

REV(1) REPORT OF THE BUSINESS COMMITTEE

ARRANGEMENTS FOR BUSINESS AND BUSINESS SCHEDULE FOR

TUESDAY TO THURSDAY, 5 - 7 DECEMBER 2023

Tuesday 5 December 2023 (2:00 p.m. - 11:34 p.m.)

Leaders' Questions (<i>Sinn Féin, Social Democrats, Regional Group, 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 for a Supplementary Estimate for Public Services [Vote 26] <i>Dept of Public Expenditure, NDP Delivery and Reform</i>	
Taoiseach's Questions	3.05 p.m. - 3.50 p.m. (45 mins)
Government Business	3.50 p.m. - 7.14 p.m. (3 hrs 24 mins)
- Motion <i>re</i> Confidence in the Minister for Justice (<i>to conclude within 2 hrs 27 mins and any division claimed to be taken immediately</i>)	
- Motion <i>re</i> Proposal for a Decision amending Directive 2014/62/EU as regards certain reporting requirements (<i>to conclude within 57 minutes</i>) (<i>Dept of Justice</i>)	
Private Members' Business (Sinn Féin)	7.14 p.m. - 9.16 p.m. (122 mins)
- Motion <i>re</i> Renters	
P.Q.s: Oral - Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media	9.16 p.m. - 10.46 p.m. (90 mins)
Topical Issues	10.46 p.m. - 11.34 p.m. (48 mins)
<i>Adjournment</i>	11.34 p.m.

Wednesday 6 December 2023 (9:10 a.m. - 9:02 p.m.)

Topical Issues	9.10 a.m. - 9.58 a.m. (48 mins)
Private Members' Business (Rural Independent Group)	9.58 a.m. - 12.00 p.m. (122 mins)
- Motion <i>re</i> Immigration	
Leaders' Questions (<i>Sinn Féin, Labour Party, Regional Group, 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. - 3.41 p.m. (112 mins)
- Statements pre European Council meeting of 14 th -15 th December, pursuant to Standing Order 124 (<i>not to exceed 112 mins</i>)	
SOS	3.41 p.m. - 4.41 p.m. (60 mins)
Government Business	4.41 p.m. - 8.32 p.m. (3 hrs 51 mins)
- Planning and Development Bill 2023 (Second stage (resumed)) (<i>if not previously concluded, to adjourn either at 6 p.m. or after 1 hr 21 mins, whichever is the later</i>)	

- Social Welfare (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2023 (Report and Final Stages) *(to commence no earlier than 5 p.m., and to conclude within 90 mins) (Dept of Social Protection)*
- Criminal Justice (Engagement of Children in Criminal Activity) Bill 2023 (Report and Final Stages) *(if not previously concluded, to adjourn after 60 minutes) (Dept of Justice)*

Deferred Divisions 8.32 p.m. - 9.02 p.m. (30 mins)
Adjournment 9.02 p.m.

Thursday 7 December 2023 (9:00 a.m. - 9:03 p.m.)

P.Q.s: Oral - Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage 9.00 a.m. - 10.30 a.m. (90 mins)

P.Q.s: Oral - Minister for Social Protection 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. - 7.02 p.m. (5 hrs 18 mins)

- Motion *re* Delivery of a Rights-Based Care Economy in Ireland *(to conclude within 2 hrs 2 mins) (Oireachtas Women's Parliamentary Caucus)*

- Planning and Development Bill 2023 (Second Stage, resumed) *(if not previously concluded, to adjourn either at 7 p.m. or after 3 hrs 16 mins, whichever is the later)*

Topical Issues 7.02 p.m. - 7.50 p.m. (48 mins)

Thursday evening business: Private Member's Bill 7.50 p.m. - 9.05 p.m. (75 mins)

- Tenancy Protection Bill 2023 (Second Stage) *(Deputy Cian O'Callaghan)*

Adjournment 9.05 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 that business, 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 Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media, and topical issues

Tuesday proposal no. 2 – Motion *re* Confidence in the Minister for Justice

- The proceedings on the Motion *re* Confidence in the Minister for Justice shall, if not previously concluded, be brought to a conclusion after 2 hours and 27 minutes, with arrangements in accordance with—
 - (i) the Order of the Dáil of 30th July, 2020, for 135 minutes, and
 - (ii) the Resolution of the Dáil of 20th September, 2023, in relation to 2 minutes for non-aligned members,and a Minister or Minister of State shall be called upon to make a speech in reply which shall not exceed 10 minutes, and members may share time

Tuesday proposal no. 3 - Motion *re* Proposal for a Decision amending Directive 2014/62/EU as regards certain reporting requirements

- The proceedings on the Motion *re* Proposal for a Decision amending Directive 2014/62/EU as regards certain reporting requirements 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;
 - 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) the SOS pursuant to Standing Order 25(1) shall be taken immediately following the Statements pre European Council meeting of 14th-15th October, pursuant to Standing Order 124, which shall be taken on the conclusion of Parliamentary Questions to the Taoiseach pursuant to Standing Order 46(1), with consequential

effect on the time for commencement of Government business immediately following the SOS; and

- (ii) the weekly division time may be taken earlier than 8.45 p.m., and shall in any event be taken on the adjournment of proceedings on the Criminal Justice (Engagement of Children in Criminal Activity) Bill 2023, or where those proceedings conclude within one hour, on the conclusion thereof, with consequential effect on the time for the adjournment of the Dáil

Wednesday proposal no. 2 - Statements pre European Council meeting of 14th-15th December, pursuant to Standing Order 124

- The following arrangements shall apply in relation to the Statements pre European Council meeting of 14th-15th December, pursuant to Standing Order 124:
 - (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 30th July, 2020, and the Resolution of the Dáil of 20th 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. 3 - Planning and Development Bill 2023

- The resumed proceedings on Second Stage of the Planning and Development Bill 2023 shall, if not previously concluded, be interrupted and stand adjourned either at 6 p.m. or after 1 hour and 21 minutes, whichever is the later

Wednesday proposal no. 4 - Social Welfare (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2023

- The proceedings on Report and Final Stages of the Social Welfare (Miscellaneous Provisions) 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 30 minutes 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 Social Protection

Wednesday proposal no. 5 - Criminal Justice (Engagement of Children in Criminal Activity) Bill 2023

- The proceedings on the Report and Final Stages of the Criminal Justice (Engagement of Children in Criminal Activity) Bill 2023 shall, if not previously concluded, be interrupted and stand adjourned after 1 hour and shall not be resumed on Wednesday.

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 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 Second Stage of the Tenancy Protection Bill 2023 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 - Motion re Delivery of a Rights-Based Care Economy in Ireland

- The Motion *re* Delivery of a Rights-Based Care Economy in Ireland shall be taken in Government time immediately following the SOS and the proceedings thereon shall, if not previously concluded, be brought to a conclusion after 2 hours and 2 minutes, and the following arrangements shall apply thereto:
 - (i) the order of speaking and allocation of time shall be as follows:
 - opening speech by the proposer - 10 minutes;
 - speech by a Minister or Minister of State - 10 minutes;
 - speech by Government representative – 10 minutes;
 - speeches by representatives of Sinn Féin, the Labour Party, Social Democrats, People-Before-Profit-Solidarity, the Regional Group, the Rural Independent Group and the Independent Group - 10 minutes per party or group;
 - speeches by non-aligned members - 2 minutes;
 - a speech in response by a Minister or Minister of State - 10 minutes; and
 - a speech in response by the proposer - 10 minutes; and
 - (ii) members may share time

Thursday proposal no. 3 - Planning and Development Bill 2023

- Any resumed proceedings on the Second Stage of the Planning and Development Bill 2023 shall, if not previously concluded, be interrupted and stand adjourned either at 7 p.m. or after 3 hours and 16 minutes, whichever is the later

INDICATIVE BUSINESS

- Appropriation Bill 2023 – All Stages
- Local Government (Mayor Limerick) Bill 2023 – Report and Final Stages
- PMB (Independent Group) – Motion *re* amendment of Fossil Fuel Divestment Act 2018

UPCOMING THURSDAY EVENING BUSINESS

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

25th January 2024: Children and Family Relationships (Amendment) Bill 2023 (*Deputy Ivana Bacik*)

1st February 2024: Motion *re* Report on the Progress of the Sustainable Development Goals 2023 (*Committee on Social Protection, Community and Rural Development, and the Islands*)

BUSINESS COMMITTEE

5 December 2023