

# REPORT OF THE BUSINESS COMMITTEE

## ARRANGEMENTS FOR BUSINESS AND BUSINESS SCHEDULE FOR

TUESDAY TO THURSDAY, 24 - 26 OCTOBER 2023

(AS AGREED AT ITS MEETING ON 19 OCTOBER 2023)

### Tuesday 24 October 2023 (2:00 p.m. - 11:52 p.m.)

Leaders' Questions (Sinn Féin, Labour Party, 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)
<b>Motion(s) without debate</b>	3.04 p.m. - 3.05 p.m. (1 min)
- Motion <i>re</i> Ministerial Rota for Parliamentary Questions	
Taoiseach's Questions	3.05 p.m. - 3.50 p.m. (45 mins)
<b>Government Business</b>	3.50 p.m. - 7.32 p.m. (3 hrs 42 mins)
- Finance (No. 2) Bill 2023 (Second Stage) ( <i>to conclude within 3 hrs 42 mins</i> ) (Dept Finance)	
<b>Private Members' Business (Sinn Féin)</b>	7.32 p.m. - 9.34 p.m. (122 mins)
- Motion <i>re</i> Funding and Resources in Health (working title)	
P.Q.s: Oral - Minister for Social Protection	9.34 p.m. - 11.04 p.m. (90 mins)
Topical Issues	11.04 p.m. - 11.52 p.m. (48 mins)
<i>Adjournment</i>	11.52 p.m.

### Wednesday 25 October 2023 (9:10 a.m. - 10:05 p.m.)

Topical Issues	9.10 a.m. - 9.58 a.m. (48 mins)
<b>Private Members' Business (Independent Group)</b>	9.58 a.m. - 12.00 p.m. (122 mins)
- Motion <i>re</i> Neutrality (working title)	
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)
Taoiseach's Questions	1.04 p.m. - 1.49 p.m. (45 mins)
<b>Government Business</b>	1.49 p.m. - 3.41 p.m. (112 mins)
- Statements Pre-European Council meeting of 26-27 October, 2023 ( <i>not to exceed 112 mins</i> )	
SOS	3.41 p.m. - 4.41 p.m. (60 mins)
<b>Government Business</b>	4.41 p.m. - 9.35 p.m. (4 hrs 54 mins)
- Motion <i>re</i> opt-in Proposal for a Directive amending Directive 2012/29/EU establishing minimum standards on the rights, support and protection of victims of crime, and replacing Council Framework Decision 2001/220/JHA ( <i>to conclude within 57 mins</i> ) (Dept of Justice)	
- Electricity Costs (Emergency Measures) Domestic Accounts Bill 2023 (Second and remaining Stages) ( <i>Second Stage to conclude within 1 hr 57 mins and any division claimed to be taken immediately prior to Committee Stage but no earlier than 6.30 p.m.; Committee and remaining Stages to be taken no earlier than 6.30 p.m. and to conclude within 2 hrs</i> ) (Dept of Environment, Climate and Communications)	

**Deferred Divisions** 9.35 p.m. - 10.05 p.m. (30 mins)  
*Adjournment* 10.05 p.m.

### **Thursday 26 October 2023 (9:00 a.m. - 6:14 p.m.)**

P.Q.s: Oral - Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform 9.00 a.m. - 10.30 a.m. (90 mins)

P.Q.s: Oral - Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine 10.30 a.m. - 12.00 p.m. (90 mins)

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)

SOS 1.04 p.m. - 1.44 p.m. (40 mins)

**Government Business** 1.44 p.m. - 4.11 p.m. (147 mins)

- Statements on Road Safety (working title) (not to exceed 147 mins) (Dept of Transport)

Topical Issues 4.11 p.m. - 4.59 p.m. (48 mins)

**Thursday evening business: Committee Report** 4.59 p.m. - 6.14 p.m. (75 mins)

- Motion *re* Report entitled "*Aligning Disability Services with the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities*" (Joint Committee on Disability Matters)

*Adjournment* 6.14 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 10.32 p.m.; and
  - (ii) the time allotted to Government business shall be extended in accordance with the arrangements for the Finance (No. 2) Bill 2023, with consequential effect on the commencement times for the items following in the ordinary routine of business, namely, private members' business, Parliamentary Questions to the Minister for Social Protection and topical issues

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

- To be taken without debate

### **Tuesday proposal no. 3 - Finance (No. 2) Bill 2023**

- On Second Stage of the Finance (No. 2) Bill 2023, on the conclusion of the first speaking round in accordance with the arrangements agreed by Order of the Dáil of 30<sup>th</sup> July, 2020, and Resolution of the Dáil of 20<sup>th</sup> September, 2023, a Minister or Minister of State shall be called upon to make a speech in reply, which shall not exceed 10 minutes, whereupon proceedings shall be brought to a conclusion

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

- The ordinary routine of business as set out in Schedule 3 to Standing Orders shall be modified to the following extent:
  - (i) the Dáil shall sit later than 9.30 p.m.;
  - (ii) the SOS pursuant to Standing Order 25(1) shall be taken immediately following the Statements pre-European Council meeting of 26-27 October, 2023, pursuant to Standing Order 124, which shall be taken on the conclusion of Parliamentary Questions to the Taoiseach pursuant to Standing Order 46(1); and
  - (iii) 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 Electricity Costs (Emergency Measures) Domestic Accounts Bill 2023

### **Wednesday proposal no. 2 - Statements pre-European Council meeting of 26-27 October, 2023**

- The following arrangements shall apply in relation to the Statements pre-European Council meeting of 26-27 October, 2023:
  - (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 30<sup>th</sup> July, 2020, and the Resolution of the Dáil of 20<sup>th</sup> 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. 3 - Motion *re* opt-in Proposal for a Directive amending Directive 2012/29/EU establishing minimum standards on the rights, support and protection of victims of crime, and replacing Council Framework Decision 2001/220/JHA**

- The proceedings on the Motion *re* opt-in Proposal for a Directive amending Directive 2012/29/EU establishing minimum standards on the rights, support and protection of victims of crime, and replacing Council Framework Decision 2001/220/JHA shall, if not

previously concluded, be brought to a conclusion after 57 minutes, and the following arrangements shall apply:

- (i) the order of speaking and allocation of time shall be as follows:
  - opening speech by a Minister or Minister of State - 10 minutes;
  - speech by representative of Sinn Féin - 10 minutes;
  - speeches by representatives of the Labour Party, Social Democrats, People-Before-Profit-Solidarity, the Regional Group, the Rural Independent Group and the Independent Group - 5 minutes per party or group;
  - speeches by non-aligned members – 2 minutes; and
  - a speech in response by the Minister – 5 minutes; and
- (ii) members may share time

#### **Wednesday proposal no. 4 - Electricity Costs (Emergency Measures) Domestic Accounts Bill 2023**

- In relation to the Electricity Costs (Emergency Measures) Domestic Accounts Bill 2023, the following arrangements shall apply:
  - (i) on the proceedings on Second Stage, speeches shall be confined to a single round in accordance with the arrangements agreed by—
    - (a) the Order of the Dáil of 30<sup>th</sup> July, 2020, for the first round on Second Stage, save that the times shall be halved in each case, and
    - (b) the Resolution of the Dáil of 20<sup>th</sup> September, 2023,and on the conclusion of the single round, a Minister or Minister of State shall be called upon to make a speech in reply, which shall not exceed 10 minutes, whereupon proceedings on Second Stage shall be brought to a conclusion: Provided that any division claimed on the Second Stage proceedings shall be taken immediately prior to Committee Stage of the Bill, but in any event, no earlier than 6.30 p.m.; and
  - (ii) the proceedings on Committee and remaining Stages shall be taken no earlier than 6.30 p.m. and shall, if not previously concluded, be brought to a conclusion after 2 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 the Environment, Climate and Communications

## **Thursday proposal no. 1 - Arrangements for business and adjournment of the Dáil**

- In relation to Thursday's proceedings—
  - (i) the Dáil on its rising shall adjourn until 2 p.m. on Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> November, 2023, and
  - (ii) the ordinary routine of business as contained in Schedule 3 to Standing Orders shall be modified to the extent that topical issues shall be taken on the conclusion of Government business and the Motion *re* Report entitled "*Aligning Disability Services with the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities*" 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 Road Safety (working title)**

- The following arrangements shall apply in relation to the Statements on Road Safety:
  - (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 30<sup>th</sup> July, 2020, and the Resolution of the Dáil of 20<sup>th</sup> 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

### **INDICATIVE BUSINESS FOR WEEK COMMENCING 7 NOVEMBER 2023**

- Post European Council Statements
- Domestic, Sexual and Gender Based Violence Agency Bill 2023 (Report and Final Stages)
- Human Tissue (Transplantation, Post-Mortem, Anatomical Examination and Public Display) Bill 2022 (Report and Final Stages)

### **UPCOMING THURSDAY EVENING BUSINESS**

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

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

**23<sup>rd</sup> November 2023:** Motion *re* Report entitled "*Report on Banking 2022*" – *Joint Committee on Finance, Public Expenditure and Reform, and Taoiseach*

**BUSINESS COMMITTEE**

**20 October 2023**