposal no. 3 - Motion *re* Proposal for a Regulation on the transfer of proceedings in criminal matters**

- The proceedings on the Motion *re* Proposal for a Regulation on the transfer of proceedings in criminal matters 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. 4 - Health (Termination of Pregnancy Services) (Safe Access Zones) Bill 2023**

- The proceedings on the resumed Second Stage of the Health (Termination of Pregnancy Services) (Safe Access Zones) Bill 2023 shall, if not previously concluded, stand adjourned at either 6.15 p.m. or after 1 hour and 30 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) where the ordinary routine of business is not concluded before 9.30 p.m., the Dáil shall sit later than that time and shall in any event adjourn on the conclusion of the weekly division time;
  - (ii) the SOS pursuant to Standing Order 25(1) shall be taken immediately following the Statements post-European Council meeting of 29<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> June, pursuant to Standing Order 124; and
  - (iii) 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 Policing, Security and Community Safety Bill 2023, or where those proceedings do not conclude within the allotted time, on the adjournment thereof

**Wednesday proposal no. 2 - Motion *re* Proposed approval by Dáil Éireann of the Planning and Development (Fees for Certain Applications) Regulations 2023**

- To be taken without debate

**Wednesday proposal no. 3 - Motion *re* Proposed approval by Dáil Éireann of the Planning and Development (Amendment) (No. XX) Regulations 2023**

- To be taken without debate

**Wednesday proposal no. 4 - Motion *re* Proposed approval by Dáil Éireann of the Planning and Development (Exempted Development) (No. 4) Regulations 2023**

- To be taken without debate

**Wednesday proposal no. 5 - Statements and Q&A post European Council Meeting of 29<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> June 2023, pursuant to Standing Order 124**

- The Statements and Q&A post European Council of 29<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> June 2023, pursuant to Standing Order 124, shall be taken on the conclusion of Questions to the Taoiseach pursuant to Standing Order 46(1) and shall not exceed 125 minutes, and the following arrangements shall apply:
  - (i) the statements shall not exceed 100 minutes, with speaking arrangements in accordance those agreed by Order of the Dáil of 30<sup>th</sup> July, 2020, for that time;
  - (ii) following the statements, questions and answers shall be taken for 20 minutes;
  - (iii) on the conclusion of the questions and answers, a Minister or Minister of State shall be called upon to make a statement in reply which shall not exceed five minutes; and
  - (iv) members may share time

**Wednesday proposal no. 6 - Criminal Justice (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2022**

- The proceedings on the amendments from the Seanad to the Criminal Justice (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2022 shall be taken no earlier than 4.30 p.m. and shall, if not previously concluded, be brought to a conclusion after 2 hours 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, or amendments consequential thereon, include only those set down or accepted by the Minister for Justice

**Wednesday proposal no. 7 - Garda Síochána (Recording Devices) Bill 2022**

- The proceedings on Report and Final Stages of the Garda Síochána (Recording Devices) Bill 2022 shall, if not previously concluded, be interrupted and stand adjourned after 90 minutes and shall not be resumed on Wednesday

### **Wednesday proposal no. 8 - Policing, Security and Community Safety Bill 2023**

- The proceedings on Report and Final Stages of the Policing, Security and Community Safety Bill 2023 shall, if not previously concluded, be interrupted and stand adjourned after 90 minutes and shall not be resumed on Wednesday

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

- The ordinary routine of business as set out in Schedule 3 to Standing Orders shall be modified to the following extent:
  - (i) the Statements on the situation in Israel and the occupied Palestinian territory shall be taken immediately prior to the SOS pursuant to Standing Order 25(1);
  - (ii) topical issues shall be taken at 6.14 p.m. or on the conclusion of Second Stage of the Health (Termination of Pregnancy Services) (Safe Access Zones) Bill 2023, whichever is the earlier, with consequential effect on the commencement time for Second Stage of the Dereliction and Building Regeneration Bill 2022 and on the time for the adjournment of the Dáil: Provided that in the event Second Stage of the Health (Termination of Pregnancy Services) (Safe Access Zones) Bill 2023 concludes before Thursday, topical issues shall be taken immediately following the SOS pursuant to Standing Order 25(1); and
  - (iii) the Dáil on its rising shall adjourn until 2 p.m. on Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> September, 2023

### **Thursday proposal no. 2 - Statements on the situation in Israel and the occupied Palestinian territory**

- The Statements on the situation in Israel and the occupied Palestinian territory shall not exceed 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

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

- The proceedings on the resumed Second Stage of the Health (Termination of Pregnancy Services) (Safe Access Zones) Bill 2023 shall, if not previously concluded, be interrupted and stand adjourned at 6.14 p.m.

### MEMBERS DISSENTING

Deputy Mattie McGrath dissented in relation to the lack of a debate on excess mortality rates prior to the summer recess. Deputies Richard Boyd Barrett, Denis Naughten and Thomas Pringle dissented in relation to time not being allotted to debate the Cost Rental Tenant in Situ Scheme.

### UPCOMING THURSDAY EVENING BUSINESS

**28<sup>th</sup> September 2023:** Defective Dwellings Bill 2021 (Second Stage) – *Deputy Francis Noel Duffy*

**5<sup>th</sup> October 2023:** Seller's Legal Pack for Property Buyers Bill 2031 (Second Stage) – *Deputy Marc MacSharry*

### BUSINESS COMMITTEE

***7 July 2023***