

ORDER OF BUSINESS
ARRANGEMENTS FOR BUSINESS FOR
TUESDAY TO THURSDAY, 9 – 11 DECEMBER 2025

Announcement of Business for the Week:

Tuesday's business shall be:

- Motion *re* Excess Vote relating to 2024 [Vote 14] (*without debate*)
- Arbitration (Amendment) Bill 2025 (Second Stage) (*to conclude within 3 hours and 34 minutes*)

Tuesday's private members' business shall be the Motion *re* Assessment of Needs, selected by Sinn Féin.

Wednesday's business shall be:

- Statements on Online Safety (*not to exceed 2 hours and 25 minutes*)
- Motion *re* Proposed approval by Dáil Éireann for a Council Decision to sign the Third Additional Protocol to the European Convention on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters (*to commence no earlier than 5.20 p.m. and to conclude within 1 hour*)
- Irish Film Board (Amendment) Bill 2025 [*Seanad*] (Committee and remaining Stages) (*to conclude within 1 hour*)
- Motion to Instruct the Committee on the Remediation of Dwellings Damaged by the Use of Defective Concrete Blocks (Amendment) Bill 2025 (*to conclude within 1 hour and any division claimed to be taken immediately*)
- Remediation of Dwellings Damaged by the Use of Defective Concrete Blocks (Amendment) Bill 2025 (Committee and remaining Stages) (*if not previously concluded, to conclude either at 12.22 a.m. or after 4 hours, whichever is the later*)

Wednesday's private members' business shall be the Second Stage of the Dog Welfare (Amendment) Bill 2025, selected by Social Democrats.

Thursday's business shall be the Motion *re* Restoration of Private Members' Bill to the Order Paper (*without debate*).

Thursday evening business shall be the Second Stage of the Health (Waiting Lists) Bill 2024, sponsored by Deputy David Cullinane.

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 time allocated to Government business shall be extended in accordance with the arrangements for that business and the Dáil may sit later than 10.48 p.m.;
 - (b) Oral Parliamentary Questions to the Taoiseach pursuant to Standing Order 47(1) shall not be taken and Government business shall commence at the time when Parliamentary Questions to the Taoiseach would normally be taken; and
 - (c) private members' business may be taken later than 6.12 p.m. and shall in any event be taken on the conclusion of the Second Stage of the Arbitration (Amendment) Bill 2025, with consequential effect on the commencement times for the items following in the ordinary routine of business, namely, Parliamentary Questions to the Minister for Finance and topical issues;
2. the proceedings on the Motion *re* Excess Vote relating to 2024 [Vote 14] shall be taken without debate; and
3. the proceedings on the Second Stage of the Arbitration (Amendment) Bill 2025 shall be brought to a conclusion after 3 hours and 34 minutes and the following arrangements shall apply:
 - (a) the arrangements for the first speaking round shall be in accordance with those contained in the table immediately below (to be read across, not down);
 - (b) on the conclusion of the first speaking round or where speeches conclude before the 3 hours and 24 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
 - (c) members may share time.

	Gov	SF	Lab	Gov	SF
Mins	20	20	20	12	4
	SD	Gov	SF	IPTG	Gov
Mins	20	12	4	20	12
	SF	ITG	Gov	SF	OM
Mins	4	20	12	4	20

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:

- (a) the time allotted for Government Business shall be extended in accordance with the arrangements for that business and the Dáil may sit later than 9.30 p.m.;
 - (b) the SOS pursuant to Standing Order 25(1) shall be taken immediately following Taoiseach’s Oral Parliamentary Questions pursuant to Standing Order 47(1), which shall be taken at the time when the SOS would normally be taken;
 - (c) in the event the Statements on Online Safety conclude before 5.20 p.m., the sitting shall stand suspended until 5.20 p.m. when the order of business shall resume with the Motion *re* Proposed approval by Dáil Éireann for a Council Decision to sign the Third Additional Protocol to the European Convention on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters; and
 - (d) the weekly division time shall be taken on the conclusion of proceedings on the Remediation of Dwellings Damaged by the Use of Defective Concrete Blocks (Amendment) Bill 2025, and the Dáil shall adjourn on the conclusion of the weekly division time;
2. notwithstanding anything in Standing Order 177(2), the proceedings on Second Stage of the Dog Welfare (Amendment) Bill 2025 shall, if not previously concluded, be brought to a conclusion after 2 hours;
 3. the Statements on Online Safety 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;

	Gov	SF	Lab	Gov	SF
Mins	25	15	10	10	3
	SD	Gov	SF	IPTG	Gov
Mins	10	10	3	9	10
	SF	ITG	Gov	SF	OM
Mins	3	9	10	3	5

4. the proceedings on the Motion *re* Proposed approval by Dáil Éireann for a Council Decision to sign the Third Additional Protocol to the European Convention on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters shall, if not previously concluded, be

brought to a conclusion after 60 minutes and the following arrangements shall apply thereto:

- (a) the order of speaking and allocation of time shall be as follows:-
- opening speech by a Minister or Minister of State – 10 minutes;
 - speeches by representatives of Sinn Féin, the Labour Party, Social Democrats, Independent and Parties Technical Group, and Independent Technical Group – 7.5 minutes per party or group;
 - speeches by Other Members – 7.5 minutes in total; and
 - speech in response by the Minister – 5 minutes; and
- (b) members may share time;
5. the proceedings on Committee and remaining Stages of the Irish Film Board (Amendment) Bill 2025 [*Seanad*] 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 Culture, Communications and Sport;
6. the proceedings on the Motion to Instruct the Committee on the Remediation of Dwellings Damaged by the Use of Defective Concrete Blocks (Amendment) Bill 2025 shall, if not previously concluded, be brought to a conclusion after 60 minutes and the following arrangements shall apply thereto:
- (a) the order of speaking and allocation of time shall be as follows:-
- opening speech by a Minister or Minister of State – 10 minutes;
 - speeches by representatives of Sinn Féin, the Labour Party, Social Democrats, Independent and Parties Technical Group, and Independent Technical Group – 7.5 minutes per party or group;
 - speeches by Other Members – 7.5 minutes in total; and
 - a speech in response by the Minister – 5 minutes;
- (b) members may share time; and
- (c) any division claimed thereon shall be taken immediately; and
7. the proceedings on Committee and remaining Stages of the Remediation of Dwellings Damaged by the Use of Defective Concrete Blocks (Amendment) Bill 2025 shall, if not previously concluded, be brought to a conclusion either at 12.22 p.m. or after 4 hours, whichever is the later, 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 Housing, Local Government and Heritage.

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 following extent:
 - (a) pursuant to an Order of the Dáil of 2nd December, 2025, Parliamentary Questions to the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science pursuant to Standing Order 47(1) shall be taken for 96.5 minutes immediately following the SOS;
 - (b) topical issues may be taken earlier than 7.24 p.m. and shall in any event be taken on the conclusion of the Parliamentary Questions to the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science pursuant to Standing Order 47(1), with consequential effect on the commencement time for Second Stage of the Health (Waiting Lists) Bill 2024; and
 - (c) the Dáil shall adjourn on conclusion of the Second Stage of the Health (Waiting Lists) Bill 2024; and
 2. the proceedings on the Motion *re* Restoration of Private Members' Bill to the Order Paper shall be taken without debate.
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