

# REPORT OF THE BUSINESS COMMITTEE

## ARRANGEMENTS FOR BUSINESS AND BUSINESS SCHEDULE FOR

TUESDAY TO THURSDAY, 9 - 11 APRIL 2024

(AS AGREED AT ITS MEETING ON 21 MARCH 2024)

### Tuesday 9 April 2024 (2:00 p.m. - 10:37 p.m.)

Leaders' Questions ( <i>Sinn Féin, Labour Party, 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)
<b>Motion(s) without debate</b>	3.04 p.m. - 3.05 p.m. (1 mins)
- Motion <i>re</i> Ministerial Rota for Parliamentary Questions	
Taoiseach's Questions	3.05 p.m. - 3.50 p.m. (45 mins)
<b>Government Business</b>	3.50 p.m. - 6.17 p.m. (2 hrs 27 mins)
- Motion <i>re</i> proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on enhancing police cooperation in relation to the prevention, detection and investigation of migrant smuggling and trafficking in human beings, and on enhancing Europol's support to preventing and combating such crimes and amending Regulation (EU) 2016/794 ( <i>to conclude within 57 mins</i> ) ( <i>Dept of Justice</i> )	
- Future Ireland Fund, Infrastructure, Climate and Nature Fund Bill 2024 (Second Stage) ( <i>if not previously concluded, to adjourn either at 6.14 p.m. or after 1 hr 30 mins, whichever is the later</i> ) ( <i>Dept of Finance</i> )	
<b>Private Members' Business (Sinn Féin)</b>	6.17 p.m. - 8.19 p.m. (2 hrs 2 mins)
- <i>To be confirmed</i>	
P.Q.s: Oral - Minister for Finance	8.19 p.m. - 9.49 p.m. (90 mins)
Topical Issues	9.49 p.m. - 10.37 p.m. (48 mins)
Adjournment	10.37 p.m.

### Wednesday 10 April 2024 (9:10 a.m. - 9:02 p.m.)

Topical Issues	9.10 a.m. - 9.58 a.m. (48 mins)
<b>Private Members' Business (People Before Profit-Solidarity)</b>	9.58 a.m. - 12.00 p.m. (2 hrs 2 mins)
- <i>To be confirmed</i>	
Leaders' Questions ( <i>Sinn Féin, Social Democrats, Regional Group, Rural 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)
Taoiseach's Questions	1.04 p.m. - 1.49 p.m. (45 mins)
<b>Government Business</b>	1.49 p.m. - 3.56 p.m. (2 hrs 7 mins)
- Statements and Q&A post European Council meeting of 21st-22nd March 2024, pursuant to Standing Order 124 ( <i>statements for 102 mins, followed by 20 mins Q&amp;A, followed by Ministerial response for 5 mins</i> )	
SOS	3.56 p.m. - 4.56 p.m. (60 mins)

**Government Business**

4.56 p.m. - 8.32 p.m. (3 hrs 36 mins)

- Gambling Regulation Bill 2022 (Report and Final Stages) *(to commence no earlier than 4.30 p.m. and if not previously concluded, to adjourn either at 8.30 p.m. or after 3 hrs 36 mins, whichever is the later) (Dept of Justice)*

**Deferred Divisions**

8.32 p.m. - 9.02 p.m. (30 mins)

**Adjournment**

9.02 p.m.

**Thursday 11 April 2024 (9:00 a.m. - 6:33 p.m.)**

P.Q.s: Oral - Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform

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, People Before Profit-Solidarity, 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. - 4.30 p.m. (2 hrs 46 mins)

- Future Ireland Fund, Infrastructure, Climate and Nature Fund Bill 2024 (Second Stage, resumed, if not previously concluded) *(if not previously concluded, to adjourn at 4.30 p.m. or after 2 hrs 46 mins, whichever is the later)*

Topical Issues

4.30 p.m. - 5.18 p.m. (48 mins)

**Thursday evening business: Committee Report**

5.18 p.m. - 6.33 p.m. (75 mins)

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

**Adjournment**

6.33 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 Second Stage of the Future Ireland Fund, Infrastructure, Climate and Nature Fund 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 Finance, 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 - Motion *re* proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on enhancing police cooperation in relation to the prevention, detection and investigation of migrant smuggling and trafficking in human beings, and on enhancing Europol's support to preventing and combating such crimes and amending Regulation (EU) 2016/794**

- The proceedings on the Motion *re* proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on enhancing police cooperation in relation to the prevention, detection and investigation of migrant smuggling and trafficking in human beings, and on enhancing Europol's support to preventing and combating such crimes and amending Regulation (EU) 2016/794 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

**Tuesday proposal no. 4 - Future Ireland Fund, Infrastructure, Climate and Nature Fund Bill 2024**

- The proceedings on Second Stage of the Future Ireland Fund, Infrastructure, Climate and Nature Fund Bill 2024 shall, if not previously concluded, be interrupted and stand adjourned either at 6.14 p.m. or after 1 hour and 30 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 following extent:
  - (i) the first item of Government business, namely, the Statements and Q&A post European Council meeting of 21st-22nd March 2024, pursuant to Standing Order 124, shall be taken at the time when the SOS pursuant to Standing Order 25(1) would normally be taken, and the SOS shall be taken immediately following that item, with consequential effect on the time for commencement of Government business after the SOS; and
  - (ii) 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 Report and Final Stages of the Gambling Regulation Bill 2022, or where those proceedings conclude before they must be interrupted, on the conclusion thereof, with consequential effect on the time for the adjournment of the Dáil

### **Wednesday proposal no. 2 - Statements and Q&A post European Council meeting of 21st-22nd March 2024, pursuant to Standing Order 124**

- The Statements and Q&A post European Council meeting of 21st-22nd March 2024, pursuant to Standing Order 124, shall not exceed 2 hours and 7 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 30<sup>th</sup> July, 2020, for 100 minutes, and Resolution of the Dáil of 20<sup>th</sup> September, 2023, providing for two minutes for non-aligned members;
  - (ii) following the statements, questions and answers shall be taken for 20 minutes;
  - (iii) on the conclusion of the questions and answers, a Minister or Minister of State shall be called upon to make a statement in reply which shall not exceed five minutes; and
  - (iv) members may share time

### **Wednesday proposal no. 3 - Gambling Regulation Bill 2022**

- The proceedings on Report and Final Stages of the Gambling Regulation Bill 2022 shall commence no earlier than 4.30 p.m., and shall, if not previously concluded, be

interrupted and stand adjourned after 3 hours and 36 minutes, 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 adjournment of the resumed Second Stage proceedings on the Future Ireland Fund, Infrastructure, Climate and Nature Fund Bill 2024, or where Second Stage of that Bill concludes within its allotted time, on the conclusion thereof, with consequential effect on the commencement time for the Motion *re* Report entitled “the Examination of the recommendations of the Citizens Assembly’s report on Biodiversity Loss”, and on the time for the adjournment of the Dáil: Provided that if Second Stage of the Future Ireland Fund, Infrastructure, Climate and Nature Fund Bill 2024 concludes before Thursday, topical issues on Thursday shall be taken on the conclusion of the SOS

#### **Thursday proposal no. 2 - Future Ireland Fund, Infrastructure, Climate and Nature Fund Bill 2024**

- Any resumed proceedings on Second Stage of the Future Ireland Fund, Infrastructure, Climate and Nature Fund Bill 2024 shall, if not previously concluded, be interrupted and stand adjourned at 4.30 p.m. or after 2 hours 46 minutes, whichever is the later, and shall not be resumed on Thursday

#### **INDICATIVE BUSINESS FOR SITTING WEEK BEGINNING 16 APRIL 2024**

Regional Group’s private members’ business: Motion *re* Carers (working title)

#### **UPCOMING THURSDAY EVENING BUSINESS**

**18<sup>th</sup> April 2024:** Motion *re* Report on Offshore Renewable Energy (*Joint Committee on Enterprise, Trade and Employment*)

**25<sup>th</sup> April 2024:** Motion *re* Report on Politically Exposed Persons (*Joint Committee on Finance, Public Expenditure and Reform, and Taoiseach*)

**2<sup>nd</sup> May 2024:** Neighbour Disputes (Vegetation) Bill 2017 (Second Stage) (*Deputy Aengus Ó Snodaigh*)

**16<sup>th</sup> May 2024:** Motion *re* Report entitled Mental Health Supports in Schools and Tertiary Education (*Joint Committee on Education, Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science*)

**23<sup>rd</sup> May 2024:** Commission for Future Generations Bill 2023 (Second Stage) (*Deputy Marc Ó Cathasaigh*)

**BUSINESS COMMITTEE**  
*22 March 2024*