

REV (1) REPORT OF THE BUSINESS COMMITTEE

ARRANGEMENTS FOR BUSINESS AND BUSINESS SCHEDULE FOR

TUESDAY TO THURSDAY, 14 - 16 NOVEMBER 2023

Tuesday 14 November 2023 (2:00 p.m. - 10:21 p.m.)

Leaders' Questions (<i>Sinn Féin, Labour Party, 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> Referral to Joint Committee of proposed approval by Dáil Éireann of Horse and Greyhound Racing Fund Regulations 2023 (<i>Dept of Agriculture, Food, and the Marine</i>)	
- Motion <i>re</i> Proposed approval by Dáil Éireann of the terms of the International Convention for the Control and Management of Ships' Ballast Water and Sediments (<i>Dept of Transport</i>)	
Government Business	3.05 p.m. - 6.01 p.m. (2 hrs 56 mins)
- Electoral (Amendment) Bill 2023 (Second Stage) (<i>if not previously concluded, to adjourn either at 6 p.m. or after 2 hrs and 56 mins, whichever is the later</i>) <i>Dept of Housing, Local Government and Heritage</i>)	
Private Members' Business (Sinn Féin)	6.01 p.m. - 8.03 p.m. (122 mins)
- Motion <i>re</i> International Criminal Court and Gaza	
P.Q.s: Oral - Minister for Rural and Community Development	8.03 p.m. - 9.33 p.m. (90 mins)
Topical Issues	9.33 p.m. - 10.21 p.m. (48 mins)
Adjournment	10.21 p.m.

Wednesday 15 November 2023 (9:10 a.m. - 9:31 p.m.)

Topical Issues	9.10 a.m. - 9.58 a.m. (48 mins)
Private Members' Business (Social Democrats)	9.58 a.m. - 12.00 p.m. (122 mins)
- Motion <i>re</i> Actions on Israel and Gaza	
Leaders' Questions (<i>Sinn Féin, Social Democrats, Independent Group, Rural 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)
Motion(s) without debate	1.04 p.m. - 1.05 p.m. (1 mins)
- Motion <i>re</i> Leave to Introduce Supplementary Estimates [Votes 5, 7, 29 and 42]	
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. - 5.01 p.m. (2 hrs 11 mins)
- Electoral (Amendment) Bill 2023 (Second Stage, resumed, if not previously concluded)*	
- Employment (Collective Redundancies and Miscellaneous Provisions) and Companies (Amendment) Bill 2023 (Second Stage)* (<i>Dept of Enterprise, Trade and Employment</i>)	

* Please note: if not previously concluded, debate shall be interrupted on these Bills either 2 hrs and 11 mins after the conclusion of the SOS or at 5 p.m., whichever is the later

Government Business

5.01 p.m. - 9.01 p.m. (4 hrs)

- Energy (Windfall Gains in the Energy Sector) (Cap on Market Revenues) Bill 2023 (Amendments from the Seanad) *(to commence no earlier than 5 p.m. and to conclude within 1 hr) (Dept of Environment, Climate and Communications)*
- Health (Termination of Pregnancy Services) (Safe Access Zones) Bill 2023 (Report and Final Stages) *(if not previously concluded, to adjourn 4 hrs after the commencement of the Energy (Windfall Gains in the Energy Sector) (Cap on Market Revenues) Bill 2023) (Dept of Health)*

Deferred Divisions

9.01 p.m. - 9.31 p.m. (30 mins)

Adjournment

9.31 p.m.

Thursday 16 November 2023 (10.30 a.m. ~~9:00 a.m.~~ - 8:03 p.m.)~~P.Q.s: Oral - Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs~~~~9.00 a.m. - 10.30 a.m. (90 mins)~~

P.Q.s: Oral - Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications

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)

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. - 6.00 p.m. (4 hrs 16 mins)

- Statements on Science Week *(not to exceed 147 minutes)*
- Employment (Collective Redundancies and Miscellaneous Provisions) and Companies (Amendment) Bill 2023 (Second Stage, resumed, if not previously concluded) *(to adjourn at 6 p.m., if not previously concluded)*

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)

- Protection of Children (Online Pornographic Material) Bill 2020 (Second Stage) *(Deputy Peadar Tóibín)*

Adjournment

8.03 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) parliamentary questions to the Taoiseach pursuant to Standing Order 46(1) shall not be taken and the proceedings on Second Stage of the Electoral (Amendment) Bill 2023 shall commence at the time when oral parliamentary questions to the Taoiseach would normally be taken;

- (ii) private members' business may be taken earlier than 6.12 p.m., and shall in any event be taken on the adjournment of the proceedings on the Electoral (Amendment) Bill 2023, or where Second Stage of that Bill concludes within the available time, on the conclusion thereof; and
- (iii) the time at which private members' business shall be taken shall have consequential effect on—
 - (a) the commencement time for the items following in the ordinary routine of business, namely, oral Parliamentary Questions to the Minister for Rural and Community Development and topical issues, and
 - (b) the time for the adjournment of the Dáil

Tuesday proposal no. 2 - Motion *re* Referral to Joint Committee of proposed approval by Dáil Éireann of Horse and Greyhound Racing Fund Regulations 2023

- To be taken without debate

Tuesday proposal no. 3 - Motion *re* Proposed approval by Dáil Éireann of the terms of the International Convention for the Control and Management of Ships' Ballast Water and Sediments

- To be taken without debate

Tuesday proposal no. 4 – Electoral (Amendment) Bill 2023

- The proceedings on Second Stage of the Electoral (Amendment) Bill 2023 shall, if not previously concluded, be interrupted and stand adjourned either after 2 hours and 56 minutes or at 6 p.m., whichever is the later, and shall not be resumed on Tuesday

Wednesday proposal no. 1 - Arrangements for business

- The ordinary routine of business as contained in Schedule 3 to Standing Orders shall be modified to extent that the weekly division time may be taken later than 8.45 p.m., and shall in any event be taken immediately following the interruption of the proceedings on the Health (Termination of Pregnancy Services) (Safe Access Zones) Bill 2023, or, where those proceedings conclude within the available time, on the conclusion thereof, with consequential effect on the time for the adjournment of the Dáil

Wednesday proposal no. 2 - Motion *re* Leave to Introduce Supplementary Estimates [Votes 5, 7, 29 and 42]

- To be taken without debate

Wednesday proposal no. 3 – Second Stages of Government Bills

- The proceedings on any Second Stage of a Government Bill shall, if not previously concluded, be interrupted either at 5 p.m. or 2 hours and 11 minutes after the conclusion of the SOS, whichever is the later, and no proceedings on any Second Stage of a Government Bill shall be taken or resumed on Wednesday after that time

Wednesday proposal no. 4 - Energy (Windfall Gains in the Energy Sector) (Cap on Market Revenues) Bill 2023

- The proceedings on the amendments from the Seanad of the Energy (Windfall Gains in the Energy Sector) (Cap on Market Revenues) Bill 2023 shall be taken no earlier than 5 p.m. and shall, if not previously concluded, be brought to a conclusion after 1 hour and any amendments from the Seanad not disposed of shall be decided by one question which shall be put from the Chair, and which shall, in relation to amendments to the Seanad amendments, include only those set down or accepted by the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications

Wednesday proposal no. 5 - Health (Termination of Pregnancy Services) (Safe Access Zones) Bill 2023

- The proceedings on Report and Final Stages of the Health (Termination of Pregnancy Services) (Safe Access Zones) Bill 2023 shall, if not previously concluded, be interrupted and stand adjourned 4 hours after the commencement of the proceedings on the amendments from the Seanad to the Energy (Windfall Gains in the Energy Sector) (Cap on Market Revenues) Bill 2023

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 meet at 10.30 a.m. when oral Parliamentary Questions to the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs shall not be taken and oral Parliamentary Questions pursuant to Standing Order 46(1) to the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications shall be taken: Provided that the rota of Questions as provided for in Standing Order 47(2) shall be otherwise unaffected; and
 - (ii) topical issues shall be taken either at 6 p.m., or on the conclusion of Government business, whichever is the earlier, and Second Stage of the Protection of Children (Online Pornographic Material) Bill 2020 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 Science Week

- The following arrangements shall apply in relation to the Statements on Science Week
 - (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

Thursday proposal no. 3 - Employment (Collective Redundancies and Miscellaneous Provisions) and Companies (Amendment) Bill 2023

- Any resumed proceedings on Second Stage of the Employment (Collective Redundancies and Miscellaneous Provisions) and Companies (Amendment) Bill 2023 shall, if not previously concluded, be interrupted and stand adjourned at 6 p.m., and the Bill shall not be resumed on Thursday

INDICATIVE BUSINESS FOR WEEK COMMENCING 21st NOVEMBER 2023

- Health Insurance Bill 2023 (Second Stage)
- Finance (No. 2) Bill 2023 (Report and Final Stages)

UPCOMING THURSDAY EVENING BUSINESS

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*)

14th December 2023: Local Government (Maternity and Family Leave for Elected Members) Bill 2021 (Second Stage) (*Deputy Holly Cairns*)

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