

REPORT OF THE BUSINESS COMMITTEE

ARRANGEMENTS FOR BUSINESS AND BUSINESS SCHEDULE FOR

TUESDAY TO THURSDAY, 7 - 9 NOVEMBER 2023

(AS AGREED AT ITS MEETING ON 26 OCTOBER 2023)

Tuesday 7 November 2023 (2:00 p.m. - 9:05 p.m.)

Leaders' Questions (<i>Sinn Féin, Social Democrats, Regional Group, Independent Group</i>)	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> Twenty-Ninth Report of the Committee of Selectin	
Taoiseach's Questions	3.05 p.m. - 3.50 p.m. (45 mins)
Government Business	3.50 p.m. - 4.47 p.m. (57 mins)
- Motion <i>re</i> Extension of the Civil Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2021 (<i>to conclude within 57 mins</i>) (<i>Dept of Justice</i>)	
Private Members' Business (Sinn Féin)	4.47 p.m. - 6.49 p.m. (122 mins)
- Motion <i>re</i> Housing (TBC)	
P.Q.s: Oral - Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth	6.49 p.m. - 8.19 p.m. (90 mins)
Topical Issues	8.19 p.m. - 9.07 p.m. (48 mins)
Adjournment	9.07 p.m.

Wednesday 8 November 2023 (9:10 a.m. - 9:41 p.m.)

Topical Issues	9.10 a.m. - 9.58 a.m. (48 mins)
Private Members' Business (Labour Party)	9.58 a.m. - 12.00 p.m. (122 mins)
- Motion <i>re</i> Health – Older People and People with Disabilities (TBC)	
Leaders' Questions (<i>Sinn Féin, Labour Party, People Before Profit-Solidarity, Independent Group</i>)	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)
Government Business	1.49 p.m. - 3.56 p.m. (127 mins)
- Statements and Q&A post European Council meeting of 26 th -27 th October 2023, pursuant to Standing Order 124 (<i>statements for 102 mins, followed by 20 mins Q&A, followed by Ministerial response for 5 mins</i>)	
SOS	3.56 p.m. - 4.56 p.m. (60 mins)
Government Business	4.56 p.m. - 9.11 p.m. (4 hrs 15 mins)
- Domestic, Sexual and Gender-Based Violence Agency Bill 2023 (Report and Final Stages) (<i>to commence no earlier than 4.30 p.m. and if not previously concluded, to adjourn after 45 mins</i>) (<i>Dept of Justice</i>)	
- Human Tissue (Transplantation, Post-Mortem, Anatomical Examination and Public Display) Bill 2022 (Report and Final Stages) (<i>if not previously concluded, to adjourn after 2 hours and 30 mins</i>) (<i>Dept of Health</i>)	

- Public Health (Tobacco Products and Nicotine Inhaling Products) Bill 2023 (Report and Final Stages) *(if not previously concluded, to adjourn after 60 mins) (Dept of Health)*

Deferred Divisions 9.11 p.m. - 9.41 p.m. (30 mins)
Adjournment 9.41 p.m.

Thursday 9 November 2023 (9:00 a.m. - 6:14 p.m.)

P.Q.s: Oral - Minister for Health 9.00 a.m. - 10.30 a.m. (90 mins)
 P.Q.s: Oral - Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage 10.30 a.m. - 12.00 p.m. (90 mins)
 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)
 SOS 1.04 p.m. - 1.44 p.m. (40 mins)
Government Business 1.44 p.m. - 4.11 p.m. (2 hrs 27 mins)
 - Statements on the Energy Charter Treaty (working title) *(not to exceed 147 mins) (Dept of Environment, Climate and Communications)*
 Topical Issues 4.11 p.m. - 4.59 p.m. (48 mins)
Thursday evening business: Private Member's Bill 4.59 p.m. - 6.14 p.m. (75 mins)
 - Defective Dwellings Bill 2021 (Second Stage) *(Deputy Francis Noel Duffy)*
Adjournment 6.14 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 extent that private members' business may be taken earlier than 6.12 p.m. and shall in any event be taken on the conclusion of Government business, with consequential effect on—
 - (i) the commencement times for the items following in the ordinary routine of business, namely, oral Parliamentary Questions to the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth, and topical issues, and
 - (ii) the time for the adjournment of the Dáil

Tuesday proposal no. 2 - Motion *re* Twenty-Ninth Report of the Committee of Selection

- To be taken without debate

Tuesday proposal no. 3 - Motion *re* Extension of the Civil Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2021

- The proceedings on the Motion *re* Extension of the Civil Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2021 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. 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) in the event the SOS pursuant to Standing Order 25(1) commences before 3.30 p.m., it shall continue until 4.30 p.m. and the proceedings on Report and Final Stages of the Domestic, Sexual and Gender Based Violence Agency Bill 2023 shall commence no earlier than 4.30 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 adjournment of the proceedings on the Public Health (Tobacco Products and Nicotine Inhaling Products) 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 - Statements and Q&A post European Council meeting of 26th-27th October 2023, pursuant to Standing Order 124

- The Statements and Q&A post European Council meeting of 26th-27th October 2023, pursuant to Standing Order 124, shall be taken on the conclusion of Questions to the Taoiseach pursuant to Standing Order 46(1) and shall not exceed 127 minutes, and the following arrangements shall apply thereto:

- (i) the statements shall not exceed 102 minutes, with speaking arrangements in accordance with those agreed by the Order of the Dáil of 30th July, 2020, and the Resolution of the Dáil of 20th September 2023;
- (ii) following the statements, questions and answers shall be taken for 20 minutes;
- (iii) on the conclusion of the questions and answers, a Minister or Minister of State shall be called upon to make a statement in reply which shall not exceed five minutes; and
- (iv) members may share time

Wednesday proposal no. 3 - Domestic, Sexual and Gender-Based Violence Agency Bill 2023

- The proceedings on Report and Final Stages of the Domestic, Sexual and Gender Based Violence Agency Bill 2023 shall, if not previously concluded, stand adjourned after 45 minutes

Wednesday proposal no. 4 - Human Tissue (Transplantation, Post-Mortem, Anatomical Examination and Public Display) Bill 2022

- The proceedings on Report and Final Stages of the Human Tissue (Transplantation, Post-Mortem, Anatomical Examination and Public Display) Bill 2022 shall, if not previously concluded, stand adjourned after two hours and 30 mins

Wednesday proposal no. 5 - Public Health (Tobacco Products and Nicotine Inhaling Products) Bill 2023

- The proceedings on Report and Final Stages of the Public Health (Tobacco Products and Nicotine Inhaling Products) Bill 2023 shall, if not previously concluded, stand adjourned after 1 hour

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 extent that 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 the Energy Charter Treaty (working title)

- The following arrangements shall apply in relation to the Statements on the Energy Charter Treaty:

- (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

Deputy Brid Smith dissented in related to the lack of a debate on the Israeli diplomatic mission in Ireland. Deputies Duncan Smith and Cian O’Callaghan dissented in relation to a lack of a debate on issues surrounding the accommodation of Ukrainian refugees.

INDICATIVE BUSINESS FOR WEEK COMMENCING 14TH NOVEMBER 2023

- Statements on Science Week
- Employment (Collective Redundancies and Miscellaneous Provisions) and Companies (Amendment) Bill 2023 (Second Stage)

UPCOMING THURSDAY EVENING BUSINESS

16th November 2023: Protection of Children (Online Pornographic Material) Bill 2020 (Second Stage) (*Deputy Peadar Tóibín*)

23rd November 2023: Motion *re* Report entitled “Report on Banking 2022” (*Joint Committee on Finance, Public Expenditure and Reform, and Taoiseach*)

30th November 2023: Motion *re* Special Report by the Ombudsman for Children on the Safety and Welfare of Children in Direct Provision

7th December 2023: Tenancy Protection Bill 2023 (Second Stage) (*Deputy Cian O’Callaghan*)

BUSINESS COMMITTEE

27 October 2023