ORDER OF BUSINESS

ARRANGEMENTS FOR BUSINESS FOR TUESDAY TO THURSDAY, 17 - 19 OCTOBER 2023

Announcement of Business for the Week:

Tuesday's business shall be the Statements on the final report of the independent scoping exercise into the circumstances surrounding the death of Mr. Shane O'Farrell (not to exceed 112 mins).

Tuesday's private members' business shall be the Motion *re* Funding for Persons with Disabilities, selected by Sinn Féin.

Wednesday's business shall be:

- Motion re Appointment of An Coimisinéir Teanga (without debate)
- Statements on trends in mortality and estimates of excess mortality (not to exceed 147 mins)
- Motion re the Situation in Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territories (to be taken
 immediately prior to the Statements on the Situation in the Middle East and the Occupied Palestinian Territories
 and without debate)
- Statements on the Situation in the Middle East and the Occupied Palestinian Territories (to be taken no earlier than 5.14 p.m., and not to exceed 212 mins)
- Energy (Windfall Gains in the Energy Sector) (Cap on Market Revenues) Bill 2023 (Report and Final Stages) (to be taken no earlier than 7.30 p.m., and to conclude within 1 hr)

Wednesday's private members' business shall be the Motion *re* Driving Test Waiting Times, selected by the Rural Independent Group.

Thursday's business shall be:

- Statements on Investment in Health Care (not to exceed 212 mins)
- Statements on the importance of continued and enhanced Government capital support for sports facilities (not to exceed 147 mins)

Thursday evening business shall be Second Stage of the Defective Dwellings Bill 2021.

<u>Proposed Arrangements for this week's business:</u>

In relation to Tuesday'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) oral questions to the Taoiseach pursuant to Standing Order 46(1) shall not be taken and oral Parliamentary Questions to the Minister for Education shall be taken on the conclusion of Questions on Policy or Promised Legislation;
 - (ii) Government business shall be taken on the conclusion of questions to the Minister for Education;
 - (iii) private members' business may be taken later than 6.12 p.m. and shall in any event be taken on the conclusion of Government business; and
 - (iv) topical issues may be taken earlier than 9.44 p.m., and shall in any event be taken on the conclusion of private members' business, with consequential effect on the time for the adjournment of the Dáil; and
- 2. the following arrangements shall apply in relation to the Statements on the final report of the independent scoping exercise into the circumstances surrounding the death of Mr. Shane O'Farrell:
 - (i) the statements shall not exceed 102 minutes, and the arrangements for that time shall be in accordance with the Order of the Dáil of 30th July, 2020, and the Resolution of the Dáil of 20th September, 2023; and
 - (ii) following the statements, a Minister or Minister of State shall be called upon to make a statement in reply which shall not exceed 10 minutes.

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

- the ordinary routine of business as contained in Schedule 3 to Standing Orders shall be modified to the following extent:
 - (i) the Dáil shall sit later than 9.30 p.m.; and
 - (ii) the weekly division time may be taken later than 8.45 p.m., and shall in any event be taken on the conclusion of the Energy (Windfall Gains in the Energy Sector)(Cap on Market Revenues) Bill 2023;

- 2. the Motion re Appointment of An Coimisinéir Teanga shall be taken without debate;
- 3. the following arrangements shall apply in relation to the Statements on trends in mortality and estimates of excess mortality:
 - (i) the statements shall not exceed 137 minutes, and the arrangements for that time shall be in accordance with the Order of the Dáil of 30th July, 2020, and the Resolution of the Dáil of 20th September, 2023; and
 - (ii) following the statements, a Minister or Minister of State shall be called upon to make a statement in reply which shall not exceed 10 minutes;
- 4. the proceedings on the Motion *re* the Situation in Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territories shall be taken immediately prior to the Statements on the Situation in the Middle East and the Occupied Palestinian Territories and without debate;
- 5. the Statements on the Situation in the Middle East and the Occupied Palestinian

 Territories shall be taken no earlier than 5.14 p.m. and the following arrangements

 shall apply thereto:
 - (i) the statements shall not exceed 202 minutes, and the arrangements for that time shall be in accordance with the Order of the Dáil of 30th July, 2020, and the Resolution of the Dáil of 20th September, 2023; and
 - (ii) following the statements, a Minister or Minister of State shall be called upon to make a statement in reply which shall not exceed 10 minutes; and
- 6. the proceedings on the Report and Final Stages of the Energy (Windfall Gains in the Energy Sector) (Cap on Market Revenues) Bill 2023 shall be taken no earlier than 7.30 p.m. and shall, if not previously concluded, be brought to a conclusion after one hour 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 Environment, Climate and Communications.

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

- the ordinary routine of business as contained in Schedule 3 to Standing Orders shall be modified to the following extent:
 - (i) the Dáil shall sit later than 9.27 p.m.; and

- (ii) topical issues shall be taken on the conclusion of Government business and Second Stage of the Defective Dwellings Bill 2021 shall be taken on the conclusion of topical issues, with consequential effect on the time for the adjournment of the Dáil;
- 2. the following arrangements shall apply in relation to the Statements on Investment in Health Care:
 - (i) the statements shall not exceed 202 minutes, and the arrangements for that time shall be in accordance with the Order of the Dáil of 30th July, 2020, and the Resolution of the Dáil of 20th September, 2023; and
 - (ii) following the statements, a Minister or Minister of State shall be called upon to make a statement in reply which shall not exceed 10 minutes; and
- 3. the following arrangements shall apply in relation to the Statements on the importance of continued and enhanced Government capital support for sports facilities:
 - the statements shall not exceed 137 minutes, and the arrangements for that time shall be in accordance with the Order of the Dáil of 30th July, 2020, and the Resolution of the Dáil of 20th September, 2023; and
 - (ii) following the statements, a Minister or Minister of State shall be called upon to make a statement in reply which shall not exceed 10 minutes.