

REPORT OF THE BUSINESS COMMITTEE

ARRANGEMENTS FOR BUSINESS AND BUSINESS SCHEDULE FOR

TUESDAY TO THURSDAY, 3 - 5 OCTOBER 2023

(AS AGREED AT ITS MEETING ON 28 SEPTEMBER 2023)

Tuesday 3 October 2023 (2:00 p.m. - 10:37 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)
- Motion <i>re</i> Statement of Estimates for the Houses of the Oireachtas Commission	
- Motion <i>re</i> Sittings and Business of the Dáil	
Taoiseach's Questions	3.05 p.m. - 3.50 p.m. (45 mins)
Government Business	3.50 p.m. - 6.17 p.m. (147 mins)
- Statements on School Transport 2023/2024 School Year (<i>not to exceed 147 mins</i>)	
Private Members' Business (Sinn Féin)	6.17 p.m. - 8.19 p.m. (122 mins)
- Motion <i>re</i> Child Care Costs (working title)	
P.Q.s: Oral - Minister for Defence	8.19 p.m. - 9.49 p.m. (90 mins)
Topical Issues	9.49 p.m. - 10.37 p.m. (48 mins)
<i>Adjournment</i>	10.37 p.m.

Wednesday 4 October 2023 (9:10 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.)

Topical Issues	9.10 a.m. - 9.58 a.m. (48 mins)
Private Members' Business (Regional Group)	9.58 a.m. - 12.00 p.m. (122 mins)
- Motion <i>re</i> An Garda Síochána	
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)
Taoiseach's Questions	1.04 p.m. - 1.49 p.m. (45 mins)
SOS	1.49 p.m. - 2.49 p.m. (60 mins)
Government Business	2.49 p.m. - 8.30 p.m. (5 hrs 41 mins)
- Criminal Law (Sexual Offences and Human Trafficking) Bill 2023 (Second Stage) (<i>if not previously concluded, to stand adjourned either at 6.30 p.m. or after 3 hours 41 mins, whichever is the later</i>) (Dept of Justice)	
- Screening of Third Country Transactions Bill 2022 (Report and Final Stages) (<i>if not previously concluded, to stand adjourned after one hour</i>) (Dept of Enterprise, Trade and Employment)	
- Judicial Appointments Commission Bill 2022 (Amendments from the Seanad) (<i>if not previously concluded, to stand adjourned after one hour</i>) (Dept of Justice)	

Deferred Divisions 8.30 p.m. - 9.00 p.m. (30 mins)
Adjournment 9.00 p.m.

Thursday 5 October 2023 (9:00 a.m. - 8:03 p.m.)

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

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

Motion(s) without debate 1.04 p.m. - 1.05 p.m. (1 min)

- Motion *re* Supplementary Estimate for Public Services [Vote 40] (*back from Committee*)

SOS 1.05 p.m. - 1.45 p.m. (40 mins)

Government Business 1.45 p.m. - 6.00 p.m. (4 hrs 15 mins)

- Criminal Law (Sexual Offences and Human Trafficking) Bill 2023 (Second Stage, resumed, if not previously concluded)*

- Finance (State Guarantees, International Financial Institution Funds and Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2023 (Second Stage) (*Dept of Finance*)*

** 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)

- Seller's Legal Pack for Property Buyers Bill 2021 (Second Stage) (*Deputy Marc MacSharry*)

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 time allotted to Government business shall be increased in accordance with the arrangements for the Statements on School Transport 2023-2024 School Year;
 - (ii) the increased time for Government business shall have consequential effect on the commencement times for the items following it in the ordinary routine of business, namely, private members' business, oral Parliamentary Questions to the Minister for Defence and topical issues, and
 - (iii) the time for the adjournment of the Dáil shall be extended accordingly

Tuesday proposal no. 2 - Motion *re* Statement of Estimates for the Houses of the Oireachtas Commission

- To be taken without debate

Tuesday proposal no. 3 - Motion *re* Sittings and Business of the Dáil

- To be taken without debate

Tuesday proposal no. 4 - Statements on School Transport 2023/2024 School Year

- The following arrangements shall apply in relation to the Statements on School Transport 2023/2024 School Year:
 - (i) the statements shall not exceed 137 minutes, and the arrangements for that time shall be in accordance with the Order of the Dáil of 30th July, 2020, and the Resolution of the Dáil of 20th September 2023; and
 - (ii) following the statements, a Minister or Minister of State shall be called upon to make a statement in reply which shall not exceed 10 minutes

Wednesday proposal no. 1 - Time for weekly divisions

- 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 earlier than 8.45 p.m., and shall in any event be taken on the adjournment of proceedings on the Judicial Appointments Commission Bill 2022, or where those proceedings conclude within one hour, on the conclusion thereof, with consequential effect on the time for the adjournment of the Dáil

Wednesday proposal no. 2 - Criminal Law (Sexual Offences and Human Trafficking) Bill 2023

- The proceedings on the Second Stage of the Criminal Law (Sexual Offences and Human Trafficking) Bill 2023 shall, if not previously concluded, be interrupted and stand adjourned either at 6.30 p.m. or after 3 hours 41 minutes, whichever is the later

Wednesday proposal no. 3 - Screening of Third Country Transactions Bill 2022

- The proceedings on Report and Final Stages of the Screening of Third Country Transactions Bill 2022 shall commence no earlier than 5.30 p.m. and shall, if not previously concluded, be interrupted and stand adjourned after one hour

Wednesday proposal no. 4 - Judicial Appointments Commission Bill 2022

- The proceedings on the amendments from the Seanad to the Judicial Appointments Commission Bill 2022 shall, if not previously concluded, be interrupted and stand adjourned after one hour

Thursday proposal no. 1 - 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 Seller's Legal Pack for Property Buyers 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

Thursday proposal no. 2 - Motion *re* Supplementary Estimate for Public Services [Vote 40]

- To be taken without debate

MEMBERS DISSENTING

Deputy McGrath dissented in relation to the lack of a debate on mortality rates.

INDICATIVE BUSINESS

Budget Week - 10 to 12 October

UPCOMING THURSDAY EVENING BUSINESS

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

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

9th November 2023: Protection of Children (Online Pornographic Material) Bill 2020 (Second Stage) (*Deputy Peadar Tóibín*)

16th November 2023: Motion *re* “Report on Banking 2022” (*Joint Committee on Finance, Public Expenditure and Reform, and Taoiseach*)

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29 September 2023