

<p style="text-align: center;">ORDER OF BUSINESS</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ARRANGEMENTS FOR BUSINESS FOR</p> <p style="text-align: center;">TUESDAY TO THURSDAY, 27 - 29 FEBRUARY 2024</p>
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Announcement of Business for the Week:

Tuesday's business shall be:

- Motion *re* Amendment of Orders of Reference of the Committee on Assisted Dying (*without debate*)
- Motion *re* Approval of Appointment of a Member of the Legal Services Regulatory Authority (*without debate*)
- Motion *re* divisions in Select Committee on Housing, Local Government and Heritage
- Statements on Recent Arson Attacks (*not to exceed 3 hrs 32 mins*)

Tuesday's private members' business shall be the Second Stage of the Mental Health (Amendment) Bill 2023, selected by Sinn Féin.

Wednesday's business shall be:

- Statements on RTE (*not to exceed 95 minutes*)
- Motion *re* Proposed approval by Dáil Éireann of a Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council Establishing an EU Talent Pool (*to conclude within 57 minutes*)
- Employment (Collective Redundancies and Miscellaneous Provisions) and Companies (Amendment) Bill 2023 (Report and Final Stages) (*to commence no earlier than 4 p.m. and if not previously concluded, to adjourn after 60 mins*)
- Social Welfare and Civil Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2023 (Amendments from the Seanad) [*changed from* Social Welfare (Liable Relatives and Child Maintenance) Bill 2023] (*if not previously concluded, to adjourn after 60 mins*)
- Local Government (Mayor of Limerick) and Miscellaneous Provisions Bill 2023 (Amendments from the Seanad) [*changed from* Local Government (Mayor of Limerick) Bill 2023] (*if not previously concluded, to adjourn either at 8.49 p.m. or after 2 hrs, whichever is the later*)

Wednesday's private members' business shall be the Second Stage of the Protection of Employees (Trade Union Subscriptions) Bill 2024, selected by the Independent Group.

Thursday's business shall be:

- Forty-first Amendment of the Constitution (Agreement on a Unified Patent Court) Bill 2024 (Second Stage) (*if not previously concluded, to adjourn at 5 p.m. and any division claimed to be taken immediately prior to Committee Stage*)
- Statements on Child and Youth Mental Health Services (*not to exceed 2 hrs 27 mins*)

Thursday evening business shall be the Motion *re* Report entitled "Unfinished Democracy: Achieving Gender Equality".

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.;
 - (ii) in the event the Taoiseach is unable to attend for questions pursuant to Standing Order 46(1), Government business shall be taken at the time when Taoiseach's questions would normally be taken; and
 - (iii) the time allotted to Government business shall be extended in accordance with the arrangements for Statements on Recent Arson Attacks, 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 Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science, and topical issues;
2. the proceedings on the Motion *re* Amendment of Orders of Reference of the Committee on Assisted Dying – extension of reporting deadline shall be taken without debate;
3. the proceedings on the Motion *re* Approval of Appointment of a Member of the Legal Services Regulatory Authority shall be taken without debate;
4. the proceedings on the Motion *re* divisions in Select Committee on Housing, Local Government and Heritage shall be taken without debate;
5. the Statements Recent Arson Attacks shall not exceed 3 hours and 32 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; and
6. notwithstanding anything in Standing Order 170(2), the proceedings on Second Stage of the Mental Health (Amendment) Bill 2023 shall, if not previously concluded, be brought to a conclusion after two hours.

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

- 1. (i) pursuant to Standing Order 94(3), the Dáil shall waive its instruction that not more than two Select Committees shall meet to consider a Bill on any given day in the case of the proposed meetings of the Select Committee on Transport and Communications, the Select Committee on Housing, Local Government, and Heritage, and the Select Committee on Education, Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science, to consider, respectively, the Road Traffic Bill 2024, the Planning and Development Bill 2023 and the Research and Development Bill 2024; and
- (ii) the ordinary routine of business as contained in Schedule 3 to Standing Orders shall be modified to the following extent:
 - (a) 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
 - (b) 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 amendments from the Seanad to the Local Government (Mayor of Limerick) and Miscellaneous Provisions Bill 2023 [*changed from* Local Government (Mayor of Limerick) Bill 2023], or where those proceedings conclude within the allotted time, on the conclusion thereof, with consequential effect on the time for the adjournment of the Dáil;

2. notwithstanding anything in Standing Order 170(2), the proceedings on Second Stage of the Protection of Employees (Trade Union Subscriptions) Bill 2024 shall, if not previously concluded, be brought to a conclusion after two hours;
3. the Statements on RTE shall not exceed 1 hour and 37 minutes, and the following arrangements shall apply thereto:
 - (i) the order of speaking and allocation of time shall be as follows:-
 - opening statement by Minister - 10 minutes;
 - statements 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 - 10 minutes per party or group;
 - statements by non-aligned members – 2 minutes; and
 - a statement in response by the Minister – 15 minutes; and
 - (ii) members may share time;
4. the proceedings on the Motion re Proposed approval by Dáil Éireann of a Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council Establishing an EU Talent Pool shall, if not previously concluded, be brought to a conclusion after 57 minutes, and the following arrangements shall apply thereto:
 - (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;
5. the proceedings on Report and Final Stages of the Employment (Collective Redundancies and Miscellaneous Provisions) and Companies (Amendment) Bill 2023

shall commence no earlier than 4.00 p.m. and shall, if not previously concluded, be interrupted and stand adjourned after 1 hour, and shall not be resumed on Wednesday;

6. the proceedings on the amendments from the Seanad to the Social Welfare and Civil Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2023 [*changed from* Social Welfare (Liable Relatives and Child Maintenance) Bill 2023] shall, if not previously concluded, be interrupted and stand adjourned after 1 hour, and shall not be resumed on Wednesday; and
7. the proceedings on the amendments from the Seanad to the Local Government (Mayor of Limerick) and Miscellaneous Provisions Bill 2023 [*changed from* Local Government (Mayor of Limerick) Bill 2023] shall, if not previously concluded, be interrupted and stand adjourned either at 8.49 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 ordinary routine of business as contained in Schedule 3 to Standing Orders shall be modified to the extent that topical issues may be taken later than 7.24 p.m. and shall in any event be taken on the conclusion of Statements on Child and Youth Mental Health Services, with consequential effect on the commencement time for the Motion *re* Report entitled "Unfinished Democracy: Achieving Gender Equality", and on the time for the adjournment of the Dáil;
2. the proceedings on Second Stage of the Forty-first Amendment of the Constitution (Agreement on a Unified Patent Court) Bill 2024 shall, if not previously concluded, be interrupted and stand adjourned at 5 p.m. and the Bill shall not be resumed on Thursday: Provided that any division claimed on the Second Stage proceedings shall be taken immediately prior to Committee Stage; and
3. the Statements on Child and Youth Mental Health Services shall not exceed 2 hours and 27 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 135 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.
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