



REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON STANDING ORDERS AND DÁIL REFORM

*Schedule of Dáil sitting week, and rota for Leaders' Questions
pursuant to Standing Order 36*

Adopted by the Committee
14th December, 2020

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Recommendations of the Committee on Standing Orders and Dáil Reform

At its meeting on Wednesday, 9th December, 2020, the Committee on Standing Orders and Dáil Reform agreed to recommend to Dáil Éireann that, notwithstanding anything in Standing Orders and until further notice in the 33rd Dáil—

- (a) the schedule for the Dáil sitting week as contained in **Appendix 1** to this report, and
- (b) the rota as contained in **Appendix 2** to this report in relation to Leaders' Questions under Standing Order 36,

shall be adopted and have effect,

- (i) in the case of the schedule for the sitting week, with effect from 13th January, 2021, and
- (ii) in the case of the rota for Leaders' Questions, with effect from 19th January, 2021,

unless the Dáil shall otherwise order or resolve, and with the proviso that the sitting schedule for a Tuesday shall apply to a Wednesday, where the first day of a sitting week is a Wednesday.

APPENDIX 1: Layout of Dáil sitting week WEF 13th January, 2021

TUESDAY [Leinster House]	Start 2 p.m.
Leaders' Questions	2.00 p.m. – 2.34 p.m.
Order of Business	2.34 p.m. – 3.04 p.m.
PQs - Oral Taoiseach	3.04 p.m. – 3.49 p.m.
Sanitisation SOS	3.49 p.m. – 4.09 p.m.
Government Business	4.09 p.m. – 5.09 p.m.
PQs – Oral Minister (1)	5.09 p.m. – 6.39 p.m.
Private Members' Business	6.39 p.m. – 8.39 p.m.
Sanitisation SOS	8.39 p.m. – 8.59 p.m.
Topical issues	8.59 p.m. – 9.47 p.m.
	Dáil adjourns 9.47 p.m.
WEDNESDAY [Convention Centre Dublin]	Start 10 a.m.
Private Members' Business	10 a.m. to 12 noon
Leaders' Questions	12 noon – 12.34 p.m.
Questions on Promised Legislation	12.34 p.m. – 1.04 p.m.
PQs - Oral Taoiseach	1.04 p.m. – 1.49 p.m.
SOS	1.49 p.m. – 2.49 p.m.
Topical Issues	2.49 p.m. – 3.37 p.m.
Government Business	3.37 p.m. – 9.30 p.m.
Voting Block	9.30 p.m. – 10.15 p.m.
	Dáil adjourns 10.15 p.m.
THURSDAY [Leinster House]	Start 9 a.m.
PQs – Oral Minister (2)	9 a.m. – 10.30 a.m.
PQs – Oral Minister (3)	10.30 a.m. – 12 noon
Leaders' Questions	12 noon – 12.34 p.m.
Questions on Promised Legislation	12.34 p.m. – 1.04 p.m.
Sanitisation SOS	1.04 p.m. – 1.24 p.m.
Government Business	1.24 p.m. – 5.12 p.m.
Sanitisation SOS	5.12 p.m. – 5.32 p.m.
Topical Issues	5.32 p.m. – 6.20 p.m.
Second Stage of Private Member's Bill or Committee report (alternating weekly)	6.20 p.m. – 7.35 p.m.
	Dáil adjourns 7.35 p.m.

APPENDIX 2: Leaders' Questions rota WEF 19th January, 2021

	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5
Tuesday	Day 1	Day 4	Day 7	Day 10	Day 13
	Sinn Féin	Sinn Féin	Sinn Féin	Sinn Féin	Sinn Féin
	Labour	Labour	Labour	Soc Dems	Soc Dems
	Sol-PBP	Rural Ind Grp	Regional Grp	Ind Grp	Sol-PBP
	Regional Grp	Ind Grp	Ind Grp	Rural Ind Grp	Regional Grp
Wednesday	Day 2	Day 5	Day 8	Day 11	Day 14
	Sinn Féin	Sinn Féin	Sinn Féin	Sinn Féin	Sinn Féin
	Soc Dems	Soc Dems	Labour	Soc Dems	Labour
	Regional Grp	Sol-PBP	Regional Grp	Sol-PBP	Sol-PBP
	Rural Ind Grp	Regional Grp	Rural Ind Grp	Regional Grp	Regional Grp
Thursday	Day 3	Day 6	Day 9	Day 12	Day 15
	Sinn Féin	Sinn Féin	Sinn Féin	Sinn Féin	Sinn Féin
	Soc Dems	Labour	Soc Dems	Labour	Regional Grp
	Rural Ind Grp	Regional Grp	Sol-PBP	Regional Grp	Ind Grp
	Ind Grp	Ind Grp	Ind Grp	Rural Ind Grp	Rural Ind Grp