

ORDER OF BUSINESS

ARRANGEMENTS FOR BUSINESS FOR TUESDAY TO THURSDAY, 30 JANUARY – 1 FEBRUARY 2024

Announcement of Business for the Week:

Tuesday's business shall be:

- Motion *re* Ministerial Rota for Parliamentary Questions (*without debate*)
- Statements on the Coordination of Services for those Seeking Protection in Ireland (working title) (*not to exceed 212 mins*)

Tuesday's private members' business shall be the Motion *re* the International Court of Justice and Genocide in Gaza, selected by Sinn Féin.

Wednesday's business shall be:

- Motion *re* Consideration of Estimates by Committees (*without debate*)
- Research and Innovation Bill 2023 (Second Stage) (*if not previously concluded, to adjourn either at 4.45 p.m. or after 2 hrs 26 mins, whichever is the later*)
- Social Welfare and Civil Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2023 [*changed from* Social Welfare (Liable Relatives and Child Maintenance) Bill 2023] (Report and Final Stages) (*to commence no earlier than 4.30 p.m. and if not previously concluded, to adjourn after 2 hrs*)
- Policing, Security and Community Safety Bill 2023 (Amendments from the Seanad) (*if not previously concluded, to adjourn after 2 hrs*)
- Employment Permits Bill 2022 (Report and Final Stages) (*if not previously concluded, to adjourn either at 10.45 p.m. or after 2 hrs, whichever is the later*)

Wednesday's private members' business shall be Second Stage of the Misuse of Drugs (Cannabis Regulation) Bill 2022, selected by People Before Profit-Solidarity.

Thursday's business shall be the Research and Innovation Bill 2023 (Second Stage, resumed, if not previously concluded) (*to adjourn at 4 p.m., if not previously concluded*).

Thursday evening business shall be the Motion *re* Report entitled "Report on the progress of the Sustainable Development Goals 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 Statements on the Coordination of Services for those Seeking Protection in Ireland, 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 Rural and Community Development, and topical issues;
- 2. the proceedings on the Motion *re* Ministerial Rota for Parliamentary Questions shall be taken without debate; and
- 3. the Statements on the Coordination of Services for those Seeking Protection in Ireland shall not exceed 212 minutes and the following arrangements shall apply thereto:
 - (i) the arrangements for the statements, not including the Ministerial response, shall be in accordance with the arrangements agreed by Order of the Dáil of 30th July, 2020, for 200 minutes, and the Resolution of the Dáil of 20th September, 2023, providing for two minutes for non-aligned members;
 - (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.

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) in the event the Taoiseach is unable to attend for questions pursuant to Standing Order 46(1), the SOS pursuant to Standing Order 25(1) may take place earlier than 1.49 p.m., with consequential effect on the commencement time for Government business; and
 - (ii) the Dáil may sit later than 9.30 p.m., and the weekly division time may be taken later than 8.45 p.m. and shall in any event be taken on the adjournment of proceedings on the Employment Permits Bill 2022, or where those proceedings conclude within the allotted time, on the conclusion thereof;

2. notwithstanding anything in Standing Order 170(2), the proceedings on Second Stage of the Misuse of Drugs (Cannabis Regulation) Bill 2022 shall, if not previously concluded, be brought to a conclusion after two hours;
3. the proceedings on the Motion *re* Consideration of Estimates by Committees shall be taken without debate;
4. the proceedings on Second Stage of the Research and Innovation Bill 2023 shall, if not previously concluded, be interrupted and stand adjourned either at 4.45 p.m. or after 2 hours and 26 minutes, whichever is the later, and shall not be resumed on Wednesday;
5. the proceedings on the Report and Final Stages of the Social Welfare and Civil Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2023 [*changed from* Social Welfare (Liable Relatives and Child Maintenance) Bill 2023] shall commence no earlier than 4.30 p.m., shall, if not previously concluded, be interrupted and stand adjourned after 2 hours, and shall not be resumed on Wednesday;
6. the proceedings on the amendments from the Seanad to the Policing, Security and Community Safety Bill 2023 shall, if not previously concluded, be interrupted and stand adjourned after 2 hours, and shall not be resumed on Wednesday; and
7. the proceedings on the Report and Final Stages of the Employment Permits Bill 2022 shall, if not previously concluded, be interrupted and stand adjourned either at 10.45 p.m. or after 2 hours, whichever is the later, and shall not be resumed on Wednesday.

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

1. the following arrangements shall apply in relation to Thursday:
 - (i) 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 proceedings on Second Stage of the Research and Innovation Bill 2023, or where those proceedings conclude before Thursday, immediately following the SOS, with consequential effect on the commencement time for the Motion *re*

Report entitled "Report on the progress of the Sustainable Development Goals 2023", and on the time for the adjournment of the Dáil; and

(ii) the Dáil on its rising shall adjourn until 2 p.m. on Wednesday, 7th February 2024; and

2. any resumed proceedings on Second Stage of the Research and Innovation Bill 2023 shall, if not previously concluded, be interrupted and stand adjourned at 4 p.m., and shall not be resumed on Thursday.
