

# REPORT OF THE BUSINESS COMMITTEE

## ARRANGEMENTS FOR BUSINESS AND BUSINESS SCHEDULE FOR

WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY, 20 - 21 SEPTEMBER 2023

(AS AGREED AT ITS MEETING ON 14 SEPTEMBER 2023)

### Wednesday 20 September 2023 (2:00 p.m. - 9:20 p.m.)

Leaders' Questions (Sinn Féin, Social Democrats, People Before Profit-Solidarity, 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* Ministerial Rota for Parliamentary Questions

- Motion *re* Report of the Committee on Standing Orders and Dáil Reform entitled “*Addition of two minutes for non-aligned members to fixed-time debates and private members’ business*”

- Motion *re* Report of the Committee on Standing Orders and Dáil Reform on Rota for Leaders' Questions

- Motion *re* Twenty-Eight Report of the Committee of Selection

Taoiseach's Questions 3.05 p.m. - 3.20 p.m. (15 mins)

*In the event the Taoiseach is unable to attend, questions may be confined to those appropriate to the Minister of State at the Dept of the Taoiseach*

**Government Business** 3.20 p.m. - 6.30 p.m. (3 hrs 10 mins)

- Local Government (Mayor of Limerick) Bill 2023 (Second Stage) *(if not previously concluded, to stand adjourned either at 6.30 p.m. or after 3 hrs and 10 mins, whichever is the later)* (Dept of Housing, Local Government and Heritage)

**Private Members' Business (Sinn Féin)** 6.30 p.m. - 8.32 p.m. (122 mins)

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

Topical Issues 8.32 p.m. - 9.20 p.m. (48 mins)

Adjournment 9.20 p.m.

### Thursday 21 September 2023 (9:00 a.m. - 8:20 p.m.)

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

P.Q.s: Oral - Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science 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)

<b>Government Business</b>	1.44 p.m. - 5.30 p.m. (3 hrs 46 mins)
- Energy (Windfall Gains in the Energy Sector) (Cap on Market Revenues) Bill 2023 (Second Stage) <i>(if not previously concluded, to stand adjourned at 5.30 p.m.) (Dept of Environment, Climate and Communications)</i>	
<b>Private Members' Business (Social Democrats)</b>	5.30 p.m. - 7.32 p.m. (122 mins)
- Motion <i>re</i> Housing Affordability	
Topical Issues	7.32 p.m. - 8.20 p.m. (48 mins)
<i>Adjournment</i>	8.20 p.m.

The proposed arrangements for the taking of business are as follows:

### **ARRANGEMENTS FOR BUSINESS**

#### **Wednesday proposal no. 1 - Arrangements for business**

- The ordinary routine of business as contained in Schedule 3 to Standing Orders shall be modified to the extent that, notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 34A(1)—
  - (i) in the event the Taoiseach is unable to attend for questions pursuant to Standing Order 46(1), Government business may be taken earlier than 3.49 p.m.;
  - (ii) Government business shall, if not previously concluded, be interrupted and stand adjourned either at 6.30 p.m. or after 3 hours and 10 minutes, whichever is the later, and shall not be resumed on Wednesday, with consequential effect on the commencement time for private members' business; and
  - (iii) questions pursuant to Standing Order 46(1) to a Minister other than the Taoiseach shall not be taken and topical issues shall be taken on the conclusion of private members' business, with consequential effect on the time for the adjournment of the Dáil

#### **Wednesday proposal no. 2 - Motion *re* Ministerial Rota for Parliamentary Questions**

- To be taken without debate

#### **Wednesday proposal no. 3 - Motion *re* Report of the Committee on Standing Orders and Dáil Reform entitled "*Addition of two minutes for non-aligned members to fixed-time debates and private members' business*"**

- To be taken without debate

**Wednesday proposal no. 4 - Motion *re* Report of the Committee on Standing Orders and Dáil Reform on Rota for Leaders' Questions**

- To be taken without debate

**Wednesday proposal no. 5 - Motion *re* Twenty-Eight Report of the Committee of Selection**

- To be taken without debate

**Thursday proposal no. 1 - Arrangements for business**

- The ordinary routine of business as contained in Schedule 3 to Standing Orders shall be modified to the following extent:
  - (i) no motion for a Committee report pursuant to Standing Order 102 or private member's Bill pursuant to Standing Order 160 shall be taken, and private members' business pursuant to Standing Order 159(1) and Standing Order 169 shall be taken for 122 minutes either on the adjournment of Second Stage of the Energy (Windfall Gains in the Energy Sector) (Cap on Market Revenues) Bill 2023 at 5.30 p.m., or on its conclusion, whichever is the earlier; and
  - (ii) topical issues shall be taken on the conclusion of private members' business, and the Dáil shall adjourn on the conclusion thereof

**Thursday proposal no. 2 - Energy (Windfall Gains in the Energy Sector) (Cap on Market Revenues) Bill 2023**

- The proceedings on Second Stage of the Energy (Windfall Gains in the Energy Sector) (Cap on Market Revenue) Bill 2023 shall, if not previously concluded, be interrupted and stand adjourned at 5.30 p.m. and shall not be resumed on Thursday

**MEMBERS DISSENTING**

Deputies Cian O'Callaghan, Denis Naughten, Paul Murphy, Mattie McGrath and Thomas Pringle dissented in relation to the timing of the Thursday evening private members' business slot. Deputy Mattie McGrath dissented in relation to the lack of a debate on excess mortality rates. Deputy McGrath and Deputy Paul Murphy dissented in relation to the lack of a debate on school transport for children with disabilities.

**INDICATIVE BUSINESS FOR WEEK COMMENCING 25<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2023**

- Gas Amendment Bill 2023 - Second Stage

- Control of Exports Bill 2023 - Report and Final Stages
- Historic and Archaeological Heritage Bill 2023 - Report and Final Stages

#### **DEFERRED DIVISIONS ON HAND RELATING TO A MOTION or BILL**

- Health (Termination of Pregnancy Services) (Safe Access Zones) Bill 2023 (Second Stage) (*deferred division from 13 July*)

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

**28<sup>th</sup> September 2023:** Labour Exploitation and Trafficking (Audit of Supply Chains) Bill 2021 (Second Stage) (*Deputy Ged Nash*)

**5<sup>th</sup> October 2023:** Seller's Legal Pack for Property Buyers Bill 2021 (Second Stage) (*Deputy Marc MacSharry*)

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

#### **BUSINESS COMMITTEE**

***15 September 2023***