

REPORT OF THE BUSINESS COMMITTEE

ARRANGEMENTS FOR BUSINESS AND BUSINESS SCHEDULE FOR TUESDAY TO THURSDAY, 30 JANUARY 2024 - 1 FEBRUARY 2024 (AS AGREED AT ITS MEETING ON 25 JANUARY 2024)

Tuesday 30 January 2024 (2:00 p.m. - 11:42 p.m.)

Leaders' Questions (<i>Sinn Féin, Labour Party, Rural Independent 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> Ministerial Rota for Parliamentary Questions	
Taoiseach's Questions	3.05 p.m. - 3.50 p.m. (45 mins)
Government Business	3.50 p.m. - 7.22 p.m. (3 hrs 32 mins)
- Statements on the Coordination of Services for those Seeking Protection in Ireland (working title) (<i>not to exceed 212 mins</i>) (<i>Dept of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth</i>)	
Private Members' Business (Sinn Féin)	7.22 p.m. - 9.24 p.m. (122 mins)
- Motion <i>re</i> Ruling of ICJ	
P.Q.s: Oral - Minister for Rural and Community Development	9.24 p.m. - 10.54 p.m. (90 mins)
Topical Issues	10.54 p.m. - 11.42 p.m. (48 mins)
Adjournment	11.42 p.m.

Wednesday 31 January 2024 (9:10 a.m. - 11:16 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)
- Misuse of Drugs (Cannabis Regulation) Bill 2022 (Second Stage)	
Leaders' Questions (<i>Sinn Féin, Labour Party, People Before Profit-Solidarity, Regional 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 min)
- Motion <i>re</i> Consideration of Estimates by Committees	
Taoiseach's Questions	1.05 p.m. - 1.20 p.m. (15 mins)
SOS	1.20 p.m. - 2.20 p.m. (60 mins)
Government Business	2.20 p.m. - 10.46 p.m. (8 hrs 26 mins)
- Research and Innovation Bill 2023 (Second Stage) (<i>if not previously concluded, to adjourn either at 4.45 p.m. or after 2 hrs 26 mins, whichever is the later</i>) (<i>Dept of Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science</i>)	
- Social Welfare and Civil Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2023 [<i>changed from</i> Social Welfare (Liable Relatives and Child Maintenance) Bill 2023] (Report and Final Stages) (<i>to commence no earlier than 4.30 p.m. and if not previously concluded, to adjourn after 2 hrs</i>) (<i>Dept of Social Protection</i>)	

- Policing, Security and Community Safety Bill 2023 (Amendments from the Seanad) *(if not previously concluded, to adjourn after 2 hrs) (Dept of Justice)*
- Employment Permits Bill 2022 (Report and Final Stages) *(if not previously concluded, to adjourn either at 10.45 p.m. or after 2 hrs, whichever is the later) (Dept of Enterprise, Trade and Employment)*

Deferred Divisions 10.46 p.m. - 11.16 p.m. (30 mins)

- Children and Family Relationships (Amendment) Bill 2023 (Second Stage) *(deferred division on Ministerial amendment)*

Adjournment 11.16 p.m.

Thursday 1 February 2024 (9:00 a.m. - 6:03 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 Finance 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. - 4.00 p.m. (2 hrs 16 mins)

- Research and Innovation Bill 2023 (Second Stage, resumed, if not previously concluded) *(to adjourn at 4 p.m., if not previously concluded)*

Topical Issues 4.00 p.m. - 4.48 p.m. (48 mins)

Thursday evening business: Committee Report 4.48 p.m. - 6.03 p.m. (75 mins)

- Motion *re* Report entitled "Report on the progress of the Sustainable Development Goals 2023" *(Committee on Social Protection, Community and Rural Development and the Islands)*

Adjournment 6.03 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) 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 Statements on the Coordination of Services for those Seeking Protection in Ireland, 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 Rural and Community Development, and topical issues

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

- The proceedings on the Motion *re* Ministerial Rota for Parliamentary Questions shall be taken without debate

Tuesday proposal no. 3 - Statements on the Coordination of Services for those Seeking Protection in Ireland (working title)

- The Statements on the Coordination of Services for those Seeking Protection in Ireland shall not exceed 212 minutes and the following arrangements shall apply thereto:
 - (i) the arrangements for the statements, not including the Ministerial response, shall be in accordance with the arrangements agreed by Order of the Dáil of 30th July, 2020, for 200 minutes, and the Resolution of the Dáil of 20th September, 2023, providing for two minutes for non-aligned members;
 - (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) in the event the Taoiseach is unable to attend for questions pursuant to Standing Order 46(1), the SOS pursuant to Standing Order 25(1) may take place earlier than 1.49 p.m., 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 Employment Permits Bill 2022, or where those proceedings conclude within the allotted time, on the conclusion thereof

Wednesday proposal no. 2 - Misuse of Drugs (Cannabis Regulation) Bill 2022

- Notwithstanding anything in Standing Order 170(2), the proceedings on Second Stage of the Misuse of Drugs (Cannabis Regulation) Bill 2022 shall, if not previously concluded, be brought to a conclusion after two hours

Wednesday proposal no. 3 – Motion *re* Consideration of Estimates by Committees

- The proceedings on the Motion *re* Consideration of Estimates by Committees shall be taken without debate

Wednesday proposal no. 4 - Research and Innovation Bill 2023

- The proceedings on Second Stage of the Research and Innovation Bill 2023 shall, if not previously concluded, be interrupted and stand adjourned either at 4.45 p.m. or after 2 hours and 26 minutes, whichever is the later, and shall not be resumed on Wednesday

Wednesday proposal no. 5 - Social Welfare and Civil Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2023 [*changed from* Social Welfare (Liable Relatives and Child Maintenance) Bill 2023]

- The proceedings on the Report and Final Stages of the Social Welfare and Civil Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2023 [*changed from* Social Welfare (Liable Relatives and Child Maintenance) Bill 2023] shall commence no earlier than 4.30 p.m., shall, if not previously concluded, be interrupted and stand adjourned after 2 hours, and shall not be resumed on Wednesday

Wednesday proposal no. 6 - Policing, Security and Community Safety Bill 2023

- The proceedings on the amendments from the Seanad to the Policing, Security and Community Safety Bill 2023 shall, if not previously concluded, be interrupted and stand adjourned after 2 hours, and shall not be resumed on Wednesday

Wednesday proposal no. 7 - Employment Permits Bill 2022

- The proceedings on the Report and Final Stages of the Employment Permits Bill 2022 shall, if not previously concluded, be interrupted and stand adjourned either at 10.45 p.m. or after 2 hours, whichever is the later, and shall not be resumed on Wednesday

Thursday proposal no. 1 - Time for topical issues and Thursday evening business

- The following arrangements shall apply in relation to Thursday:
 - (i) 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 interruption or conclusion of proceedings on Second Stage of the Research and Innovation Bill 2023, or where those proceedings conclude before Thursday, immediately following the SOS, with consequential effect on the commencement time for the Motion *re* Report entitled "Report on the

progress of the Sustainable Development Goals 2023", and on the time for the adjournment of the Dáil; and

(ii) the Dáil on its rising shall adjourn until 2 p.m. on Wednesday, 7th February, 2024

Thursday proposal no. 2 - Research and Innovation Bill 2023

- Any resumed proceedings on Second Stage of the Research and Innovation Bill 2023 shall, if not previously concluded, be interrupted and stand adjourned at 4 p.m., and shall not be resumed on Thursday

INDICATIVE BUSINESS

- Financial Services and Pensions Ombudsman (Amendment) Bill 2023 (Second Stage)

UPCOMING THURSDAY EVENING BUSINESS

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

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

22 February 2024: Motion *re* Report entitled "Unfinished Democracy: Achieving Gender Equality" (*Deputy Ivana Bacik*)

29 February 2024: Motion *re* Report entitled "Final Report on the Joint Committee on Autism" (*Committee on Autism*)

7 March 2024: Motion *re* Report entitled "Report on the examination of recommendations of the Citizens' Assembly report on biodiversity loss" (*Committee on Environment and Climate Action*)

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26 January 2024