

ORDER OF BUSINESS

ARRANGEMENTS FOR BUSINESS FOR TUESDAY TO THURSDAY, 5 - 7 MARCH 2024

Announcement of Business for the Week:

Tuesday's business shall be:

- Motion *re* Proposed approval by Dáil Éireann of the terms of the Framework Agreement on Comprehensive Partnership and Cooperation between the European Union and its Member States and the Kingdom of Thailand (*without debate*)
- Motion *re* Proposed approval by Dáil Éireann of the terms of the Strategic Partnership Agreement between the European Union and its Member States and Japan (*without debate*)
- Motion *re* Proposed approval by Dáil Éireann of the Finance Act 2004 (Section 91) (Deferred Surrender to the Central Fund) Order 2024 (*without debate*)
- Statements on International Women's Day (*not to exceed 2 hrs 27 mins*)

Tuesday's private members' business shall be the Motion *re* Supporting People with Disabilities and Carers, selected by Sinn Féin.

Wednesday's business shall be:

- Motion *re* Report of the Joint Committee on Finance, Public Expenditure and Reform, and Taoiseach under Dáil Standing Order 133 on a Proposal for a Directive establishing harmonised requirements in the internal market on transparency of interest representation carried out on behalf of third countries and amending Directive (EU) 2019/1937 (*without debate*)
- Motion *re* Report of the Committee on Standing Orders and Dáil Reform entitled "Orders of Reference for Special Committee on Drugs Use" (*without debate*)
- Motion *re* Ministerial Rota for Parliamentary Questions (*without debate*)
- Ráitis maidir leis an nGaeilge chun Seachtain na Gaeilge a chomóradh (*not to exceed 1 hr 52 mins*)
- Statements on Rare Diseases (*not to exceed 57 mins*)
- Forty-first Amendment of the Constitution (Agreement on a Unified Patent Court) Bill 2024 (Committee and remaining Stages) (*to commence no earlier than 4 p.m. and to conclude within 60 minutes*)
- Motion *re* Statement for the Information of Voters in relation to the Forty-first Amendment of the Constitution (Agreement on a Unified Patent Court) Bill 2024 (*without debate*)

- European Arrest Warrant (Amendment) Bill 2022 (Amendments from the Seanad) *(if not previously concluded, to adjourn after 60 mins)*
- Research and Innovation Bill 2024 (Report and Final Stages) *(if not previously concluded, to adjourn after 2 hrs)*
- Road Traffic Bill 2024 (Report and Final Stages) *(if not previously concluded, to adjourn either at 10.19 p.m. or after 1 hr 30 mins, whichever is the later)*

Wednesday's private members' business shall be the Motion *re* Housing Targets and Regulation, selected by the Labour Party.

Thursday's business shall be Statements on Nature Restoration Law *(not to exceed 3 hrs 32 mins)*.

Thursday evening business shall be the Motion *re* Report entitled "Final Report of the Joint Committee on Autism".

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) the time allotted to Government business shall be extended in accordance with the arrangements for the Statements on International Women's Day, 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* Proposed approval by Dáil Éireann of the terms of the Framework Agreement on Comprehensive Partnership and Cooperation between the European Union and its Member States and the Kingdom of Thailand shall be taken without debate;
3. the proceedings on the Motion *re* Proposed approval by Dáil Éireann of the terms of the Strategic Partnership Agreement between the European Union and its Member States and Japan shall be taken without debate;

4. the proceedings on the Motion *re* Proposed approval by Dáil Éireann of the Finance Act 2004 (Section 91) (Deferred Surrender to the Central Fund) Order 2024 shall be taken without debate; and
5. the Statements on International Women's Day 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.

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. and shall adjourn on the conclusion of the weekly division time, which may be taken later than 8.45 p.m., and shall in any event be taken on the adjournment of proceedings on the Report and Final Stages of the Road Traffic Bill 2024, or where those proceedings conclude before they must be interrupted, on the conclusion thereof;
 - (ii) 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
 - (iii) the proceedings on the Motion *re* Statement for Information of Voters in relation to the Forty-first Amendment of the Constitution (Agreement on a Unified Patent Court) Bill 2024 shall be taken without debate immediately upon the conclusion of that Bill;

2. the proceedings on the Motion *re* Report of the Joint Committee on Finance, Public Expenditure and Reform, and Taoiseach under Dáil Standing Order 133 on a Proposal for a Directive establishing harmonised requirements in the internal market on transparency of interest representation carried out on behalf of third countries and amending Directive (EU) 2019/1937 shall be taken without debate;
3. the proceedings on the Motion *re* Report of the Committee on Standing Orders and Dáil Reform entitled " Orders of Reference for Special Committee on Drugs Use" shall be taken without debate;
4. the proceedings on the Motion *re* Ministerial Rota for Parliamentary Questions shall be taken without debate;
5. the Statements on the Irish Language to mark Seachtain na Gaeilge shall not exceed 1 hour and 52 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 100 minutes, and 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;
6. the Statements on Rare Diseases shall not exceed 57 minutes and the following arrangements shall apply thereto:
 - (i) the order of speaking and allocation of time shall be as follows:-
 - opening statement by a Minister or Minister of State - 10 minutes;
 - statement by a member of a Government party - 5 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 - 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;
7. the proceedings on Committee and remaining Stages of the Forty-first Amendment of the Constitution (Agreement on a Unified Patent Court) Bill 2024 shall commence no earlier than 4 p.m. and shall, if not previously concluded, be brought to a conclusion after 60 minutes 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;
 8. the proceedings on the amendments from the Seanad to the European Arrest Warrant (Amendment) Bill 2022 shall, if not previously concluded, be interrupted and stand adjourned after 1 hour, and shall not be resumed on Wednesday;
 9. the proceedings on Report and Final Stages of the Research and Innovation Bill 2024 shall, if not previously concluded, be interrupted and stand adjourned after 2 hours, and shall not be resumed on Wednesday; and
 10. the proceedings on Report and Final Stages of the Road Traffic Bill 2024 shall, if not previously concluded, be interrupted and stand adjourned either at 10.19 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. (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 conclusion of the Statements on Nature Restoration Law, and the Motion *re* Report entitled "Final Report of the Joint Committee on Autism" shall be taken on the conclusion of topical issues, with consequential effect on the time for the adjournment of the Dáil; and
- (ii) the Dáil on its rising shall adjourn until 2 p.m. on Wednesday, 20th March 2024;
2. the Statements on Nature Restoration Law 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 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
3. the proceedings on the Motion *re* Report entitled "Final Report of the Joint Committee on Autism" shall be taken in Committee of the whole Dáil and Senator Micheál Carrigy may attend and be heard during the proceedings: Provided that the arrangements as provided for in Standing Order 102 shall apply to the proceedings.
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