

# REV (1) REPORT OF THE BUSINESS COMMITTEE

## ARRANGEMENTS FOR BUSINESS AND BUSINESS SCHEDULE FOR

TUESDAY TO THURSDAY, 10 - 12 OCTOBER 2023

### Tuesday 10 October 2023 (1:00 p.m. – 12:30 a.m.)

**Government Business** 1.00 p.m. - 8.00 p.m. (7 hrs)

- Budget Statements (8 x 45 minutes, 1 x 1 hour) *(see breakdown overleaf)*

SOS 8.00 p.m. - 8.30 p.m. (30 mins)

**Government Business** 8.30 p.m. – 12.00 a.m. (3 hrs 30 mins)

- Allocation-of-time proposal by Government Chief Whip *(without debate)*
  - Financial Motions by the Minister for Finance\*
    - Financial Resolution No. 1 - Excise - Mineral Oil Tax and Financial Resolution No. 2 - Value-Added Tax *(to be discussed together and, if not previously concluded, brought to conclusion after 45 minutes)*
    - Financial Resolution No. 3 - Excise - Tobacco Products Tax *(if not previously concluded, to be brought to conclusion after 30 minutes)*
    - Financial Resolution No. 4 - General Financial Resolution *(to be moved and immediately adjourned)*
- (\* To be debated in Committee style and any divisions to be taken immediately by electronic means)*

**Deferred Divisions\*** 12.00 a.m. - 12.30 a.m. (30 mins)

*Adjournment* 12.30 a.m.

*\* Please note: there are currently no deferred divisions in the voting block*

### Wednesday 11 October 2023 (10:30 a.m. - 9:24 p.m.)

P.Q.s: Oral - Minister for Justice 10.30 a.m. - 12.00 p.m. (90 mins)

Leaders' Questions (Sinn Féin, Labour Party, People Before Profit-Solidarity, Regional Group) 12.00 p.m. - 12.34 p.m. (34 mins)

**Government Business** 12.34 p.m. - 3.54 p.m. (3 hrs 20 mins)

- Leaders' Speeches on Budget [General Financial Resolution, resumed] *(see breakdown overleaf)*

SOS 3.54 p.m. - 4.54 p.m. (60 mins)

**Government Business** 4.54 p.m. - 9.24 p.m. (4 hrs 30 mins)

- Budget debate [General Financial Resolution, resumed] *(rolling sequence of 135-minute speaking rounds)*

*Adjournment* 9.24 p.m.

### Thursday 12 October 2023 (10:30 a.m. - 9:30 p.m.)

P.Q.s: Oral - Minister for Enterprise, Trade & Employment 10.30 a.m. - 12.00 p.m. (90 mins)

Leaders' Questions (Sinn Féin, Social Democrats, Rural Independent Group, 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. - 8.42 p.m. (6 hrs 58 mins)

- Budget Debate [General Financial Resolution, resumed] (rolling sequence of 135-minute speaking rounds; if not previously adjourned, to be adjourned at 6.15 p.m.)
- Statements on Sustainability and Stability of Services by s.39 and s.56 Organisations on behalf of the HSE and Tusla (137 min fixed debate and 10 min wrap) (Dept. of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth)

Topical Issues

8.42 p.m. – 9.30 p.m. (48 mins)

Adjournment

9.30 p.m.

<b>ARRANGEMENTS FOR BUSINESS</b>	
<b>STATEMENTS BREAKDOWN – TUESDAY 10 OCTOBER 2023</b>	
Minister for Finance	45 mins
Minister for Public Expenditure, NDP Delivery and Reform	45 mins
Sinn Féin	60 mins
Labour	45 mins
Social Democrats	45 mins
People Before Profit - Solidarity	45 mins
Regional Group	45 mins
Rural Independent Group	45 mins
Independent Group	45 mins

<b>LEADERS' SPEECHES BREAKDOWN – WEDNESDAY 11 OCTOBER 2023</b>	
Taoiseach	30 mins
Tánaiste	30 mins
Green Party	20 mins
Sinn Féin	30 mins
Labour	15 mins
Social Democrats	15 mins
People Before Profit - Solidarity	15 mins
Regional Group	15 mins
Rural Independent Group	15 mins
Independent Group	15 mins

## **Allocation of time business proposal to be put by Government Chief Whip**

It is proposed that—

- (i) in respect of the motions for the Financial Resolutions by the Minister for Finance, the following arrangements shall apply:
  - (a) Resolution Nos. 1 and 2 shall be grouped together for the purposes of debate, and shall, if not previously concluded, be brought to a conclusion after 45 minutes;
  - (b) Resolution No. 3 shall, if not previously concluded, be brought to a conclusion after 30 minutes; and
  - (c) each motion for a Financial Resolution shall be brought to a conclusion by one question which shall also dispose of any amendments to that motion and which shall be put from the Chair; and
- (ii) notwithstanding the Resolution of the Dáil of 3<sup>rd</sup> October, 2023, and with consequential effect on the time for the adjournment of the Dáil, on Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> October, 2023, Statements on Sustainability and Stability of Services by s.39 and s.56 Organisations on behalf of the HSE and Tusla shall be taken not later than 6.15 p.m., but in any event shall be taken on the adjournment of the resumed debate on the General Financial Resolution, and the following arrangements shall apply thereto:
  - (a) the statements shall not exceed 137 minutes, and the arrangements for that time shall be in accordance with the Order of the Dáil of 30<sup>th</sup> July, 2020, and the Resolution of the Dáil of 20<sup>th</sup> September, 2023;
  - (b) 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; and
  - (c) topical issues shall be taken on the conclusion of the statements, and the Dáil shall adjourn on the conclusion of topical issues.

### **MEMBERS DISSENTING**

Deputy Mattie McGrath considers that more time should be allowed for Financial Resolutions Nos. 1 and 2, with a reduction in time for Financial Resolution No. 3.

## UPCOMING THURSDAY EVENING BUSINESS

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

**26<sup>th</sup> 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*

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

**16<sup>th</sup> November 2023:** Motion *re* “Report on Banking 2022” – *Joint Committee on Finance, Public Expenditure and Reform, and Taoiseach*

**BUSINESS COMMITTEE**

**10 October 2023**