

ORDER OF BUSINESS

ARRANGEMENTS FOR BUSINESS FOR

TUESDAY TO THURSDAY, 13-15 DECEMBER, AND SATURDAY 17
DECEMBER 2022

Announcement of Business for the Week:

Tuesday's business shall be:

- Motion *re* Proposed approval by Dáil Éireann of the Regulation of Providers of Building Works and Miscellaneous Provisions Act 2022 (Appointment of Registration Body) Order 2022 (*back from Committee*) (*without debate*)
- Motion *re* Confidence in the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage (*to conclude within 2 hrs 25 mins and any division claimed to be taken immediately*)
- Appropriation Bill 2022 (Second Stage) (*to conclude within 1 hr 55 mins and any division claimed to be taken immediately prior to Committee Stage on Wednesday*)

Private Members' Business shall be the Motion *re* Current issues affecting the Health Service, selected by Sinn Féin.

Wednesday's business shall be:

- Motion *re* Recommendation of Appointment of Ordinary Members of the Electoral Commission (*to conclude within 60 mins*)
- Motions *re* Proposed approval by Dáil Éireann of the Sustainable Energy Act 2002 (section 8(2)) (Conferral of Additional Functions — Energy Efficiency) Order 2022 (*back from Committee*) (*without debate*)
- Motion *re* Presentation and Circulation of Revised Estimates 2023 (*without debate*)
- Motion *re* Report of the Joint Committee on Standing Orders (Private Business) (*without debate*)
- Motion to Instruct the Committee on the Planning and Development and Foreshore (Amendment) Bill 2022 [*Seanad*] (*without debate and any division claimed to be taken immediately prior to Committee Stage of the Bill, or in the event a division is claimed on the Second Stage proceedings on the Bill, immediately following any such division*)
- Motion *re* Ministerial Rota for Parliamentary Questions (*without debate*)
- Planning and Development and Foreshore (Amendment) Bill 2022 [*Seanad*] (Second Stage) (*to conclude within 1 hr 55 mins and any division claimed to be taken immediately following the Local Government (Maternity Protection and Other Measures for Members of Local Authorities) Bill 2022*)
- Appropriation Bill 2022 (Committee and remaining Stages) (*to be taken no earlier than 4 p.m. and to conclude within 30 mins*)
- Local Government (Maternity Protection and Other Measures for Members of Local Authorities) Bill 2022 (Report and Final Stages) (*to conclude within 30 mins*)

- Planning and Development and Foreshore (Amendment) Bill 2022 [*Seanad*] (Committee and remaining Stages) *(to conclude within 3 hrs 30 mins)*
- Assisted Decision-Making (Capacity) (Amendment) Bill 2022 (Amendments from the Seanad) *(to conclude within 30 mins)*
- Water Environment (Abstractions and Associated Impoundments) Bill 2022 [*Seanad*] (Committee and remaining Stages) *(to conclude within 45 mins)*

Private Members' Business shall be the Motion *re* Nationalisation of the Energy System, selected by People Before Profit-Solidarity.

Thursday's business shall be:

- Statements on Defects in Apartments - Report of the Working Group to Examine Defects in Housing *(not to exceed 2 hrs 25 mins)*
- Statements on Social Housing Income Level Thresholds *(not to exceed 2 hrs 25 mins)*

Thursday evening business shall be Second Stage of the Criminal Justice (Theft and Fraud Offences) (Amendment) (Pets) Bill 2021, sponsored by Deputy Verona Murphy.

Saturday's business shall be:

- Statement by the Taoiseach and Constitutional business: nominations for Taoiseach *(2 hrs 30 mins approx.)*; and
- Constitutional business: nomination of members of the Government *(2 hrs 10 mins approx.)*

Proposed Arrangements for this week's business:

In relation to Tuesday's business, it is proposed that:

1. the ordinary routine of business as contained in Schedule 3 to Standing Orders is modified to the following extent:
 - (i) the Dáil shall sit later than 10.30 p.m.;
 - (ii) expressions of sympathy for the late Bobby Aylward shall be taken on the conclusion of Parliamentary Questions to the Taoiseach pursuant to Standing Order 46(1);
 - (iii) after the expressions of sympathy, the time for Government business shall be extended for the purpose of allowing the proceedings on Second Stage of the Appropriation Bill 2022 to conclude, with consequential effect on the commencement time for private members' business and Parliamentary Questions to the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment; and

- (iv) notwithstanding anything in Standing Order 37, topical issues shall not be taken and the Dáil shall adjourn on the conclusion of Parliamentary Questions to the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment pursuant to Standing Order 46(1);
- 2. the Motion *re* Proposed approval by Dáil Éireann of the Regulation of Providers of Building Works and Miscellaneous Provisions Act 2022 (Appointment of Registration Body) Order 2022 shall be taken without debate;
- 3. the Motion *re* Confidence in the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage shall, if not previously concluded, be brought to a conclusion after 145 minutes, with arrangements in accordance with those agreed by Order of the Dáil of 30th July, 2020, for 135 minutes, following which a Minister or Minister of State shall be called upon to make a speech in reply which shall not exceed 10 minutes, and members may share time; and
- 4. in relation to proceedings on Second Stage of the Appropriation Bill 2022, the following arrangements shall apply:
 - (i) the first speaking round shall be in accordance with the arrangements agreed by Order of the Dáil of 30th July, 2020, save that the times shall be halved in each case; and
 - (ii) on conclusion of the first speaking round, a Minister or Minister of State shall be called upon to make a speech in reply, which shall not exceed 10 minutes, whereupon proceedings shall be brought to a conclusion: Provided that any division claimed on the Second Stage proceedings shall be taken immediately prior to Committee Stage of the Bill on Wednesday.

In relation to Wednesday's business, it is proposed that:

- 1. the ordinary routine of business as contained in Schedule 3 to Standing Orders shall be modified to the following extent:
 - (i) the Dáil shall meet at 9 a.m. to take the Motion *re* Recommendation of Appointment of Ordinary Members of the Electoral Commission as the first item of business;
 - (ii) the Dáil shall sit later than 9.30 p.m. and shall adjourn on the conclusion of topical issues pursuant to Standing Order 37, which shall not be taken as the first item of business, but which shall instead be taken on the conclusion of the weekly division time, or if there are no deferred divisions, on the conclusion of proceedings on the Water Environment (Abstractions and Associated Impoundments) Bill 2022 [*Seanad*];

- (iii) Parliamentary Questions to the Taoiseach pursuant to Standing Order 46(1) shall not be taken and the SOS shall be taken at the time when Parliamentary Questions to the Taoiseach would normally be taken;
 - (iv) the weekly division time may be taken later than 8.45 p.m., and shall in any event be taken on the conclusion of proceedings on the Water Environment (Abstractions and Associated Impoundments) Bill 2022 [*Seanad*]; and
 - (v) notwithstanding the Order of the Dáil of 6th May, 2021, the deadline for submission of topical issues on Wednesday shall be 10 a.m.;
2. the Motion *re* Recommendation of Appointment of Ordinary Members of the Electoral Commission shall, if not previously concluded, be brought to a conclusion after 60 minutes, and the following arrangements shall apply:
- (i) the order of speaking and allocation of time shall be as follows:
 - opening speech by a Minister or Minister of State – 7.5 minutes;
 - speeches by representatives of Sinn Féin, the Labour Party, Social Democrats, People-Before-Profit-Solidarity, the Regional Group, the Rural Independent Group and the Independent Group – 7.5 minutes per party or group;
 - (ii) members may share time; and
 - (iii) in the event the motion concludes before 10 a.m., the sitting shall stand suspended until 10 a.m.;
3. the Motion *re* Proposed approval by Dáil Éireann of the Sustainable Energy Act 2002 (section 8(2)) (Conferral of Additional Functions — Energy Efficiency) Order 2022 shall be taken without debate;
4. the Motion *re* Presentation and Circulation of Revised Estimates 2023 shall be taken without debate;
5. pursuant to Standing Order 29(3), the Motion *re* Report of the Joint Committee on Standing Orders (Private Business) shall be taken without debate immediately following the Motion *re* Presentation and Circulation of Revised Estimates 2023;
6. notwithstanding anything in Standing Order 187, the Motion to Instruct the Committee on the Planning and Development and Foreshore (Amendment) Bill 2022 [*Seanad*] shall be taken without debate, and any division claimed shall be taken immediately prior to Committee Stage

of the Bill, or in the event a division is claimed on the Second Stage proceedings on the Bill, immediately following any such division;

7. the Motion *re* Ministerial Rota for Parliamentary Questions shall be taken without debate;
8. in relation to Second Stage of the Planning and Development and Foreshore (Amendment) Bill 2022 [*Seanad*], the following arrangements shall apply:
 - (i) the first speaking round shall be in accordance with the arrangements agreed in the Order of the Dáil of 30th July, 2020, save that the times shall be halved in each case; and
 - (ii) on conclusion of the first speaking round, a Minister or Minister of State shall be called upon to make a speech in reply, which shall not exceed 10 minutes, whereupon proceedings shall be brought to a conclusion: Provided that any division claimed on the Second Stage proceedings shall be taken immediately following the conclusion of proceedings on the Local Government (Maternity Protection and Other Measures for Members of Local Authorities) Bill 2022;
9. the proceedings on Committee and remaining Stages of the Appropriation Bill 2022 shall be taken no earlier than 4 p.m. and shall, if not previously concluded, be brought to a conclusion after 30 minutes 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 Public Expenditure and Reform;
10. the proceedings on Report and Final Stages of the Local Government (Maternity Protection and Other Measures for Members of Local Authorities) Bill 2022 shall, if not previously concluded, be brought to a conclusion after 30 minutes 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 Housing, Local Government and Heritage;
11. the proceedings on Committee and remaining Stages of the Planning and Development and Foreshore (Amendment) Bill 2022 [*Seanad*] shall, if not previously concluded, be brought to a conclusion after 3 hours and 30 minutes 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 Housing, Local Government and Heritage;
12. the proceedings on the amendments from the Seanad to the Assisted Decision-Making (Capacity) (Amendment) Bill 2022 shall, if not previously concluded, be brought to a conclusion after 30 minutes and any amendments from the Seanad not disposed of shall be

decided by one question which shall be put from the Chair, and which shall, in relation to amendments to the Seanad amendments, include only those set down or accepted by the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth; and

13. the proceedings on Committee and remaining Stages of the Water Environment (Abstractions and Associated Impoundments) Bill 2022 [*Seanad*] shall, if not previously concluded, be brought to a conclusion after 45 minutes 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 Housing, Local Government and Heritage.

In relation to Thursday's business, it is proposed that:

1. the ordinary routine of business as contained in Schedule 3 to Standing Orders shall be modified to the following extent:
 - (i) the Dáil shall meet at 8.54 a.m.;
 - (ii) topical issues shall be taken on the conclusion of Government business, with consequential effect on the commencement time for the Criminal Justice (Theft and Fraud Offences) (Amendment) (Pets) Bill 2021 and for the adjournment of the Dáil;
 - (iii) notwithstanding anything in Standing Order 37, topical issues shall be taken for 96 minutes and eight topical issues may be taken; and
 - (iv) the Dáil on its rising shall adjourn until 10.30 a.m. on Saturday 17th December, 2022;
2. the Statements on Defects in Apartments – Report of the Working Group to Examine Defects in Housing shall not exceed 145 minutes, with arrangements in accordance with those agreed by Order of the Dáil of 30th July, 2020, for 135 minutes, following which a Minister or Minister of State shall be called upon to make a statement in reply which shall not exceed 10 minutes, and members may share time; and
3. the Statements on Social Housing Income Level Thresholds shall not exceed 145 minutes, with arrangements in accordance with those agreed by Order of the Dáil of 30th July, 2020, for 135 minutes, following which a Minister or Minister of State shall be called upon to make a statement in reply which shall not exceed 10 minutes, and members may share time.

In relation to Saturday's business, it is proposed that:

1. the Dáil on its rising on Saturday shall adjourn until 2 p.m. on Wednesday, 18th January, 2023; and

2. unless the Dáil shall otherwise order, the business to be taken on Saturday 17th December, 2022, and the arrangements relating thereto shall be as follows:
- (i) a statement by the Taoiseach which shall not exceed 15 minutes;
 - (ii) subject to the necessity arising pursuant to Article 28.9.1 of Bunreacht na hÉireann, nominations of a Taoiseach for appointment by the President pursuant to Standing Order 34A(2)(b), in relation to which the order of speaking and arrangements shall be 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; and
 - members may share time;
 - (iii) subject to the necessity arising pursuant to Article 28.11.1 of the Constitution, a Motion for approval by Dáil Éireann of the nomination by the Taoiseach of other members of the Government for appointment by the President pursuant to Standing Order 34A(2)(c), in relation to which the order of speaking and arrangements shall be as follows:
 - speech by the Taoiseach - 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; and
 - members may share time;
 - (iv) on the nomination by the Dáil of a Taoiseach for appointment by the President, the Dáil shall, unless it otherwise orders, stand suspended either until 5 p.m. or four hours after the conclusion of a nomination of a Taoiseach, whichever is the later; and
 - (v) any divisions claimed shall be taken by roll-call.