

**REVISED (1) ORDER OF BUSINESS**  
**WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY, 20 & 21 JANUARY 2021**

**Announcement of business for the Week:**

Wednesday's business shall be:

- **Item 6**, Motion re EU-UK Trade and Cooperation Agreement (*120 mins*)
- **Item 20**, Statements on the Report of the Commission of Investigation into Mother and Baby Homes (*210 mins*)

Private Members' Business on Wednesday shall be **Item 120**, Motion re Pay for Student Nurses and Midwives, selected by Sinn Féin.

Thursday's business shall be:

- **Item 21**, Statements and Questions and Answers on the Covid-19 Vaccine Programme (*110 mins*)
- **Item 22**, Statements and Questions and Answers by Minister for Foreign Affairs on Brexit (~~*135 mins*~~ ***100 mins***)
- **Item 23**, Statements and Questions and Answers by Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine on Brexit and the Fishing Industry (~~*135 mins*~~ ***100 mins***)
- **Item 23a**, Statements and Questions and Answers by Minister for Education (***100 mins***)

**Proposed Arrangements for this week's business:**

In relation to Wednesday's business, there are 8 proposals. It is proposed that:

1. Oral Parliamentary Questions pursuant to Standing Order 46 shall not be taken;
2. **Item 6**, Motion re EU-UK Trade and Cooperation Agreement, shall be brought to a conclusion within 120 minutes, and shall be confined to a single round of speeches, to which the following arrangements shall apply:
  - (i) the Taoiseach, the Tánaiste and the Minister for Foreign Affairs shall be called upon in that order and their speeches shall not exceed 15 minutes (in the case of the Taoiseach) and 10 minutes each (in the case of the Tánaiste and the Minister for Foreign Affairs);

- (ii) following the Government contributions, the speech of the Sinn Féin representative shall not exceed 15 minutes, followed by the representatives of the Labour Party, Social Democrats, Solidarity-People Before Profit, the Regional Group, the Rural Independent Group and the Independent Group, who shall be called upon in that order, and whose speeches shall not exceed 10 minutes each;
  - (iii) a Minister or Minister of State may make a 10-minute speech in reply;
  - (iv) all members may share time; and
  - (v) any division demanded on the proceedings on the motion or on any amendment thereto shall be taken immediately;
3. **Item 20**, Statements on the Report of the Commission of Investigation into Mother and Baby Homes, shall not exceed 200 minutes, and the arrangements shall be in accordance with those agreed by Order of the Dáil of 30th July, 2020, for 200 minutes, followed by a 10-minute statement in reply by a Minister or Minister of State, and all members may share time;
  4. there shall be no suspension of sitting pursuant to the weekly Dáil schedule agreed by Order of the Dáil on 16th December 2020;
  5. topical issues pursuant to Standing Order 37 shall not be taken;
  6. with the exception of any division claimed in relation to Item 6, any division that would have been taken in the weekly division time this evening shall be deferred until the next weekly division time;
  7. with effect from today, and notwithstanding the Order of the Dáil of 30th April 2020, where Standing Orders 21 and 22 require a quorum of 20, that quorum shall at all times be reduced to five, until further notice in the 33rd Dáil; and
  8. the Dáil shall adjourn on the conclusion of Item 20 until 10.00 a.m. tomorrow, when it shall meet in the Convention Centre Dublin to take Statements and Questions and Answers by the Minister for Health on the Covid-19 Vaccine Programme.

In relation to Thursday's business, there are **8** proposals. It is proposed that:

1. no oral Parliamentary Questions pursuant to Standing Order 46 shall be taken;
2. in relation to **Item 21**, Statements and Questions and Answers by the Minister for Health on the Covid-19 Vaccine Programme, the following arrangements shall apply:
  - (i) the statements and questions and answers shall not exceed 110 minutes and the arrangements shall be in accordance with those agreed by Order of the Dáil of 30th July, 2020, for ~~110~~ **100** minutes, provided that members may use their time for a combination of statements and questions and answers, or questions and answers only;
  - (ii) a Minister or Minister of State may make a 10-minute statement in reply;
  - (iii) all members may share time, and
  - (iv) if the statements and questions and answers conclude prior to 12 noon, the sitting shall stand suspended until 12 noon;
3. **Item 22**, Statements and Questions and Answers by the Minister for Foreign Affairs on Brexit, shall not exceed ~~135~~ **100** minutes and the arrangements shall be in accordance with those agreed by Order of the Dáil of 30th July, 2020, for ~~135~~ **100** minutes, provided that members may use their time for a combination of statements and questions and answers, or questions and answers only, and all members may share time;
4. **Item 23**, Statements and Questions and Answers by the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine on Brexit and the Fishing Industry, shall not exceed ~~135~~ **100** minutes and the arrangements shall be in accordance with those agreed by Order of the Dáil of 30th July, 2020, for ~~135~~ **100** minutes, provided that members may use their time for a combination of statements and questions and answers, or questions and answers only, and all members may share time;
5. **Item 23**, Statements and Questions and Answers by the Minister for Education, shall not exceed 100 minutes and the arrangements shall be in accordance with those agreed by Order of the Dáil of 30th July, 2020, for 100 minutes, provided that members may use their time for a combination of statements and questions and answers, or questions and answers only, and all members may share time;

6. there shall be no suspension of sitting pursuant to the weekly Dáil schedule agreed by Order of the Dáil of 16th December 2020;
  7. topical issues pursuant to Standing Order 37 shall **not** be taken ~~on the conclusion of Item 23~~; and
  8. no Thursday evening business pursuant to Standing Order 159(2) shall be taken.
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