

# ORDER OF BUSINESS

WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY, 27 & 28 JANUARY 2021

## **Announcement of business for the Week:**

Wednesday's business shall be:

- **Item 10**, Motion *re* Proposed authorisation by Dáil Éireann for the Houses of the Oireachtas Commission to instruct legal representatives (*without debate*) (*any division claimed to be deferred*)
- **Item 11**, Motion *re* Proposed approval by Dáil Éireann of the Taxes Consolidation Act 1997 (Covid Restrictions Support Scheme) (Percentage Adjustment) Order 2021 (*105 mins*) (*any division claimed to be deferred*)
- **Item 12**, Motion *re* Appointment of Members of the Garda Síochána Ombudsman Commission (*45 mins*) (*any division claimed to be deferred*)
- **Item 1**, Criminal Justice (Theft and Fraud Offences) (Amendment) Bill 2020 [*Seanad*] — Second Stage (*to adjourn at 6 p.m., if not previously concluded*)

Private Members' Business on Wednesday shall be **Item 35**, Thirty-Seventh Amendment of the Constitution (Economic, Social And Cultural Rights) Bill 2018 — Second Stage, selected by the Independent Group.

Thursday's business shall be:

- **Item 26**, Statements and Questions and Answers by the Minister for Health on Covid-19 Vaccinations (*100 mins*)
- **Item 27**, Statements and Questions and Answers by the Minister for Social Protection on Covid-19 (*135 mins*)
- **Item 28**, Statements and Questions and Answers by the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage on the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage's response to Covid-19 (*135 mins*)

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

In relation to Wednesday's business, there are 9 proposals. It is proposed that:

1. **Item 10**, Motion *re* Proposed authorisation by Dáil Éireann for the Houses of the Oireachtas Commission to instruct legal representatives, shall be taken without debate;
2. no oral Parliamentary Questions pursuant to Standing Order 46 shall be taken;
3. there shall be no suspension of sitting pursuant to the weekly Dáil schedule agreed by Order of the Dáil on 16th December 2020;
4. the proceedings on **Item 11**, Motion *re* Proposed approval by Dáil Éireann of the Taxes Consolidation Act 1997 (Covid Restrictions Support Scheme) (Percentage Adjustment) Order 2021, shall be brought to a conclusion within 105 minutes and the arrangements shall be in accordance with those agreed by Order of the Dáil of 30th July, 2020, for 100 minutes, followed by a 5-minute speech in reply by a Minister or Minister of State, and all members may share time;
5. the proceedings on **Item 12**, Motion *re* Appointment of Members of the Garda Síochána Ombudsman Commission, shall be brought to a conclusion within 45 minutes, and the following arrangements shall apply:
  - (i) a Minister or Minister of State and representatives of Sinn Féin, 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, may each make a speech not exceeding 5 minutes;
  - (ii) a Minister or Minister of State may make a speech in reply, which shall not exceed 5 minutes; and
  - (ii) all members may share time;
6. topical issues pursuant to Standing Order 37 shall not be taken;
7. any division that would have been taken in the weekly division time this evening shall be deferred until the next weekly division time;
8. notwithstanding anything in Standing Orders, or in the Order of the Dáil of 10th December 2020, the Orders of referral to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and Defence of 8th December, 2020, in relation to the proposed approval by Dáil Éireann of—

- (i) the report by the Minister for Defence, regarding service by the Defence Forces with the United Nations in 2019, and
- (ii) Ireland's participation in the European Defence Agency Project – Maritime Surveillance (MARSUR) Networking – Operational Support and Development (MARSUR III),

be amended by the substitution of "1st March, 2021" for "28th January, 2021"; and

9. in relation to the adjournment of the Dáil—

- (i) where the business is not concluded by 6 p.m., the proceedings on any business under consideration shall be interrupted and the Dáil shall adjourn at 6 p.m.,
- (ii) where the business concludes before 6 p.m., the Dáil shall adjourn forthwith, and
- (iii) on its rising, the Dáil shall adjourn until 10.00 a.m. tomorrow, when it shall meet in the Convention Centre Dublin to take Item 26, Statements and Questions and Answers by the Minister for Health on Covid-19 Vaccinations.

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 26**, Statements and Questions and Answers by the Minister for Health on Covid-19 Vaccinations, the following arrangements shall apply:
  - (i) the statements and Questions and Answers 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;
  - (ii) all members may share time; and
  - (iii) if the statements and questions and answers conclude prior to 12 noon, the sitting shall stand suspended until 12 noon;

3. there shall be no suspension of sitting pursuant to the weekly Dáil schedule agreed by Order of the Dáil on 16th December 2020;
4. **Item 27**, Statements and Questions and Answers by the Minister for Social Protection on Covid-19, shall not exceed 135 minutes and the arrangements shall be in accordance with those agreed by Order of the Dáil of 30th July, 2020, for 135 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 28**, Statements and Questions and Answers by the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage on the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage's response to Covid-19, shall not exceed 135 minutes and the arrangements shall be in accordance with those agreed by Order of the Dáil of 30th July, 2020, for 135 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. topical issues pursuant to Standing Order 37 shall be taken on the conclusion of Item 28;
7. no Thursday evening business pursuant to Standing Order 159(2) shall be taken; and
8. the Dáil on its rising shall adjourn until 10 a.m. on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2021 when it shall meet in the Convention Centre Dublin on North Wall Quay, Dublin 1, to take private members' business.

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