

REPORT OF THE BUSINESS COMMITTEE

ARRANGEMENTS FOR BUSINESS AND BUSINESS SCHEDULE FOR

TUESDAY TO THURSDAY, 20 - 22 FEBRUARY 2024

(AS AGREED AT ITS MEETING ON 15 FEBRUARY 2024)

Tuesday 20 February 2024 (2:00 p.m. - 10:02 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 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> the Committee on the Irish Language, Gaeltacht and the Irish-speaking Community meeting in Galway city on 8 March 2024 (<i>Committee on Irish Language, Gaeltacht and the Irish-speaking Community</i>)	
Taoiseach's Questions	3.05 p.m. - 3.50 p.m. (45 mins)
Government Business	3.50 p.m. - 5.42 p.m. (1 hr 52 mins)
- Statements on the Second Anniversary of Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine (<i>not to exceed 1 hr 52 mins</i>) (<i>Dept of Foreign Affairs</i>)	
Private Members' Business (Sinn Féin)	5.42 p.m. - 7.44 p.m. (122 mins)
- Motion <i>re</i> Paediatric Orthopaedic and Urology Services	
P.Q.s: Oral - Minister for Social Protection	7.44 p.m. - 9.14 p.m. (90 mins)
Topical Issues	9.14 p.m. - 10.02 p.m. (48 mins)
Adjournment	10.02 p.m.

Wednesday 21 February 2024 (9:10 a.m. - 9:03 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> Healthcare Provision in Rural Communities	
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 Committee	
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. - 8.33 p.m. (5 hrs 43 mins)
- Motion <i>re</i> Proposed approval by Dáil Éireann of the Civil Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2022 (Section 4(2)) (Scheme Termination Date) Order 2024 (<i>to conclude within 57 mins</i>) (<i>Dept of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth</i>)	

- Health (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2024 (Second Stage) *(if not previously concluded, to adjourn either at 5.30 p.m. or after 1 hr 46 mins, whichever is the later) (Dept of Health)*
- Human Tissue (Transplantation, Post-Mortem, Anatomical Examination and Public Display) Bill 2022 (Amendments from the Seanad) *(to commence no earlier than 5 p.m. and if not previously concluded, to adjourn after 2 hrs) (Dept of Health)*
- Court Proceedings (Delays) Bill 2023 (Order for Report) *(if not previously concluded, to adjourn either at 8.30 p.m. or after 1 hr, whichever is the later) (Dept of Justice)*

Deferred Divisions

8.33 p.m. - 9.03 p.m. (30 mins)

- Commissions of Investigation (Amendment) Bill 2023 (Second Stage) *(deferred division on second reading motion)*

Adjournment

9.03 p.m.

Thursday 22 February 2024 (9:00 a.m. - 6:03 p.m.)

P.Q.s: Oral - Minister for Justice

9.00 a.m. - 10.30 a.m. (90 mins)

P.Q.s: Oral - Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine

10.30 a.m. - 12.00 p.m. (90 mins)

Leaders' Questions *(Sinn Féin, Labour Party, Rural Independent Group, 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)

- Health (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2024 (Second Stage, resumed, if not previously concluded) *(if not previously concluded, to adjourn either at 4 p.m. or after 2 hrs 16 mins, whichever is the later) (Dept of Health)*

Topical Issues

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

Thursday evening business: Private Member's Bill

4.48 p.m. - 6.03 p.m. (75 mins)

- Broadcasting (Amendment) Bill 2023 (Second Stage) *(Deputy Patrick Costello)*

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 extent that private members' business may be taken earlier than 6.12 p.m. and shall in any event be taken on the conclusion of the Statements on the Second Anniversary of Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine, with consequential effect on—

- (i) the commencement times for the items following in the ordinary routine of business, namely, oral Parliamentary Questions to the Minister for Social Protection, and topical issues, and
- (ii) the time for the adjournment of the Dáil

Tuesday proposal no. 2 - Motion *re* the Committee on the Irish Language, Gaeltacht and the Irish-speaking Community meeting in Galway city on 8 March 2024

- The proceedings on the Motion *re* the Committee on the Irish Language, Gaeltacht and the Irish-speaking Community meeting in Galway city on 8 March 2024 shall be taken without debate

Tuesday proposal no. 3 - Statements on the Second Anniversary of Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine

- The Statements on the Second Anniversary of Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine shall not exceed 1 hour and 52 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 100 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 extent that 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 Courts Proceeding (Delays) Bill 2023, or where those proceedings conclude within the allotted time, on the conclusion thereof, with consequential effect on the time for the adjournment of the Dáil

Wednesday proposal no. 2 - Motion *re* Consideration of Estimates by Committee

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

Wednesday proposal no. 3 - Motion *re* Proposed approval by Dáil Éireann of the Civil Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2022 (Section 4(2)) (Scheme Termination Date) Order 2024

- The proceedings on the Motion *re* Proposed approval by Dáil Éireann of the Civil Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2022 (Section 4(2)) (Scheme Termination Date) Order 2024 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; and
 - a speech in response by the Minister – 5 minutes; and
 - (ii) members may share time

Wednesday proposal no. 4 - Health (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2024

- The proceedings on Second Stage of the Health (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2024 shall, if not previously concluded, be interrupted and stand adjourned either at 5.30 p.m. or after 1 hour and 46 minutes, whichever is the later, and shall not be resumed on Wednesday

Wednesday proposal no. 5 - Human Tissue (Transplantation, Post-Mortem, Anatomical Examination and Public Display) Bill 2022

- The proceedings on the amendments from the Seanad to the Human Tissue (Transplantation, Post-Mortem, Anatomical Examination and Public Display) Bill 2022 shall commence no earlier than 5 p.m. and shall, if not previously concluded, be interrupted and stand adjourned after 2 hours, and shall not be resumed on Wednesday

Wednesday proposal no. 6 - Court Proceedings (Delays) Bill 2023

- The proceedings on Report and Final Stages of the Court Proceedings (Delays) Bill 2023 shall, if not previously concluded, be interrupted and stand adjourned either at 8.30 p.m. or after 1 hour, 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 interruption or conclusion of any resumed proceedings on the Health (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2024, or where Second Stage of that Bill concludes before Thursday, immediately following the SOS, with consequential effect on the commencement time for the Broadcasting (Amendment) Bill 2023, and on the time for the adjournment of the Dáil

Thursday proposal no. 2 - Health (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2024

- Any resumed proceedings on Second Stage of the Health (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2024 shall, if not previously concluded, be interrupted and stand adjourned either at 4 p.m. or after 2 hours and 16 minutes, whichever is the later, and the Bill shall not be resumed on Thursday

INDICATIVE BUSINESS

- Motion *re* Proposal for a Regulation *re* an EU Talent Pool (Dept of Justice)
- 41st Amendment of the Constitution (Agreement on a Unified Patent Court) Bill 2024 (Second Stage)
- Employment (Collective Redundancies and Miscellaneous Provisions) and Companies (Amendment) Bill 2023 (Report and Final Stages)
- Private Members' Business selected by the Independent Group: Protection of Employees (Trade Union Subscriptions) Bill 2024 (Second Stage)

UPCOMING THURSDAY EVENING BUSINESS

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

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