

REV(1) REPORT OF THE BUSINESS COMMITTEE

ARRANGEMENTS FOR BUSINESS AND BUSINESS SCHEDULE FOR

TUESDAY TO THURSDAY, 17 - 19 OCTOBER 2023

Tuesday 17 October 2023 (2:00 p.m. – 9.16 p.m. ~~10:01 p.m.~~)

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| Leaders' Questions (Sinn Féin, Social Democrats, Regional Group, Rural 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) |
| Taoiseach's Questions | 3.04 p.m. - 3.49 p.m. (45 mins) |
| P.Q.s: Oral - Minister for Education | 3.04 p.m. - 4.34 p.m. (90 mins) |
| Government Business | 4.34 p.m. - 6.26 p.m. (1 hr 52 mins) |
| - Statements on the final report of the independent scoping exercise into the circumstances surrounding the death of Mr. Shane O'Farrell (<i>not to exceed 112 mins</i>) (Dept of Justice) | |
| Private Members' Business (Sinn Féin) | 6.26 p.m. – 8.28 p.m. (122 mins) |
| - Motion <i>re</i> Funding for Persons with Disabilities | |
| Topical Issues | 8.28 p.m. – 9.16 p.m. (48 mins) |
| Adjournment | 9.16 p.m. |

Wednesday 18 October 2023 (9:10 a.m. - 10:20 p.m.)

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| Topical Issues | 9.10 a.m. - 9.58 a.m. (48 mins) |
| Private Members' Business (Rural Independent Group) | 9.58 a.m. - 12.00 p.m. (122 mins) |
| - Motion <i>re</i> Driving Test Waiting Times | |
| Leaders' Questions (Sinn Féin, Labour Party, Regional 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) |
| Motion(s) without debate | 1.04 p.m. - 1.05 p.m. (1 min) |
| - Motion <i>re</i> Appointment of An Coimisinéir Teanga (<i>Dept of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media</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. – 9.50 p.m. (7 hrs) |
| - Statements on trends in mortality and estimates of excess mortality (<i>not to exceed 147 mins</i>) (Dept of Health) | |
| - Motion <i>re</i> the Situation in Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territories (<i>to be taken immediately prior to the Statements on the Situation in the Middle East and the Occupied Palestinian Territories and without debate</i>) (Dept of Foreign Affairs) | |
| - Statements on the Situation in the Middle East and the Occupied Palestinian Territories (<i>to be taken no earlier than 5.14 p.m., and not to exceed 212 mins</i>) (Dept of Foreign Affairs) | |
| - Energy (Windfall Gains in the Energy Sector) (Cap on Market Revenues) Bill 2023 (Report and Final Stages) (<i>to be taken no earlier than 7.30 p.m., and to conclude within 1 hr</i>) (Dept of Environment, Climate and Communications) | |

Deferred Divisions 9.50 p.m. - 10.20 p.m. (30 mins)
Adjournment 10.20 p.m.

Thursday 19 October 2023 (9:00 a.m. – 9.46 p.m. 6:14 p.m.)

P.Q.s: Oral - Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media 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, 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. - 7.43 p.m. (5 hrs 59 mins)

- **Statements on Investment in Health Care** (not to exceed 212 mins) (Dept of Health)

- Statements on the importance of continued and enhanced Government capital support for sports facilities, (not to exceed 147 mins) (Dept of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media)

Topical Issues 7.43 p.m. - 8.31 p.m. (48 mins)

Thursday evening business: Private Member's Bill 8.31 p.m. - 9.46 p.m. (75 mins)

- Defective Dwellings Bill 2021 (Second Stage) (Deputy Francis Noel Duffy)

Adjournment 9.46 p.m.

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

ARRANGEMENTS FOR BUSINESS

Tuesday 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) **oral questions to the Taoiseach pursuant to Standing Order 46(1) shall not be taken and** oral Parliamentary Questions to the Minister for Education shall be taken on the conclusion of **Questions on Policy or Promised Legislation** ~~oral questions to the Taoiseach pursuant to Standing Order 46(1);~~
 - (ii) Government business shall be taken on the conclusion of questions to the Minister for Education;
 - (iii) private members' business may be taken later than 6.12 p.m. and shall in any event be taken on the conclusion of Government business; and

- (iv) topical issues may be taken earlier than 9.44 p.m., and shall in any event be taken on the conclusion of private members' business, with consequential effect on the time for the adjournment of the Dáil

Tuesday proposal no. 2 - Statements on the final report of the independent scoping exercise into the circumstances surrounding the death of Mr. Shane O'Farrell

- The following arrangements shall apply in relation to the Statements on the final report of the independent scoping exercise into the circumstances surrounding the death of Mr. Shane O'Farrell:
 - (i) the statements shall not exceed 102 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 - Arrangements for business

- 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 9.30 p.m.; and
 - (ii) the weekly division time may be taken later than 8.45 p.m., and shall in any event be taken on the conclusion of the Energy (Windfall Gains in the Energy Sector) (Cap on Market Revenues) Bill 2023

Wednesday proposal no. 2 - Motion *re* Appointment of An Coimisinéir Teanga

- To be taken without debate

Wednesday proposal no. 3 - Statements on trends in mortality and estimates of excess mortality

- The following arrangements shall apply in relation to the Statements on trends in mortality and estimates of excess mortality:
 - (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. 4 - Motion *re* the Situation in Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territories

- To be taken immediately prior to the Statements on the Situation in the Middle East and the Occupied Palestinian Territories and without debate

Wednesday proposal no. 5 - Statements on the Situation in the Middle East and the Occupied Palestinian Territories

- The Statements on the Situation in the Middle East and the Occupied Palestinian Territories shall be taken no earlier than 5.14 p.m. and the following arrangements shall apply thereto:
 - (i) the statements shall not exceed 202 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. 6 - Energy (Windfall Gains in the Energy Sector) (Cap on Market Revenues) Bill 2023

- The proceedings on Report and Final Stages of the Energy (Windfall Gains in the Energy Sector) (Cap on Market Revenues) Bill 2023 shall be taken no earlier than 7.30 p.m. and shall, if not previously concluded, be brought to a conclusion after one hour 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 Environment, Climate and Communications

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) the Dáil shall sit later than 9.27 p.m.; and
 - (ii) topical issues shall be taken on the conclusion of Government business and Second Stage of the Defective Dwellings Bill 2021 shall be taken on the conclusion of topical issues, with consequential effect on the time for the adjournment of the Dáil

Thursday proposal no. 2 - Statements on Investment in Health Care

- The following arrangements shall apply in relation to the Statements on Investment in Health Care:

- (i) the statements shall not exceed 202 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

Thursday proposal no. 3 - Statements on the importance of continued and enhanced Government capital support for sports facilities

- The following arrangements shall apply in relation to the Statements on the importance of continued and enhanced Government capital support for sports facilities:
 - (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

MEMBERS DISSENTING

Deputies Pádraig Mac Lochlainn, Duncan Smith, Cian O’Callaghan, Richard Boyd Barrett, Mattie McGrath and Thomas Pringle dissent to agreeing arrangements for the Motion *re* the Situation in Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territories without sight of the motion. Deputy Cian O’Callaghan requested that the Statements on Investment in Health Care also include Q&A.

INDICATIVE BUSINESS FOR WEEK COMMENCING 23 OCTOBER 2023

- Pre-European Council Statements

UPCOMING THURSDAY EVENING BUSINESS

26th 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

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

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

BUSINESS COMMITTEE
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