

REPORT OF THE BUSINESS COMMITTEE

ARRANGEMENTS FOR BUSINESS AND BUSINESS SCHEDULE FOR

TUESDAY TO THURSDAY, 21 - 23 NOVEMBER 2023

(AS AGREED AT ITS MEETING ON 16 NOVEMBER 2023)

Tuesday 21 November 2023 (2:00 p.m. - 11:52 p.m.)

Leaders' Questions (<i>Sinn Féin, Social Democrats, People Before Profit-Solidarity, Rural 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> Leave to introduce Supplementary Estimates for Public Services [Votes 2, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14, 17, 18, 20, 21, 22, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 37, 38, 40, 43 and 45] (<i>Dept of Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform</i>)	
- Motion <i>re</i> Supplementary Estimate for Public Services [Vote 29] (<i>Dept of Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform</i>)	
Taoiseach's Questions	3.05 p.m. - 3.50 p.m. (45 mins)
Government Business	3.50 p.m. - 7.32 p.m. (3 hrs 42 mins)
- Health Insurance (Amendment) Bill 2023 (Second Stage) (<i>to conclude after Minister's speech in response at the end of the first round</i>) (<i>Dept of Health</i>)	
Private Members' Business (Sinn Féin)	7.32 p.m. - 9.34 p.m. (122 mins)
- Motion <i>re</i> recruitment freeze in the health sector (working title)	
P.Q.s: Oral - Minister for Defence	9.34 p.m. - 11.04 p.m. (90 mins)
Topical Issues	11.04 p.m. - 11.52 p.m. (48 mins)
Adjournment	11.52 p.m.

Wednesday 22 November 2023 (9:10 a.m. - 9:46 p.m.)

Topical Issues	9.10 a.m. - 9.58 a.m. (48 mins)
Private Members' Business (People Before Profit-Solidarity)	9.58 a.m. - 12.00 p.m. (122 mins)
- Motion <i>re</i> Palestine (working title)	
Leaders' Questions (<i>Sinn Féin, Social Democrats, Regional 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)
Taoiseach's Questions	1.04 p.m. - 1.49 p.m. (45 mins)
SOS	1.49 p.m. - 2.49 p.m. (60 mins)
Government Business	2.49 p.m. - 9.16 p.m. (6 hrs 27 mins)
- Statements on Consultative Forum on International Security Policy Report (<i>not to exceed 147 minutes</i>) (<i>Dept of Foreign Affairs</i>)	

- Finance (No. 2) Bill 2023 (Report and Final Stages) *(to commence no earlier than 5 p.m. and to conclude within 4 hrs) (Dept of Finance)*

Deferred Divisions

9.16 p.m. - 9.46 p.m. (30 mins)

- Protection of Children (Online Pornographic Material) Bill 2020 (Second Stage) *(deferred division on Ministerial amendment) (Deputy Peadar Tóibín)*

Adjournment

9.46 p.m.

Thursday 23 November 2023 (9:00 a.m. - 8:33 p.m.)

P.Q.s: Oral - Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment 9.00 a.m. - 10.30 a.m. (90 mins)

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

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)

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

Government Business 1.44 p.m. - 6.30 p.m. (4 hrs 46 mins)

- Social Welfare Bill 2023 (Second Stage) *(if not previously concluded, to conclude at 6.30 p.m. or after 4 hrs 46 mins, whichever is the later) (Dept of Social Protection)*

Topical Issues 6.30 p.m. - 7.18 p.m. (48 mins)

Thursday evening business: Committee Report 7.18 p.m. - 8.33 p.m. (75 mins)

- Motion *re* Report entitled "Report on Banking 2022" *(Joint Committee on Finance, Public Expenditure and Reform, and Taoiseach)*

Adjournment

8.33 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) 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 Second Stage of the Health Insurance (Amendment) 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 Defence and topical issues

Tuesday proposal no. 2 - Motion *re* Leave to introduce Supplementary Estimates for Public Services [Votes 2, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14, 17, 18, 20, 21, 22, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 37, 38, 40, 43 and 45]

- To be taken without debate

Tuesday proposal no. 3 - Motion *re* Supplementary Estimate for Public Services [Vote 29]

- To be taken without debate

Tuesday proposal no. 4 - Health Insurance (Amendment) Bill 2023

- On Second Stage of the Health Insurance (Amendment) Bill 2023, on the conclusion of the first speaking round in accordance with the arrangements agreed by the Order of the Dáil of 30th July, 2020, and the Resolution of the Dáil of 20th 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 contained in Schedule 3 to Standing Orders shall be modified to the extent that 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 proceedings on the Finance (No. 2) Bill 2023, with consequential effect on the time for the adjournment of the Dáil

Wednesday proposal no. 2 - Statements on Consultative Forum on International Security Policy Report

- The following arrangements shall apply in relation to the Statements on the Consultative Forum on International Security Policy Report:
 - (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. 3 - Finance (No. 2) Bill 2023

- The proceedings on Report and Final Stages of the Finance (No.2) Bill 2023 shall be taken no earlier than 5 p.m. and shall, if not previously concluded, be brought to a conclusion after 4 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 Finance

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 may be taken earlier than 7.24 p.m. and shall in any event, be taken on the conclusion of Government business, and the Motion *re* Report entitled “Report on Banking 2022” 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 - Social Welfare Bill 2023

- The proceedings on the Second Stage of the Social Welfare Bill 2023 shall, if not previously concluded, be brought to a conclusion either at 6.30 p.m. or after 4 hours and 46 minutes, whichever is the later

MEMBERS DISSENTING

Deputy Mattie McGrath dissented in relation to the lack of a debate on inward migration and accommodation issues.

INDICATIVE BUSINESS

- Motion *re* Proposed Approval by Dáil Éireann of the Horse and Greyhound Racing Fund Regulations 2023 (*back from Committee*)
- Health Insurance (Amendment) Bill 2023 (Committee and remaining Stages)
- Electoral (Amendment) Bill 2023 (Report and Final Stages)
- Credit Union (Amendment) Bill 2022 [*Seanad*] (Report and Final Stages)

UPCOMING THURSDAY EVENING BUSINESS

30th November 2023: Motion *re* Special Report of the Ombudsman for Children

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

14th December 2023: Broadcasting (Amendment) Bill 2023 (Second Stage) – Deputy Patrick Costello

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