

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>ORDER OF BUSINESS</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">ARRANGEMENTS FOR BUSINESS FOR</p> <p style="text-align: center;">TUESDAY TO THURSDAY, 24 - 26 OCTOBER 2023</p>
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**Announcement of Business for the Week:**

Tuesday's business shall be:

- Motion *re* Ministerial Rota for Parliamentary Questions (*without debate*)
- Finance (No. 2) Bill 2023 (Second Stage) (*to conclude within 3 hrs 42 mins*)

Tuesday's private members' business shall be the Motion *re* Funding of the Health Service for 2024, selected by Sinn Féin.

Wednesday's business shall be:

- Finance (No.2) Bill 2023 – Motions for Financial Resolutions (*to be moved together and decided without debate by one question*)
- Statements pre European Council meeting of 26th-27th October, pursuant to Standing Order 124 (*not to exceed 112 mins*)
- Motion *re* opt-in Proposal for a Directive amending Directive 2012/29/EU establishing minimum standards on the rights, support and protection of victims of crime, and replacing Council Framework Decision 2001/220/JHA (*to conclude within 57 mins*)
- Electricity Costs (Emergency Measures) Domestic Accounts Bill 2023 (Second and remaining Stages) (*Second Stage to conclude within 1 hr 57 mins and any division claimed to be taken immediately prior to Committee Stage but no earlier than 6.30 p.m.; Committee and remaining Stages to be taken no earlier than 6.30 p.m. and to conclude within 2 hrs*)

Wednesday's private members' business shall be the Motion *re* Neutrality, selected by the Independent Group.

Thursday's business shall be Statements on Road Safety (*not to exceed 147 mins*).

Thursday evening business shall be the Motion *re* Report entitled "*Aligning Disability Services with the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities*" (*Joint Committee on Disability Matters*).

**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 shall be modified to the following extent:
  - (i) the Dáil shall sit later than 10.32 p.m.; and
  - (ii) the time allotted to Government business shall be extended in accordance with the arrangements for the Finance (No. 2) Bill 2023, with consequential effect on the commencement times for the items following in the ordinary routine of business, namely, private members' business, Parliamentary Questions to the Minister for Social Protection and topical issues;
2. the Motion *re* Ministerial Rota for Parliamentary Questions shall be taken without debate; and
3. on Second Stage of the Finance (No. 2) Bill 2023, on the conclusion of the first speaking round in accordance with the arrangements agreed by Order of the Dáil of 30<sup>th</sup> July, 2020, and the Resolution of the Dáil of 20<sup>th</sup> September, 2023, 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.

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 sit later than 9.30 p.m.;
  - (ii) the SOS pursuant to Standing Order 25(1) shall be taken immediately following the Statements pre European Council meeting of 26th-27th October, pursuant to Standing Order 124, which shall be taken on the conclusion of Parliamentary Questions to the Taoiseach pursuant to Standing Order 46(1); and
  - (iii) 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 Electricity Costs (Emergency Measures) Domestic Accounts Bill 2023;

2. the Motions for Financial Resolutions for the Finance (No.2) Bill 2023 shall be moved together and decided without debate by one question which shall be put from the Chair;
3. the following arrangements shall apply in relation to the Statements pre European Council meeting of 26th-27th October, pursuant to Standing Order 124:
  - (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 30<sup>th</sup> July, 2020, and the Resolution of the Dáil of 20<sup>th</sup> 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* opt-in Proposal for a Directive amending Directive 2012/29/EU establishing minimum standards on the rights, support and protection of victims of crime, and replacing Council Framework Decision 2001/220/JHA shall, if not previously concluded, be brought to a conclusion after 57 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 - 10 minutes;
    - speech by representative of Sinn Féin - 10 minutes;
    - speeches by representatives of the Labour Party, Social Democrats, People-Before-Profit-Solidarity, the Regional Group, the Rural Independent Group and the Independent Group - 5 minutes per party or group;
    - speeches by non-aligned members – 2 minutes; and
    - a speech in response by the Minister – 5 minutes; and
  - (ii) members may share time; and
5. in relation to the Electricity Costs (Emergency Measures) Domestic Accounts Bill 2023, the following arrangements shall apply:
  - (i) on the proceedings on Second Stage, speeches shall be confined to a single round in accordance with the arrangements agreed by—

(a) the Order of the Dáil of 30<sup>th</sup> July, 2020, for the first round on Second Stage, save that the times shall be halved in each case, and

(b) the Resolution of the Dáil of 20<sup>th</sup> September, 2023,

and on the conclusion of the single 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 on Second Stage 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, but in any event, no earlier than 6.30 p.m.; and

- (ii) the proceedings on Committee and remaining Stages shall be taken no earlier than 6.30 p.m. and shall, if not previously concluded, be brought to a conclusion after 2 hours 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 the Environment, Climate and Communications.

1. In relation to Thursday's proceedings –

(i) the Dáil on its rising shall adjourn until 2 p.m. on Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> November, 2023, and

(ii) the ordinary routine of business as contained in Schedule 3 to Standing Orders shall be modified to the extent that topical issues shall be taken on the conclusion of Government business and the Motion *re* Report entitled *“Aligning Disability Services with the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities”* shall be taken on the conclusion of topical issues, 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 Road Safety:

(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 30<sup>th</sup> July, 2020, and the Resolution of the Dáil of 20<sup>th</sup> 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.