

REV(2) REPORT OF THE BUSINESS COMMITTEE

ARRANGEMENTS FOR BUSINESS AND BUSINESS SCHEDULE FOR

TUESDAY TO THURSDAY, 12 - 14 DECEMBER 2023

Tuesday 12 December 2023 (2:00 p.m. - 11.09 p.m.)

Leaders' Questions (<i>Sinn Féin, Labour Party, 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> Ministerial Rota for Parliamentary Questions	
Taoiseach's Questions	3.05 p.m. - 3.50 p.m. (45 mins)
Government Business	3.50 p.m. - 6.49 p.m. (2 hrs 59 mins)
- Appropriation Bill 2023 (Second Stage) (<i>to conclude within 1 hr 57 mins and any division claimed to be taken immediately prior to Committee Stage on Wednesday</i>) (<i>Dept of Public Expenditure, NDP Delivery and Reform</i>)	
- Local Government (Mayor of Limerick) Bill 2023 – Motion to Instruct the Committee (<i>to conclude within 62 mins and any division claimed to be taken immediately prior to Report Stage of the Bill</i>) (<i>Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage</i>)	
Private Members' Business (Sinn Féin)	6.49 - 8.51 p.m. (122 mins)
- Residential Tenancies (Deferment of Termination Dates of Certain Tenancies) (No. 2) Bill 2023 (Second Stage)	
P.Q.s: Oral - Minister for Justice	8.51 p.m. - 10.21 p.m. (90 mins)
Topical Issues	10.21 p.m. - 11.09 p.m. (48 mins)
Adjournment	11.09 p.m.

Wednesday 13 December 2023 (9:10 a.m. - ~~10.21 p.m.~~ 11:06 p.m.)

Topical Issues	9.10 a.m. - 9.58 a.m. (48 mins)
Private Members' Business (Independent Group)	9.58 a.m. - 12.00 p.m. (122 mins)
- Motion <i>re</i> Amendment of Fossil Fuel Divestment Act 2018	
Leaders' Questions (<i>Sinn Féin, Social Democrats, 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)
Bills for Introduction	1.04 p.m. - 1.09 p.m.
- Criminal Justice (Promotion of Restorative Justice) (Amendment) Bill 2023 (First Stage) (5 mins) (<i>Deputies Pa Daly, Maurice Quinlivan and Patricia Ryan</i>)	
Motion(s) without debate	1.09 p.m. - 1.10 p.m. (1 min)
- Motion <i>re</i> Presentation and Circulation of Revised Estimates 2024 (<i>Dept of Public Expenditure, NDP Delivery and Reform</i>)	
- Motion <i>re</i> Report of the Committee on Standing Orders and Dáil Reform on Rota for Leaders' Questions	
Taoiseach's Questions	1.10 p.m. - 1.55 p.m. (45 mins)

SOS	1.10 1.55 p.m. - 2.10 2.55 p.m. (60 mins)
Government Business	2.10 2.55 - 5.51 6.36 p.m. (3 hrs 41 mins)
- Digital Services Bill 2023 (Second Stage) (if not previously concluded, to adjourn either at 5.45 6.30 p.m. or after 3 hrs 41 mins, whichever is the later) (Dept of Enterprise, Trade & Employment)	
Private Business	5.51 6.36 - 6.51 7.36 p.m. (60 mins)
- The Royal Hibernian Academy (Amendment of Charter) Bill 2023 (Second and remaining Stages) (to commence no earlier than 5.30 p.m. and if not previously concluded, to adjourn after 60 minutes)	
Government Business	6.51 7.36 - 9.51 10.36 p.m. (3 hrs)
- Appropriation Bill 2023 (Committee and remaining Stages) (to conclude within 45 mins)	
- Finance (State Guarantees, International Financial Institution Funds and Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2023 (Report and Final Stages) (if not previously concluded, to adjourn after 45 mins) (Dept of Finance)	
- Local Government (Mayor of Limerick) Bill 2023 (Report and Final Stages) (if not previously concluded, to adjourn either at 10.30 p.m. or after 1 hr 30 mins, whichever is the later) (Dept of Housing, Local Government and Heritage)	
Deferred Divisions	9.51 10.36 p.m. - 10.21 11.06 p.m. (30 mins)
Adjournment	10.21 11.06 p.m.

Thursday 14 December 2023 (9:00 a.m. - 10:26 p.m.)

P.Q.s: Oral - Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine	9.00 a.m. - 10.30 a.m. (90 mins)
P.Q.s: Oral - Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth	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)
Government Business	1.44 p.m. - 9.38 p.m. (7 hrs 54 mins)
- Thirty-Ninth Amendment of the Constitution (The Family) Bill 2023 (Second Stage) (to conclude after first round) (Dept of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth)	
- Fortieth Amendment of the Constitution (Care) Bill 2023 (Second Stage) (to conclude after first round) (Dept of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth)	
- Digital Services Bill 2023 (Second Stage, resumed) (if not previously concluded, to adjourn at 9.34 p.m. or after 30 minutes, whichever is the later)	
Topical Issues	9.38 p.m. - 10.26 p.m. (48 mins)
Adjournment	10.26 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 may 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 Justice, and topical issues

Tuesday proposal no. 2 – Motion *re* Ministerial Rota for Parliamentary Questions

- To be taken without debate

Tuesday proposal no. 3 - Appropriation Bill 2023

- In relation to proceedings on Second Stage of the Appropriation Bill 2023, the following arrangements shall apply:
 - (i) the first speaking round shall be in accordance with the arrangements agreed by—
 - (a) the Order of the Dáil of 30th July, 2020, for Second Stage, save that the times shall be halved in each case, and
 - (b) the Resolution of the Dáil of 20th September, 2023, in relation to 2 minutes for non-aligned members; and
 - (ii) on the conclusion of the first speaking round, 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: Provided that any division claimed on the Second Stage proceedings shall be taken immediately prior to Committee Stage of the Bill on Wednesday

Tuesday proposal no. 4 - Local Government (Mayor of Limerick) Bill 2023 – Motion to Instruct the Committee

- The proceedings on the motion to instruct the Committee on the Local Government (Mayor of Limerick) Bill 2023 shall, if not previously concluded, be brought to a conclusion after 62 minutes, and shall be confined to a single speaking round, with the contributions of a

Minister or Minister of State and of a representative of Sinn Féin, the Labour Party, Social Democrats, People-Before-Profit Solidarity, the Regional Group, the Rural Independent Group, and the Independent Group (who shall be called in that order) not exceeding 7.5 minutes each, and the contributions of non-aligned members (who shall be called as the last speakers) not exceeding 2 minutes in the aggregate, and members may share time: Provided that any division claimed on the proceedings shall be taken immediately prior to Report Stage of the Bill on Wednesday

Tuesday proposal no. 5 - Residential Tenancies (Deferment of Termination Dates of Certain Tenancies) (No. 2) Bill 2023

- Notwithstanding anything in Standing Order 170(2), the proceedings on Second Stage of the Residential Tenancies (Deferment of Termination Dates of Certain Tenancies) (No. 2) Bill 2023 shall, if not previously concluded, be brought to a conclusion after two hours

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, with consequential effect on the commencement time for Government business; and
 - (ii) the Dáil may sit later than 9.30 p.m., and the weekly division time may be taken later than 8.45 p.m. and shall in any event be taken on the adjournment of proceedings on the Local Government (Mayor of Limerick) Bill 2023, or where those proceedings conclude within the allotted time, on the conclusion thereof

Wednesday proposal no. 2 – Motion *re* Presentation and Circulation of Revised Estimates 2024

- To be taken without debate

Wednesday proposal no. 3 – Motion *re* Rota for Leaders' Questions

- To be taken without debate

Wednesday proposal no. 4 - Digital Services Bill 2023

- The proceedings on Second Stage of the Digital Services Bill 2023 shall, if not previously concluded, be interrupted and stand adjourned either at 5.45 ~~6.30~~ p.m. or after 3 hours and 41 minutes, whichever is the later

Wednesday proposal no. 5 - The Royal Hibernian Academy (Amendment of Charter) Bill 2023

- Notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 39, and in accordance with the provisions of Standing Order 34A(1), the following arrangements shall apply to the proceedings on Second and remaining Stages of the Royal Hibernian Academy (Amendment of Charter) Bill 2023:
 - (i) the proceedings shall commence no earlier than 5.30 p.m. and shall, if not previously concluded, be interrupted and stand adjourned after 1 hour and shall not be resumed on Wednesday;
 - (ii) any division claimed on Second Stage shall be taken immediately; and
 - (iii) speeches on Second Stage shall not exceed 10 minutes and members may share time

Wednesday proposal no. 6 - Appropriation Bill 2023

- The proceedings on Committee and remaining Stages of the Appropriation Bill 2023 shall, if not previously concluded, be brought to a conclusion after 45 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 Public Expenditure, NDP Delivery and Reform

Wednesday proposal no. 7 - Finance (State Guarantees, International Financial Institution Funds and Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2023

- The proceedings on Report and Final Stages of the Finance (State Guarantees, International Financial Institution Funds and Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2023 shall, if not previously concluded, be interrupted and stand adjourned after 45 minutes

Wednesday proposal no. 8 - Local Government (Mayor of Limerick) Bill 2023

- The proceedings on the Report and Final Stages of the Local Government (Mayor of Limerick) Bill 2023 shall, if not previously concluded, be interrupted and stand adjourned either at 10.30 p.m. or after 1 hour and 30 minutes, whichever is the later

Thursday proposal no. 1 - Arrangements for business

- The following arrangements shall apply in relation to Thursday:
 - (i) the Dáil may sit later than 9.27 p.m. and shall adjourn on the conclusion of topical issues which shall be taken as the last item of business;
 - (ii) no motion for a Committee report pursuant to Standing Order 102 or private member's Bill pursuant to Standing Order 160 shall be taken; and
 - (iii) the Dáil on its rising shall adjourn until 2 p.m. on Wednesday, 17th January, 2024

Thursday proposal no. 2 - Thirty-Ninth Amendment of the Constitution (The Family) Bill 2023

- On Second Stage of the Thirty-Ninth Amendment of the Constitution (The Family) 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: Provided that any division claimed on the Second Stage proceedings shall be taken immediately prior to Committee Stage of the Bill

Thursday proposal no. 3 - Fortieth Amendment of the Constitution (Care) Bill 2023

- On Second Stage of the Fortieth Amendment of the Constitution (Care) 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: Provided that any division claimed on the Second Stage proceedings shall be taken immediately prior to Committee Stage of the Bill

Thursday proposal no. 4 - Digital Services Bill 2023

- Any resumed proceedings on Second Stage of the Digital Services Bill 2023 shall, if not previously concluded, be interrupted and stand adjourned either at 9.34 p.m. or after 30 minutes, whichever is the later, and the Bill shall not be resumed on Thursday

MEMBERS DISSENTING

Deputies Pádraig MacLochlainn, Duncan Smith, Cian O'Callaghan, Richard Boyd Barrett, Thomas Pringle and Mattie McGrath dissented in relation to the lack of a debate on child and family homelessness before the Christmas recess.

UPCOMING THURSDAY EVENING BUSINESS

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

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

8th February 2024: Commissions of Investigation (Amendment) Bill 2023 (Second Stage) (*Deputy Kathleen Funchion*)

15th February 2024: Broadcasting (Amendment) Bill 2023 (Second Stage) (*Deputy Patrick Costello*)

Business Committee
12 December 2023