

# REPORT OF THE BUSINESS COMMITTEE

## ARRANGEMENTS FOR BUSINESS AND BUSINESS SCHEDULE FOR

WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY, 7 - 8 FEBRUARY 2024

(AS AGREED AT ITS MEETING ON 1 FEBRUARY 2024)

### Wednesday 7 February 2024 (2:00 p.m. - 9:51 p.m.)

Leaders' Questions (*Sinn Féin, Social Democrats, Independent Group, Rural Independent Group*) 2.00 p.m. - 2.34 p.m. (34 mins)

Order of Business and Questions on Policy or Legislation 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 *re* Report of the Joint Committee on Finance, Public Expenditure and Reform, and Taoiseach under Dáil Standing Order 133 on a Proposal for a Council Directive on Business in Europe: Framework for Income Taxation (BEFIT), COM(2023)532 (*Committee on Finance, Public Expenditure and Reform, and Taoiseach*)

**Government Business** 3.05 p.m. - 7.01 p.m. (3 hrs 56 mins)

- Coroners (Amendment) Bill 2024 [*Seanad*] (Second Stage) (*if not previously concluded, to adjourn either at 7 p.m., or after 3 hrs 56 mins, whichever is the later*) (*Dept of Justice*)

**Private Members' Business (Sinn Féin)** 7.01 p.m. - 9.03 p.m. (122 mins)

- Motion *re* Tax Relief for Landlords

Topical Issues 9.03 p.m. - 9.51 p.m. (48 mins)

Adjournment 9.51 p.m.

### Thursday 8 February 2024 (9:00 a.m. - 8:20 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 Public Expenditure, NDP Delivery and Reform 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. - 5.30 p.m. (3 hrs 46 mins)

- Financial Services and Pensions Ombudsman (Amendment) Bill 2023 (Second Stage) (*if not previously concluded, to adjourn either at 5.30 p.m. or after 3 hrs 46 mins, whichever is the later*) (*Dept of Finance*)

**Private Members' Business (Regional Group)** 5.30 p.m. - 7.32 p.m. (122 mins)

- Motion *re* Business Costs for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises

Topical Issues 7.32 p.m. - 8.20 p.m. (48 mins)

Adjournment 8.20 p.m.

The proposed arrangements for the taking of business are as follows:

### **ARRANGEMENTS FOR BUSINESS**

#### **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, notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 34A(1)—
  - (i) questions to the Taoiseach pursuant to Standing Order 46(1) shall not be taken, and Government business shall be taken at the time when such questions would normally be taken;
  - (ii) private members' business may be taken later than 6.12 p.m. and shall in any event be taken on the adjournment of proceedings on Second Stage of the Coroners (Amendment) Bill 2024 [*Seanad*], or where those proceedings conclude within the allotted time, on the conclusion thereof;
  - (iii) questions pursuant to Standing Order 46(1) to a Minister other than the Taoiseach shall not be taken; and
  - (iv) the Dáil shall adjourn on the conclusion of topical issues pursuant to Standing Order 37 which shall be taken on the conclusion of private members' business

#### **Wednesday proposal no. 2 – Motion *re* Report of the Joint Committee on Finance, Public Expenditure and Reform, and Taoiseach under Dáil Standing Order 133 on a Proposal for a Council Directive on Business in Europe: Framework for Income Taxation (BEFIT), COM(2023)532**

- The proceedings on the Motion *re* Report of the Joint Committee on Finance, Public Expenditure and Reform, and Taoiseach under Dáil Standing Order 133 on a Proposal for a Council Directive on Business in Europe: Framework for Income Taxation (BEFIT), COM(2023)532 shall be taken without debate

#### **Wednesday proposal no. 3 - Coroners (Amendment) Bill 2024 [*Seanad*]**

- The proceedings on Second Stage of the Coroners (Amendment) Bill 2024 [*Seanad*] shall, if not previously concluded, be interrupted and stand adjourned either at 7.00 p.m. or after 3 hours and 56 minutes, whichever is the later, 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 following extent:
  - (i) 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 private members' business pursuant to Standing Order 159(1) and Standing Order 169 shall be taken for 122 minutes on the adjournment of proceedings on the Financial Services and Pensions Ombudsman (Amendment) Bill 2023, or where those proceedings conclude within the allotted time, on the conclusion thereof; and
  - (ii) topical issues shall be taken on the conclusion of private members' business, and the Dáil shall adjourn on the conclusion thereof

### **Thursday proposal no. 2 - Financial Services and Pensions Ombudsman (Amendment) Bill 2023**

- The proceedings on Second Stage of the Financial Services and Pensions Ombudsman (Amendment) Bill 2023 shall, if not previously concluded, be interrupted and stand adjourned either at 5.30 p.m. or after 3 hours and 46 minutes, whichever is the later, and shall not be resumed on Thursday

### **MEMBERS DISSENTING**

Deputies Denis Naughten, Cian O' Callaghan, Mattie McGrath and Thomas Pringle dissented in relation to the timing of the private members' business slot on Thursday evening.

### **INDICATIVE BUSINESS**

- Road Traffic Bill 2024 (Second Stage)
- Statements on Northern Ireland

### **UPCOMING THURSDAY EVENING BUSINESS**

**15<sup>th</sup> February 2024:** Commissions of Investigation (Amendment) Bill 2023 (Second Stage) (*Deputy Kathleen Funchion*)

**22<sup>nd</sup> February 2024:** Broadcasting (Amendment) Bill 2023 (Second Stage) (*Deputy Patrick Costello*)

**29<sup>th</sup> February 2024:** Motion *re* Report entitled "Unfinished Democracy: Achieving Gender Equality" (*Deputy Ivana Bacik*)

**7<sup>th</sup> March 2024:** Motion *re* Report entitled "Final Report on the Joint Committee on Autism" (*Committee on Autism*)

**11<sup>th</sup> April 2024:** Motion *re* Report entitled “Report on the examination of the recommendations of the Citizens’ Assembly’s Report on biodiversity loss” (*Committee on Environment and Climate Action*)

**BUSINESS COMMITTEE**

***2 February 2024***