

REPORT OF THE BUSINESS COMMITTEE

ARRANGEMENTS FOR BUSINESS AND BUSINESS SCHEDULE FOR

TUESDAY TO THURSDAY, 13 - 15 FEBRUARY 2024

(AS AGREED AT ITS MEETING ON 8 FEBRUARY 2024)

Tuesday 13 February 2024 (2:00 p.m. - 10:51 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 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 <i>re</i> 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 (<i>Committee on Finance, Public Expenditure and Reform, and Taoiseach</i>)	
Taoiseach's Questions	3.05 p.m. - 3.50 p.m. (45 mins)
Government Business	3.50 p.m. - 6.31 p.m. (2 hrs 41 mins)
- Road Traffic Bill 2024 (Second Stage) (<i>if not previously concluded, to adjourn either at 6.30 p.m. or after 2 hrs 41 mins, whichever is the later</i>) (<i>Dept of Transport</i>)	
Private Members' Business (Sinn Féin)	6.31 p.m. - 8.33 p.m. (122 mins)
- Motion <i>re</i> Reform of the Television Licence Fee Model (working title)	
P.Q.s: Oral - Minister for Education	8.33 p.m. - 10.03 p.m. (90 mins)
Topical Issues	10.03 p.m. - 10.51 p.m. (48 mins)
Adjournment	10.51 p.m.

Wednesday 14 February 2024 (9:10 a.m. - 11:05 p.m.)

Topical Issues	9.10 a.m. - 9.58 a.m. (48 mins)
Private Members' Business (Regional Group)	9.58 a.m. - 12.00 p.m. (122 mins)
- Motion <i>re</i> Business Costs for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises	
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)
Motion(s) without debate	1.04 p.m. - 1.05 p.m. (1 min)
- Revised Estimates for Public Services 2024 [Votes 7 to 15, 17 to 22, 24 to 28, 30 to 33 and 35 to 45] (<i>back from Committee</i>) (<i>Dept of Public Expenditure, NDP Delivery, and Reform</i>)	
Taoiseach's Questions	1.05 p.m. - 1.50 p.m. (45 mins)
SOS	1.50 p.m. - 2.50 p.m. (60 mins)
Government Business	2.50 p.m. - 10.35 p.m. (7 hrs 45 mins)
- Motions (3) <i>re</i> Proposed approval by Dáil Éireann of the proposals for recommendations for Council Decisions authorising the opening of negotiations for agreements between the European	

Union and Iceland, the Kingdom of Norway and the Swiss Confederation on the transfer of Passenger Name Record data *(to be moved separately but debated together, and to conclude within 57 minutes)* (Dept of Justice)

- Statements on recent developments in Northern Ireland *(not to exceed 3 hrs 32 mins)* (Dept of Foreign Affairs)

- Road Traffic Bill 2024 (Second Stage, resumed, if not previously concluded) *(if not previously concluded, to adjourn either at 8.30 p.m. or after 1 hr 16 mins, whichever is the later)*

- Coroners (Amendment) Bill 2024 [*Seanad*] (Committee and remaining Stages) *(to commence no earlier than 7.30 p.m. and if not previously concluded, to adjourn either at 10.30 p.m. or after 2 hrs, whichever is the later)* (Dept of Justice)

Deferred Divisions

10.35 p.m. - 11.05 p.m. (30 mins)

Adjournment

11.05 p.m.

Thursday 15 February 2024 (9:00 a.m. - 5:34 p.m.)

P.Q.s: Oral - Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media 9.00 a.m. - 10.30 a.m. (90 mins)

P.Q.s: Oral - Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage 10.30 a.m. - 12.00 p.m. (90 mins)

Leaders' Questions (*Sinn Féin, Labour Party, 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. - 3.31 p.m. (1 hr 47 mins)

- Statements and Q&A on Sustainable Fisheries Sector and Coastal Communities *(not to exceed 1 hr 47 mins)* (Dept of Agriculture, Food and the Marine)

Topical Issues 3.31 p.m. - 4.19 p.m. (48 mins)

Thursday evening business: Private Member's Bill 4.19 p.m. - 5.34 p.m. (75 mins)

- Commissions of Investigation (Amendment) Bill 2023 (Second Stage) (*Deputy Kathleen Funchion*)

Adjournment 5.34 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 the Road Traffic Bill 2024, 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 Education, and topical issues

Tuesday 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

Tuesday proposal no. 3 - Road Traffic Bill 2024

- The proceedings on Second Stage of the Road Traffic Bill 2024 shall, if not previously concluded, be interrupted and stand adjourned either at 6.30 p.m. or after 2 hours and 41 minutes, whichever is the later, and shall not be resumed on Tuesday

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 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 Coroners (Amendment) Bill 2024 [*Seanad*], or where those proceedings conclude within the allotted time, on the conclusion thereof

Wednesday proposal no. 2 - Revised Estimates for Public Services 2023 [Votes 7 to 15, 17 to 22, 24 to 28, 30 to 33 and 35 to 45]

- The Motions for Revised Estimates for Public Services 2023 [Votes 7 to 15, 17 to 22, 24 to 28, 30 to 33 and 35 to 45] shall be moved together and decided without debate by one question which shall be put from the Chair

Wednesday proposal no. 3 - Motions (3) *re* Proposed approval by Dáil Éireann of the proposals for recommendations for Council Decisions authorising the opening of negotiations for agreements between the European Union and Iceland, the Kingdom of Norway and the Swiss Confederation on the transfer of Passenger Name Record data

- The Motions *re* Proposed approval by Dáil Éireann of the proposals for recommendations for Council Decisions authorising the opening of negotiations for agreements between the European Union and Iceland, the Kingdom of Norway and the Swiss Confederation on the transfer of Passenger Name Record data shall be debated together and the

proceedings thereon shall, if not previously concluded, be brought to a conclusion after 57 minutes, and the following arrangements shall apply:

- (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 - Statements on recent developments in Northern Ireland

- The Statements on recent developments in Northern Ireland shall not exceed 3 hours and 32 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. 5 - Road Traffic Bill 2024

- Any resumed proceedings on Second Stage of the Road Traffic Bill 2024 shall, if not previously concluded, be interrupted and stand adjourned either at 8.30 p.m. or after 1 hour and 16 minutes, whichever is the later, and the Bill shall not be resumed on Wednesday

Wednesday proposal no. 6 - Coroners (Amendment) Bill 2024 [*Seanad*]

- The proceedings on Committee and remaining Stages of the Coroners (Amendment) Bill 2024 [*Seanad*] shall commence no earlier than 7.30 p.m. and shall, if not previously concluded, be interrupted and stand adjourned either at 10.30 p.m. or after 2 hours, 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 extent that topical issues may be taken earlier than 7.24 p.m. and shall in any event be taken on the conclusion of proceedings on Statements and Q&A on Sustainable Fisheries Sector and Coastal Communities, and the Second Stage of the Commissions of Investigation (Amendment) 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 - Statements and Q&A on Sustainable Fisheries Sector and Coastal Communities

- The Statements and Q&A on Sustainable Fisheries Sector and Coastal Communities shall not exceed 1 hour 47 minutes, and the following arrangements shall apply thereto:
 - (i) the order of speaking and allocation of time shall be as follows:-
 - opening statement by a Minister or Minister of State - 10 minutes;
 - time for member of a Government party – 15 minutes;
 - time for representative of Sinn Féin - 15 minutes;
 - time for representatives of 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;
 - time for non-aligned members – 2 minutes; and
 - a statement in response by the Minister – 5 minutes;
 - (ii) members may use their time for a combination of statements and questions and answers, or questions and answers only; and
 - (iii) members may share time

INDICATIVE BUSINESS

- Health (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2024 (Second Stage)
- Court Proceedings (Delays) Bill 2023 (Report and Final Stages)

UPCOMING THURSDAY EVENING BUSINESS

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

29th February 2024: Motion *re* Report entitled “Unfinished Democracy: Achieving Gender Equality” (*Deputy Ivana Bacik*)

7th March 2024: Motion *re* Report entitled “Final Report on the Joint Committee on Autism”
(*Committee on Autism*)

11th 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

9 February 2024