

REV(1) REPORT OF THE BUSINESS COMMITTEE

ARRANGEMENTS FOR BUSINESS AND BUSINESS SCHEDULE FOR

TUESDAY TO THURSDAY, 9 - 11 APRIL 2024

Tuesday 9 April 2024 (10:30 a.m. - 7:10 p.m.)

Business proposal by the Government	10.30 a.m. - 10.31 a.m. (1 min)
Constitutional business	10.31 a.m. - 1.00 p.m. approx.
Nomination of Taoiseach (<i>Government proposer and seconder, 5 mins each, 10 mins each for other parties or groups, 2 mins for non-aligned members, and any division claimed immediate and by roll-call</i>)	
SOS	1.00 p.m. - 5.00 p.m. approx. (4 hours)
Business proposal by the Government	5.00 p.m. - 5.01 p.m. approx. (1 min)
Constitutional business	5.01 p.m. - 7.10 p.m. approx.
Nomination of members of the Government (<i>Taoiseach, 10 mins, other parties and groups, 10 minutes each, 2 mins for non-aligned members, and any division claimed immediate and by roll-call</i>)	
Adjournment	7.10 p.m.

Wednesday 10 April 2024 (2:00 p.m. - 8:34 p.m.)

Business proposal by the Government	2.00 p.m. - 2.01 p.m. (1 min)
Motion(s) without debate	2.01 p.m. - 2.02 p.m. (1 min)
- Motion <i>re</i> Ministerial Rota for Parliamentary Questions (<i>any division claimed to be taken immediately and by roll-call</i>)	
Government Business	2.02 p.m. - 2.59 p.m. (57 mins)
- Motion <i>re</i> Proposed approval by Dáil Éireann of a proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on enhancing police cooperation in relation to the crimes of migrant smuggling and trafficking in human beings, and amending Regulation (EU) 2016/794 (<i>to conclude within 57 mins and any division claimed to be taken immediately by roll call</i>) (Dept of Justice)	
P.Q.s: Oral - Minister for Finance	2.59 p.m. - 4.29 p.m. (90 mins)
Government Business	4.29 p.m. - 8.34 p.m. (4 hrs 5 mins)
- Future Ireland Fund and Infrastructure, Climate and Nature Fund Bill 2024 (Second Stage) (<i>if not previously concluded, to adjourn either at 8.30 p.m. or after 4 hrs 5 mins, whichever is the later</i>) (Dept of Finance)	
Adjournment	8.34 p.m.

Thursday 11 April 2024 (10:30 a.m. - 4:11 p.m.)

P.Q.s: Oral - Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage	10.30 a.m. - 12.00 p.m. (90 mins)
Leaders' Questions (<i>Sinn Féin, Labour Party, People Before Profit-Solidarity, 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)
SOS	1.04 p.m. - 1.44 p.m. (40 mins)
Government Business	1.44 p.m. - 4.11 p.m. (2 hrs 27 mins)

- Statements to mark the 20th anniversary of the introduction of the smoking ban in Ireland (*not to exceed 147 mins*)

Adjournment

4.11 p.m.

Proposed arrangements for Constitutional business on Tuesday

Article 13.1.1: Nomination of Taoiseach

- To conclude within 1 hour and 42 minutes
- Speaking arrangements as follows:
 - speeches of a Government proposer and seconder – 5 minutes each
 - speeches by representatives of other Government parties, Sinn Féin, 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
 - contributions by non-aligned members – 2 minutes
 - Members may share time
- On the nomination of a Taoiseach for appointment by the President, the Dáil shall, unless it otherwise orders, stand suspended until either 5 p.m. or four hours after the conclusion of the proceedings, whichever is the later
- Aside from this proposal, all divisions this week to be by manual roll-call

Article 13.1.2: Nomination of other members of the Government

- To conclude within 1 hour and 42 minutes
- Speaking arrangements as follows:
 - Taoiseach's speech – 10 minutes
 - speeches by representatives of other Government parties, Sinn Féin, 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
 - contributions by non-aligned members – 2 minutes
 - Members may share time
- On the conclusion of the proceedings on the motion, the Dáil shall adjourn until 2 p.m. on Wednesday, whereupon the arrangements for the taking of business on Wednesday and Thursday shall be determined by the House on a proposal by the Government Chief Whip

Proposed arrangements for Wednesday and Thursday

- Leaders' Questions not to be taken on Wednesday
- No Order of Business or Questions on Policy or Legislation on Wednesday
- Oral Parliamentary Questions to the Taoiseach not to be taken
- Topical issues, private members' business and Thursday evening business pursuant to Standing Order 159(2) not to be taken
- Sequence of business to be as outlined in the revised report of the Business Committee
- Motion *re* Ministerial Rota for Parliamentary Questions to be taken without debate and any division claimed to be taken immediately
- Any division claimed on the proceedings on the Motion *re* Proposed approval by Dáil Éireann of a Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on Enhancing Police Cooperation in Relation to the Crimes of Migrant Smuggling and Trafficking in Human Beings to be taken immediately, and proceedings to be brought to a conclusion within 57 minutes, with the following arrangements:
 - 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
 - a speech in response by the Minister – 5 minutes
 - Members may share time
- Questions to the Minister for Finance pursuant to Standing Order 46(1) to be taken on Wednesday, and questions to the Minister for Public Expenditure, NDP Delivery and Reform to be taken on 23rd April, 2024, without any change to the allocation of priority Questions to either Minister and not otherwise affecting the current sequence of Ministers as ordered by the House or rota for priority Questions, save as otherwise ordered by the House
- Proceedings on Second Stage of the Future Ireland Fund and Infrastructure, Climate and Nature Fund Bill 2024 to be interrupted and stand adjourned on Wednesday either at 8.30 p.m. or after 4 hours and 5 minutes, whichever is the later, and on the adjournment or conclusion of the Bill, as appropriate, the Dáil to adjourn until 10.30 a.m. on Thursday
- The Dáil to adjourn on Thursday on the conclusion of the Statements to Mark the 20th Anniversary of the Introduction of the Smoking Ban, which shall not exceed 2 hours and 27 minutes, with the following arrangements:
 - statements, not including the Ministerial response, to be in accordance with the arrangements agreed by Order of the Dáil of 30th July, 2020, for 135 minutes, and the Resolution of the Dáil of 20th September, 2023, providing for two minutes for non-aligned members;
 - a Minister or Minister of State to be called upon to make a statement in reply which shall not exceed 10 minutes
 - Members may share time

MEMBERS DISSENTING

- Deputies Pádraig MacLochlainn, Cian O’Callaghan, Richard Boyd Barrett, Mattie McGrath, and Thomas Pringle dissented in relation to changes to this week’s schedule.
- Deputies Mac Lochlainn, O’Callaghan and Pringle dissented in relation to private members’ business not being taken.
- Deputies Mac Lochlainn, O’Callaghan and McGrath dissented in relation to Leaders’ Questions not being taken on Wednesday, and Deputies Mac Lochlainn and O’Callaghan also dissented in relation to Questions on Policy or Legislation not being taken on Wednesday.
- Deputy McGrath dissented in relation to topical issues not being taken.

UPCOMING THURSDAY EVENING BUSINESS

18th April 2024: Motion re Report entitled “Report on the examination of the recommendations of the Citizens’ Assembly’s report on biodiversity loss” (*Joint Committee on Environment and Climate Action*)

25th April 2024: Motion re “Report on Offshore Renewable Energy” (*Joint Committee on Enterprise, Trade and Employment*)

2nd May 2024: Motion re “Report on Politically Exposed Persons” (*Joint Committee on Finance, Public Expenditure and Reform, and Taoiseach*)

16th May 2024: Neighbour Disputes (Vegetation) Bill 2017 (Second Stage) (*Deputy Aengus Ó Snodaigh*)

23rd 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*)

30th May 2024: Commission for Future Generations Bill 2023 (Second Stage) (*Deputy Marc Ó Cathasaigh*)

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