

ORDER OF BUSINESS

WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY, 24-25 February 2021

Announcement of business for the Week:

Wednesday's business shall be:

- **Item 9**, Motion re Appointment of Shalom Binchy to be a Member of the Policing Authority
- **Item 10**, Motion re Appointment of Elaine Byrne to be a Member of the Policing Authority
- **Item 11**, Motion re Appointment of Donal de Buitleir to be a Member of the Policing Authority
- **Item 12**, Motion re Appointment of Stephen Martin to be a Member of the Policing Authority (*all of the above four items without debate, any divisions claimed to be deferred*)
- **Item 28**, Statements on the Implementation of the New Decade/New Approach Agreement (*115 mins*)
- **Item 4**, Health (Amendment) Bill 2021 – Order for Second Stage and Second Stage (*to adjourn at 6.00p.m., if not previously concluded, and any division claimed to be deferred to immediately prior to Committee Stage*)

Private Members' Business on Wednesday shall be **Item 142**, Motion re Commission of Investigation into Mother and Baby Homes, selected by the Social Democrats.

Thursday's business shall be:

- **Item 4**, Health (Amendment) Bill 2021 – Second Stage (*resumed, to conclude at 12.00p.m., if not previously concluded, and any division claimed to be deferred to immediately prior to Committee Stage*) and Committee and Remaining Stages (*to conclude at 4.30 p.m. if not previously concluded, with immediate divisions on full numbers*)

Proposed Arrangements for this week's business:

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

1. No oral Parliamentary Questions pursuant to Standing Order 46 shall be taken;
2. **Items 9, 10, 11 and 12**, Motions re appointment of members to the Policing Authority, shall be taken without debate;
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 28**, Statements on the Implementation of the New Decade/New Approach Agreement, shall not exceed 115 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 15-minute statement in reply by a Minister or Minister of State, and all members may share time;
5. Notwithstanding proposal no. 7 below, in relation to **Item 4**, the Health (Amendment) Bill 2021, any division demanded on the second reading motion or on any amendment thereto shall be deferred to immediately prior to Committee Stage;
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 weekly division time to be taken tomorrow;
8. notwithstanding anything in Standing Orders, or in the Orders of the Dáil of 10th December 2020, or 27th January 2021, 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 “30th April, 2021” for “1st March, 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., and
- (ii) 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 4, Health (Amendment) Bill 2021 – Second Stage (*resumed*).

In relation to Thursday's business, there are 7 proposals. It is proposed that:

1. no oral Parliamentary Questions pursuant to Standing Order 46 shall be taken;
2. in relation to **Item 4**, the Health (Amendment) Bill 2021—
 - (i) the proceedings on Second Stage shall, if not previously concluded, be brought to a conclusion at 12 noon, with any division demanded thereon to be taken immediately prior to Committee Stage, and
 - (ii) the proceedings on Committee and Remaining Stages shall, if not previously concluded, be brought to a conclusion at 4.30 p.m. by one question which shall be put from the Chair, and which shall, in relation to amendments, include only those set down or accepted by the Minister for Health;
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 weekly division time shall be taken on the conclusion of proceedings on Item 4;
5. topical issues pursuant to Standing Order 37 shall be taken on the conclusion of the weekly division time;
6. no Thursday evening business pursuant to Standing Order 159(2) shall be taken; and
7. the Dáil shall adjourn on the conclusion of topical issues until 10.00 a.m. on Wednesday 3rd March 2021 when it shall meet in the Convention Centre Dublin on North Wall Quay, Dublin 1, to take private members' business.