

REPORT OF THE BUSINESS COMMITTEE

ARRANGEMENTS FOR BUSINESS AND BUSINESS SCHEDULE FOR

TUESDAY TO THURSDAY, 26 - 28 SEPTEMBER 2023

(AS AGREED AT ITS MEETING ON 21 SEPTEMBER 2023)

Tuesday 26 September 2023 (2:00 p.m. - 11:37 p.m.)

Leaders' Questions (Sinn Féin, Labour Party, 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)
Motion(s) without debate	3.04 p.m. - 3.05 p.m. (1 min)
- Motion <i>re</i> Ministerial Rota for Parliamentary Questions	
- Public Health (Tobacco Products and Nicotine Inhaling Products) Bill 2023 - Motion for a Financial Resolution (<i>Dept of Health</i>)	
Taoiseach's Questions	3.05 p.m. - 3.50 p.m. (45 mins)
Government Business	3.50 p.m. - 7.17 p.m. (3 hrs 27 mins)
- Statements and Q&A on Children's Health Ireland (CHI): Patient safety concerns and reviews in paediatric orthopaedic surgical services (<i>statements for 137 mins, followed by 60 mins Q&A, followed by Ministerial response for 10 mins</i>) (<i>Dept of Health</i>)	
Private Members' Business (Sinn Féin)	7.17 p.m. - 9.19 p.m. (122 mins)
- Motion <i>re</i> Fuel Prices (working title)	
P.Q.s: Oral - Minister for Rural and Community Development	9.19 p.m. - 10.49 p.m. (90 mins)
Topical Issues	10.49 p.m. - 11.37 p.m. (48 mins)
<i>Adjournment</i>	11.37 p.m.

Wednesday 27 September 2023 (9:10 a.m. - 9:30 p.m.)

Topical Issues	9.10 a.m. - 9.58 a.m. (48 mins)
Private Members' Business (People Before Profit-Solidarity)	9.58 a.m. - 12.00 p.m. (122 mins)
- Motion <i>re</i> Suspension of Scrutiny Requirement for the Eviction Ban Bill 2022	
Leaders' Questions (Sinn Féin, Social Democrats, 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)
Motion(s) without debate	1.04 p.m. - 1.05 p.m. (1 min)
- Motion <i>re</i> Leave to Introduce Supplementary Estimate [Vote 40] (<i>Dept of Public Expenditure, NDP Delivery and Reform</i>)	
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. - 9.00 p.m. (6 hrs 10 mins)
- Gas (Amendment) Bill 2023 (Second Stage)* (<i>Dept of the Environment, Climate and Communications</i>)	

- Domestic, Sexual and Gender-Based Violence Agency Bill 2023 (Second Stage)* (*Dept of Justice*)
- Historic and Archaeological Heritage and Miscellaneous Provisions Bill 2023 [*Seanad*] (*changed from Historic and Archaeological Heritage Bill 2023*) (Report and Final Stages) (*to be taken no earlier than 5 p.m. and to conclude within 3 hrs*) (*Dept of Housing, Local Government and Heritage*)
- Control of Exports Bill 2023 (Report and Final Stages) (*if not previously concluded, to stand adjourned after one hour*) (*Dept of Enterprise, Trade and Employment*)

Deferred Divisions

9.00 p.m. - 9.30 p.m. (30 mins)

- Health (Termination of Pregnancy Services) (Safe Access Zones) Bill 2023 (Second Stage) (*deferred division from 13 July*)
- Motion *re* Mortgage Interest Relief (*deferred division from 20 September on Ministerial Amendment*)
- Motion *re* Affordable Housing (*deferred division from 21 September on Ministerial Amendment*)

Adjournment

9.30 p.m.

* Please note: if not previously concluded, proceedings shall be interrupted on either of these two bills at either 5.00 p.m. or 2 hrs 10 mins after the conclusion of the SOS, whichever is the later

Thursday 28 September 2023 (9:00 a.m. - 8:03 p.m.)

P.Q.s: Oral - Minister for Foreign Affairs

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

P.Q.s: Oral - Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications

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

Leaders' Questions (Sinn Féin, Social Democrats, People Before Profit-Solidarity, 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. - 6.00 p.m. (4 hrs 16 mins)

- Gas (Amendment) Bill 2023 (Second Stage, resumed, if not previously concluded)**
- Domestic, Sexual and Gender-Based Violence Agency Bill 2023 (Second Stage)**

** Please note: if reached and if not previously concluded, proceedings on any Government Bill to stand adjourned at 6 p.m.

Topical Issues

6.00 p.m. - 6.48 p.m. (48 mins)

Thursday evening business: Private Member's Bill

6.48 p.m. - 8.03 p.m. (75 mins)

- Labour Exploitation and Trafficking (Audit of Supply Chains) Bill 2021 (Second Stage) (*Deputy Ged Nash*)

Adjournment

8.03 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 allotted to Government business shall be extended in accordance with the arrangements for the Statements and Q&A on Children's Health Ireland (CHI): Patient safety concerns and reviews in paediatric orthopaedic surgical services; 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 Rural and Community Development and topical issues

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

- To be taken without debate

Tuesday proposal no. 3 - Public Health (Tobacco Products and Nicotine Inhaling Products) Bill 2023 - Motion for Financial Resolution

- To be taken without debate

Tuesday proposal no. 4 - Statements and Q&A on Children's Health Ireland (CHI): Patient safety concerns and reviews in paediatric orthopaedic surgical services

- The following arrangements shall apply in relation to the Statements and Q&A on Children's Health Ireland (CHI): Patient safety concerns and reviews in paediatric orthopaedic surgical services:
 - (i) the statements shall consist of a single round, which shall not exceed 137 minutes, and the arrangements for that time shall be in accordance with those agreed by Order of the Dáil of 30th July, 2020, and Resolution of the Dáil of 20th September, 2023;
 - (ii) immediately following the statements, questions and answers shall be taken for 60 minutes, and shall consist of a 7.5 minute slot for the Government parties, and a 7.5 minute slot each for Sinn Féin, the Labour Party, Social Democrats, PBP-Solidarity, the Regional Group, the Rural Independent Group and the Independent Group, who shall be called upon in that order;
 - (iii) following the questions and answers, a Minister or Minister of State shall be called upon to make a statement in reply which shall not exceed 10 minutes; and
 - (iv) members may share time

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 the weekly division time may be taken later than 8.45 p.m., and shall in any event be taken on the adjournment of the proceedings on the Control of Exports Bill 2023, or where that Bill concludes within one hour, on the conclusion thereof, with consequential effect on the time for the adjournment of the Dáil

Wednesday proposal no. 2 - Motion *re* Leave to Introduce Supplementary Estimate [Vote 40]

- To be taken without debate

Wednesday proposal no. 3 – Second Stages of Government Bills

- In relation to the scheduled Second Stages of Government Bills, the following arrangements shall apply:
 - (i) the proceedings on Second Stage of the Gas (Amendment) Bill 2023 shall, if not previously concluded, be interrupted and stand adjourned either at 5 p.m., or 2 hours and 10 minutes after the conclusion of the SOS, whichever is the later, and shall not be resumed on Wednesday; and
 - (ii) Second Stage of the Domestic, Sexual and Gender-Based Violence Agency Bill 2023 shall only be taken if the Gas (Amendment) Bill 2023 concludes within the times outlined in paragraph (i), and if reached, shall, if not previously concluded, be interrupted and stand adjourned on whichever is the later of those times, and shall not be resumed on Wednesday

Wednesday proposal no. 4 - Historic and Archaeological Heritage and Miscellaneous Provisions Bill 2023 (*changed from Historic and Archaeological Heritage Bill 2023*)

- The proceedings on Report and Final Stages of the Historic and Archaeological Heritage Bill and Miscellaneous Provisions 2023 (*changed from Historic and Archaeological Heritage Bill 2023*) shall be taken no earlier than 5 p.m. and shall, if not previously concluded, be brought to a conclusion after three hours 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 Housing, Local Government and Heritage

Wednesday proposal no. 5 - Control of Exports Bill 2023

- The proceedings on Report and Final Stages of the Control of Exports Bill 2023 shall, if not previously concluded, be interrupted and stand adjourned after one hour and shall not be resumed on Wednesday

Thursday proposal - Time for topical issues and Thursday evening business

- The ordinary routine of business as contained in Schedule 3 to Standing Orders shall be modified to the extent that, if not previously concluded, the proceedings on Government business shall be interrupted and stand adjourned and topical issues shall be taken at 6 p.m., with consequential effect on the commencement time for Second Stage of the Labour Exploitation and Trafficking (Audit of Supply Chains) Bill 2021, and on the time for the adjournment of the Dáil: Provided that in the event Government business concludes before 6 p.m., topical issues shall be taken on the conclusion of Government business

MEMBERS DISSENTING

Deputies Denise Mitchell, Cian O’Callaghan, Richard Boyd Barrett and Mattie McGrath expressed dissent in relation to the lack of a debate on school transport for children with disabilities. Deputy McGrath and Deputy Duncan Smith also dissented in relation to the lack of a debate on the Garda Representative Association and the Police Commissioner.

INDICATIVE BUSINESS FOR WEEK COMMENCING 2 OCTOBER 2023

- Finance (State Guarantees, International Financial Institution Funds and Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2023 (Second Stage)
- Criminal Justice (Sexual Offences and Human Trafficking) Bill 2023 (Second Stage)
- Screening of Third Country Transactions Bill 2022 (Report and Final Stage)
- Judicial Appointments Commission Bill 2022 (Amendments from the Seanad)

UPCOMING THURSDAY EVENING BUSINESS

5 October 2023: Seller’s Legal Pack for Property Buyers Bill 2021 (Second Stage) (*Deputy Marc MacSharry*)

19 October 2023: Defective Dwellings Bill 2021 (Second Stage) (*Deputy Francis Noel Duffy*)

26 October 2023: Motion *re* Report entitled “Aligning Disability Services with the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities” (*Joint Committee on Disability Matters*)

9 November 2023: Motion *re* Report entitled “Report on Banking 2022” (*Joint Committee on Finance, Public Expenditure and Reform, and Taoiseach*)

BUSINESS COMMITTEE

22 September 2023