

<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, 23 – 25 JANUARY 2024</p>
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**Announcement of Business for the Week:**

Tuesday's business shall be:

- Social Welfare (Liable Relatives and Child Maintenance) Bill 2023 – Motion to Instruct the Committee *(without debate)*
- Motion *re* Conflict in Israel and the occupied Palestinian territory *(to conclude within 147 mins)*

Tuesday's private members' business shall be the Motion *re* Housing and Homeless Prevention, selected by Sinn Féin.

Wednesday's business shall be:

- Statements post European Council meeting of 14th-15th December, pursuant to Standing Order 124 *(statements for 102 mins, followed by 20 mins Q&A, followed by Ministerial response for 5 mins)*
- Motion *re* Tribunal of Inquiry into certain matters relating to the Complaints Processes in the Defence Forces *(to conclude within 112 mins)*
- Digital Services Bill 2023 (Report and Final Stages) *(to be taken no earlier than 6 p.m. and to conclude within 60 mins)*
- Gas (Amendment) Bill 2023 (Report and Final Stages) *(if not previously concluded, to adjourn either at 9.14 p.m. or after 1 hr 30 mins, whichever is the later)*

Wednesday's private members' business shall be the Motion *re* Gaza and the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide, selected by the Social Democrats.

Thursday's business shall be:

- Statements on United Kingdom Import Controls *(not to exceed 112 mins)*
- Charities (Amendment) Bill 2023 (Second Stage) *(if not previously concluded, to adjourn at 6.30 p.m. or after 2 hrs 56 mins, whichever is the later)*

Thursday evening business shall be the Second Stage of the Children and Family Relationships (Amendment) Bill 2023.

**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 may 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 Motion *re* Conflict in Israel and the occupied Palestinian territory, 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 Tánaiste and Minister for Defence, and topical issues;
2. the proceedings on the Social Welfare (Liable Relatives and Child Maintenance) Bill 2023 – Motion to Instruct the Committee shall be taken without debate; and
3. the following arrangements shall apply in relation to the Motion *re* Conflict in Israel and the occupied Palestinian territory:
- (i) the proceedings shall, if not previously concluded, be brought to a conclusion after 2 hours and 27 minutes;
  - (ii) the speeches 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;
  - (iii) following the speeches, a Minister or Minister of State shall be called upon to make a speech in reply which shall not exceed 10 minutes; and
  - (iv) members may share time.

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 may sit later than 9.30 p.m., but shall in any event adjourn on the conclusion of the weekly division time;
  - (ii) the first item of Government business, namely, the Statements post European Council meeting of 14th-15th December, pursuant to Standing Order 124, shall be taken at the time when the SOS pursuant to Standing Order 25(1) would

- normally be taken, and the SOS shall be taken immediately following the statements; and
- (iii) the weekly division time may be taken later than 8.45 p.m., and shall in any event be taken on the interruption or conclusion of proceedings on the Gas (Amendment) Bill 2023;
2. the Statements post European Council meeting of 14th-15th December, pursuant to Standing Order 124, shall not exceed 127 minutes, and the following arrangements shall apply thereto:
- (i) the statements shall not exceed 102 minutes, and the arrangements for that time shall be in accordance with those agreed by 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;
- (ii) following the statements, questions and answers shall be taken for 20 minutes;
- (iii) on the conclusion of the questions and answers, a Minister or Minister of State shall be called upon to make a statement in reply which shall not exceed five minutes; and
- (iv) members may share time;
3. the following arrangements shall apply in relation to the Motion *re* Tribunal of Inquiry into certain matters relating to the Complaints Processes in the Defence Forces:
- (i) the proceedings shall, if not previously concluded, be brought to a conclusion after 1 hour and 52 minutes;
- (ii) the speeches 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;
- (iii) following the speeches, a Minister or Minister of State shall be called upon to make a speech in reply which shall not exceed 10 minutes; and
- (iv) members may share time;

4. the proceedings on the Report and Final Stages of the Digital Services Bill 2023 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 Enterprise, Trade and Employment; and
5. the proceedings on the Report and Final Stages of the Gas (Amendment) Bill 2023 shall, if not previously concluded, be interrupted and stand adjourned either at 9.14 p.m. or after 1 hour and 30 minutes, whichever is the later, and shall not be resumed on Wednesday.

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 extent that topical issues may be taken earlier than 7.24 p.m. and shall in any event be taken on the interruption or conclusion of Government business, with consequential effect on the commencement time for Second Stage of the Children and Family Relationships (Amendment) Bill 2023, and on the time for the adjournment of the Dáil;
2. the Statements on United Kingdom Import Controls shall not exceed 112 minutes and the following arrangements shall apply thereto:
  - (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;
  - (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
  - (iii) members may share time; and
3. the proceedings on Second Stage of the Charities (Amendment) Bill 2023 shall, if not previously concluded, be interrupted and stand adjourned either at 6.30 p.m. or after 2 hours and 56 minutes, whichever is the later, and shall not be resumed on Thursday.