## ORDER OF BUSINESS

## ARRANGEMENTS FOR BUSINESS FOR TUESDAY TO THURSDAY, 1 - 3 JULY 2025

## Announcement of Business for the Week:

Tuesday's business shall be:

- Motion re Nomination to Appoint the Deputy Police Ombudsman (without debate)
- Motion *re* Fourth Report of the Standing Committee of Selection (without debate)
- Statements on the publication of the report of the review of the Education for Persons with Special Educational Needs Act 2004 (not to exceed 2 hours and 25 minutes).

Tuesday's private members' business shall be Motion *re* GPO and Moore Street regeneration as a 1916 Cultural Quarter, selected by Sinn Féin.

Wednesday's business shall be:

- Statements on All Island Strategic Rail Review recommendations (to adjourn after 1 hour and 30 minutes and resume on 9th July)
- Statements on the Middle East (not to exceed 3 hours and 32 minutes)
- Defamation (Amendment) Bill 2024 (Report and Final Stages) (to be taken no earlier than 6.30 p.m. and if not previously concluded, to adjourn either at 9.12 p.m. or after 2 hours, whichever is the later)
- Social Welfare (Bereaved Partner's Pension and Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2025 (Report and Final Stages) [changed from Social Welfare Bereaved Partner's Pension) Bill 2025] (to conclude within 1 hour)

Wednesday's private members' business shall be the Motion *re* Nursing Homes, selected by the Labour Party.

Thursday's business shall be:

- Motion re Proposed approval by Dáil Éireann for a Regulation amending Regulation (EU)
  2024/1348 as regards the establishment of a list of safe countries of origin at Union level\*
- Motion *re* Proposed approval by Dáil Éireann for a Regulation amending Regulation (EU) 2024/1348 as regards the application of the 'safe third country' concept\*
- Motion re Proposed approval by Dáil Éireann for a Regulation establishing a common system for the return of third-country nationals staying illegally in the Union and repealing Directive 2008/115/EC of the European Parliament and the Council, Council Directive 2001/40/EC and Council Decision 2004/191/EC\*
- Motion re Proposed approval by Dáil Éireann for a Council Recommendation on a coordinated approach to the transition out of temporary protection for displaced persons from Ukraine\*

\*Four separate motions to be debated together and brought to a conclusion after 3 hours and 32 minutes; question to be put on each motion separately

Thursday evening business shall be the Second Stage of the Ministers and Secretaries (Attorney General) Bill 2023, sponsored by Deputy Ivana Bacik.

## **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:
  - (a) the only Parliamentary Questions to the Taoiseach pursuant to Standing Order 47(1) which may be answered shall be those under the aegis of the Government Chief Whip, with consequential effect on the commencement time for Government business; and
  - (b) private members' business may be taken earlier than 6.12 p.m. and shall in any event be taken on the conclusion of the Statements on the publication of the report of the review of the Education for Persons with Special Educational Needs Act 2004, with consequential effect on the commencement times for the items following in the ordinary routine of business, namely, oral Parliamentary Questions to the Housing, Local Government and Heritage, and topical issues, and on the time for the adjournment of the Dáil;
- 2. the proceedings on the Motion *re* Nomination to Appoint the Deputy Police Ombudsman shall be taken without debate;
- 3. the proceedings on the Motion *re* Fourth Report of the Standing Committee of Selection shall be taken without debate; and
- 4. the Statements on the publication of the report of the review of the Education for Persons with Special Educational Needs Act 2004 shall not exceed 2 hours and 25 minutes and the order of speaking and allocation of time shall be as follows:
  - (a) the arrangements for the statements, not including the Ministerial response, shall be in accordance with the arrangements contained in the table immediately below (to be read across, not down);

- (b) 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
- (c) members may share time.

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| Mins | 25  | 15  | 10  | 10   | 3   |
|      | SD  | Gov | SF  | IPTG | Gov |
| Mins | 10  | 10  | 3   | 9    | 10  |
|      | SF  | ITG | Gov | SF   | ОМ  |
| Mins | 3   | 9   | 10  | 3    | 5   |

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

- 1. the ordinary routine of business as set out in Schedule 3 to Standing Orders shall be modified to the following extent:
  - (a) the Dáil may sit later than 9.30 p.m. and shall adjourn on the conclusion of the weekly division time; and
  - (b) the time allotted for Government Business shall be extended in accordance with the arrangements for that business, with consequential effect on the commencement time for the weekly division time, which may be taken on the conclusion of proceedings on the Social Welfare (Bereaved Partner's Pension and Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2025 [changed from Social Welfare Bereaved Partner's Pension) Bill 2025];
- 2. the Statements on All Island Strategic Rail Review recommendations shall be interrupted and stand adjourned after 90 minutes and the order of speaking and allocation of time shall be as follows:
  - (a) the arrangements for the statements shall be in accordance with those contained in the table immediately below (to be read across, not down);
  - (b) any speaking slots which are not reached may be taken on Wednesday, 9th July, 2025, in accordance with the agreed sequence; and
  - (c) members may share time;

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- 3. the Statements on the Middle East shall not exceed 3 hours and 32 minutes and the order of speaking and allocation of time shall be as follows:
  - (a) the arrangements for the statements, not including the Ministerial response, shall be in accordance with the arrangements contained in the table immediately below (to be read across, not down);
  - (b) 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
  - (c) members may share time;

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|      | SF  | ITG | Gov | SF   | ОМ  |
| Mins | 5   | 12  | 15  | 5    | 8   |

- 4. the proceedings on Report and Final Stages of the Defamation (Amendment) Bill 2024 shall be taken no earlier than 6.30 p.m. and shall, if not previously concluded, be interrupted and stand adjourned either at 9.12 p.m. or after 2 hours, whichever is the later, and shall not be resumed on Wednesday; and
- 5. the proceedings on Report and Final Stages of the Social Welfare (Bereaved Partner's Pension and Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2025 [changed from Social Welfare Bereaved Partner's Pension) Bill 2025] shall, if not previously concluded, be brought to a conclusion after 1 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 Social Protection.

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

- 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 Motions on Participation by Ireland in the Adoption and Application of New Proposals in the Field of Return of third-country nationals, International Protection and Temporary Protection, with consequential effect on the commencement time for Second Stage of the Ministers and Secretaries (Attorney General) Bill 2023 and on the time for the adjournment of the Dáil; and
- 2. the proceedings on the Motion *re* Proposed approval by Dáil Éireann for a Regulation amending Regulation (EU) 2024/1348 as regards the establishment of a list of safe countries of origin at Union level, the Motion *re* Proposed approval by Dáil Éireann for a Regulation amending Regulation (EU) 2024/1348 as regards the application of the 'safe third country' concept, the Motion *re* Proposed approval by Dáil Éireann for a Regulation establishing a common system for the return of third-country nationals staying illegally in the Union and repealing Directive 2008/115/EC of the European Parliament and the Council, Council Directive 2001/40/EC and Council Decision 2004/191/EC, *and* the Motion *re* Proposed approval by Dáil Éireann for a Council Recommendation on a coordinated approach to the transition out of temporary protection for displaced persons from Ukraine shall, if not previously concluded, be brought to a conclusion after 3 hours and 32 minutes and the following arrangements shall apply thereto:
  - (a) the four motions shall be debated together, with separate questions put on all proceedings thereon;
  - (b) the order of speaking and allocation of time shall be in accordance with those contained in the table immediately below (to be read across, not down);
  - (c) where speeches conclude before the 3 hours and 22 minutes have elapsed and no other member is offering, 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; and
  - (d) members may share time.

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|      | SF  | ITG | Gov | SF   | OM  |
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