

# REPORT OF THE BUSINESS COMMITTEE

## ARRANGEMENTS FOR BUSINESS AND BUSINESS SCHEDULE FOR

TUESDAY TO THURSDAY, 28 - 30 NOVEMBER 2023

(AS AGREED AT ITS MEETING ON 23 NOVEMBER 2023)

### Tuesday 28 November 2023 (2:00 p.m. - 10:36 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)
Taoiseach's Questions	3.04 p.m. - 3.49 p.m. (45 mins)
<b>Government Business</b>	3.49 p.m. - 6.16 p.m. (147 mins)
- Statements on RTÉ Plan and the Future of Public Broadcasting ( <i>not to exceed 147 minutes</i> )	
<b>Private Members' Business (Sinn Féin)</b>	6.16 p.m. - 8.18 p.m. (122 mins)
- Motion <i>re</i> Irish neutrality	
P.Q.s: Oral - Minister for Public Expenditure, NDP Delivery and Reform	8.18 p.m. - 9.48 p.m. (90 mins)
Topical Issues	9.48 p.m. - 10.36 p.m. (48 mins)
Adjournment	10.36 p.m.

### Wednesday 29 November 2023 (9:10 a.m. - 9:34 p.m.)

Topical Issues	9.10 a.m. - 9.58 a.m. (48 mins)
<b>Private Members' Business (Regional Group)</b>	9.58 a.m. - 12.00 p.m. (122 mins)
- Capital Supply Service and Purpose Report Bill 2023 (Second Stage)	
Leaders' Questions ( <i>Sinn Féin, Labour Party, PBP-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)
SOS	1.04 p.m. - 2.35 p.m. (91 mins)
<b>Government Business</b>	2.35 p.m. - 9.04 p.m. (6 hrs 29 mins)
- Motion <i>re</i> Proposed approval by Dáil Éireann of the Horse and Greyhound Racing Fund Regulations 2023 ( <i>to conclude within 57 minutes</i> ) ( <i>Dept of Agriculture, Food, and the Marine</i> )	
- Health Insurance (Amendment) Bill 2023 – Motion for a Financial Resolution ( <i>to be taken no earlier than 3.30 p.m., without debate, and any division claimed to be taken immediately</i> ) ( <i>Dept of Health</i> )	
- Health Insurance (Amendment) Bill 2023 (Committee and remaining Stages) ( <i>to conclude within 60 mins</i> ) ( <i>Dept of Health</i> )	
- Electoral (Amendment) Bill 2023 (Report and Final Stages) ( <i>to conclude within 60 minutes</i> ) ( <i>Dept of Housing, Local Government and Heritage</i> )	
- Garda Síochána (Recording Devices) Bill 2022 (Amendments from the Seanad) ( <i>if not previously concluded, to adjourn after 90 minutes</i> ) ( <i>Dept of Justice</i> )	

- Credit Union (Amendment) Bill 2022 [*Seanad*] (Report and Final Stages) (if not previously concluded, to adjourn either at 9 p.m. or after two hours, whichever is the later) (Dept of Finance)
- Motions for Supplementary Estimates for Public Services [Votes 2, 5, 7, 9, 11 to 14, 17, 18, 20 to 22, 24 to 28, 30 to 34, 37, 38, 40, 42, 43 and 45] (to be moved together and decided without debate by one question) (Dept of Public Expenditure, NDP Delivery and Reform)

#### **Deferred Divisions**

9.04 p.m. - 9.34 p.m. (30 mins)

#### **Adjournment**

9.34 p.m.

### **Thursday 30 November 2023 (9:00 a.m. - 8:18 p.m.)**

P.Q.s: Oral - Minister for Transport

9.00 a.m. - 10.30 a.m. (90 mins)

P.Q.s: Oral - Minister for Education

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)

P.Q.s: Oral - Minister for Foreign Affairs

1.44 p.m. - 3.14 p.m. (90 mins)

#### **Government Business**

3.14 p.m. - 6.15 p.m. (3 hrs 1 min)

- Planning and Development Bill 2023 (Second Stage) (if not previously concluded, to adjourn either at 6.15 p.m. or after 3 hrs 1 min, whichever is the later) (Dept of Housing, Local Government and Heritage)

Topical Issues

6.15 p.m. - 7.03 p.m. (48 mins)

#### **Thursday evening business: Special Report**

7.03 p.m. - 8.18 p.m. (75 mins)

- Motion *re* Special Report by the Ombudsman for Children entitled "Safety and Welfare of Children in Direct Provision" (*Deputy Thomas Pringle*)

#### **Adjournment**

8.18 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 the time allotted to Government business shall be extended in accordance with the arrangements for the Statements on RTÉ and the Future of Public Broadcasting, 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 Public Expenditure, NDP Delivery and Reform, and topical issues, and on the time for the adjournment of the Dáil

## **Tuesday proposal no. 2 - Statements on RTÉ Plan and the Future of Public Broadcasting**

- The following arrangements shall apply in relation to the Statements on RTÉ Plan and the Future of Public Broadcasting:
  - (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;
  - (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; and
  - (iii) 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) oral Parliamentary Questions to the Taoiseach pursuant to Standing Order 46(1) shall not be taken, and the SOS pursuant to Standing Order 25(1) shall commence at the time when oral Parliamentary Questions to the Taoiseach would normally be taken, and shall continue until 2.35 p.m., with consequential effect on the commencement time for Government business;
  - (ii) the Motion for a Financial Resolution for the Health Insurance (Amendment) Bill 2023 shall be taken without debate immediately prior to Committee Stage of the Bill, but in any event no earlier than 3.30 p.m.;
  - (iii) the Motions for Supplementary Estimates for Public Services [Votes 2, 5, 7, 9, 11 to 14, 17, 18, 20 to 22, 24 to 28, 30 to 34, 37, 38, 40, 42, 43 and 45] shall be taken without debate on the interruption of proceedings on the Credit Union (Amendment) Bill 2022 [*Seanad*], or where that Bill concludes within its allotted time, on its conclusion; and
  - (iv) the weekly division time may be taken later than 8.45 p.m., and shall in any event be taken on the conclusion of proceedings on the Motions for Supplementary Estimates for Public Services [Votes 2, 5, 7, 9, 11 to 14, 17, 18, 20 to 22, 24 to 28, 30 to 34, 37, 38, 40, 42, 43 and 45], with consequential effect on the time for the adjournment of the Dáil

### **Wednesday proposal no. 2 – Capital Supply Service and Purpose Report Bill 2023**

- Notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 170(2), the proceedings on Second Stage of the Capital Supply Service and Purpose Report Bill 2023 shall, if not previously concluded, be brought to a conclusion after 2 hours

### **Wednesday proposal no. 3 - Motion *re* Proposed approval by Dáil Éireann of the Horse and Greyhound Racing Fund Regulations 2023**

- The proceedings on the Motion *re* Proposed approval by Dáil Éireann of the Horse and Greyhound Racing Fund Regulations 2023 shall, if not previously concluded, be brought to a conclusion after 57 minutes, and the following arrangements shall apply thereto:
  - (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 - Health Insurance (Amendment) Bill 2023 – Motion for a Financial Resolution**

- Any division claimed on the Motion for a Financial Resolution for the Health Insurance (Amendment) Bill 2023 shall be taken immediately

### **Wednesday proposal no. 5 - Health Insurance (Amendment) Bill 2023**

- The proceedings on Committee and remaining Stages of the Health Insurance (Amendment) Bill 2023 shall, if not previously concluded, be brought to a conclusion after 1 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 Health

### **Wednesday proposal no. 6 - Electoral (Amendment) Bill 2023**

- The proceedings on Report and Final Stages of the Electoral (Amendment) Bill 2023 shall, if not previously concluded, be brought to a conclusion after 1 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 Housing, Local Government and Heritage

**Wednesday proposal no. 7 - Garda Síochána (Recording Devices) Bill 2022**

- The proceedings on the amendments from the Seanad to the Garda Síochána (Recording Devices) Bill 2022 shall, if not previously concluded, be interrupted and stand adjourned after 1 hour and 30 minutes and shall not be resumed on Wednesday

**Wednesday proposal no. 8 - Credit Union (Amendment) Bill 2022 [*Seanad*]**

- The proceedings on Report and Final Stages of the Credit Union (Amendment) Bill 2022 [*Seanad*], shall, if not previously concluded, be interrupted and stand adjourned at either 9 p.m. or after 2 hours, whichever is the later, and shall not be resumed on Wednesday

**Wednesday proposal no. 9 – Motions for Supplementary Estimates for Public Services [Votes 2, 5, 7, 9, 11 to 14, 17, 18, 20 to 22, 24 to 28, 30 to 34, 37, 38, 40, 42, 43 and 45]**

- The Motions for Supplementary Estimates for Public Services [Votes 2, 5, 7, 9, 11 to 14, 17, 18, 20 to 22, 24 to 28, 30 to 34, 37, 38, 40, 42, 43 and 45] shall be moved together and decided by one question which shall be put from the Chair

**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) oral Parliamentary Questions to the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs shall be taken at the time when Government business would normally commence, and shall be followed by Government business: Provided that the rota of Questions as provided for in Standing Order 47(2) shall be otherwise unaffected; and
  - (ii) topical issues may be taken earlier than 7.24 p.m., and shall in any event be taken on the adjournment of Second Stage of the Planning and Development Bill 2023, or in the event Second Stage of that Bill concludes within the allotted time, on the conclusion thereof, and the Motion *re* Special Report of the Ombudsman for Children 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 - Planning and Development Bill 2023**

- The proceedings on Second Stage of the Planning and Development Bill 2023 shall, if not previously concluded, be interrupted and stand adjourned either at 6.15 p.m. or after 3 hours and 1 minute, whichever is the later

### **Thursday proposal no. 3 - Motion *re* Special Report by the Ombudsman for Children entitled “Safety and Welfare of Children in Direct Provision”**

- The arrangements as provided for in Standing Order 102 shall apply to the proceedings on the Motion *re* Special Report by the Ombudsman for Children entitled “Safety and Welfare of Children in Direct Provision”

### **MEMBERS DISSENTING**

Deputies Pádraig Mac Lochlainn, Duncan Smith, Cian O’ Callaghan, Bríd Smith, Mattie McGrath and Thomas Pringle dissented in relation to the scheduling of Second Stage of the Planning and Development Bill 2023.

### **INDICATIVE BUSINESS**

- Planning and Development Bill 2023 – Second Stage (resumed)
- Pre-European Council Statements
- Social Welfare (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2023 – Report and Final Stages

### **UPCOMING THURSDAY EVENING BUSINESS**

**7<sup>th</sup> December 2023:** Tenancy Protection Bill 2023 (Second Stage) – Deputy Cian O’Callaghan

**14<sup>th</sup> December 2023:** Broadcasting (Amendment) Bill 2023 (Second Stage) – Deputy Patrick Costello

**25<sup>th</sup> January 2024:** Children and Family Relationships (Amendment) Bill 2023 – Deputy Ivana Bacik

## **BUSINESS COMMITTEE**

**24 November 2023**