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Vótála agus bhualadh na gclog a dhéanamh trí mheán leictreonach
An vótáil a chur ar atráth i gcás bearta slándála speisialta a bheith i bhfeidhm
Toradh na vótála a fhógairt
Neamhréireachtaí maidir le vótála nó toirmeasc ar vótála
Vóta cinniúna agus staonadh

Coistí

Dul i gCoiste
An córam i gCoiste den Dáil uile
Easpa córaim i gCoiste den Dáil uile (lena n-áirítear ar thuairisc vótála)
An nós imeachta i gCoiste
An chéad chrúinniú de Bhuan-Choiste, de Roghchoiste nó de Choiste Speisialta: cruinnithe a chur siar nó a thabhairt ar aghaidh
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TIONÓL NA DÁLA TAR ÉIS OLLTOGHCÁIN

Rolla na gComhaltaí.

1. (1) Beidh rolla de Chomhaltaí Dháil Éireann ann, agus síneoidh gach comhalta an Rolla sin, i láthair an Chléirigh, roimh a shuíochán nó a suíochán a thógáil.

(2) Nuair a bheidh freagra faighte aige nó aici ar na hEascairí a cuireadh amach le haghaidh Olltoghcháin don Dáil, tabharfaidh an Cléireach fógra do chomhaltaí a toghadh nach foláir dóibh bheith i láthair, chun foráilacha mhír (1) den Bhuan-Ordú seo a chomhlíonadh, in áit a cheapfaidh sé nó sí agus lá (nó laethanta) a ainmneoidh sé nó sí, agus is lá é sin (nó laethanta iad sin) a thicfaidh roimh an dáta a bheidh luaite san Fhorógra ag comóradh Dháil Éireann.

Tosú ar na hImeachtaí.

2. An chéad lá a thicfaidh an Dáil le chéile tar éis Olltoghcháin, agus chomh luath is a bheidh córam i láthair¹, cuirfidh an Cléireach tús leis na himeachtaí agus léifidh sé nó sí an Forógra ag comóradh Dháil Éireann.

Tuarascáil an Toghcháin ón gCléireach.

3. Tabharfaidh an Cléireach tuarascáil ansin ar eisiúnt na nEascairí le haghaidh an Toghcháin sin. Áireofar sa tuarascáil sin na Dáilcheantair ar eisíodh na hEascairí sin ina leith agus na Cinn Chomhairimh ar cuireadh amach chucú iad. Craolfaidh an Cléireach freisin, ainm gach comhalta a toghadh chun fónamh sa Dáil agus an Dáilcheantar dár toghadh é nó í.

¹ B.O. 21.
Roll of Members.

1. (1) There shall be a Roll of Members of Dáil Éireann which shall be signed in the presence of the Clerk by each member before taking his or her seat.

(2) When returns to Writs issued for a General Election to the Dáil shall have come into his or her hands, the Clerk shall notify members returned that their attendance is required at a place appointed and on a day (or days) named by him or her, which day or days shall be prior to the date mentioned in the Proclamation convening Dáil Éireann, for the purpose of complying with the provisions of paragraph (1) of this Standing Order.

Opening of the proceedings.

2. On the first day of the meeting of the Dáil subsequent to a General Election, and so soon as a quorum is present\(^1\), the proceedings shall be opened by the Clerk, who shall read the Proclamation convening Dáil Éireann.

Clerk’s Election Report.

3. The Clerk shall then make a report as to the issue of Writs for such Election. This report shall enumerate the Constituencies in respect of which, and the Returning Officers to whom, such Writs were issued. The Clerk shall also announce the names of all members returned to serve in the Dáil, giving the Constituency in each case.

\(^1\) S.O. 21.
Cóipeanna de na hEascairí, etc., a leagan faoi bhráid na Dála.

4. Leagfaidh an Cléireach faoi bhráid na Dála cóip den Eascaire toghcháin do gach Dáilcheantar agus den fhreagra a formhuiníodh air.

Míníú ar na habairtí Ceann Comhairle agus Leas-Cheann Comhairle.

5. Chun críocha na mBuan-Orduithe seo ciallóidh an abairt “Ceann Comhairle” an comhalta a bheidh tofa ag Dáil Éireann chun bheith ina Chathaoirleach nó ina Cathaoirleach ar Dháil Éireann, agus ciallóidh an abairt “Leas-Cheann Comhairle” an comhalta a bheidh tofa ag Dáil Éireann chun bheith ina Leas-Chathaoirleach ar Dháil Éireann.

An Ceann Comhairle a thoghadh.

6. (1) Cromfaidh an Dáil ansin ar Cheann Comhairle a thoghadh. Gnómfhíodh an Cléireach mar Chathaoirleach go dtí go dtoghfar an Ceann Comhairle agus go rachaidh an Ceann Comhairle i gceannas.

(2) Déanfar an Ceann Comhairle a thoghadh trí rúnballóid, ach sin faoi réir fhorálacha an Bhuan-Ordaithe seo. Déanfar socruithe ullmhúcháin don bhallóid faoi nhaoirseacht agus faoi stiúradh an Chléirigh.

(3) Ní foláir aon ainmníú iarrthóra chun bheith ina Cheann Comhairle nó ina Ceann Comhairle a bheith i scríbhinn agus é a bheith glacthach ag an gCléireach tráth nach déanaí ná 6 p.m. an lá roimh an gcéad lá a thógadh an Dáil le chéile tar éis Olltoghcháin, gan áireamh a dhéanamh ar Shatharn, ar Dhomhnach nó ar lá saoire poiblí.

(4) Beidh iarrthóir chun bheith ina Ceann Comhairle nó ina Ceann Comhairle ainmnithe go bailí, más rud é—

(a) go mbeidh Rolla na gComhaltaí síniúthe cheana ag an iarrthóir de réir Bhuan-Ordú 1 agus go mbeidh dearbhaithe aga nó aici i scríbhinn don Chléireach go bhfuil sé nó sí toilteach seasamh lena thoghadh nó lena toghadh mar Cheann Comhairle; agus

(b) go mbeidh síniúthe tacaíochta ó lóir nach lá ná seacht gcomhalta eile ar an bhfoirm ainmníúcháin, a mbeidh Rolla na gComhaltaí síniúthe cheana ag gach duine dóibh de réir Bhuan-Ordú 1.

Ní fhéadfaidh comhalta a shíniú tacaíochta nó a síniú tacaíochta a chur ach amhán le haon fhoirm ainmníúcháin amháin. I gcás go gcuirfidh comhalta a shíniú tacaíochta nó a síniú tacaíochta le níos mó ná aon fhoirm amháin den sórt sin, beidh an síniú sin neamhfhéidir ar gach foirm den sórt sin.

(5) I gcás nach mbeidh ainmníú iarrthóra de réir fhorálacha mhír (4), ní bheidh an t-iarrthóir sin ainmnithe go bailí, agus déanfaidh an Cléireach foirm ainmníúcháin an iarrthóra a chur ar ais a luaithe is indéanta.

(6) Feadfaidh iarrthóir a ainmníú nó a háinmníú a tharraingt siar, i scríbhinn, tráth ar bith roimh chriochnú na n-ainmnithe.
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Copies of Writs, etc., to be laid before the Dáil.

4. A copy of the Writ of election for each Constituency, and of the return endorsed thereon, shall be laid before the Dáil by the Clerk.

Ceann Comhairle and Leas-Cheann Comhairle

Definition of expressions Ceann Comhairle and Leas-Cheann Comhairle.

5. For the purposes of these Standing Orders the expression “Ceann Comhairle” shall mean the member elected by Dáil Éireann to be Chairman of Dáil Éireann and the expression “Leas-Cheann Comhairle” shall mean the member elected by Dáil Éireann to be Deputy Chairman of Dáil Éireann.

Election of Ceann Comhairle.

6. (1) The Dáil shall then proceed to the election of a Ceann Comhairle. The Clerk shall act as Chairman until the Ceann Comhairle is elected and takes the Chair.

(2) The election of the Ceann Comhairle shall be conducted by means of a secret ballot, subject to the provisions of this Standing Order. Preparatory arrangements for the ballot shall be made under the supervision and direction of the Clerk.

(3) Any nomination of a candidate for Ceann Comhairle shall be in writing and shall be received by the Clerk not later than 6 p.m. on the day before the first day the Dáil meets subsequent to a General Election, not counting a Saturday, Sunday or a public holiday.

(4) A candidate for Ceann Comhairle is validly nominated where—

(a) the candidate has already signed the Roll of Members in accordance with Standing Order 1 and has declared in writing to the Clerk his or her willingness to stand for election as Ceann Comhairle; and

(b) the nomination form bears the supporting signatures of not fewer than seven other members, each of whom has also already signed the Roll of Members in accordance with Standing Order 1.

A member may add his or her supporting signature to one nomination form only. Where a member adds his or her supporting signature to more than one such form, it shall be invalid on all such forms.

(5) Where a candidate’s nomination does not comply with the provisions of paragraph (4), such candidate is not validly nominated, and the Clerk shall return the candidate’s nomination form as soon as is practicable.

(6) A candidate may, in writing, withdraw his or her nomination at any time up to the close of nominations.
(7) A luaithe is indéanta i ndiaidh chríochnú na n-ainmnithe, déanfaidh an Cléireach liosta de na hiarrthóirí a bheidh ainmnithe go bailí a fhoilsíú, in ord aibítre, ar shuionmh gréasáin Thitthe an Oireachtais: Ach más rud é nach mbeidh aon iarrthóir ainmnithe go bailí, déanfaidh an Cléireach fógra á rá sin a fhoilsíú in ionad an liosta. I gcás nach mbeidh aon iarrthóir ainmnithe go bailí, go díreach tar éis Thuarascáil an Toghcháin ón gCléireach faoi Bhuan-Ordú 3, féadfaidh an chomhalta tairiscint a dhéanamh lena dtairgfear comhalta chun bheith ina Cheann Comhairle nó ina Ceann Comhairle, agus beidh feidhm ag forálacha Bhuan-Ordú 8.

(8) Mura mbeidh ach aon chomhalta amháin ainmnithe go bailí, ní bheidh aon rúnbhallóid ann chun an Ceann Comhairle a thoghadh. Go díreach tar éis Thuarascáil an Toghcháin ón gCléireach faoi Bhuan-Ordú 3, craolfaidh an Cléireach ainm an iarrthóra a bheidh ainmnithe go bailí. I ndiaidh óráidí, nach faide ná cúig nóiméad gach óráid díobh, cromfaidh an Cléireach ar an gceist a chur faoi Bhuan-Ordú 7(2).

(9) Más rud é go mbeidh níos mó ná aon iarrthóir amháin ainmnithe go bailí, go díreach tar éis Thuarascáil an Toghcháin ón gCléireach faoi Bhuan-Ordú 3, déanfaidh an Cléireach ainmneacha na n-iarrthóirí a bheidh ainmnithe go bailí a chraoil, in ord aibítre. Tar éis óráidí ó gach iarrthóir, nó ó chomhalta eile a bheidh ainmnithe in ionad iarrthóra, nach faide ná cúig nóiméad gach óráid díobh, craolfaidh an Cléireach go bhfuil an Teach ag cromadh ar rúnbhallóid agus ordóidh sé nó sí go mbualtaí fear na cloig ar feadh sé nóiméad.

(10) (a) Déanfar an rúnbhallóid sna pasáistí vótála. Rachaidh comhaltaí Ísteach sna pasáistí vótála agus amach astu faoi stiúradh an Chléirigh.

    (b) Tabharfar páipéar ballóide, ar a mbeidh ainnmneacha na n-iarrthóirí a bheidh ainmnithe go bailí agus iad liostaíte in ord aibítre, do gach comhalta a mbeidh sé i gceist aige nó aici vótáil.

    (c) Féadfaidh gach comhalta vótáil do cibé léon iarrthóirí ar an bpáipéar ballóide is mian leis nó léi, agus iad a mharcaíl in ord rogha.

    (d) Fógrófar go bhfuil an bhallóid críochnaithe nuair a bheidh, i dtuairim an Chléirigh, a vótáí caite ag na comhailtaí go léir a mbeidh sé i gceist acu vótáil, nó, thairis sin, tar éis 60 nóiméad a bheith caite, cibé acu is luaithe: Ach féadfaidh an Cléireach, i gcás go mbeidh cinneadh déanta aige nó aici go bhfuil imthosca eisceachtúla ann, an tréimhse chuin vótáil a fhadú de 30 nóiméad ar a mhéad. Féadfaidh an Cléireach a chinneadh freisin go bhfuil imthosca eisceachtúla tar éis teacht chun cinn a fhágann gur gá ballóid bhreise a dhéanamh, agus déanfar an bhallóid bhreise sin faoi fhorálacha an Bhuan-Ordaithe seo.

    (e) I gcás go bhfógrófar go bhfuil ballóid críochnaithe, beidh an suí ar fionraí, agus déanfar an comhaireamh faoi shocruithe a chinnfídh an Cléireach.

    (f) Déanfar an bhallóid a chomhaireamh faoin gcóras Ionadáchotha Cionúire ar mhodh an Aon Vótá Inaistrithe.

    (g) Beidh feidhm ag forálacha Sceideal 2 a ghabhann leis na Bhuan-Orduithe seo i ndáil leis an mballóid, i ndáil le vótáí a chomhaireamh agus i ndáil le nithe a bhaineann leis an méid sin.
(7) As soon as is practicable following the close of nominations, the Clerk shall publish, in alphabetical order, a list of the validly nominated candidates on the Houses of the Oireachtas website: Provided that if no candidate is validly nominated, the Clerk shall publish a notice to that effect in lieu of the list. Where no candidate is validly nominated, immediately after the Clerk’s Election Report under Standing Order 3, a motion proposing a member for Ceann Comhairle may be made by any member, and the provisions of Standing Order 8 shall apply.

(8) If only one candidate is validly nominated, there shall be no secret ballot for the election of the Ceann Comhairle. Immediately after the Clerk’s Election Report under Standing Order 3, the Clerk shall announce the name of the candidate validly nominated. Following contributions, which shall not exceed five minutes each, the Clerk shall proceed to put the question under Standing Order 7(2).

(9) If more than one candidate is validly nominated, immediately after the Clerk’s Election Report under Standing Order 3, the Clerk shall announce, in alphabetical order, the names of the candidates validly nominated. Following contributions from each candidate, or another member nominated instead of a candidate, which shall not exceed five minutes each, the Clerk shall announce that the House is proceeding to a secret ballot and direct that the bells be rung for six minutes.

(10) (a) The secret ballot shall take place in the division lobbies. Members shall enter and leave the division lobbies under the direction of the Clerk.

(b) Each member intending to vote shall be provided with a ballot paper bearing the names of the validly nominated candidates listed in alphabetical order.

(c) Each member may vote for as many or as few candidates on the ballot paper as he or she wishes, marking them in order of preference.

(d) The ballot shall be declared closed when, in the opinion of the Clerk, all members intending to vote have cast their votes, or, otherwise, after the expiration of 60 minutes, whichever is the earlier: Provided that the Clerk may, where he or she has determined that exceptional circumstances apply, extend the time for voting by up to 30 minutes. The Clerk may also determine that exceptional circumstances have arisen which require a further ballot, and such further ballot shall be held under the provisions of this Standing Order.

(e) Where a ballot has been declared closed, the sitting shall stand suspended, and counting shall take place under arrangements determined by the Clerk.

(f) The ballot shall be counted under the Proportional Representation Single Transferable Vote (PRSTV) system.

(g) The provisions of Schedule 2 to these Standing Orders shall apply in relation to the ballot, the counting of votes and matters relating thereto.
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(h) Beidh an chumhacht ag an gCléireach cinneadh a dhéanamh maidir le haon ábhar amhrais a eascróidh as seoladh na ballóide nó an chomhairimh.

(11) Úsáidfear an nós imeachta atá leagtha amach sa Bhuann-Ordú seo chun an Ceann Comhairle a thoghadh ar aon ócáid a thiocfaidh an oifig chun bheith folamh agus gur gá do na comhaltaí, dá réir sin, Ceann Comhairle nua a thoghadh.

An cheist a chur go dtoghfar an Ceann Comhairle.

7. (1) Ní rachaidh iarrthóir chun bheith ina Cheann Comhairle nó ina Ceann Comhairle i gceannas ach amháin i gcás go bhfuil an Teach tar éis aon ábhar curtha air sin ag an gCléireach faoi mBuan-Ordú seo. Ní féidir linn aon leasú a chur sios i leith ceist den sórt sin, agus má éilitear vótáil ar an gcéanna, agus más más iomáin lion na vótála ar an dá thaobh, cinnfear gur freagra diúltach a diúltadh a tugadh ar an gcéist.

(2) De bhun Buan-Ordú 6(8), i gcás nach mbeidh ach aon iarrthóir amháin aíminntite go bailí chun bheith ina Cheann Comhairle nó ina Ceann Comhairle, déanfaidh an Cléireach, tar éis na n-óráidí, an cheist a chur, “Go dtoghfar …….. (ainm an iarrthóra), arb….. (é nó i) an t-aon iarrthóir atá aíminntite go bailí…… (é nó i), mar Cheann Comhairle agus go rachaidh….. (sé nó sí) i gceannas na Dála anois mar Cheann Comhairle”.

(3) De bhun Buan-Ordú 6, i gcás go ndearadh rúnballóidí le haghaidh Ceann Comhairle, a luaite is indéanta tar éis na vótála a chomhairimh agus ainm an iarrthóra ar éirigh leis nó léi a chraoladh san ionad comhairimh, atachomh (ainm an iarrthóra don Teach), agus craolfaidh an Cléireach don Teach ainm an iarrthóra ar éirigh leis nó léi agus a roghnadh trí rúnballóid. Cuír an Cléireach an cheist ansin, “Go dtoghfar…… (ainm an iarrthóra ar éirigh leis nó léi), arb….. (é nó i) an t-iarrthóir…… (é nó i) ar éirigh…. (leis nó léi) agus a roghnadh go cuí trí rúnballóidí ag comhaltaí Dháil Éireann, agus go rachaidh…… (sé nó sí) i gceannas na Dála anois mar Cheann Comhairle”.

(4) I gcás go n-éileofar vótáil ar cheist a bheidh curtha faoi mhíreanna (2) nó (3), iarrfaidh an Cléireach ar na comhaltaí a bheidh ag éileamh ná 30 comhalta ina n-áiteanna, agus mura n-éireoidh 30 comhalta ar a laghad amhlaidh, fóigróidh an Cléireach láithreach cinneadh na Dála i bhfabhar an iarrthóra ar éirigh leis nó léi, agus cuírfeadh an Ceann Comhairle a bhí ar éisteacht i Dáil Éireann go dtoghfar an comhalta a thairgeadh agus go rachaidh sé nó sí i gceannas mar Cheann Comhairle.

(5) Más rud é, nuair a bheidh an cheist curtha faoi mhíreanna (2) nó (3), iarrfaidh an Cléireach ar na comhaltaí a bheidh go éileamh ná 30 comhalta ina n-áiteanna, agus mura n-éireoidh 30 comhalta ar a laghad amhlaidh, fógróidh an Cléireach láithreach cinneadh na Dála i bhfabhar an iarrthóra ar éirigh leis nó léi, agus cuírfeadh an Cléireach a thugadh i gceannas mar Cheann Comhairle.

Nós imeachta malartach an Ceann Comhairle a thoghadh.

8. (1) Más rud é, faoi Buan-Ordú 6(7), nach mbeidh aon iarrthóir aíminntite go bailí chun bheith ina Cheann Comhairle nó ina Ceann Comhairle, más rud é, faoi Buan-Ordú 7(5), go gcinneadh freagra diúltach a tugadh ar an geceist, beidh feidhm ag forálacha Bhuan-Ordú 8.

(2) I gcás go mbeidh feidhm ag an mBuan-Ordú seo, féadfaidh aon chomhalta a bheidh tar éis a shuíochán nó a suíochán a thógáil de réir dlí tairiscint a thugadh lena dtairgeadh comhalta mar Cheann Comhairle. Tar éis oráidí, nach faide ná cúig nóiméad gach óráid diobh, cuírfeadh an Cléireach an cheist go dtoghfar an comhalta a tairgeadh agus go rachaidh sé nó sí i gceannas mar Cheann Comhairle: Ach
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(h) The Clerk shall have the power to make a determination on any matter of doubt arising from the conduct of the ballot or the count.

(11) The procedure outlined in this Standing Order for the election of the Ceann Comhairle shall be used on any occasion when the office becomes vacant and it accordingly becomes necessary for members to elect a new Ceann Comhairle.

Putting the question on election of Ceann Comhairle.

7. (1) A candidate for Ceann Comhairle shall only take the Chair where the House has agreed the question put thereon by the Clerk under this Standing Order. No amendment may be tabled in respect of such a question, and if a division is claimed thereon, and in the event of there being an equality of votes, the question shall be decided in the negative.

(2) Pursuant to Standing Order 6(8), where there is only one validly nominated candidate for Ceann Comhairle, the Clerk shall, following the contributions, then put the question, “That……………. (naming the candidate), who is the sole validly nominated candidate, be elected and do now take the Chair of the Dáil as Ceann Comhairle”.

(3) Pursuant to Standing Order 6, where a secret ballot has taken place for Ceann Comhairle, as soon as is practicable after the votes have been counted and the name of the successful candidate has been announced in the count centre, the sitting shall resume, and the Clerk shall announce to the House the name of the successful candidate selected by secret ballot. The Clerk shall then put the question, “That……………. (naming the successful candidate), who is the successful candidate duly selected by secret ballot by the members of Dáil Éireann, be elected and do now take the Chair of the Dáil as Ceann Comhairle”.

(4) If a division is claimed on a question put under paragraphs (2) or (3), the Clerk shall call on the members claiming the division to rise in their places, and if fewer than 30 members so rise, the Clerk shall forthwith declare the determination of the Dáil in favour of the successful candidate, and the names of the members who have risen shall be recorded as dissenting in the Journal of the Proceedings of the Dáil.

(5) If, when the question is put under paragraphs (2) or (3), a division is claimed thereon, and more than 30 members rise in their places, and, in the resulting division, the question is decided in the negative, the provisions of Standing Order 8 shall apply.

Alternative procedure for election of Ceann Comhairle.

8. (1) Where, under Standing Order 6(7), no candidate is validly nominated for Ceann Comhairle, or where, under Standing Order 7(5), the question that a candidate be elected and take the Chair as Ceann Comhairle is decided in the negative, the provisions of this Standing Order shall apply.

(2) Where this Standing Order applies, a motion proposing a member as Ceann Comhairle may be made by any member who has taken his or her seat according to law. Following contributions, which shall not exceed five minutes each, the Clerk shall put the question that the member proposed be elected and take the Chair as Ceann Comhairle: Provided that if there is more than one member proposed as
má thairgtear níos mó ná comhalta amháin mar Cheann Comhairle, cuirfidh an Cléireach gach ceist air sin de réir ord tairgthe na gcomhaltaí.

**An Ceann Comhairle a dhul i gCeannas.**

9. Rachaidh an Ceann Comhairle i gceannas díreach tar éis a thofa nó a tofa, ach má bhíonn an Ceann Comhairle nuathofa as láthair, féadfaidh an Dáil, trí thairiscint a dhéanamh a dhéanamh, comhalta ar bith a cheapadh chun gníomhú mar Cheann Comhairle de thuras na huairí. Go dtí go gceapfar an comhalta sin leanfaidh an Cléireach de bheith ag gníomhú mar Chathaoirleach.

**Dearbhú ag an gCeann Comhairle.**

10. Ar dhul i gCeannas dó nó di den chéad uair tar éis a thofa nó a tofa, tabharfaidh an Ceann Comhairle an dearbhú seo a leanas: —

> Dearbhaím go sollúnta go ndéanfaidh mé, go cuí agus go dílis agus a mhéid is eol agus is cumas dom, oifig Cheann Comhairle Dháil Éireann a theaghlacht sa cheann de chuid na rialacha mar atá siad leagtha stóis ag an Teach seo a chur i bhfeidhm go cothrom na neamhchlaonta, ord a choimead agus cearta agus priobhléidí comhaltaí a chaomhú de réir an Bhunreachta agus Bhuan-Ordúiithe Dháil Éireann.

**Leas-Cheann Comhairle a thoghadh agus dearbhú ag an Leas-Cheann Comhairle.**

11. (1) Aon uair a bheidh Oifig an Leas-Cheann Comhairle folamh, déanfar toghchán de réir na nósanna imeachta atá leagtha amach sna Buan-Ordúiithe seo chun Chun Ceann Comhairle a thoghadh trí rúnbhallóid, ach amháin:

(a) go ndéanfaidh an Coiste Gnó, más indéanta, am agus dáta na rúnbhallóide le haghaidh Leas-Cheann Comhairle a chomhaontú;

(b) nach foláir ainmnithe iarrrthóir a bheith glactha ag an gCléireach tráthnóna de réir na rúnbhallóide, gan áireamh a dhéanamh ar Shatharn, ar Dhomhnach ná ar lá saoire poiblí;

(c) i gcás tagairt a bheith déanta sna nósanna imeachta do Thuarascáil an Toghcháin ón gCléireach, go dtugtar tagairt í an tagairt sna nósanna imeachta do Thuarascáil ón gCléireach, ach amhain i gcás nach mbeidh aon iarrrthóir ainmnithe go baillí, nó i gcás nach dtugtar tagairt a fháthar ar éirigh leis nó léi agus a roghnaíodh trí rúnbhallóid, go bhféadfadh a chinneadh —

- (i) rúnbhallóid a chur ar sceideal le haghaidh ócáid eile; nó

- (ii) dáta a shocrú ar a bhféadfar tairiscintí a dhéanamh gan fógra chun Chun Leas-Cheann Comhairle a thoghadh de réir Bhuan-Ordú 8; agus

(d) tar éis na rúnbhallóide, go ndéanfar na vótaí a chomhaireamh a luaithse is dóigh leis an gCléireach is indéanta déanamh amhlaidh, agus go grcaolfaidh an Cléireach don Teach inm an iarrrthóra ar éirigh leis nó léi agus a roghnaíodh trí rúnbhallóid a luaithse is dóigh leis nó léi is indéanta déanamh amhlaidh ina dhiaidh sin.

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Ceann Comhairle, the Clerk shall put each question thereon in the order in which the members were proposed.

Ceann Comhairle takes the Chair.

9. The Ceann Comhairle shall immediately upon his or her election take the Chair, but in the case of absence of the Ceann Comhairle elect, the Dáil may, on motion made without notice, appoint any member to act as Ceann Comhairle for the time being. Until such member is appointed the Clerk shall continue to act as Chairman.

Declaration by Ceann Comhairle.

10. Upon first taking the Chair after his or her election, the Ceann Comhairle shall make the following declaration:—

I do solemnly declare that I will duly and faithfully and to the best of my knowledge and ability, execute the office of Ceann Comhairle of Dáil Éireann without fear or favour, apply the rules as laid down by this House in an impartial and fair manner, maintain order and uphold the rights and privileges of members in accordance with the Constitution and the Standing Orders of Dáil Éireann.

Election of, and declaration by, Leas-Cheann Comhairle.

11. (1) Whenever there is a vacancy in the office of Leas-Cheann Comhairle, an election shall be held according to the procedures outlined in these Standing Orders for the election by secret ballot of a Ceann Comhairle, save that:

(a) the time and date of the secret ballot for Leas-Cheann Comhairle shall, where practicable, be agreed by the Business Committee;

(b) nominations for candidates shall be received by the Clerk not later than 6 p.m. the day before the secret ballot, not counting a Saturday, Sunday, or a public holiday;

(c) where reference is made in the procedures to the Clerk’s Election Report, such reference shall be interpreted to refer to the time and date of the secret ballot for Leas-Cheann Comhairle, save that where no candidate is validly nominated, or where the successful candidate selected by secret ballot is not elected, it may be decided—

(i) to schedule a secret ballot for another occasion; or

(ii) to set a date on which motions may be made without notice for the election of a Leas-Cheann Comhairle in accordance with Standing Order 8; and

(d) following the secret ballot, the votes shall be counted as soon as the Clerk considers it practicable to do so, and the Clerk shall announce to the House the name of the successful candidate selected by secret ballot as soon as he or she considers it practicable to do so thereafter.
(2) Tabharfaidh an Leas-Cheann Comhairle an dearbhú seo a leanas ar dhul i gCeannas dó nó di den chéad uair tar éis a thofa nó a tofa:—

**Dearbhaím go sollúnta go ndéanfaidh mé, go cuí agus go dílis agus a mhéid is eol agus is cumas dom, oifig Leas-Cheann Comhairle Dháil Éireann a fheidhmiú gan scáth gan fabhar, na rialacha mar atá siad leagtha síos ag an Teach seo a chur i bhfeidhm go cothrom neamhchlaonta, ord a choimeád agus cearta agus pribhléidí comhaltaí a chaomhnú de réir an Bhunreachta agus Bhuan-Ordútithe Dháil Éireann.**

Oifig an Cheann Comhairle a bheith folamh.

12. Má tharlaíonn go mbeidh oifig an Cheann Comhairle folamh, déanfaidh an Leas-Cheann Comhairle na dualgais a chuirtear, agus an t-údarás a bhronntar, ar an gCeann Comhairle leis na Buan-Ordútithe seo, a chomhlíonadh agus a fheidhmiú. Cuirfidh an Cléireach an folúntas sin in iúl don Dáil i dtosach a céad tionóil eile agus déanfar Ordú d’ata chun Ceann Comhairle a thoghadh agus déanfar an toghadh sin sa tsli a fhóráiltear anseo roimhe seo.\(^2\)

An Ceann Comhairle as láthair.

13. Mura féidir don Cheann Comhairle bheith i láthair, déanfaidh an Leas-Cheann Comhairle na dualgais a chuirtear, agus an t-údarás a bhronntar, ar an gCeann Comhairle leis na Buan-Ordútithe seo, a chomhlíonadh agus a fheidhmiú go dtí go n-ordóidh an Dáil a mhalairt.

An Ceann Comhairle agus an Leas-Cheann Comhairle as láthair.

14. Aon uair a chuirfidh an Cléireach in iúl don Dáil nach féidir don Cheann Comhairle nó don Leas-Cheann Comhairle bheith i láthair, ansin fad a bheidh siad beirt a láthair, cromfaidh an Dáil láithreach, má bhíonn córam i láthair, agus faoi réir fhorálacha Bhuan-Ordú 6, ar dhuine dá comhaltaí a thoghadh chun na dualgais a chuirtear, agus an t-údarás a bhronntar, ar an gCeann Comhairle leis na Buan-Ordútithe seo, a chomhlíonadh agus a fheidhmiú; mura bhíonn an Dáil ag athló go dtí an chéad lá eile chun suí. Má leanann an Ceann Comhairle de bheith as láthair.

15. Más dócha go leanfaidh an Ceann Comhairle de bheith as láthair, agus mura mbeidh aon comhalta eile ainmnithe chun bheith ina Ceann Comhairle nó ina Ceann Comhairle, féadfaidh an Dáil comhalta eile a cheapadh chun gníomhú mar Leas-Cheann Comhairle fad a leanfaidh an Ceann Comhairle de bheith as láthair amhlaidh.

Téarma oifige an Cheann Comhairle agus an Leas-Cheann Comhairle.

16. Is é téarma oifige a bheidh ag an gCeann Comhairle agus ag an Leas-Cheann Comhairle an téarma a bheidh le caithmeadh ag an Dáil a bheidh ann tráth a gceaptha, ach leanfaidh an Ceann Comhairle dá oifig nó dá hoifig go dtí gceapfar a chomharbacht a shamhlaíse na mBuan-Ordútithe seo: Ach féadfaidh an Dáil, aon uair, le Rún speisialta, an Ceann Comhairle nó an Leas-Cheann Comhairle a chur as oifig.

**Comhaltaí nach cead dóibh gníomhú mar Cheann Comhairle ná mar Leas-Cheann Comhairle.**


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\(^2\) **B.O. 6, 7 agus 8.**
(2) The Leas-Cheann Comhairle shall make the following declaration upon taking the Chair for the first time after his or her election:

I do solemnly declare that I will duly and faithfully and to the best of my knowledge and ability, execute the office of Leas-Cheann Comhairle of Dáil Éireann without fear or favour, apply the rules as laid down by this House in an impartial and fair manner, maintain order and uphold the rights and privileges of members in accordance with the Constitution and the StandingOrders of Dáil Éireann.

Vacancy in office of Ceann Comhairle.

12. When a vacancy has occurred in the office of Ceann Comhairle, the Leas-Cheann Comhairle shall perform the duties devolved upon, and exercise the authority conferred upon the Ceann Comhairle by these Standing Orders. The Clerk shall report such vacancy to the Dáil at the opening of its next meeting and an Order shall be made fixing a date for the election of a Ceann Comhairle, which election shall take place in the manner hereinbefore provided.\footnote{S.O.s 6, 7 and 8.}

Absence of Ceann Comhairle.

13. In the unavoidable absence of the Ceann Comhairle, the Leas-Cheann Comhairle shall perform the duties devolved upon, and exercise the authority conferred upon the Ceann Comhairle by these Standing Orders until the Dáil shall otherwise order.

Absence of Ceann Comhairle and Leas-Cheann Comhairle.

14. Whenever the Dáil shall be informed by the Clerk that both the Ceann Comhairle and the Leas-Cheann Comhairle are unavoidably absent, then for the period of absence of both the Dáil shall, if a quorum be present, and subject to the provisions of Standing Order 6, at once proceed to elect one of its members to perform the duties devolved upon, and exercise the authority conferred upon the Ceann Comhairle by these Standing Orders; if there be not a quorum present, the Dáil shall stand adjourned until the next sitting day.

Continued absence of Ceann Comhairle.

15. If there is a likelihood of the continued absence of the Ceann Comhairle, and if no other nomination shall have been made of a Ceann Comhairle, the Dáil may appoint another member to act as Leas-Cheann Comhairle during such continued absence.

Term of office of Ceann Comhairle and Leas-Cheann Comhairle.

16. The term of office of the Ceann Comhairle and of the Leas-Cheann Comhairle shall be the term of the Dáil existing at the time of their appointment, but the Ceann Comhairle shall continue in office until his or her successor has been appointed for the purpose of these Standing Orders: Provided that the Dáil may, at any time, by special Resolution, remove from office either the Ceann Comhairle or the Leas-Cheann Comhairle.

Members who may not act as Ceann Comhairle or Leas-Cheann Comhairle.

17. No member of the Government or Minister of State may act as Ceann Comhairle or Leas-Cheann Comhairle.
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Rolla Cathaoirleach a ainmníú.

18. Aínmeoidh an Ceann Comhairle, chomh luath agus is féidir i ndiaidh ationól na Dála tar éis Olltoghcháin, rolla cúigear comhalta ar a laghad, a bhféadfadh aon chomhalta acu gníomhú mar Chathaoirleach sealadach sa Dáil nó i gCoiste den Dáil uile, nuair a iarrfaidh an Ceann Comhairle air nó uirthi e sin a dhéanamh.

Dualgais agus údarás an Leas-Cheann Comhairle.

19. Le linn don Leas-Cheann Comhairle (nó do Chathaoirleach sealadach) a bheith i gceannas déanfaidh sé nó sí na dualgais a chuirtear, agus an t-údarás a bhronntar, ar an gCeann Comhairle leis na Buan-Orduithe seo, a chomhlíonadh agus a fheidhmiú ach amháin mar a phóilte go sainráite iontu.

Teanga

Imeachtaí, Riar na hOibre, Cín Lae Imeachtaí na Dála agus Doiciméid — Teanga.


(2) Déanfar Riar na hOibre, Cín Lae Imeachtaí na Dála agus gach doiciméad iomchuí eile a eisiúint i Gaeilge agus i mBéarla.

Córam

21. (1) Fiche comhalta an córam is gá chun tionól den Dáil a bheith ann, ach amháin i gcás go dtiocfaidh an Dáil le chéile tráth is luaithe ná 12 meán lae, tráth ar deichniúr comhalta an córam.3

(2) Is é is córam infheidhme chun críocha Bhuan-Ordú 22:

(a) i gcás go dtiocfaidh an Dáil le chéile tráth is luaithe ná 12 meán lae, deichniúr comhalta go dtí 12 meán lae; agus

(b) fiche comhalta ar 12 meán lae agus ina dhiaidh sin go dtí go rachaidh an Dáil ar athló.

(3) De thoradh fhorálacha Bhuan-Ordú 22, i gcás go gcromfar ar shuí tráth is luaithe ná 12 meán lae, mura mbeidh córam i láthair ar 12 meán lae, nó a luaithe is féidir dá éis sin, beidh feidhm ag forálacha Bhuan-Ordú 22 i ndáil leis na cloig vótála a bhualadh agus an suí a chur ar fionraí nó an Dáil a chur ar athló.

An Dáil a chur ar athló mura mbíonn córam ann (lena n-aírítéar ar thuairisc vótála).

22. (1) (a) Más rud é, ceathrú uaire an chloig tar éis an ama a bheidh ceaptha le haghaidh an chruinnithe de Dháil Éireann (nó cibé tréimhse is faide ná sin a chinnfhidh an Ceann Comhairle dá rogha

3 Féach freisin B.O. 89.
Nomination of Panel of Chairmen.

18. The Ceann Comhairle shall nominate, as soon as may be following the reassembly of the Dáil subsequent to a General Election, a panel of not less than five members, any one of whom may act as temporary Chairman in the Dáil or in Committee of the whole Dáil, when requested so to act by the Ceann Comhairle.

Duties and authority of Leas-Cheann Comhairle.

19. While the Leas-Cheann Comhairle (or a temporary Chairman) is in the Chair he or she shall perform the duties devolved upon, and exercise the authority conferred upon the Ceann Comhairle by these Standing Orders save as may be otherwise provided therein.

Language


20. (1) All proceedings of the Dáil shall be conducted through the medium of the Irish or the English language.

(2) The Order Paper, the Journal of Proceedings of the Dáil and all other appropriate documents shall be issued in the Irish and English languages.

Quorum

21. (1) The quorum necessary to constitute a meeting of the Dáil shall be twenty members, save where the sitting commences earlier than 12 noon, when it shall be ten members.3

(2) The applicable quorum for the purposes of Standing Order 22 shall be:

(a) where the sitting commences earlier than 12 noon, ten members until 12 noon; and

(b) twenty members at 12 noon and thereafter until the adjournment of the Dáil.

(3) Further to the provisions of Standing Order 22, where a sitting commences earlier than 12 noon, if a quorum is not present at 12 noon, or as soon as possible thereafter, the provisions of Standing Order 22 shall apply in relation to the ringing of the division bells and the suspension of the sitting or adjournment of the Dáil.

Adjournment if no quorum (including on the report of a division).

22. (1) (a) If, a quarter of an hour after the time appointed for the meeting of Dáil Éireann (or such longer time as the Ceann Comhairle may, at his or her discretion, decide) a quorum is not present,
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féin), nach mbeidh córam i láthair, déanfaidh an Ceann Comhairle, toisc nach féidir dul ar aghaidh leis an cruinnitú den Dáil gan chóram, an cruinnitú den Dáil a chur siar go dtí tráth is déanaí an lá céanna.

(b) Más rud é, i ndiaidh seal ceathrú uaire an chloig tar éis an tráthta a bheidh ceaptha faoi mhír (a) le haghaidh an chruinnitú de Dháil Éireann a cuireadh siar, go mbeifear fós gan chóram, cuiriúidh an Ceann Comhairle an cruinnitú den Dáil siar go dtí an chéad lá eile chun suí.

(c) I gcás go ndéanfaidh an Ceann Comhairle suí a chur siar faoi mhír (a) nó (b), rachaidh sé ní só i gceannas agus craoltaidh sé nó sí ón gCathaoir g bhfuil an suí sin curtha siar. Ar choimíoll go ndéanfar an cur siar, mar aon le hainmneacha na gcomhaltaí a bhí i láthair i seomra na Dála an tráth a cuireadh an suí siar, a chur síos ar Chín Lae Imeachtaí na Dála don suí a cuireadh siar.

(d) D’fhonn amhras a sheachaint, chun críocha mhíreanna (a), (b) agus (c), foláireann “Ceann Comhairle” an Leas-Cheann Comhairle ach ní foláireann “Ceann Comhairle” an Ceann Comhairle a chur síos ar Chín Lae Imeachtaí Shealadacha ama ainmní ag an gCeann Comhairle faoi Bhuan-Ordú 18.

(2) Más rud é, aon tráth le linn suí den Dáil, ar ócáid seachas le linn Bille nó tairiscint ó chomhala príobháideach nó tuarascáil ó Choiste faoi Bhuan-Ordú 102 a bheith faoi bhréithniú nó ní a tarraingíodh anuas de réir Bhuan-Ordú 37 a bheith á phlé, go gcuiriúidh aon chomhalta in iúl don Chathaoir nach bhfuil córam i láthair, ní máis leir sin ó thuairiscíocht nó bhfuil leis an chomhalta a bhí i láthair i seomra na Dála a chuiríocht ar fáil a bheith ar cheannadh na gcomhaltaí a bhí i láthair, a chur síos ar Chín Lae Imeachtaí na Dála.

Suíonna na Dála

An t-am agus na laethanta chun suí: gnó a stopadh, etc.

23. (1) Mura mbeartóidh sí a mhalairt le rún, tiocfaidh an Dáil le chéile gach Máirt ar 2 p.m. agus gach Céadaoin agus Déardaoin ar 10.30 a.m., agus déanfar na himeachtaí ar aon ghnó a stopadh (nó, más i gCoiste don Dáil, tabharfar tuairisc ar a ndearnaigh agus iarfar cead chun suí arís) agus rachaidh an Dáil ar athló —

(a) gach Máirt, tráth nach déanaí nó 10 p.m.,

(b) gach Céadaoin, tráth nach déanaí nó 10.15 p.m., agus

(c) gach Déardaoin, tráth nach déanaí nó 8.03 p.m.:  

4 Féach freisin B.O. 90 agus 113 maidir le vótálacha agus córaim.
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The Ceann Comhairle shall, because the meeting of the Dáil cannot proceed in the absence of a quorum, postpone the meeting of the Dáil until a later time on the same day.

(b) Where, following the lapse of a quarter of an hour after the time appointed under paragraph (a) for the postponed meeting of Dáil Éireann, a quorum is still not present, the Ceann Comhairle shall postpone the meeting of the Dáil to the next sitting day.

(c) Where the Ceann Comhairle postpones a sitting under paragraph (a) or (b), he or she shall take the Chair and announce such postponement from the Chair: Provided that the fact of the postponement, and the names of the members attending in the Dáil chamber at the time of the postponement, shall be entered in the Journal of the Proceedings of the Dáil for the postponed sitting.

(d) For the avoidance of doubt, for the purposes of paragraphs (a), (b) and (c) “Ceann Comhairle” includes the Leas-Cheann Comhairle but does not include a member of the panel of Temporary Chairmen nominated by the Ceann Comhairle under Standing Order 18.

(2) If at any stage in a sitting of the Dáil, other than while a private member’s Bill or motion or a Committee report under Standing Order 102 is under consideration or while a matter brought forward in accordance with Standing Order 37 is being discussed, any member calls the attention of the Chair to the fact that a quorum is not present, or if on the report of a division, such fact shall appear, the division bells shall be rung for a period of not less than three minutes, and if after an interval of not less than three minutes, a quorum is still not present, the Ceann Comhairle shall suspend the sitting to a later hour to be named by him or her, or shall adjourn the Dáil without question put until the next sitting day; and no decision shall be considered to have been arrived at by such division; and the hour of such adjournment, as also the names of the members present, shall be entered in the Journal of the Proceedings of the Dáil.4

Sittings of the Dáil

Times and days of sitting: interruption of business, etc.

23. (1) Unless it shall otherwise resolve the Dáil shall meet every Tuesday at 2 p.m. and every Wednesday and Thursday at 10.30 a.m., and the proceedings on any business under consideration shall be interrupted (or if the Dáil be in Committee, progress shall be reported and leave asked to sit again) and the Dáil shall adjourn—

(a) every Tuesday, not later than 10 p.m.,

(b) every Wednesday, not later than 10.15 p.m., and

(c) every Thursday, not later than 8.03 p.m.:
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Ach más rud é go mbeifear tar éis Ordú a dhéanamh faoi Bhuan-Ordú 24 gur uair seachas an uair a shonraitear sa mhír seo an uair a stopadh an gnó, beidh feidhm ag forálacha an Bhuan-Ordaíthe seo, faoi réir an athraithe sin, ar gach slí eile.

(2) Má thairgtear an clabhsúr, nó má bhíonn imeachtaí faoin gelabhsúr ar siúl, ag an am a bheidh ceaptha chun gnó a stopadh mar a fhoráiltear i mír (1) den Bhuan-Ordú seo, ní dhéanfaidh an Ceann Comhairle an stopadh sin go dtí go mbeidh deireadh leis na himeachtaí faoin gelabhsúr agus leis na himeachtaí ar aon tairiscint eile den sórt a shonraítear sa Bhuan-Ordú i dtaoibh an chlabhsúr5.

(3) Más rud é, ag an am a cheapfar chun an gnó a stopadh mar a dúradh,

(a) go mbíonn vótáil ar siúl nó go mbeidh ordú tugtha vótáil a dhéanamh, nó

(b) go mbeidh an díospóireacht ar mhír ghnó críochnaithe,

ní dhéanfadh an stopadh mar a dúradh go dtí go mbeidh an cinneadh fógartha ón gCathaoir. Más ar leasú, nó ar leasú ar an leasú, a bheidh an cinneadh, cromfaidh an Ceann Comhairle, tar éis na fógartha sin, ar na Ceisteanna is gá chun imeachtaí a thabhaírth chun críche a chur agus sin in ord ceart i ndiaidh a chéile.

Suíonna déanacha.

24. Féadfaidh comhalta den Rialtas nó Aire Stáit, gan fógra, tairiscint a dhéanamh tráth nach déanaí nó 6.30 p.m. ar an Máirt nó ar an gCéadaoin nó 3 p.m. ar an Déardaoin gurb uair seachas an uair dá bhforáiltear i mBuan-Ordú 23 an uair a stopadh. Féidhm ag forálacha Bhuan-Ordú 23, faoi réir an athraithe sin, ar gach slí eile.

25. (1) Cuirfear an suí ar fionraí—

(a) ar an gCéadaoin, ar feadh uair an chloig, ar Cheisteanna ó bhéal chun an Taoisigh faoi Bhuan-Ordú 47(1) a thabhairt chun críche (seachas ar an gCéadaoin i gcás go dtiocfaidh an Dáil le chéile ar 2 p.m.), agus

(b) ar an Déardaoin, ar feadh daichead nóiméad, ar thráth na vótála seachtainíúla faoi Bhuan-Ordú 80(2) a thabhairt chun críche.

(2) Féadfar a thairiscint aon uair, le cead an Cheann Comhairle, agus gan fógra, go gcuirfear suí ar fionraí ar feadh tréimhse. Ceapfar tréimhse na fionraíochta leis an tairiscint sin: Ach más rud é go mbeifear tar éis Ordú a dhéanamh faoi Bhuan-Ordú 24, féadfaidh an Ceann Comhairle, má iarrtar air nó uirthi é, an gnó a chur ar fionraí ar feadh tréimhse nach sia ná dhá uair an chloig.

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Provided that if an Order shall have been made under Standing Order 24, that the hour at which business is to be interrupted be other than that specified in this paragraph, the provisions of this Standing Order with such substitution shall otherwise apply.

(2) If, at the time appointed for the interruption of business as provided in paragraph (1) of this Standing Order, the closure is moved or proceedings under the closure are in progress, the Ceann Comhairle will not effect such interruption until the proceedings under the closure, and on any such further motion as is specified in the Standing Order as to closure have been completed.

(3) If, at the time appointed for the interruption of business as aforesaid,

(a) a division is in progress or has been ordered to be taken, or

(b) the debate on an item of business has concluded,

the interruption shall not take place until after the decision has been declared from the Chair. If the decision is on an amendment, or on an amendment to the amendment, after such declaration the Ceann Comhairle shall proceed to put in proper sequence the questions necessary to bring proceedings to a conclusion.

Late sittings.

24. A motion that the hour at which business is to be interrupted on a particular day be other than that provided for in Standing Order 23 may be made by a member of the Government or Minister of State without notice not later than 6.30 p.m. on a Tuesday or Wednesday, or 3 p.m. on a Thursday: Provided that a member of the Government or Minister of State may move after notice that, for a specified period, the hour at which business shall be interrupted be other than that provided for in Standing Order 23. If such motion be agreed to, the provisions of Standing Order 23 with such substitution shall otherwise apply.

Suspension of sitting.

25. (1) The sitting shall be suspended—

(a) on Wednesdays, for an hour on the conclusion of oral Questions to the Taoiseach under Standing Order 47(1) (save on Wednesdays where the Dáil meets at 2 p.m.), and

(b) on Thursdays, for forty minutes on the conclusion of the weekly division time under Standing Order 80(2).

(2) A motion that a sitting be suspended for a period may at any time be made, by permission of the Ceann Comhairle, and without notice. Such motion shall fix the period of suspension: Provided that if an Order shall have been made under Standing Order 24, the Ceann Comhairle may, if so requested, suspend business for a period not exceeding two hours.

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Comóradh Speisialta  ar an Dáil agus an Dáil a chur ar athló

Comóradh Speisialta do dháta is luaithe; suí a chur siar.

26. (1) Arna iarraidh sin don Taoiseach, féadfaidh an Ceann Comhairle an Dáil a chomóradh do dháta is luaithe ná mar a socraíodh nuair a cuireadh ar athló í. Luafar san fhógra á comóradh amhailidh an chúis atá lena hationól níos luaithe agus sa ghnó a bheidh le glacadh cloisear leis an gcúsí a bheidh luaite san fhógra mura n-ordóidh an Dáil a mhalairt ar thairiscint a dhéanamh faoi Bhuan-Ordú 35.

(2) I gcás go mbeidh an Dáil ar athló go dtí lá a bheidh luaite agus go n-iarrfaidh Ceannairí na ngrúpaí6, nó comhalta eile thar a gceann, faoi seach, go ndéanfar cruinniú an lae luaite sin a chur siar go dtí lá agus am is déanaí ná sin a bheidh sonraithé san iarraidh, déanfadh an Ceann Comhairle—

(a) fógra a thabhairt do gach comhalta den Dáil go bhfuil an cruinniú sin curtha; agus

(b) cruinniú den Dáil a chomóradh don lá is déanaí sin a bheidh sonraithé san iarraidh.

Paidir agus Machnamh Ciúin

27. (1) Ar dhul i gceannas dó nó di gach lá, agus sula dtosófar ar aon ghnó, léifidh an Ceann Comhairle an phaidir seo a leanas i nGaeilge agus i nBéarla:—

Iarraimid ort, a Thiarna, d’anáil naofa a chur fúinn chun sinn a stiúradh inár ngníomhartha agus neart do ghrásta a bhronnadh orainn chun iad a thabhairt chun críche, ionas gur uaitse a thosófar ár n-ule bhriathar agus ár n-ule ghníomh feasta, agus gur tríot a chríochnófar iad; trí Christ ár dTiará: Amen.

(2) Éireoidh na comhaltaí uile a bheidh i láthair ina seasamh le linn don Cheann Comhairle an phaidir a léamh, agus nuair a chríochnófar é, fanfaidh na comhaltaí ina seasamh ar feadh 30 soicind chun machnamh ciúin a dhéanamh.

AN COISTE GNÓ

28. (1) I ndiaidh ationól na Dála tar éis Olltoghcháin, beidh Buan-Choiste arna bhunú dá ngairfear an Coiste Gnó.

(2) Is iad a bheidh ar an gCoiste Gnó:

(a) an Ceann Comhairle, arb é nó í an Cathaoirleach é nó í, ex officio;

(b) beirt chomhaltaí a bheidh ainmnithe ag an Rialtas;

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6 B.O. 163.
Special Summons for earlier date; postponement of sitting.

26. (1) On the request of the Taoiseach, the Ceann Comhairle may summon the Dáil for an earlier date than that fixed on an adjournment. Such summons shall state the reason for the earlier reassembly and the business to be taken shall be confined to the reason stated in the summons unless the Dáil shall otherwise order on motion made under Standing Order 35.

(2) Where the Dáil stands adjourned to a stated day and the Leaders of the groups⁶, or another member on their behalf, respectively, request that the meeting on such stated day be postponed to a later day and a time specified in the request, the Ceann Comhairle shall—

(a) notify all members of the Dáil that such meeting has been so postponed; and

(b) summon a meeting of the Dáil for the later day specified in the request.

Prayer and silent reflection.

27. (1) Upon taking the Chair each day, and before any business is entered upon, the Ceann Comhairle shall read the following prayer in the Irish and English languages:—

Direct, we beseech Thee, O Lord, our actions by Thy holy inspirations and carry them on by Thy gracious assistance; that every word and work of ours may always begin from Thee, and by Thee be happily ended; through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

(2) All members present shall stand while the prayer is being read, and when it is concluded, members shall remain standing for 30 seconds of silent reflection.

Business Committee

Constitution of the Business Committee.

28. (1) There shall stand established, following the reassembly of the Dáil subsequent to a General Election, a Standing Committee, to be known as the Business Committee.

(2) The Business Committee shall consist of:

(a) the Ceann Comhairle who ex officio shall be Chair;

(b) two members nominated by the Government;

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(c) cibé lón comhaltaí eile a fhreagraíonn do lón na ngrúpaí sa Dáil, agus é de cheart ag gach grúpa aon chomhalta amháin a aímníu chun an Choiste; agus

(d) Cathaoirleach an Ghasra Oibre de Chathaoirligh Coistí.

Ar choinníoll gur cúigear is córam don Choiste, féadfaidh ionadaithe fónamh in ionad comhaltaí de réir mar a phrís a Bhuan-Ordú 106(2), agus féadfaidh an Ceann Comhairle comhalta eile den Choiste Gnó a cheapadh chun gniomhú mar Chathaoirleach i gcás aon Ceann Comhairle a bheith as láthair.

(3) Gníomhóidh an Coiste Gnó mar an Coiste Roghnóireachta freisin.

Cruinnithe an Choiste Gnó agus gnó a chinnneadh.

29. (1) Mura gcinnfidh sé a mhalairt, tiocfaidh an Coiste Gnó le chéile ar bhonn seachtainiúil chun breithníu a dhéanamh ar na socruithe i gcomhair an Tí agus i gcomhair gnó an Tí a thógáil an tseachtain dá éis sin.

(2) Beidh an sainchumas ag an Rialtas an gnó a bheidh le tógáil in am Rialtais a chinnneadh. Beidh an sainchumas ag an bhFeasúra an gnó a bheidh le tógáil in am comhaltaí príobháideacha a chinnneadh, de réir an róta dá bhforáiltear i mBuan-Ordú 169(3), ach sin faoi róthlaitha Bhuan-Ordú 102. Déanfaidh an Rialtas agus an Feasúra ar an gnó a bheidh le tógáil an tseachtain dá éis sin a chur ar fáil i dtraith cuí le le haghaidh chruinniú an Choiste Gnó.

Iarraidh ar tharscaioleadh ceanglas de chuid Buan-Orduithe a bhaineann le grinnscrúdú ar an reachtáocht.

30. (1) Féadfaidh an Coiste Gnó, ag aon cheann dá chruinnithe, breithníu a dhéanamh ar iarraidh ar tharscaioleadh—

(a) faoi Bhuan-Ordú 173 [“Coiste do dhéanamh breithníu réamhreachtach ar Bhille”], nó

(b) faoi Bhuan-Ordú 178 [“Coistí do dhéanamh grinnscrúdú ar Bhillí comhaltaí príobháideacha a mbeidh an dara léamh díobh rite”],

de réir aon treoirlínte arna gcomhaontú i ndáil leis an geáanna ag an bhFochoiste ar Athleasú na Dála.

(2) Tar éis breithníu a dhéanamh ar iarraidh ar tharscaioleadh, tabharfaidh an Coiste Gnó fógra i scribhinn faoina chinneadh—

(a) don chomhalta iomchuí den Rialtas nó don Aire Stáit,

(b) don Roghchoiste iomchuí, agus

(c) i gcás Bille comhalta príobháideachg, don chomhalta a bheidh i mbun an Bhille.

(3) Má chinnneann an Coiste Gnó an tarscaioleadh a dheonú, cuirfidh sé Teachtáireacht á rá sin chun na Dála. Is i scribhinn agus arna súiní ag Cléireach an Choiste a bheidh Teachtáireacht den sórt sin, agus díreach chuir Cléireach na Dála i. Cuirfidh an Ceann Comhairle aon Teachtáireacht den sórt sin in iúl don Dáil a luaithe is caoithiúil.
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(c) as many other members as corresponds to the number of groups in the Dáil, with each group having the right to nominate a single member to the Committee; and

(d) the Chairman of the Working Group of Committee Chairs.

Provided that the quorum of the Committee shall be five, members may be substituted as provided for under Standing Order 106(2), and the Ceann Comhairle may, in his or her absence, appoint another member of the Business Committee to act as Chair.

(3) The Business Committee shall also act as the Committee of Selection.

Meetings of the Business Committee and determination of business.

29. (1) Unless it decides otherwise, the Business Committee shall meet on a weekly basis to consider the arrangements for the House and for the taking of its business in the following week.

(2) The Government shall have the prerogative to determine the business to be taken in Government time. The Opposition shall have the prerogative to determine the business to be taken in private members’ time, in accordance with the rota provided for in Standing Order 169(3), but subject to the provisions of Standing Order 102. Both the Government and the Opposition shall provide, in good time for the meeting of the Business Committee, details of the business to be taken in the following week.

Request for waiver of requirements of Standing Orders relating to scrutiny of legislation.

30. (1) At any of its meetings, the Business Committee may consider requests for waivers under—

(a) Standing Order 173 ["Pre-legislative consideration of Bill by Committee"], or

(b) Standing Order 178 ["Scrutiny by Committees of private members’ Bills which have passed their second reading"],

in accordance with any guidelines agreed thereon by the sub-Committee on Dáil Reform.

(2) Having considered a request for a waiver, the Business Committee shall notify its decision in writing to—

(a) the relevant member of Government or Minister of State,

(b) the relevant Select Committee, and

(c) in the case of a private member’s Bill, the member in charge of the Bill.

(3) If the Business Committee decides to grant the waiver, it shall send a Message to this effect to the Dáil. Such a Message shall be in writing, signed by the Clerk to the Committee, and shall be addressed to the Clerk of the Dáil. The Ceann Comhairle shall, at the first convenient opportunity, communicate any such Message to the Dáil.
An Coiste Gnó do dhéanamh breithniú agus do thabhairt tuarascála.

31. (1) Déanfaidh an Coiste Gnó, ag a chruinniú seachtainiúil, breithniú ar na socruithe i gcomhair an Tí agus i gcomhair gnó an Tí a thógáil an tseachtain dá éis sin.

(2) Féadfaidh an Coiste Gnó, mar chuid dá phléití, breithniú a dhéanamh ar thograí i ndáil leis na nithe seo a leanas—

(a) socruithe i gcomhair gnó a thógáil, lena n-áirítear amanna labhartha;

(b) reachtáfocht a thógáil sa Teach agus i Roghchoistí ar aon;

(c) uaireanta suí an Tí a fhadú;

(d) míreanna gnó a thógáil ar feadh tréimhsí ama atá éagsúil leis na tréimhsí ama dá bhforáiltear sna Buan-Orduthe;

(e) míreanna gnó áirithe a chur siar nó a fhágáil ar lár;

(f) roghnú na nithe seo a leanas—

(i) tairiscint maidir le tuarascáil ó Choiste de bhun Bhuan-Ordú 102,

(ii) Bille comhalta phríobháidigh ag an Dara Céim de bhun Bhuan-Ordú 160, nó

(iii) tairiscint a bhaineann leis an Ordú do Chéim an Choiste de Bhille comhalta phríobháidigh de bhun Bhuan-Ordú 180,

lená mbreithniú ar an Déardaoin de bhun Bhuan-Ordú 159(2);

(g) an Teach a chur ar athló;

(h) aon ní eile a mheasfaidh sé is gá nó is fóirsteanach chun gnó a sheoladh sa Teach.

32. (1) Féachfaidh an Coiste Gnó le comhthoil a bhaint amach.

(2) Féachfaidh an Rialtas socruithe a mholadh don Choiste i ndáil le gnó Rialtais a thógáil agus féadfaidh an Coiste iad a leasú, le comhthoil.
Business Committee consideration and reporting.

31. (1) At its weekly meeting, the Business Committee shall consider the arrangements for the House and for the taking of its business in the following week.

(2) As part of its deliberations, the Business Committee may consider proposals in relation to—

(a) arrangements for the taking of business, including speaking times;

(b) the taking of legislation both in the House and in Select Committees;

(c) the extension of the House’s sitting hours;

(d) the taking of items of business for different time periods to those provided for in Standing Orders;

(e) the deferral or omission of certain items of business;

(f) the selection of—

(i) a motion for a Committee report pursuant to Standing Order 102,

(ii) a private member’s Bill at Second Stage pursuant to Standing Order 160, or

(iii) a motion relating to the Order for Committee Stage of a private member’s Bill pursuant to Standing Order 180,

for consideration on Thursdays pursuant to Standing Order 159(2);

(g) the adjournment of the House;

(h) any other matter that it considers necessary or expedient for the conduct of business in the House.

(3) The day following its meeting, the Business Committee shall make a report to the House containing its recommendations for the following week, each of which shall be numbered, and an indication of the business for the second following week.

(4) The report shall be laid before the Dáil the day it is made, and each member of the House shall be informed that it has been so laid.

Business Committee shall aim for consensus.

32. (1) The Business Committee shall aim for consensus in reaching its recommendations on proposed arrangements.

(2) The Government may propose arrangements to the Committee in relation to the taking of Government business, which the Committee may, by consensus, amend.
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(3) Is é nó is í an Ceann Comhairle a bheidh ina bhreitheamh nó ina breitheamh ar cibé acu atá nó nach bhfuil comhthoil ann i ndáil le haon togra a bheidh faoi bhráid an Choiste (cibé acu a bheidh sé leasaíthe nó nach mbeidh).

(4) I gcás gurb é tuairim an Cheann Comhairle nach mbainfear comhthoil amach i ndáil le togra, iarrfaidh sé nó sí ar na comhaltaí den Choiste atá i gcóinne an togra a chlárú go bhfuil siad ag easaontú leis.

(5) Déanfar ainmnneacha na gcomhaltaí easaontacha a thaifeadadh i gcoinne an togra sa tuarascáil ón gCoiste.

**Rapporteur agus an tOrd Gnó.**

33. (1) Déanfaidh an Coiste Gnó, gach seachtain, *rapporteur* a cheapadh as measc a chomhaltaí.

(2) Ag an Ord Gnó ar an gcéad lá de sheachtain súí, iarrfaidh an Ceann Comhairle ar rapporteur an Choiste Gnó an gnó a bheidh le tógáil an tseachtain sin a chraoladh.

(3) Tar éis an craoladh sin a dhéanamh, déanfaidh *rapporteur* an Choiste Gnó socruithe beartaithe an Choiste Gnó i gcomhair na seachtaine sin a thairiscint. Déanfaidh an Teach na socruithe beartaithe i gcomhair gach lae a chineadh *en bloc*.

(4) Féadfaidh aon chomhalta, lena n-áirítear comhalta den Choiste Gnó, leasú ar shocrú beartaithe sa tuarascáil ón gCoiste Gnó a thairiscint tar éis na socruithe i gcomhair aon lá a bheith tairgthe: Ar choimnioll go ndéanfaidh an comhalta, le linn dó nó di an leasú beartaithe a thairiscint, an togra ar mian leis nó léi é a leasú a shaíntaithint lena uimhir sa tuarascáil, agus go dtabharfaidh sé nó sí gearrthuairisc air.

(5) I gcás go gcuirfear i gcoinne socrú beartaithe, nó i gcás go dtairgfear leasú air, déanfar an socrú sin a chineadh ar leithligh tar éis na socruithe eile i gcomhair an lae sin a chur de láimh, agus ceadóidh an Ceann Comhairle ráiteas gearr ón Taoiseach agus ó na Ceannairí nó ó ionadaí de chuid gach grúpa nó páirti sa fhreasúra i ndáil leis an socrú sula gcuirfeadh an cheist air.

(6) Ar choimnioll i gcás go ndéanfaidh an n-éileofar an dara vótáil nó vótáil dá éis sin ar aon socruithe ar an Ord Gnó, gurb é dhá nóiméad ar a laghad agus nóiméad amháin ar a laghad faoi seach fad na tréimhse a mbeidh na cloig vótáil á mbualadh lena linn agus fad an tseala idir na cloig a bhualadh agus an glas a chur ar na doire.

(7) Más rud é, ar chúis ar bith, nach ndéanfaidh an Coiste Gnó tuarascáil ar na socruithe i gcomhair aon lá súí a thabhairt don Teach, féadfaidh an Taoiseach socruithe i gcomhair an lae agus i gcomhair gnó a thógáil an lá sin a mholadh don Teach.

(8) Féadfaidh Príomh-Aoir the Rialtais, tar éis dó nó di dul i gcomhairle leis an gCoiste Gnó, más indéanta é, a mholadh don Teach, aon lá súí ar leith, go dtógfar mír Nó mireanna gnó i gcás riachtanaí prainneacha chun í nó iad a thógáil amhlaideach a bheith tagtha chun cinn go tobann.
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(3) The Ceann Comhairle shall be the judge of whether or not there is consensus in relation to any proposal before the Committee (whether it be amended or not).

(4) Where the Ceann Comhairle is of the opinion that consensus will not be reached in relation to a proposal, he or she shall request the members of the Committee opposing the proposal to register their dissent.

(5) The names of the members dissenting shall be recorded against the proposal in the Committee’s report.

Rapporteur and Order of Business.

33. (1) The Business Committee shall, each week, appoint from amongst its members a rapporteur.

(2) At the Order of Business on the first day of a sitting week, the Ceann Comhairle shall call on the Business Committee rapporteur to announce the business to be taken that week.

(3) Following the announcement, the Business Committee rapporteur shall move the Business Committee’s proposed arrangements for that week. The House shall decide on the proposed arrangements for each day en bloc.

(4) Any member, including a member of the Business Committee, may propose an amendment to a proposed arrangement in the Business Committee report after the arrangements for any day have been moved: Provided that when moving the proposed amendment, the member shall identify the proposal he or she wishes to amend by its number in the report, and give a short description of it.

(5) Where a proposed arrangement is opposed, or where an amendment has been proposed to it, that arrangement shall be decided separately, after the other arrangements for that day have been disposed of, and the Ceann Comhairle shall permit a short statement from the Taoiseach and the Leaders or a representative of each group or party in opposition in relation to the arrangement, before putting the question on it.

(6) Provided that where a second or subsequent division is demanded on any arrangements on the Order of Business, the period for which the division bells shall ring and the interval between the ringing of the bells and the locking of the doors shall be not less than two minutes and not less than one minute respectively.

(7) Where, for whatever reason, the Business Committee has not made a report to the House on the arrangements for any sitting day, the Taoiseach may propose to the House arrangements for the day, and for the taking of business on that day.

(8) The Government Chief Whip, having consulted, where practicable, with the Business Committee, may propose to the House on any given sitting day the taking of an item or items of business where an urgent necessity to do so has arisen suddenly.
An Coiste Gnó do ghníomhú mar an Coiste Roghnóireachta.

34. Agus é ag gníomhú mar an Coiste Roghnóireachta, déanfaidh an Coiste Gnó comhlaigh a ainmníú chun fómhá ar Roghchoistí, ar Choistí Speisialta nó ar Bhuan-Choistí agus beidh sé de chumhacht aige comhaltai de na Coistí sin a urscaoileadh ó am go ham agus daoine eile a cheapadh chun fómhá in ionad na gcomhaltai sin arna n-urscaoileadh. Agus é ag gníomhú mar an Coiste Roghnóireachta, déanfaidh an Coiste Gnó leithróimnt na bpost mar Chathaoirligh Coistí a riaradh freisin de réir chóras d’Hondt faoi Bhuan-Ordú 104(2).

Riar na hOibre agus Gnó na Dála

Riar na hOibre agus nithe a chheadófar a ardú ar an Ord Gnó.

35. (1) Beidh gach suí den Dáil faoi rialú Riar Oibre clóbhualta a ullmhófar faoi stiúradh an Cheann Comhairle.

(2) (a) Faoi réir Bhuan-Ordú 29, beidh de cheart ag an gCoiste Gnó a chinneadh cad é an t-ord ina mbéidh gnó Rialtais agus comhlaigh próbháideacha ar Riar na hOibre agus, trína chríostaladh, cad é an t-ord ina dtógfar é gach seachtain.

(b) Aon chríostaladh nó moltaí a dheanfaidh comhaltai den Choiste Gnó faoi Bhuan-Ordú 33, déanfar é nó iad ar an Máirt (nó ar an gCéadaoine i gcás an Dáil gan bheith ina suí Máirt na seachtaine sin), díreach tar éis an Phríomh-Phríomh-Posadh ó Cheannairí.

(c) Faoi réir mhír (d), tar éis na n-imeachtaí a chuimsítear le mhir (b), féadfaidh an Ceann Comhairle, dá rogha féin, an médí seo a leanas a chheadú, ceisteachtaí chun an Taoisigh i dtaoibh gnó atá geallta a thógáil, lena n-áirítear reacúntacht a gealladh laistigh den Dáil nó lasmuigh dí; i dtaobh reacúntacht thánaisteach a dheanamh; agus i dtaobh cathain a scapfear Bill nó doiciméid eile atá ar Riar na hOibre agus a bhuifil gá leo sa Teach: Ar choinníoll go bhfheidfaidh an Taoiseach a iarraidh ar Aire nó ar Aire Stáit freagra a thabhairt ar an tsaincheist a ardófar.

(d) Ní mhairfidh ná himeachtaí a chur le himeachtaí ar an n-imeachtaí le míreanna (b) agus (c) agus Bhuan-Ordú 33 níos faide ná 30 nóiméad, ach amháin nach ndéanfar aon am arna thogáil ar vótáil ar an Ord Gnó a áireamh i ríomh an 30 nóiméad sin.

(3) Ar an gCéadaoine agus ar an Déardaoin díreach tar éis Ceisteachtaí ó Cheannairí, féadfaidh an Ceann Comhairle, dá rogha féin, an médí seo a leanas a chheadú, ach ar fearadh tréimhsí nach faide ná 30 nóiméad, ceisteachtaí chun an Taoisigh i dtaoibh gnó atá geallta a thógáil, lena n-áirítear reacúntacht a gealladh laistigh den Dáil nó lasmuigh dí; i dtaobh reacúntacht thánaisteach a dheanamh; agus i dtaobh cathain a scapfear Bill nó doiciméid eile atá ar Riar na hOibre agus a bhuifil gá leo sa Teach: Ar choinníoll go bhfheidfaidh an Taoiseach a iarraidh ar Aire nó ar Aire Stáit freagra a thabhairt ar an tsaincheist a ardófar.

(4) Chun críocha mhíreanna (2)(c) agus (3), ní faide ná aon nósimead amháin an ceann an t-am a chheadófar do cheisteachtaí. agus ní bheidh cead ag comhaltaiach anseo amháin a chur, is ceist a bheith ar na amháin le haon ábhar amháin, agus tabharfaidh an Taoiseach freagra garr ar an gceist sin, nach faide ná aon nósimead amháin: Ar choinníoll go bhfheidfaidh an Taoiseach freagra a iaradh go dtí lá eile i gcás ceist a bhaineann le reacúntacht thánaisteach a dheanamh.
Business Committee acting as Committee of Selection.

34. When acting as the Committee of Selection, the Business Committee shall nominate members to serve on Select, Special or Standing Committees and shall have the power to discharge members of such Committees from time to time and to appoint others to serve in substitution for those discharged. The Business Committee, when acting as the Committee of Selection, shall also administer the allocation of Committee Chair posts according to the d’Hondt system under Standing Order 104(2).

Order Paper and Business of the Dáil

Order Paper and matters permitted to be raised on Order of Business.

35. (1) Every sitting of the Dáil shall be governed by a printed Order Paper which shall be prepared under the direction of the Ceann Comhairle.

(2) (a) Subject to Standing Order 29, the Business Committee shall have the right to determine the order in which Government and private members’ business shall appear on the Order Paper and, by announcement, the order in which it shall be taken each week.

(b) Any announcement or proposals made by a member of the Business Committee under Standing Order 33 shall be made on Tuesdays (or on a Wednesday where the Dáil does not sit on the Tuesday of that week), immediately following Leaders’ Questions.

(c) Subject to paragraph (d), following the proceedings comprehended by paragraph (b), the Ceann Comhairle may permit, at his or her discretion, questions to the Taoiseach about the taking of business which has been promised, including legislation promised either within or outside the Dáil; about the making of secondary legislation; and as to when Bills or other documents on the Order Paper needed in the House will be circulated: Provided that the Taoiseach may request a Minister or Minister of State to respond to the issue raised.

(d) The proceedings on the matters comprehended by paragraphs (b) and (c) and Standing Order 33 shall not exceed 30 minutes, save that any time taken on a division on the Order of Business shall not be reckoned in the calculation of that 30 minutes.

(3) On Wednesdays and Thursdays immediately following Leaders’ Questions, the Ceann Comhairle may permit, at his or her discretion, but for a period not exceeding 30 minutes, questions to the Taoiseach about the taking of business which has been promised, including legislation promised either within or outside the Dáil; about the making of secondary legislation; and as to when Bills or other documents on the Order Paper needed in the House will be circulated: Provided that the Taoiseach may request a Minister or Minister of State to respond to the issue raised.

(4) For the purposes of paragraphs (2)(c) and (3), the time allowed for questions shall not exceed one minute each, and members shall be allowed to put only one question, addressing a single topic, whereupon the Taoiseach shall make a brief reply, not exceeding one minute: Provided that the Taoiseach may defer replying to a question relating to the making of secondary legislation to another day.
(5) Chun críocha mhíreanna (2)(c) agus (3), féadfaidh comhalta den Rialtas nó Príomh-Aoire an Rialtais ar an Máirt agus ar an gCéadaoin, agus déanfaidh sé nó sí ar an Déardaoin, freagra a thabhaítear ar cheisteanna in ionad an Taoisigh.

Ceisteanna ó Cheannairí.

36. (a) Mura n-ordóidh an Dáil a mhalairt, féadfaidh an Ceann Comhairle, dá rogha féin, an méid seo a leanas a cheadú: ceist ghearr ó Cheannairí sa Fhreasúra chun an Taoisigh faoi ní a bhfuil tábhacht poiblí thráthuí leis, agus tógfar an cheist sin—

(i) ar 2 p.m. ar an Máirt, agus

(ii) ar 12 meán lae ar an gCéadaoin agus ar an Déardaoin, nó ar 2 p.m. aon Chéadaoin a shuifidh an Dáil ar 2 p.m.

(b) Ní faide ná 32 nóiméad an t-am iomlán a cheadófar do Cheisteanna ó Cheannairí aon lá ar leith faoin mBuan-Ordú seo agus ní mó ná ceithre cinn lón na gCeisteanna ó Cheannairí a cheadófar aon lá.

(c) Ní faide ná trí nóiméad gach Ceist agus beidh feidhm ag na socruithe seo a leanas:

(i) glaofar ar an Taoiseach chun freagra a thabhaítear ar feadh tréimhse nach faide ná trí nóiméad,

(ii) féadfaidh an Ceannaire sa Fhreasúra a chuir an cheist bhunaidh ceist ghearr fhorlíontach nach faide ná aon nóiméad amháin a chur ansin,

(iii) glaofar ar an Taoiseach ansin chun freagra deiridh a thabhaítear ar feadh tréimhse nach faide ná aon nóiméad amháin.

(d) Féadfaidh an Taoiseach comhalta eile den Rialtas a aímnítear chun Ceisteanna ó Cheannairí a thógáil i gcás an Taoiseach a bheith as láthair. Beidh feidhm ag forálacha an Bhuana-Ordaithe seo ar an Déardaoin ach “an Tánaiste” a chur in ionad “an Taoisigh” agus “an Taoiseach”.

(e) Sa Buan-Ordú seo, ciallaíonn “Ceannaire sa Fhreasúra” Ceannaire grúpa mar a mhíntear i mBuan-Ordú 165: Ar choimhnioll go mbeidh tosach labhartha ag Ceannaire páirtí is grúpa faoi Buan-Ordú 165(1) ar Cheannaire saínithe grúpa arna aítheann faoi mhír (2) den Buan-Ordú sin.

Saincheisteanna Tráthúla.

37. (1) Féadfaidh aon chomhalta fógra a thabhaítear i scribhinn faoi ní is mian leis nó léi a tharraingt anuas lena bhreithniú mar shaincheist tráthuí, agus féadfaidh nithe de chineál náisiúnta nó idirnáisiúnta a bheith ar áireamh an Mháirt, Déanfar nithe den sórt sin a bhreithnítear aon mhír, Céadaoin nó Déardaoin a thíoifheadh an Dáil le chéile.

Ar choimhnioll nach foláir go mbeidh saincheisteanna tráthÚla ag an gCléireach tráth nach déanaí ná 10 a.m. aon Mháirt, Céadaoin nó Déardaoin chun go mbreithneofar iad lena roghnú an lá sin.
(5) For the purposes of paragraphs (2)(c) and (3), a member of the Government or the Government Chief Whip may on Tuesdays and Wednesdays and shall on Thursdays respond to questions in the Taoiseach’s stead.

Leaders’ Questions.

36. (a) Unless the Dáil shall otherwise order, the Ceann Comhairle may permit, at his or her discretion, a brief question, about a matter of topical public importance, to the Taoiseach from Leaders in Opposition, which shall be taken—

(i) at 2 p.m. on Tuesdays, and

(ii) at 12 noon on Wednesdays and Thursdays, or at 2 p.m. on a Wednesday where the Dáil sits at 2 p.m.

(b) The total time allowed for Leaders’ Questions on any given day under this Standing Order shall not exceed 32 minutes and the number of Leaders’ Questions on any day shall not exceed four.

(c) Each Question shall not exceed three minutes, and the following arrangements shall apply:

(i) the Taoiseach shall be called upon to reply for a period not exceeding three minutes,

(ii) the Leader in Opposition who asked the original question may then ask a brief supplementary question not exceeding one minute,

(iii) the Taoiseach shall then be called upon to reply in conclusion for a period not exceeding one minute.

(d) The Taoiseach may nominate another member of the Government to take Leaders’ Questions in his or her absence. On Thursdays the provisions of this Standing Order shall apply with the substitution of “Tánaiste” for “Taoiseach”.

(e) In this Standing Order, “Leader in Opposition” means the Leader of a group as defined in Standing Order 165: Provided that the Leader of a party which is a group under Standing Order 165(1) shall have precedence over the designated Leader of a group recognised under paragraph (2) of that Standing Order.

Topical issues.

37. (1) Any member may give notice in writing of a matter which he or she wishes to bring forward for consideration as a topical issue, and this may include matters of a national or international nature. Such matters shall be considered on a Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday on which the Dáil meets.

Provided that topical issues shall reach the Clerk not later than 10 a.m. on a Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday to be considered for selection on that day.
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(2) Roghnóidh an Ceann Comhairle ceithre ní den sórt sin ar a mhéad lena mbreithniiú gach Máirt, Céadaoin agus Deárdai agus féadfaidh sé nó sí aon ní breise amhain den sórt sin a roghnú freisin mar ní malartach a bheadh le breithniiú i gcás go ndéanfaí ceann de na ceithre ní eile a chur siar: Ar choimhnioll—

(a) gur ceithre ní ar a mhéad a bhreithneofar aon lá;

(b) nach foláir gaol a bheith ag na nithe sin go léir le gnóthaí poiblí a bhaineann le Roine Stáit nó le nithe riarchaín a bhfuil freagracht ofíigiúil ar chomhalta den Rialtas nó ar Aire Stáit maidir leo (lena n-áirítear comhlachtat atá faoi choimirce Roine Stáit i leith beartas Rialtais);

(c) cé go mbeidh sé de rogha dheiridh ag an gCeann Comhairle saincheisteanna a bhreithneofar a roghnú, go ndéanfaidh sé nó sí a rogha faoi threoir na bprionsabal seo a leanas, _inter alia:_

(i) an chothromaíocht idir saincheisteanna áitiúla, náisiúnta agus idirnáisiúnta a ardófar,
(ii) ábhar sceideal na Dála an tseachtain suí sin,
(iii) líon na ngrúpaí (de réir bhrí Bhuan-Ordú 163) a bhfuil ionadaíocht á déanamh dóibh,
(iv) líon na saincheisteanna tráthúla a d'ardaigh na comhaltaí lena mbaineann roimhe sin, agus go mbeidh aird aige nó aici ar aon iarrataí arna ndéanamh de bhun Bhuan-Ordú 54(7);

(d) más rud é, in imthosca eisceachtúla, nach mbeidh an comhalta den Rialtas nó an tAire Stáit ar a bhfuil freagracht ofíigiúil maidir leis an ní ar fáil ar an lá, go ndéanfaidh sé nó sí, tráth nach déanaf ná 12 meán lae, é sin a chur in iúl don Cheann Comhairle, agus go dtabharfaidh an Ceann Comhairle é sin le fios don chomhalta a mbeidh fógra tugtha aige nó aici agus go dtabharfar rogha ansin don chomhalta sin—

(i) breithniiú an ní a chur siar go dtí an chead lá eile, nó
(ii) dul ar aghaidh leis an ní ar an lá le rappháirtíocht an chomhalta den Rialtas nó an Aire Stáit atá ar fáil;

(e) gurb iad na chéad nithe a thógfar aon lá, i dtosach, aon ní a bheidh curtha siar ón lá roimhe sin agus ansin, más rud é nár úsáideadh é an lá roimhe sin, an ní malartach a roghnaigh an Ceann Comhairle an lá roimhe sin, agus go ndéanfar líon na nithe eile a bheidh le roghnú an lá sin a laghdú dá réir sin.

(3) Déanfar saincheisteanna tráthúla a roghnóidh an Ceann Comhairle a bhreithniiú—

(a) ar an Máirt (agus ar gCéadaoin i gcás go dtiocfaidh an Dáil le chéile ar 2 p.m.), díreach tar éis Ceisteanna chun comhalta den Rialtas faoi Bhuan-Ordú 46(1)(b);

(b) gach Céadaoin eile, díreach tar éis an suí a chur ar fionraí faoi Bhuan-Ordú 25(1); agus
(2) The Ceann Comhairle shall select a maximum of four such matters for consideration on each
Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday and may also select one additional such matter as an alternative to
be considered in the event one of the other four matters is deferred: Provided that—

(a) the matters considered on any day shall be limited to a maximum of four;

(b) all such matters must relate to public affairs connected with a Department of State or to
matters of administration for which a member of the Government or Minister of State is
officially responsible (including bodies under the aegis of a Department of State in respect of
Government policy);

(c) while the Ceann Comhairle has the ultimate discretion in selecting issues for consideration, s/
he will be guided in his/her selection by, inter alia, the following principles:
   (i) the balance of local, national and international issues raised,
   (ii) the content of the Dáil schedule for that sitting week,
   (iii) the number of groups (within the meaning of Standing Order 163) represented,
   (iv) the number of topical issues previously raised by the members concerned,
and s/he shall have regard to any requests made pursuant to Standing Order 54(7);

(d) where, in exceptional circumstances, the member of the Government or Minister of State
officially responsible for the matter is not available on the day, he or she shall, no later than
12 noon, so inform the Ceann Comhairle, who shall advise the member who has given notice
and that member shall then be given the option to—
   (i) defer consideration of the matter to the next day, or
   (ii) proceed with the matter on the day with the participation of the available member of
the Government or Minister of State;

(e) the first matters to be taken on any day shall be, first, any matter deferred from the previous
day and then, if not used on the previous day, the alternative matter chosen by the Ceann
Comhairle on the previous day, and the number of other matters to be selected on that day
shall be reduced accordingly.

(3) Topical issues selected by the Ceann Comhairle shall be considered—

(a) on Tuesdays (and on Wednesdays where the Dáil meets at 2 p.m.), immediately following
Questions to a member of the Government under Standing Order 46(1)(b);

(b) on all other Wednesdays, immediately following the suspension of sitting under Standing
Order 25(1); and
(c) ar an Déardaoin, ar ghnó Rialtais a thabhairt chun críche, ach tráth nach déanaí ná 5.15 p.m.

(4) Is é a bheidh sa bhreithniú ar gach saincheist thráthúil—

(a) ráiteas nach faide ná ceithre nóiméad ón gcomhalta a thug fógra,

(b) ráiteas freagartha nach faide ná ceithre nóiméad ó chomhalta den Rialtas nó ó Aire Stáit, de bhun mhír (2),

(c) ráiteas breise nach faide ná dhá nóiméad ón gcomhalta a thug fógra, agus

(d) ráiteas clábhsúir nach faide ná dhá nóiméad ón gcomhalta den Rialtas nó ón Aire Stáit lena mbaineann:

  Ar choinnioll—

  (i) i gcás go mbeidh ní a mbeidh fógra bailí tugtha ag níos mó ná níos aon chomhalta amháin ina leith roghnaithe ag an gCeann Comhairle, agus gurb é a thuairim nó a tuairim nach mbeadh go leor ama ag gach comhalta oráid leordhóthanach a dhéanamh de thoradh líon na gcomhaltaí a bheadh ag roinnt ama, go bhféadfaidh sé nó si, faoi réir mhír (2), níos lú ná ceithre nó roghnú agus an t-am a thabharfaí de ghnáth do dhá shaincheist thráthúla nó níos mó a chur le chéile;

  (ii) nach rachaidh an t-am iomlán a cheadófar aon lá chun saincheisteanna tráthúla a bhreithniú thar 48 nóiméad;

  (iii) i gcás go mbeidh saincheisteanna tráthúla i ndáil leis an ní céanna curtha le chéile, agus i gcás nach mbeadh an comhalta den Rialtas nó an tAire Stáit ar a bhfuil freagracht oifigiúil maidir leis an ní ar fáil ar an lá, go ndéanfar an ní a chur siar más rud é gur mian le haon duine de na comhaltaí a roghnáodh i ndáil leis an ní go ndéanfaí é a chur siar.

(5) Ní vótálaighd an Dáil ar aon ní a éireoidh as breithniú a dhéanamh ar shaincheisteanna tráthúla.

(6) Déantar liosta de na nithe a mbeadh fógra tugtha ina leith faoin mBuan-Ordú seo agus ainm an chomhalta lena mbaineann i ngach cás a chlóbhuadadh i dTuairisc Oifigiúil na nDíospóireachtaí.

Cúrsa an ghnó.

38. Faoi réir Bhuan-Ordú 35, is mar a leanas a bheidh gnáthchúrsa laethúil an ghnó sa Dáil:—

1. Ceisteanna ó Cheannairí, Ceisteanna', agus saincheisteanna tráthúla.

2. Gnó Priobháideach.

3. Gnó Poiblí—

   (i) Idtosach Gnó Phoiblí—
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(c) on Thursdays, on the conclusion of Government business, but not later than 5.15 p.m.

(4) Consideration of each topical issue shall consist of—

(a) a statement by the member who has given notice which shall not exceed four minutes,

(b) a statement in reply by a member of the Government or Minister of State, pursuant to paragraph (2), which shall not exceed four minutes,

(c) a further statement by the member who has given notice which shall not exceed two minutes, and

(d) a concluding statement by the member of the Government or Minister of State concerned which shall not exceed two minutes:

Provided that—

(i) where the Ceann Comhairle has selected a matter of which valid notice has been given by more than one member and s/he is of the opinion that the number of members sharing time would result in insufficient time for each member to make an adequate contribution, s/he may, subject to paragraph (2), select fewer than four matters and aggregate the time that would ordinarily be assigned to two or more topical issues;

(ii) the total time allowed for consideration of topical issues on any day shall not exceed 48 minutes;

(iii) where topical issues on the same matter have been aggregated, and where the member of Government or Minister of State who is officially responsible for the matter is not available on the day, if any of the members who have been selected on the matter wish it to be deferred, then the matter shall be deferred.

(5) The Dáil shall not divide on any matter arising out of consideration of topical issues.

(6) A list of the matters in respect of which notice has been given under this Standing Order and the name of the member concerned in each case shall be printed in the Official Report of the Debates.

Routine of Business.

38. Subject to Standing Order 35, the ordinary routine of business in the Dáil shall be as follows:—

1. Leaders’ Questions, Questions7, and topical issues.

2. Private Business.

3. Public Business—

   (i) At the commencement of Public Business—

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(a) Tairiscintí i ndáil le Tuarascálacha ó Choistí dá dtugtar tosaíocht faoi Buan-Orduithe 133, 134 nó 135.

(b) Tairiscintí i ndáil le Tuarascálacha ó Choistí i ndáil le Gnóthaí AE agus nithe gaolmhara eile dá dtugann an Grúpa Stiúrtha Parlaíomh tosaíocht faoi Buan-Ordú 124.

(c) Tuarascálacha Eile ó Choistí.

(d) Teachtairreachtaí ón Seanad.

(e) Billí ón Seanad.

(f) Billí a thionscnamh.

(g) Fógraí Tairisceana.

(ii) Orduithe an Lae.

Is mar a leanas a bheidh gnáthchúrsa an ghnó in am comhalaí príobháideacha8:—

(i) Gnó a cuireadh ar Athló dá mbeidh tosach tugtha faoi na Buan-Orduithe.

(ii) Gnó Eile a ordaíodh.

(iii) Fógraí Tairisceana Eile.

Ord Gnó Phríobháidigh.


Fógra tairisceana agus leasuithe: fógra níos giorra.

40. Gach tairiscint a bheidh le cur ar Riar na hOibre le haghaidh lá ar bith, ní foláir í a bheith i scribhinn, faoi láimh cromhaolta, agus í a bheith ag cumadh gChléireach tráth nach déanaí ná 11 a.m. an ceathrú lá nó am. Ní foláir aon leasuithe a thairgfeadh an Bhfógraí a dhéanamh le haghaidh lá ar bith, ní foláir í a bheith i scribhinn, faoi láimh cromhaolta, agus í a bheith ag cumadh gChléireach tráth nach déanaí ná 11 a.m. an dara lá ar lón ré: Ach, le cead an Cheann Comhairle, fhéadfadh tairiscintí agus leasuithe a dhéanamh le Bhfógraí níos giorra ná sin a thabhairt.

Ábhair Riar na hOibre.

41. Cuirfear ar Riar na hOibre téacs gach Ceiste a bheidh le cur ar chomhaltas den Rialtas (ach amháin Ceisteanna a cheadaítear faoi Buan-Ordú 43 ar fhógra príobháideach a thabhairt) agus téacs gach tairiscint a bheidh le déanamh, agus gach leasuithe ar a leithéid a bheidh le tairiscint (ach amháin cinn a cheadaítear leis na Buan-Orduithe seo a dhéanamh nó a thairiscint gan fógra). Ina theannta sin, ar an Máirt agus ar an gCéadaoin, cuirfear ar Riar na hOibre téacs gach Ceisteanna, seachas na Ceisteanna a mbeidh uain sonraíthe dóibh9, chun freagra ó bhéal a fháil orthu an lá dá d' gcionn.

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(a) Motions in relation to Reports from Committees given priority under Standing Orders 133, 134 or 135.

(b) Motions in relation to Reports from Committees relating to EU Affairs and other related matters given priority by the Parliamentary Steering Group under Standing Order 124.

(c) Other Reports from Committees.

(d) Messages from the Seanad.

(e) Bills from the Seanad.

(f) Initiation of Bills.

(g) Notices of Motions.

(ii) Orders of the Day.

The ordinary routine of business in private members’ time* shall be as follows:—

(i) Adjourned Business given priority under Standing Orders.

(ii) Other Business ordered.

(iii) Other Notices of Motions.

Order of Private Business.

39. At a sitting of the Dáil, before the commencement of Public Business, the Dáil shall proceed to the consideration of unopposed Private Business. Opposed Private Business shall be subject to the provisions of Standing Order 142 of the Standing Orders relative to Private Business.

Notice of motions and amendments: shorter notice.

40. All motions to be put on the Order Paper for any day, shall be in writing, signed by a member, and shall reach the Clerk not later than 11 a.m. on the fourth preceding day. Any amendments to such motions shall be in writing, signed by a member, and shall reach the Clerk not later than 11 a.m. on the second preceding day: Provided that, by permission of the Ceann Comhairle, motions and amendments may be made on shorter notice.

Contents of Order Paper.

41. The Order Paper shall contain the text of all Questions to be asked of members of the Government (other than private notice Questions permitted under Standing Order 43) and of all motions, and amendments thereto, to be proposed (save such as are allowed by these Standing Orders to be proposed without notice). In addition, on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, the Order Paper shall contain the text of Questions, other than Questions nominated for priority†, for oral answer on the following day.

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Cur ar athló mar gheall ar ní sonrach tábhachtach a bhaineann le leas an phobail agus nach foláir a bhreithniú go práninneach.

42. (1) Aon Mháirt, Céadaoin nó Déardaoin a shuífidh an Dáil féadfar cead a iarraidh chun tairiscint a dhéanamh an Dáil a chur ar athló mar gheall ar ní sonrach tábhachtach a bhaineann le leas an phobail agus nach foláir a bhreithniú go práninneach má thugann comhalta fógra i scribhinn don Cheann Comhairle 45 nóiméad ar a laghad roimh thús a chur leis an suí. Luafar san fhógra sin an ní atá an comhalta ag iarraidh a ardú agus féadfadh tagaírt a dhéanamh ann do thuillteanais an ní sin ní do na cúiseanna atá ann lena ardú ar shlí a mheasfaidh an Ceann Comhairle a bheith gearr agus gonta.

(2) I gcás gur deimhin leis an gCeann Comhairle go gcomhlíonann an fógra ceanglais an Bhuan-Ordaithe seo, glaofaidh an Ceann Comhairle ar an gcomhalta go díreach roimh an Ord Gnó, agus leis sin éireoidh an comhalta ina áit nó ina háit agus luafaídh sé nó sí go bhfuil sé nó sí ag iarraidh cead chun a thairiscint go gcuirfear ag an Dáil ar athló d’fhonn ní sonrach tábhachtach a bhaineann le leas an phobail agus nach foláir a bhreithniú go práninneach a phlé agus luafaídh sé nó sí an fógra a tugadh ach ní cead dó nó dí ceathar leis.

(3) Más dóigh leis an gCeann Comhairle gur tairiscint atá ann den sórt a luaitear sa Bhuan-Ordú seo, iarraidh sé nó sí, air sin, ar na comhaltaí atá i bhfhábhar an iarratais éirí ina n-áiteanna. Má éiríonn dháreach comhalta ar a laghad dá réir sin, tabharfaidh sé nó sí cead an tairiscint a dhéanamh, agus déanfar an tairiscint ar 7 p.m. más é an Mháirt nó an Chéadaoin atá ann, nó ar 3.30 p.m. más é an Déardaoin atá ann, nó cibé uair, lá déanta an iarratais, a cheapfaidh an Dáil.

(4) Aon ní a chuairfear faoi bhráid na Dála de bhun an Bhuan-Ordaithe seo agus nach mbeidh an líon is gá i bhfhábhar a phléite, ní féidir é a tharraingt anuas arís taobh istigh de na sé mhí dá éis sin faoiin mBuan-Ordú seo.

**Ceisteanna**

Fógra i dtaoibh Ceisteanna agus Ceisteanna ar fhógra príobháideach.

43. Ní foláir Ceisteanna chun comhalta den Rialtas—

(a) a mbeidh uain sonraithe dóibh10 nó

(b) a mbeidh freagra orthu le soláthar i dTuirisc Oifigiúil na nDíospóireachtaí11

a bheith i scribhinn agus a bheith ag an gCléireach tráth nach déanaí ná 11 a.m. an tríú lá roimh an lá a bheidh siad le cur, gan áireamh a dhéanamh ar Shatharn, ar Dhomhnach ná ar lá saoire poiblí.

Ní foláir Ceisteanna eile chun comhalta den Rialtas a bheith i scribhinn agus a bheith ag an gCléireach tráth nach déanaí ná 11 a.m. an ceathrú lá roimh an lá a bheidh siad le cur, gan áireamh a dhéanamh ar Shatharn, ar Dhomhnach ná ar lá saoire poiblí.

Ach féadfAR, le cead an Cheann Comhairle, Ceisteanna i dtaoibh nithe a bhfuil deabhadh agus tábhacht pheiblí ag baint leo a chur tar éis fógra príobháideach ina dtaoibh a thabhait. Ní foláir na Ceisteanna sin a bheith i scribhinn agus a bheith ag an gCléireach tráth nach déanaí ná 2.30 p.m. an lá a bheidh siad le cur.

10  B.O. 49.
11  B.O. 50(2).
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Adjournment on specific and important matter of public interest requiring urgent consideration.

42. (1) Leave to move a motion for the adjournment of the Dáil on a specific and important matter of public interest requiring urgent consideration may be sought on a Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday on which the Dáil sits if a member gives notice in writing to the Ceann Comhairle not less than 45 minutes before the opening of the sitting. Such notice shall state the matter which the member seeks to raise and may refer to the merits of or reasons for raising the matter in a manner which the Ceann Comhairle considers to be brief and concise.

(2) Where the Ceann Comhairle is satisfied that the notice complies with the requirements of this Standing Order, the member shall be called upon by the Ceann Comhairle immediately before the Order of Business, whereupon the member shall rise in his or her place and state that he or she requests leave to move the adjournment of the Dáil for the purpose of discussing a specific and important matter of public interest requiring urgent consideration and shall state the notice given but may not elaborate thereon.

(3) If the Ceann Comhairle considers the motion to be one contemplated by this Standing Order, he or she shall thereupon desire the members who support the request to rise in their places. If not less than twelve members rise accordingly, he or she shall give leave to make the motion, which shall be moved at 7 p.m. on a Tuesday or Wednesday, or 3.30 p.m. on a Thursday, or at such hour on the day on which the request is made as the Dáil may appoint.

(4) A matter submitted in pursuance of this Standing Order which fails to obtain the requisite support cannot during the following six months be again brought forward under this Standing Order.

Questions

Notice of Questions and private notice Questions.

43. Questions to a member of the Government—

(a) nominated for priority\(^{10}\) or

(b) to which an answer is to be provided in the Official Report of the Debates\(^{11}\)

must be in writing and must reach the Clerk not later than 11 a.m. on the third day preceding that on which they are to be asked, not reckoning a Saturday, Sunday, or public holiday.

Other Questions to a member of the Government must be in writing and must reach the Clerk not later than 11 a.m. on the fourth day preceding that on which they are to be asked, not reckoning a Saturday, Sunday, or public holiday:

Provided that Questions relating to matters of urgent public importance may, by permission of the Ceann Comhairle, be asked on private notice. Such Questions must be in writing and must reach the Clerk not later than 2.30 p.m. on the day on which they are to be asked.

\(^{10}\) S.O. 49.

\(^{11}\) S.O. 50(2).
Ceisteanna a bheith ag baint le hábhar.

44. Na Ceisteanna a chuirfeadh chun comhalta den Rialtas, ní foláir baint a bheith acu le gnóthaí poiblí a bhaineann lena Roinn, nó le gnóthaí iaracháin a bhfuil sé nó sí freagrach go hoifigiúil iontu (ar a n-áirítear comhlachtáid faoi choimirce a Roinne i leith beartais Rialtais). Ar choinnioll go bhféadfadh an Ceann Comhairle, dá lárnogha féin, Ceist nó saincheist thráthúil a cheadú i ndáil le comhlacht den sórt sin i gcás go ndearna comhalta iarraidh réasúnaigh ar fhaisnéis a chur faoi bhraideach an chomhlachta sin, ar iarraidh í a bhaineann le feidhm neamh a chomhalta mar ionadaí poiblí, agus nach bhfuarthaí an fhreagarí leordhóthanach.

Cumhachtáin an Cheann Comhairle maidir le Ceisteanna: cúrsaí oird i ndáil le Ceisteanna.

45. (1) (a) Scrúdóidh an Ceann Comhairle gach Ceist chun deimhin a dhéanamh de gur Ceist í atá de réir hhorálacha an Bhuan-Ordaithe seo. Rialóidh an Ceann Comhairle as ordú aon Cheist nach bhfuil de réir na mBuan-Orduithe: Ar choinnioll go bhféadhaidh an Ceann Comhairle, nó an Cléireach faoi údarás an Cheann Comhairle, as ordú an Cheist leasú, tar éis dó nó di dul i gcomhalta a chuir isteach í, chun deimhin a dhéanamh de go bhfuil sí de réir na mBuan-Orduithe.

(b) I gcás go rialódh anCeann Comhairle Ceist as ordú, féadfaidh an comhalta ar ina ainm nó ina hainm a cuireadh an Ceist síos, faoi réir an cheanglais glacadh leis an rialú sin, tuilleadh faisnéise a iarraidh ar an gCeann Comhairle i ndáil leis na cúiseanna lena rialú.

(2) Is é an cuspóir a bheidh le gach Ceist ná eolas nó léiriú a fháil ar chúrsaí fíoraí ar chúrsaí beartais, agus beidh Ceisteanna chomh gearr agus is féidir.

(3) Ní fhéadfar, le Ceisteanna a chuirfeadh sios i gcomhair freagra ó bhéal, eolas a lorg a bheidh tugtha ó bhéal sa Dáil laistigh den dá mhi roimhe sin mar fhreagra ar Cheist ó bhéal nó mar fhreagra ar ní a ardaíodh faoi Bhuan-Ordú 37: Ar choinnioll, i gcás nach sroichfar Ceist ó bhéal agus go gcuirfeadh freagra scríofa ar an gCeist sin ar fáil i dTuaríse Oifigiuil na nDíospóireachtaí, go mbeidh feidhm ag forálacha mhír (4) den Bhuan-Ordú seo.

(4) Ní fhéadfar, le Ceisteanna le haghaidh freagraí scríofa, eolas a lorg a bheidh curtha ar fáil laistigh den dá sheachtain roimhe sin mar fhreagra ar Cheist (bhíodh freagra tugtha uirthi ó bhéal nó i scribhinn) nó mar fhreagra ar ní a ardaíodh faoi Bhuan-Ordú 37.

(5) Ní bheidh aon argóint i gCeisteanna ná aon léimhnachas pearsanta.

Am le haghaidh Ceisteanna.

46. (1) Mura n-ordóidh an Dáil a mhalairt ar thairiscint ó chomhalta den Rialtas nó ó Aire Stáit—

(a) Tógfar ceisteanna i gcomhair freagra ó bhéal chun an Taoisigh ar feadh tréimhse nach faide nó 45 nóiméad, go díreach tar éis na nithe seo a leanas—

(i) an tOrd Gnó ar an Máirt, agus

(ii) Ceisteanna ar Reachtaitheacht a Gealladh ar an gCéadaoin,

(b) Tógfar Ceisteanna i gcomhair freagra ó bhéal chun comhaltaí eile den Rialtais—
Relevancy of Questions.

44. Questions addressed to a member of the Government must relate to public affairs connected with his or her Department, or to matters of administration for which he or she is officially responsible (including bodies under the aegis of his or her Department in respect of Government policy). Provided that, at his or her absolute discretion, the Ceann Comhairle may permit a Question or topical issue in relation to such a body where a member has made a reasonable request for information to that body, relating to the member’s functions as a public representative, and an adequate response is not forthcoming.

Powers of Ceann Comhairle as to Questions: matters of order relating to Questions.

45. (1) (a) The Ceann Comhairle shall examine every Question in order to ensure that it conforms with the provisions of this Standing Order. The Ceann Comhairle shall rule out of order any Question which does not comply with Standing Orders: Provided that the Ceann Comhairle, or the Clerk under his or her authority, may amend any Question, after consultation with the member responsible for the Question, to secure its compliance with Standing Orders.

(b) Where the Ceann Comhairle has ruled a Question out of order, the member in whose name the Question was put down may, subject to the requirement to accept that ruling, request further information from the Ceann Comhairle regarding the reasons for his or her ruling.

(2) The purpose of each Question shall be to elicit information upon or to elucidate matters of fact or of policy and Questions shall be as brief as possible.

(3) Questions put down for oral answer may not seek information provided orally in the Dáil within the previous two months in response to an oral Question or in response to a matter raised under Standing Order 37: Provided that, where an oral Question is not reached and a written answer thereto is provided in the Official Report of Debates, the provisions of paragraph (4) of this Standing Order shall apply.

(4) Questions for written answer may not seek information provided within the previous two weeks in response to a Question (whether answered orally or in writing) or in response to a matter raised under Standing Order 37.

(5) Questions shall not contain argument or personal imputation.

Time for Questions.

46. (1) Unless the Dáil shall otherwise order on motion made by a member of the Government or Minister of State—

(a) Questions for oral answer to the Taoiseach shall be taken for a period not exceeding 45 minutes, immediately following—

(i) the Order of Business on Tuesday, and

(ii) Questions on Promised Legislation on Wednesday,

(b) Questions for oral answer to other members of the Government shall be taken—
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(i) ar an Máirt (agus ar an gCéadachain i gcás go dtiocfaidh an Dáil le chéile ar 2 p.m.), díreach tar éis Ceisteanna ó bhéal chun an Taoisigh faoi Bhuan-Ordú 47(1); agus

(ii) gach Céadachain eile agus ar an Déardhachain, ar 10.30 a.m.: Ar choinníoll go bhféadfar Ceisteanna a chur ríomhaíochta á thógáil le céad an Cheann Comhairle agus go gcuirfear iad go díreach tar éis saincheisteaná tráthnúla an lá.

(2) Ní faide ná 90 nóiméad an t-am a cheadófar do Ceisteanna, seachas Ceisteanna chun an Taoisigh¹², ach lena n-áirítear Ceisteanna a mbeidh uain sonraithe dóibh¹³.

Ceisteanna chun an Taoisigh; agus Ceisteanna chun comhaltaí eile den Rialtas: an róta.

47. (1) (a) Ceisteanna a chuirfear chun an Taoisigh, is ar an Máirt agus ar an gCéadachain amháin a fhéadfadh iad a chur agus cuirfear ar Riar na hOibre iad roimhe Ceisteanna chun comhaltaí eile den Rialtas a bheidh le cur an lá céanna.

(b) Ní cead d’aon chomhalta níos mó ná trí Chiste chun an Taoisigh i gcomhair freagra ó bhéal a chur síos an lá. Ach féadfadh ceisthleac an tráth. Ach féadadh ceist sna cóisirí a thabhairt cadhán iomad Ceisteanna ó bhéal chun an Taoisigh a dhéanfaí a aisteál nó a dhiúilíodh.

(c) Ní faide ná 45 nóiméad an t-am a cheadófar do Ceisteanna chun an Taoisigh gach lá: Ar choinníoll nach faide ná 15 nóiméad an t-am a cheadófar do gach Ceist nó do gach grúpa Ceisteanna, agus—

(i) nach faide ná trí nóiméad as sin an t-am a cheadófar don fhreagra tosaigh ón Taoiseach, agus

(ii) nach faide ná nóiméad go leith as sin an t-am a cheadófar do gach Ceist fhórlontach nó don fhreagra uirthi.

Ar choinníoll thar eis sin ní bhféadfadh an Ceann Comhairle, ar na comhaltaí a bheidh i láthair an tráth sin dá iarraidh sin, ach dá rogha féin, seal is faide ná 15 nóiméad (gan dul thar an leithoir iomlán 45 nóiméad) a cheadadh do ghrúpa Ceisteanna i gcás go gcuirfear do Riar na hOibre aon chomhalta a d'fhéadfadh le linn an tráth sin seoladh i bhfeidhm (c), a chur síos an lá sin, ach amháin go bhféadfadh An Taoiseach a bheidh le tógáil ag an Taoiseach a chur roimhe Ceisteanna a bheidh le tógáil ag Aire Stáit ag a Roinn.

(d) Aon Ceist chun an Taoisigh a bheidh ar Riar na hOibre agus nach mbeidh curtha de léimh an chead lá a bheidh sí ar Riar na hOibre, cuirfear ar Riar na hOibre íon bhéal dá lá suí eile a bheidh Ceisteanna le freagraí ag an Taoiseach roimhe Ceisteanna chun an Taoisigh a bheidh le cur an lá sin, ach amháin go bhféadfadh Ceist a bheidh le tógáil ag an Taoiseach a chur roimhe Ceisteanna a bheidh le tógáil ag Aire Stáit ag a Roinn.

(e) Maidir le haon Ceist chun an Taoisigh nach mbeidh curtha de líamh an tráth lá suí a bheidh sí ar Riar na hOibre, mar a phírídtear i bhfhumhír (d), cuirfear ar Riar na hOibre a tháirgigh fan phoist do dhúrarachtaí an Taoiseach a tháirgíodh fan i bhfoirm i mBun-ordui timpeall. Ar choinníoll nach ndéanfaidh an freagra scríofa sin dochra do cheart an chomhalta a thabhairt do an Taoiseach, ach lena n-áirítear Ceisteanna a mbeidh uain sonraithe dóibh.

¹² B.O. 47.
¹³ B.O. 49.
(i) on Tuesdays (and on Wednesdays where the Dáil meets at 2 p.m.), immediately following oral Questions to the Taoiseach under Standing Order 47(1); and

(ii) on all other Wednesdays and on Thursdays, at 10.30 a.m.:

Provided that Questions asked on private notice may be taken by permission of the Ceann Comhairle and shall be asked immediately following topical issues on any day.

(2) The time allowed for Questions, other than Questions to the Taoiseach but including Questions nominated for priority, shall not exceed 90 minutes.

Questions to Taoiseach; and Questions to other members of the Government: rota.

47. (1) (a) Questions addressed to the Taoiseach may be asked only on Tuesdays and Wednesdays and shall be placed on the Order Paper before Questions to other members of the Government to be asked on the same day.

(b) No member may put down more than three Questions to the Taoiseach for oral answer on any one day: Provided that a member may nominate up to three written Questions in substitution for oral Questions to the Taoiseach which may be transferred or disallowed.

(c) The time allowed for Taoiseach’s Questions shall not exceed 45 minutes each day: Provided that the time allowed for each Question or group of Questions shall not exceed 15 minutes, of which—

(i) the time allowed for the initial reply from the Taoiseach shall not exceed three minutes, and

(ii) the time allowed for each supplementary Question or the reply thereto shall not exceed one-and-a-half minutes.

Further provided that the Ceann Comhairle may, at the request of the members present at the time, but at his or her discretion, allow more than 15 minutes (without exceeding the overall allocation of 45 minutes) for a group of Questions where the number of Questions grouped together would prevent all members in whose names the Questions had been tabled from putting a supplementary Question.

(d) Any Question to the Taoiseach which appears on the Order Paper and which is not disposed of on the day it first appears shall be placed on the Order Paper for the next two sitting days on which the Taoiseach is due to answer Questions before Questions to the Taoiseach to be asked on that day, save that a Question to be taken by the Taoiseach may be placed before Questions to be taken by a Minister of State at his or her Department.

(e) Where any Question to the Taoiseach is not disposed of on the third sitting day on which it appears on the Order Paper, as provided in subparagraph (d), the Taoiseach shall cause an answer to be provided in the Official Report of the Debates: Provided that such written answer shall not prejudice the right of the member in whose name the Question appears on the Order.
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Riar na hOibre a iarraidh, laistigh de 30 nóiméad ó chríoch Thráth na gCeisteanna chun an Taoisigh an lá sin, go ndéanfar an Cheist a chur arís chun an Taoisigh an chéad lá eile a bheidh sé nó sí le freagra a thabhairt ar Cheisteanna i gcomhfhreagra ó bhéal.

(f) Aon lá nach mbeidh an Taoiseach ar fáil chun Ceisteanna a fhreagraír, ní bheidh ar Riar na hOibre ach na Ceisteanna a bhaineann le nithe a bhfuil an tAire Stáit ag Roimh an Taoisigh freagrach iomtu agus ní áireofar an lá sin mar cheann de na trí lá suí i leith aon Cheisteanna chun an Taoisigh nach mbeidh ar Riar na hOibre.

(2) Ceisteanna a chuirfear chun comhaltaí eile den Rialtas chun freagra ó bhéal a fháil, cuirfear ar bhonn róthlaethúil iad i cibé ord a chinnfidh an Dáil ó am go ham, agus beidh dhá earnáil díobh ann:

(a) Ceisteanna ar le crannchur a chinnfear a n-ord, agus

(b) Ceisteanna a mbeidh uain sonraithe díobh.

Ceisteanna: An crannchur.

48. (1) I ndáil le Ceisteanna ar le crannchur a chinnfear a n-ord, beidh feidhm ag na forálacha seo a leanas:

(i) Maidir leis an gcrannchur, ag a bhféadfaidh comhaltaí a bheidh i láthair, déanfar é a sheoladh an ceathrú lá roimh an lá a bheidh na Ceisteanna le cur, gan áireamh a dhéanamh ar Shatharn, ar Dhomhnach ná ar lá saoire poiblí.

(ii) Ní cead d’aon chomhalta Ceisteanna a chur síos in ainm comhalta eile. Ní cead d’aon chomhalta níos mó ná dhá Cheist a chur síos chun gach comhalta ar leith den Rialtas le freagra a fháil orthu: Ar choinníoll go bhféadfaidh urlabhra iomchuí amháin de chuid grúpa uasmhéid cúig Cheist a chur síos.

(iii) I gcás go bhfuil Ceisteanna chun dhá chomhalta den Rialtas (seachas an Taoiseach) le cur an lá céanna, is iad na Ceisteanna chun an chomhalta ar lí an lón a bheidh le cur chuige nó chuici a chuirfeach tusaigh ar Riar na hOibre agus tabharfar dóibh méid nach mó ná leath an ama a bheidh in áiríthe díobh arao.

(iv) Féadfaidh comhalta a bheidh ainmnithe ag grúpa sa Fheasúra téacs a fháil, ach é a iarraidh, de Cheisteanna a chuir comhaltaí den ghrúpa sin síos.

(v) I gcás go bhfuil Ceisteanna den sórt céanna (seachas Ceisteanna chun an Taoisigh) le cur an lá céanna, ní dhéanfar ach téacs na Ceiste sin a bhain an t-ionad is airde amach sa chranach a chur a Riar na hOibre.

(vi) Ciallaíonn “Ceist den Sórt Céanna” Ceist arna cur síos ag comhalta de ghrúpa agus atá, nó a bheadh murach difríochtaí teacsúla i bhfoirm a foclóirta agus íosaíocht agus iad sin amháin, comhionann le céanna amháin nó níos mó de Cheisteanna eile a rinne an comhalta céanna nó comhalta amháin eile nó níos mó de ghrúpa sin a chur síos.

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Paper to request, within 30 minutes of the conclusion of Taoiseach’s Question Time on that day, that the Question be addressed again to the Taoiseach on the next day on which he or she is to answer Questions for oral answer.

(f) On any day when the Taoiseach is not available to answer Questions, only the Questions relating to matters for which the Minister of State at the Department of the Taoiseach is responsible will appear on the Order Paper and that day will not be counted as one of the three sitting days in respect of any Questions to the Taoiseach not appearing on the Order Paper.

(2) Questions for oral answer addressed to other members of the Government shall be asked on the basis of a daily rota in such order as the Dáil may from time to time decide and shall be in two categories:

(a) Questions, the sequence of which shall be decided by lottery, and

(b) Questions which have been nominated for priority.

Questions: Lottery.

48. (1) In relation to Questions, the sequence of which shall be decided by lottery, the following provisions shall apply:

(i) The lottery, at which members may attend, shall be held on the fourth day preceding that on which the Questions are to be asked, not reckoning a Saturday, Sunday or public holiday.

(ii) No member may put down Questions in the name of another member. No member may put down more than two Questions to each member of the Government for answer on any one day: Provided that a single relevant spokesperson of a group may put down a maximum of five Questions.

(iii) Where Questions to two members of the Government (other than the Taoiseach) are to be asked on the same day, Questions to the member to whom the lesser number is addressed shall be placed first on the Order Paper and shall be allocated not more than one half of the time available to both.

(iv) A member nominated by a group in Opposition may, on request, be provided with the text of Questions put down by members of that group.

(v) Where similar Questions (other than Questions to the Taoiseach) are to be asked on the same day, the text of only that Question which is placed highest in the lottery shall appear on the Order Paper.

(vi) “Similar Question” means a Question put down by a member of a group which is, or would but for merely textual variations in its form of wording be, identical with one or more other Questions put down by the same member or by one or more other members of that group.

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(2) Chun Ceist a chur, éireoidh an comhalta, ar ina ainm nó ina hainm atá an Cheist ar Riar na hOibre, ina áit nó ina háit, luafaidh sé nó sí uimhir na Ceiste ar Riar na hOibre agus déanfaidh sé nó sí réamhchaint ghearr nach faide ná 30 soicind ar an gCeist; nó thabharfar freagra ó bhéal ar an gCeist theairis sin: Ar choimnioll go bhféadfaidh aon chomhalta, ar fhógóra 24 uair an chloig, i scríbhinn, a thabhairt don Cheann Comhairle, ionadaí a ainmníú chun an Cheist a chur thar a cheann nó thar a ceann. I gcás go ndéanfar Ceisteanna a chuirfear síos i gcomhair freagra ó bhéal a rangú i gcomhair freagra, ní dhéanfaidh ach aon chomhalta amháin, arb é nó f an comhalta ag a mbeidh an chéad Cheist sa rangú é nó i, an réamhchaint ar an rangú Ceisteanna, nó mura mbeidh an comhalta sin ar fáil, is é nó is i an dara comhalta a dhéanfaidh í, agus mar sin de.

(3) I gcás Ceisteanna (seachas Ceisteanna chun an Taoisigh) ar le crannchur a cinneadh a n-ord—

(a) ní faide ná sé nóiméad go leith an t-am a cheadófar do gach Ceist—

(i) nach mó ná dhó nóiméad as sin, tar éis an réamhchaint 30 soicind a dhéanamh, an t-am a cheadófar do fhreagra tosaigh an Aire: Ar choimnioll, i gcás go n-íarrfaidh Aire nó Aire Stáit amhlaídh, go n-ordóidh an Ceann Comhairle ráiteas ina mbeidh eolas breise a dhéanamh, do dhéanfadh go díreach le freagra an Aire a thabhairt i dTuairisc Oifigiúil na nDíospóireachtaí, ar ráiteas é sin dá dtagraítear i gcúrsa an fhreagra, agus

(ii) nach mó ná aon nóiméad amháin as sin an t-am a cheadófar do gach Ceist fhloriontach nó don fhreagra uirthi,

(b) i gcás go ndéanfar na Ceisteanna sin a rangú i gcomhair freagra, is iad na hamanna iomlána a cheadófar don rangú agus do fhreagra tosaigh an Aire ná na hamanna ar fad a cheadófadh do na Ceisteanna ar leithligh: Ar choimnioll nach faide ná ocht nóiméad déag go leith an t-am iomlán a cheadófar d’aon rangú Ceisteanna den sórt sin, agus

(c) ní dhéanfaidh sé difear don am a cheadófar d’aon Cheist nó rangú Ceisteanna den sórt sin Ceist nó Ceisteanna a cuireadh síos le haghaidh freagra scríofa a bheith rangaithe léi nó leo.

Ceisteanna a mbeidh uain sonraithe dóibh.

49. (1) I ndáil le Ceisteanna a mbeidh uain sonraithe dóibh, beidh feidhm ag na forálacha seo a leanas:—

(i) Ní foláir gach Ceist a bheith in ainm comhalta a bheidh ainmnithe ag grúpa (mar a mhínítear i nBuan-Ordú 163) sa Fhreasúra.

(ii) Ní mó ná cúig cinn lion na gCeisteanna sin a mbeidh freagra le tabhairt orthu aon lá áirithe.

(iii) Cuirfear Ceisteanna a mbeidh uain sonraithe dóibh ar Riar na hOibre roimh Ceisteanna eile chun comhaltaí den Rialtas, seachas an Taoiseach, a bheidh le cur an lá céanna.

(iv) Déanfar Ceisteanna a mbeidh freagra le tabhairt orthu aon lá áirithe a chur ar Riar na hOibre ionas go mbeidh siad ag sealaíocht idir grúpaí sa Fhreasúra, ach tosaíocht a thabhairt don grúpaí is mó (agus tosaíocht a chinnneadh le crannchur in aon chás comhionannais idir grúpaí):
(2) A Question shall be put by the member in whose name the Question appears on the Order Paper rising in his or her place, indicating the number of the Question on the Order Paper and giving a brief introduction of no more than 30 seconds to the Question, otherwise the Question will not be answered orally: Provided that any member may, on giving 24 hours’ notice, in writing, to the Ceann Comhairle, nominate a substitute to ask the Question on his or her behalf. Where Questions put down for oral answer are grouped for reply, the introduction to the group of Questions shall be given by one member only, that being the member with the first Question in the group, or if that member is not available, by the second member, and so on.

(3) In the case of Questions (other than Questions to the Taoiseach) the sequence of which shall have been decided by lottery—

(a) the time allowed for each Question shall not exceed six and a half minutes, of which—

(i) following the 30 second introduction, the time allowed for the initial Ministerial reply shall not exceed two minutes: Provided that, where a Minister or Minister of State so requests, the Ceann Comhairle shall direct that a statement containing additional information which is directly relevant to the Ministerial reply be furnished in the Official Report of the Debates, such statement being referred to in the course of the reply, and

(ii) the time allowed for each supplementary Question or the reply thereto shall not exceed one minute,

(b) where such Questions are grouped for reply, the total times allowed for the group and for the initial Ministerial reply shall be the aggregates of the times which would be allowed for the individual Questions: Provided that the total time allowed for any such group of Questions shall not exceed eighteen and a half minutes, and

(c) the time allowed for any such Question or group of Questions shall not be affected by the grouping therewith of a Question or Questions put down for written answer.

Questions nominated for priority.

49. (1) In relation to Questions which have been nominated for priority, the following provisions shall apply:—

(i) Each Question shall be in the name of a member nominated by a group (as defined in Standing Order 163) in Opposition.

(ii) The number of such Questions for answer on any one day shall not exceed five.

(iii) Questions nominated for priority shall be placed on the Order Paper before other Questions to members of the Government, other than the Taoiseach, to be asked on the same day.

(iv) Questions for answer on any one day shall be placed on the Order Paper so as to rotate between groups in Opposition, with preference being given to the larger group (preference being decided by lot in any case of equality between groups): Provided that a party which is
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Ar choinníoll go mbeidh tosach labhartha ag páirtí is grúpa faoi Bhuann-Ordú 165(1) ar ghrúpa arna aithint go mbeidh tosach labhartha ag páirtí is grúpa faoi Bhuan-Ordú sin.

(v) Féadfaidh comhalta a bheidh ainmnithe ag grúpa Ceisteanna agus Ceisteanna a bheidh curtha sios ag comhaltaí eile den grúpa sin a shonrú in ionad Ceisteanna a dhéanfaí a aistruí nó a dhéanamh. Ní foláir sonrú den sórt sin a bheith i scríbhinn agus a bheith ag an gCéireach tráth nach déanáid ná 11 a.m. an tríú lá roimh an lá a bheidh na Ceisteanna le cur, gan aíreamh a dhéanamh ar Shatharn, ar Dhomhnach ar chuid aíreamh poiblí.

(2) (a) Ní faide ná sé nóiméad go leith an t-am a cheadófar do gach Ceist a mbeidh uain sonraithe dí—

(i) nach mó nó dhá nóiméad as sin, tar éis an réamhchaint 30 soicind a dhéanamh, an t-am a cheadófar do fhreagra tosaigh an Aire: Ar choinníoll, i gcás go bhfuil Aire nó Aire Stáit dhícheadh, go n-ordóidh an Aire Comhairle ráiteas ina mbeidh eolas breise a bhainfidh go dierceach le freagra an Aire a thabhairt i dTuairisc Oifigiúil na nDíospóireachta, ar ráiteas é sin dá dtagraítear i gcúrsa an fhreagra, agus

(ii) nach mó nó aon nóiméad amháin as sin an t-am a cheadófar do gach Ceist fhorlíontach nó don fhreagra uirthi.

(b) I gcás go ndéanfar Ceisteanna ar sonraíodh uain dóibh a rangú i gcomhair freagra, is iad na hamanna iomlána a cheadófar don rangú agus do fhreagra tosaigh an Aire nó na hamanna ar cheadófar do na Ceisteanna le chéile.

Ceisteanna a rangú: Ceisteanna nach bhfreagru ó bhéal nó nach mbeidh sroichte.

50. (1) Féadfaidh comhalta den Rialtas, i gcásanna iomchuí, Ceisteanna a chuirfear síos chun freagra ó bhéal a fháil orthu agus Ceisteanna a chuirfear síos chun freagra scriofa a fháil orthu a rangú le chéile chun críocha an fhreagra: Ar choinníoll nach bhfreagru Ceisteanna a mbeidh uain sonraithe díobh a rangú le Ceisteanna éile i gcomhair freagra ó bhéal; agus ar choinníoll fairis sin nach ndéanfaidh forálacha Buan-Ordú 45(3) do cheart do fhreagraítear Ceiste i gcomhair freagra ó bhéal nach mbeidh sroichte agus a bheidh curtha síos arís i gcomhair freagra de réir mhír (3) den Buan-Ordú seo.

(2) Más rud é go gcuirfidh comhalta réiltín lena Cheist nó lena Ceist, déanfaidh an comhalta den Rialtas chun ar cuireadh an Cheist freagra uirthi a chur ar fáil i dTuairisc Oifigiúil na nDíospóireachta.

(3) I gcás nach roichefreagru Ceist a bheidh curtha síos chun freagra ó bhéal a fháil uirthi, déanfaidh an comhalta den Rialtas chun ar cuireadh i freagraítear uirthi a chur ar fáil i dTuairisc Oifigiúil na nDíospóireachta: Ar choinníoll nach ndéanfaidh an freagra scriofa sin dochar do cheart an chomhalta ar ina ainm nó ina hainm atá an Cheist ar Riar na hOibre a iarraidh, laistigh de 30 nóiméad ó chríoch Thráth na gCeisteanna an lá sin, go ndéanfar an Cheist a chur arís chun an chomhalta den Rialtas lena mbaineann an chéad lá eile a bheidh an comhalta sin le freagra a thabhairt ar Cheisteanna i gcomhair freagra ó bhéal.

(4) Más rud é, i gcás Ceist a cuireadh síos chun freagra ó bhéal a fháil uirthi, gur Ceist í de shaghas nach foláir freagra fada nó freagra ar mhodh raitís tháibaigh a thabhairt uirthi, déanfaidh an Ceann Comhairle, arna iarraidh sin don chomhalta den Rialtas chun ar cuireadh an Cheist, a ordú go dtabharfar an freagra i dTuairisc Oifigiúil na nDíospóireachta.
a group under Standing Order 165(1) shall have precedence over a group recognised under paragraph (2) of that Standing Order.

(v) A member nominated by a group may nominate Questions and Questions put down by other members of that group in substitution for Questions which may be transferred or disallowed. Such nomination shall be made in writing and must reach the Clerk not later than 11 a.m. on the third day preceding that on which the Questions are to be asked, not reckoning a Saturday, Sunday or public holiday.

(2) (a) The time allowed for each Question nominated for priority shall not exceed six and a half minutes, of which—

(i) following the 30 second introduction, the time allowed for the initial Ministerial reply shall not exceed two minutes: Provided that, where a Minister or Minister of State so requests, the Ceann Comhairle shall direct that a statement containing additional information which is directly relevant to the Ministerial reply be furnished in the Official Report of the Debates, such statement being referred to in the course of the reply, and

(ii) the time allowed for each supplementary Question or the reply thereto shall not exceed one minute.

(b) Where Questions nominated for priority are grouped for reply, the total times allowed for the group and for the initial Ministerial reply shall be the aggregates of the times which would be allowed for the individual Questions.

Grouping of Questions: Questions not answered orally or not reached.

50. (1) A member of the Government may, where appropriate, group Questions put down for oral answer and Questions put down for written answer for the purposes of reply: Provided that Questions which have been nominated for priority may not be grouped with other Questions for oral answer: and provided further that the provisions of Standing Order 45(3) may not prejudice the answering of an oral Question which is not reached and which is put down for answer again in accordance with paragraph (3) of this Standing Order.

(2) If a member distinguishes his or her Question by an asterisk, the member of the Government to whom it is addressed shall cause an answer to be provided in the Official Report of the Debates.

(3) Where a Question put down for oral answer is not reached, the member of the Government to whom it is addressed shall cause an answer to be provided in the Official Report of the Debates: Provided that such written answer shall not prejudice the right of the member in whose name the Question appears on the Order Paper to request, within 30 minutes of the conclusion of Question Time on that day, that the Question be addressed again to the member of the Government concerned on the next day on which that member is to answer Questions for oral answer.

(4) Where a Question put down for oral answer is of such a nature as to require a lengthy reply or a reply in the form of a tabular statement, the Ceann Comhairle shall, at the request of the member of the Government to whom the Question is addressed, direct that the answer be furnished in the Official Report of the Debates.
Freagraí tarchurtha agus iarchurtha a chur i d'Tuairisc Oifigiúil na nDíospóireachtaí.

51. (1) Más rud é, maidir le comhalta den Rialtas (lena n-áirítear an Taoiseach), le linn freagra a thabhairt ar Cheist a chuirfear ar fhógra a thabhairt—

(a) go ndéarfaidh sé nó sí gur tharchuir, nó go dtarchuirfidh, sé nó sí an Cheist chuig comhlacht atá faoi choimirce a Roinne i gcomhair freagra (“freagra tarchurtha”), nó

(b) go ndeimhneoidh sé nó sí gur féidir, agus go ndéanfar, fáisnéis is mionsonraithe a sholáthar don chomhalta, ar ina ainm nó ina hainm a bheidh an Cheist ar Riar na hOibre, ar dháta is déanaí (“freagra iarchurtha”),

cuirfidh an comhalta sin den Rialtas faoi deara an freagra tarchurtha nó an freagra iarchurtha sin a sholáthar laistigh de deich lá tar éis an Cheist a fhreagraíonn, gan an Satharn, an Domhnach ná lá saoire poiblí a áireamh.

(2) Maidir le gach aon fhreagra a gheofar de bhun mhúir (1), áireofar é i d'Tuairisc Oifigiúil na nDíospóireachtaí nó beidh aon fhreagra faoi dhó le linn shos an tsamhraidh.

Ceisteanna le linn shos an tsamhraidh.

52. (1) Féadfaidh comhaltaí Ceisteanna a chur síos a mbeidh réiltín curtha leo faoi Buan-Ordú 50(2) chun comhalta den Rialtas faoi dhó le linn shos an tsamhraidh.

(2) Ní foláir na Ceisteanna sin a bheith i scríbhinn agus a bheith ag an gCléireach—

(a) don chéad ócáid, tráth nach déanaí ná 11 a.m. an cuigíú lá tar éis an Dáil a chur ar athló, agus

(b) don dara húcáid, tráth nach déanaí ná 11 a.m. an deichniú lá roimh an dáta a bheidh scoraidthe le haghaidh atchromadadh na Dála tar éis an tsosa,

gan áireamh a dhéanamh ar Shatharn, ar Dhomhnach ná ar lá saoire poiblí.

(3) D’ainneoin nach mbeidh an Dáil ina suí na laethanta sin, ullmhófar Riar Oibre ina mbeidh teacs na gCeisteanna a bheidh curtha don dá ócáid, agus cuirfidh comhaltaí den Rialtas faoi deara na freagraí ar na Ceisteanna sin a sholáthar faoi deara an freagraí na nDíospóireachtaí.

(4) Beidh ag Ceisteanna a bheidh le freagraíonn le linn shos an tsamhraidh an stádas céanna a thugtar i gcóitinne do Cheisteanna faoi na Buan-Ordúith e seo.

Ceisteanna Breise.

53. Ní fhéadfar Ceisteanna Breise a chur ach amháin chun tuilleadh léirithe a fháil ar an eolas a iarradh, agus beidh siad faoi rialú an Cheann Comhairle maidir lena mbaint le hábhhar agus maidir lena lión: Ach, san am a thabharfar do Ceisteanna a mbeidh uain sonraithe doíbh, ní cead ach don chomhalta ar ina ainm nó ina hainm atá an Ceist ar Riar na hOibre Ceisteanna breise a chur. Ná ní cead Ceisteanna forlóntacha a rangú chun críocha freagra.

51. (1) Where a member of the Government (including the Taoiseach), in replying to a Question asked on notice, either—

(a) states that he or she has referred or will refer the Question to a body under the aegis of his or her Department for reply (a “referred reply”), or

(b) confirms that more detailed information can and will be supplied to the member in whose name the Question appears on the Order Paper at a later date (a “deferred reply”),

that member of the Government shall cause such referred or deferred replies to be provided within ten days after the Question has been answered, not reckoning a Saturday, Sunday or public holiday.

(2) Each and every reply received pursuant to paragraph (1) shall be included in or otherwise associated with the Official Report of the Debates (alongside the Question and the original reply) to which it relates and shall be laid before the Dáil.

Questions during the summer recess.

52. (1) Members may put down Questions distinguished by an asterisk under Standing Order 50(2) to a member of the Government twice during the summer recess.

(2) Such Questions must be in writing and must reach the Clerk—

(a) for the first occasion, not later than 11 a.m. on the fifth day following the adjournment of the Dáil, and

(b) for the second occasion, not later than 11 a.m. on the tenth day preceding the date set for the resumption of the Dáil after the recess,

not reckoning a Saturday, Sunday or public holiday.

(3) Notwithstanding that the Dáil will not be sitting on those days, an Order Paper containing the text of the Questions submitted shall be prepared for both occasions, and members of the Government shall cause the answers to such Questions to be provided in the Official Report of the Debates.

(4) Questions to be answered in the summer recess shall have the same status as is accorded generally to Questions under these Standing Orders.

Supplementary Questions.

53. Supplementary Questions may be put only for the further elucidation of the information requested, and shall be subject to the ruling of the Ceann Comhairle, both as to relevance and as to number: Provided that, in the time allocated to Questions nominated for priority, supplementary Questions may be put only by the member in whose name the Question appears on the Order Paper: Provided further that supplementary Questions shall not be grouped for the purposes of reply.
Leordhóthanacht freagraí ar Cheisteanna agus ar shaincheisteanna tráthúla.

54. (1) Le linn freagra a thabhairt ar Cheist a chuirfear tar éis fógra a thabhairt (bíodh sí i gcomhair freagra scriofa nó ó bhéal) nó ar shaincheist tráthúil, díreoidh comhalta den Rialtas ar gach uile iarraidh ar fhasnéis a bheidh sa Cheist sin.

(2) Aon chomhalta a bheidh den tuairim, i ndáil le Ceist i gcomhair freagra ó bhéal nó saincheist tráthúil arna cur síos aige nó aici, gur mhannahigh an comhalta den Rialtas lena mbaineann déanamh de réir mhír (1), féadfaidh sé nó sí a iarraidh ar an gCathaoirleach (ar choimhnioll go mbeidh an Ceann Comhairle nó an Leas-Cheann Comhairle i gceannas an tráth sin) le linn na n-imeachtaí, treoir a thabhairt don chomhalta den Rialtas an fhasnéis atá á lorg a thabhairt agus, a mhéid a aontóidh sé nó sí le tuairim an chomhalta lena mbaineann, tabharfaidh an Ceann Comhairle nó an Leas-Cheann Comhairle treoir den sört sin don chomhalta den Rialtas.

(3) Aon chomhalta nár bhain leas as forálacha mhír (2) agus a bheidh den tuairim, i ndáil le Ceist (bíodh sí i gcomhair freagra scriofa nó ó bhéal) nó saincheist tráthúil arna cur síos aige nó aici, gur mhannahigh an comhalta den Rialtas lena mbaineann déanamh de réir mhír (1), féadfaidh sé nó sí an tuairim sin a chur in iúl i scribhinn don Cheann Comhairle tráth nach déanaí nó ceithre lá tar éis freagra a bheith tugthar ar an gCeist (bíodh sí i gcomhair freagra scriofa nó ó bhéal) nó ar an tsaincheist tráthúil, gan áireamh a dhéanamh ar Shatharn, ar Dhomhnach nó ar lá saoire poiblí, agus an iarraidh shonrach nó na hiarrataí sonracha ar fhasnéis nár díríodh uirthi nó orthu sa fhreagra a shainaithint agus iarraidh a dhéanamh go gcúirfar forálacha an Bhuan-Ordaithe seo i bhfeidhm d’fhonn an mhainneachtain sin a leigheas.

(4) Más rud é go n-aontóidh sé nó sí, agus a mhéid a aontóidh sé nó sí, le tuairim an chomhalta lena mbaineann, déanfaidh an Ceann Comhairle a thuaireamh nó a tuairim gur mainniodh déanamh de réir fhorálacha mhír (1) a chur in iúl i scribhinn don chomhalta den Rialtas lena mbaineann.

(5) Déanfaidh comhalta den Rialtas ar tugadh le fios dó nó dí i scribhinn go bhfuil an Ceann Comhairle den tuairim gur mainniodh déanamh de réir fhorálacha mhír (1), tráth nach déanaí ná 12.30 p.m. an lá tar éis an lae a cuireadh an tuairim sin in iúl, freagra i scribhinn a thabhairt don cheann Comhairle ar gach ceann de na hiarrataí ar fhasnéis a raibh, i dtuairim an Cheann Comhairle, mainneachtain ann déanamh de réir mhír (1) i ndáil leisé.

(6) (a) Beidh gach uile fhreagra a gheofar de bhun mhír (5) i dTuarisc Oifigiúil na nDíospóireachtaí, nó beidh sé nó siad i gceangal ar shlí eile le Tuairisc Oifigiúil na nDíospóireachtaí, lena mbaineann sé nó siad agus leagfar faoi bhráid na Dála é nó iad.

(b) Más rud é nach dtabharfaidh an comhalta den Rialtas freagra faoi mhír (5) nó go measfaidh an Ceann Comhairle, macdúint leis an bhfreagra a bheidh faighte, nach bhfuil sé de réir fhorálacha mhír (1) fós, déanfaidh an Ceann Comhairle, ag deireadh gach seisiúin Dála, tuarascáil staitistiúil i ndáil leis na hócáidí nach ndearadh dá réir a ullmhú agus a leagan faoi bhráid na Dála.

(7) Aon Cheist nó saincheist tráthúil ar i ndáil leí a thioevaladh an Ceann Comhairle ar an tuairim gur mhainnigh an comhalta den Rialtas lena mbaineann déanamh de réir mhír (1), ní chuirfear i gcuntas í chun críocha mhíreanna (3) nó (4) de Bhuan-Ordú 45.
Adequacy of replies to Questions and topical issues.

54. (1) A member of the Government shall, in replying to a Question asked on notice (whether for written or oral reply) or to a topical issue, address each and every request for information contained therein.

(2) A member who is of the opinion that, in relation to either a Question for oral reply or a topical issue put down by him or her, the member of the Government concerned has failed to comply with paragraph (1), may, during the course of proceedings, appeal to the Chair (provided either the Ceann Comhghairle or Leas-Cheann Comhghairle is in the Chair at the time) to instruct the member of the Government to impart the information sought and, to the extent that he or she agrees with the opinion of the member concerned, the Ceann Comhghairle or Leas-Cheann Comhghairle shall so instruct the member of the Government.

(3) A member, who has not availed of the provisions of paragraph (2), and who is of the opinion that, in relation to either a Question (whether for written or oral reply) or a topical issue put down by him or her, the member of the Government concerned has failed to comply with paragraph (1), may communicate such opinion in writing to the Ceann Comhghairle not later than four days after the Question (whether for written or oral reply) or the topical issue has been answered, not reckoning a Saturday, Sunday or public holiday, identifying the specific request or requests for information not addressed in the reply and requesting that the provisions of this Standing Order be applied in order to remedy such failure.

(4) If and to the extent that he or she agrees with the opinion of the member concerned, the Ceann Comhghairle shall communicate his or her opinion that there has been a failure to comply with the provisions of paragraph (1) in writing to the member of the Government concerned.

(5) A member of the Government who has been advised in writing that the Ceann Comhghairle is of opinion that there has been a failure to comply with the provisions of paragraph (1) shall, not later than 12.30 p.m. on the day following the communication of such opinion, furnish to the Ceann Comhghairle a response in writing to each of the requests for information in relation to which there has been, in the opinion of the Ceann Comhghairle, a failure to comply with paragraph (1).

(6) (a) Each and every response received pursuant to paragraph (5) shall be included in or otherwise be associated with the Official Report of the Debates to which it relates and shall be laid before the Dáil.

(b) If the member of the Government does not respond under paragraph (5) or the Ceann Comhghairle considers the response received still does not comply with the provisions of paragraph (1), the Ceann Comhghairle shall, at the end of each Dáil session, prepare and lay before the Dáil a statistical report regarding the occasions of such non-compliance.

(7) A Question or a topical issue in relation to which the Ceann Comhghairle has formed the opinion that the member of the Government concerned has failed to comply with paragraph (1) shall not be taken into account for the purposes of paragraphs (3) or (4) of Standing Order 45.
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(8) Aon chomhalta a bheidh den tuairim, maidir le freagra a bheidh tugtha ag comhalta den Rialtas de réir mhír (5), go raibh mainneachtain ann déanamh de réir mhír (1), féadfaidh sé nó sí an tuairim sin a chur in iúl i scribhinn don Cheann Comhairle tríoth nach déanaí nó ceithre nó ar bith, a bheith tugtha don Cheann Comhairle, gan áireamh a dhéanamh ar Shatharn, ar Dhomhnach, nó ál saoire poiblí, agus an iarraidh shonrach nó na hiarrataí sonracha ar fhaísnéis nár díríodh uirthi nó orthu sa fhreagra a fhéadfadh a dhéanamh go roghnófar an ní lena bhreithniú mar shaincheist thráthúil16.

Ráitis

Ráitis sa Teach.

55. Féadfaidh comhalta den Rialtas a mbeidh fógra roimh ré tugtha aige nó aici don Cheann Comhairle ráiteas a dhéanamh sa Teach ar ábhar ar bith. Ní cheathrá an chomhalta díospóireacht ar aon ráiteas den sórt sin ach féadfaidh ráitíos bhreise a cheadh de rogha an Cheann Comhairle ó urlabhraí arna ainmniú nó arna hainmniú ag Páirtí Freasúra.

Mínithe Pear Santa

Mínithe pearsanta.

56. (1) Beidh de rogha ag an gCheann Comhairle cead a thabhairt d’aon chomhalta míniú pearsanta a thabhairt sa Dáil, tar éis don chomhalta lena mbaineann fógra i scribhinn a thabhairt don Cheann Comhairle faoina mhian nó faoina mian chun míniú den sórt sin a thabhairt agus faoi ábhar an míniúthe bheartaithe sin.

(2) Beidh míniú a thabharfar faoin mBuan-Ordú seo gearr, neamhargóinteach agus pearsanta go hiomlán agus ní bheidh sé de chineál a bheadh ina chúis le díospóireacht nó a n-éireoidh tuilleadh míniúthe as.

(3) Ní cheadhófar d’aon chomhalta ceisteanna a chur ar chríochnú míniúthe pearsanta ná ní éireoidh aon díospóireacht as.

Rialacha Díospóireachta

Glaoch ar chomhaltaí chun labhairt; labhairt chun na Cathaoireach.

57. Aon chomhalta ar mian leis nó léi labhairt, éireoidh sé nó sí ina áit nó ina háit. Má éiríonn níos mó ná aon chomhalta amháin san am céanna, glaoífaidh an Ceann Comhairle ar dhhuine acu. Is chun na Cathaoireach a labhróidh comhaltaí.

Tosach labhartha ag an gCathaoir.

58. Aon uair a éireoidh an Ceann Comhairle le linn díospóireachta, ní foláir d’aon chomhalta a bheidh ag labhairt, nó ar fáil labhairt, an uair sin, súd síos.

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(8) A member who is of the opinion that a response furnished by a member of the Government in accordance with paragraph (5) has failed to comply with paragraph (1) may communicate such opinion in writing to the Ceann Comhairle not later than four days after the response has been furnished to the Ceann Comhairle, not reckoning a Saturday, Sunday or public holiday, identifying the specific request or requests for information not addressed in the response and requesting that the matter be selected for consideration as a topical issue\(^{16}\).

**Statements**

**Statements in the House.**

55. A member of the Government who has given prior notice to the Ceann Comhairle may make a statement in the House on any matter. No debate shall be permitted on any such statement but further statements may be allowed at the discretion of the Ceann Comhairle from a spokesperson nominated by a Party in Opposition.

**Personal Explanations**

**Personal explanations.**

56. (1) The Ceann Comhairle shall have discretion to permit any member to make a personal explanation in the Dáil, following notice given in writing by the member concerned to the Ceann Comhairle of his or her desire to make such an explanation and of the content of such proposed explanation.

(2) An explanation made under this Standing Order shall be brief, non-argumentative and strictly personal and shall not be such as would cause debate or give rise to further explanations.

(3) No member shall be permitted to ask questions at the conclusion of a personal explanation nor shall any debate arise thereon.

**Rules of Debate**

**Calling of members to speak; addressing Chair.**

57. A member desiring to speak shall rise in his or her place. Should more than one member rise at the same time, the Ceann Comhairle shall call upon one of them. Members shall address the Chair.

**Precedence of Chair.**

58. Whenever the Ceann Comhairle rises during a debate, any member then speaking, or offering to speak, shall resume his or her seat.

\(^{16}\) See S.O. 37.
Labhairt faoi dhó.

59. Ní bheidh aon chomhalta i dteideal labhairt faoi dhó ar an aon tairiscint amháin, ach amháin chun críochn a chur leis an díospóireacht ar thairiscint a rinne sé nó sí féin.

Idirghabhálaí a ndíospóireachtaí.

60. (1) Mura n-ordóidh an Dáil a mhalairt, féadfaidh comhalta atá ag tabhairt óráide i gcúrsa díospóireachta géilleadh do chomhalta eile ar mian leis nó léi ceist a chur nó tuairim a thabhairt maidir le pointí a bheidh déanta le linn óráid an chéad chomhalta: Ar choiminnóil nach faide ná 30 soicind an idirghabháil sin: agus ar choiminnóil fairis sin, mar rialadh ghinearálta, nach gceadóidh an Ceann Comhairle na hídirghabhálaí a chur leis an chuid deiridh d'óráid.

(2) Féadfaidh aon chomhalta a bhfuil fógra roimh ré tugtha aige nó aici don Cheann Comhairle idirghabháil a dheanamh, le cead an Cheann Comhairle, chun ráiteas 30 soicind a dhéanamh d'fhonn soiléiriú a thabhairt ar ráitis a thabhairt aोin luaithe le linn a óráide nó a hóráide.

(3) In aon cheann de na cáisanna sin a luadh cheana, beidh sé de rogha ag an gCeann Comhairle an t-am a bheidh caillte de thoradh idirghabhálaí a chur leis an am a bheidh ar fáil don chomhalta a bheidh ag tabhairt óráide: Ar choiminnóil nach dóigh leis nó léi go gcuirfidh an breisiú sin isteach go míchuí ar an ngno agus faoi réir uasmhóid iomlán deich nóiméad a chur le díospóireacht lena mbainfidh tairiscint i ndáil le roinnt an ama.

Díospóireacht ar thairiscintí agus ar leasuithe.

61. Ní dhéanfar díospóireacht ar thairiscint ná ar leasú go dtí go dtairgtear an cheist iomchuí ón gCathaoir.

Tairiscintí nó leasuithe do thitim ar lár.

62. Más rud é nach ndéanfaidh comhalta an tairiscint nó nach dtairgfidh sé nó sí an leasú, a mbeidh a ainm nó a hainm léi nó leis, titfidh an tairiscint nó an leasú sin ar lár mura ndéantar i, nó mura dtairgtear é, ag comhalta éigin eile a mbeidh údarás aige nó aici uaidh nó uaidh.

Tairiscint ó chomhalta príobháideach do thitim ar lár.

63. Tairiscint ó chomhalta príobháideach nach ndéanfar laistigh de dhá mheadhóg ón dáta ar cuireadh ar Riar na hOibre i dtosach í measfEar i a hbeith tite ar lár, ach sin gan dochar do cheart comhaltaí an tairiscint sin a chur síos arís.

Tairiscintí nó leasuithe a tharraingt síar.

64. Aon chomhalta a dhéanfaidh tairiscint nó a dtairgfidh leasú, féadfaidh sé nó sí an tairiscint nó an leasú sin a tharraingt síar le cead na Dála.

Ábharthacht agus foirm leasuithe.

65. Ní foláir gach leasú a bheith ag baint le hábhata na tairiscéana ar a dtairgfear é, agus é a bheith ceaptha chun focail a ligeann ar lár nó a chur isteach nó a mhalarthú. Nó ghlacfar le haon leasú is ionann agus diúltú díreach.
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Speaking twice.

59. No member shall be entitled to speak twice upon the same motion, except to close the debate upon a motion of which he or she was the proposer.

Interventions in debate.

60. (1) Unless the Dáil shall otherwise order, a member in possession in the course of debate may give way to another member who wishes to query or comment on points made in the course of the first member’s speech: Provided that such intervention shall not exceed 30 seconds; and provided further that the Ceann Comhairle shall, as a general rule, only allow such interventions in the latter stages of a speech.

(2) Any member who has given prior notice to the Ceann Comhairle may, by permission of the Ceann Comhairle, intervene to make a 30 second statement to clarify remarks made earlier in the course of his or her speech.

(3) In either of the aforementioned cases, the Ceann Comhairle shall have discretion to add the time lost as a result of the interventions to the time available to the member in possession: Provided that, in his or her opinion, such addition shall not unduly affect business and subject to the addition of an overall maximum of ten minutes in a debate to which an allocation of time motion applies.

Debating of motions and amendments.

61. A motion or amendment shall not be debated until the appropriate question has been proposed from the Chair.

When motions and amendments lapse.

62. If a member does not move the motion or amendment which stands in his or her name, such motion or amendment shall lapse unless moved by some other member authorised by him or her.

Lapse of private member’s motion.

63. A private member’s motion which is not moved within twelve months from the date on which it was first placed on the Order Paper shall be deemed to have lapsed, but without prejudice to the right of members to put down such motion again.

Motions and amendments may be withdrawn.

64. A member who has made a motion or proposed an amendment may withdraw the same by leave of the Dáil.

Relevancy and form of amendments.

65. Every amendment must be relevant to the motion to which it is proposed, and must be directed to omitting, adding, or substituting words. No amendment, which is equivalent to a direct negative, shall be accepted.
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Ní cheadófar díospóireacht tar éis an cheist a chur.

66. Nuair a bheidh an cheist ar thairiscint nó ar leasú curtha ón gCathaoir, ní cheadófar a thuilleadh díospóireachta ar an tairiscint nó ar an leasú sin.

Rún a leasú nó a chealú.

67. Ní féidir tairiscint a dhéanamh chun Rún a chealú nó a leasú, seachas Rún a bhaineann leis an Dáil a chur ar athló nó le Buan-Orduithe, ach amháin tar éis fógra a thabhairt ina sonrófar an Rún atá le cealú nó le leasú, agus ina luafar téarmaí na tairisceana atá le déanamh; ach ní cheadófar, go ceann sé mhí ón dáta a glacadh le haon Rún den sórt sin, aon tairiscint a chur ar Riar na hOibre chun é a chealú nó a leasú, mura bhfaighfear aontú i scribhinn ó 25 chomhalta ar a laghad nó ón séú cuid de chomhaltas Buan-Choiste, Roghchoiste nó Coiste Speisialta i gcás Rún de chuid an Choiste.

Srianta le díospóireacht: athrá na cainte céanna agus trácht roimh ré.

68. (1) Ní dhéanfaidh comhalta ar bith atrácht ar cheist a bhí faoi thrácht cheana taobh istigh de na sé mhí roimhe sin.

(2) D’ainneoin mhír (1), beidh de rogha ag an gCeann Comhairle tréimhse is giorra ná sé mhí a chur i bhfeidhm i gcás an ghnó a shonraítear thíos de réir an chleachtais bhunaithe:

(a) míníú pearsanta ag comhalta, tar éis fógra a thabhairt don Cheann Comhairle agus le cead an Cheann Comhairle17;

(b) tairiscint mhuiníne as an Taoiseach agus/nó an Rialtas nó Ruaíste nó an Rialtas den Rialtas; agus

(c) tairiscint á ordú don Cheann Comhairle a ordú do Chléireach na Dála a Eascaire nó a hEascaire a chur amach chun comhalta a thoghadh chun aon fholúntas a tharlóidh ó am go ham a líonadh.18

(3) Ní thráchtfaidh comhalta ar bith roimh ré ar aon ní a mbeidh fógra tugtha ina thaobh: Ach, nuair a bheidh an Chéad Comhairle a chinneadh cé acu atá, nó nach bhfuil, trácht ar aon ní as ordú ar an ábhar gur trácht roimh ré é, tabharfaidh sé ní sun a thábhacht ghinearálta agus a thabhairt don Chléireach a ndéanadh ó am go ham a líonadh.

(4) Ní bhainfidh an Buan-Ordú seo le Buan-Choistí, Roghchoistí nó Coistí Speisialta.

Díospóireacht: nithe atá sub judice.

69. Faoi réir i gcónaí cheart Dháil Éireann reachtaíocht a achtú faoi aon ní (agus aon treoirínite a bheidh tarraingthe suas ag an gCoiste um Nós Imeachta ó am go ham), mura mbeidh bac air thairris sin faoi na Buan-Orduithe, ní choiscfear ar chomhalta aon ní a bhfeidhm tábhacht ghinearálta phoiblí ag baint leis a ardú sa Dáil, fiú amháin i gcás a mbeidh imeachtaí dlí tionscanta: Ar choimhthóoll—

(1) go mbeidh baint shoiléir ag an ní a ardófar le beartas poiblí.

17  B.O. 56.
18  B.O. 231(1).
Debate not allowed after question put.

66. When the question on a motion or an amendment has been put from the Chair, no further debate thereon shall be allowed.

Amending or rescinding Resolution.

67. A motion to rescind or amend a Resolution, other than a Resolution relating to an adjournment of the Dáil or to Standing Orders, can only be made on notice that shall specify the Resolution to be rescinded or amended, and furnish the terms of the motion to be made; but no motion shall be allowed to appear on the Order Paper to rescind or amend any such Resolution, within six months from the date of its adoption, except with the written assent of not less than 25 members or one-sixth of the membership of a Standing, Select or Special Committee in the case of a Resolution of the Committee.

Restrictions on debate: repetition and anticipation.

68. (1) No member shall re-open a discussion on a question already discussed during the preceding six months.

(2) Notwithstanding paragraph (1), the Ceann Comhairle shall have discretion to apply a shorter period than six months to the business specified below in accordance with established practice:

(a) a personal explanation made by a member, following notice given to the Ceann Comhairle and by permission of the Ceann Comhairle17;

(b) a motion of confidence in the Taoiseach and/or the Government or a member of the Government; and

(c) a motion directing the Ceann Comhairle to direct the Clerk of the Dáil to issue his or her Writ for the election of a member to fill any vacancy that may occur from time to time18.

(3) No member shall anticipate the discussion of any subject of which notice has been given: Provided that in determining whether a discussion is out of order on the ground of anticipation, regard shall be had by the Ceann Comhairle to the probability of the matter anticipated being brought before the Dáil within a reasonable time.

(4) This Standing Order shall not apply to Standing, Select or Special Committees.

Debate: matters sub judice.

69. Subject always to the right of Dáil Éireann to legislate on any matter (and any guidelines which may be drawn up by the Committee on Procedure from time to time), and unless otherwise precluded under Standing Orders, a member shall not be prevented from raising in the Dáil any matter of general public importance, even where court proceedings have been initiated: Provided that—

(1) the matter raised shall be clearly related to public policy;

17 S.O. 56.
18 S.O. 231(1).
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(2) nach bhféadfar ní a ardú i gcás ina mbeidh fógra seirbheáilte agus a bheidh le héisteacht os comhair giúrè ní a bheidh a éisteacht an tráth sin os comhair giúrè;

(3) nach n-ardófar ní ar shlí chomh follasach sin is gur dealraitheach go bhfuil iaracht á déanamh ag an Dáil luí isteach ar fhaidhmeanna na gCúirteanna nó Binse Bhreithiúnaigh;

(4) nach bhféadfaidh comhaltaí níthe a ardú ar mhodh substainteach (i.e. trí Cheist Pharlaiminte, ní a ardú faoi Bhuan-Ordú 37, tairiscint etc.) ach amháin i gcás inar gá fógra cuí a thabhairt ina leith; agus

(5) nuair a bheidh cead tugtha ní a ardú, go mbeidh dualgas ar chomhaltaí i gcónaí gan tuairimí a thabhairt, más féidir in aon chor, arbh é an éifeacht a d’fhéadfadh a bheith leó ná dochar a dhéanamh do thoradh imeachta.

Caint nach mbaíneann le hínhar, nó athrá na cainte céanna.

70. Aon chomhalta a leanfaidh de bheith ag déanamh cainte nach mbaineann le hínhar díospóireachta nó de bheith ag athrá na cainte céanna, ní ar dóigh leis an gCeann Comhairle agus an Choiste um Nós Imeachta nó a thuairimí agus atá sé nó sí osa ag labhairt, féadfaidh an Ceann Comhairle a órdú dó nó d’i éirí as a óráid nó as a hóráid, tar éis íompar an chomhalta a chur in iúl don Dáil nó don Choiste.

Pribhléid: caint de chineál clúmhillteach.

71. (1) Ní dhéanfaidh comhalta caint de chineál clúmhillteach agus i gcás ina ndéanfaidh comhalta caint den sórt sin, d’fhéadfadh sé gur mí-úsáid phribhléide prima facie é, ach sin faoi réir fhórálacha an Bhuan-Ordaithe seo.

(2) (a) Más léir cineál clúmhillteach na cainte an tráth a bhféadfadh sé de bheith agus a thuailte é, d’fhéadfadh sé gur mí-úsáid phribhléide trína iarraidh go mbreithneodh an Ceann Comhairle leis an gCéann Comhairle. Ar choinníoll go bhfeadh an chomhalta a éileamh go gcuirfí an gCéann Comhairle leis an gCéann Comhairle i bhfeadh a díreach go bhfuil faoi bhruadh an Choiste um Nós Imeachta agus sa chás sin ní dhéanfaidh an Ceann Comhairle aon ghníomh eile faoin ní sin ag an bpoinite sin.

(3) Mura rud é gur léir cineál clúmhillteach na cainte an tráth sin le linn na n-imeachtaí, agus a thuailte is féidir ina dhiaidh sin a chur ar dhuine a lán scorn de na Dála, cibé acu is tússe —

(a) go n-ardóidh comhalta an mhí-úsáid lóimhnaite phribhléide trína iarraidh go mbreithneodh an Ceann Comhairle leis an gCéann Comhairle. Ar choinníoll go bhfeadh comhalta í a chur go díreach faoi bhruadh an Choiste um Nós Imeachta trí thairiscint, nó

(b) go ndéanfaidh duine a mbeidh tagaithe déanta dó nó d’ió dais as a ainm nó as a hainm, nó ar shlí ar furasta an duine sin a athint, sa Dáil, aighneacht i scribhinn chuig an gCéann Comhairle —

(i) lena n-éileoidh sé nó sí go ndearnadh dochar don duine le caint de chineál clúmhillteach de réir bhri an Bhuan-Ordaithe seo,
(2) a matter may not be raised where it relates to a case where notice has been served and which is to be heard before a jury or is then being heard before a jury;

(3) a matter shall not be raised in such an overt manner so that it appears to be an attempt by the Dáil to encroach on the functions of the Courts or a Judicial Tribunal;

(4) members may only raise matters in a substantive manner (i.e. by way of Parliamentary Question, matter raised under Standing Order 37, motion, etc.) where due notice is required; and

(5) when permission to raise a matter has been granted, there will continue to be an onus on members to avoid, if at all possible, comment which might in effect prejudice the outcome of proceedings.

Irrelevance or repetition.

70. A member who persists in irrelevance or repetition in debate, or who, in the opinion of the Ceann Comhairle, is speaking for the purpose of obstructing business, may be directed by the Ceann Comhairle to discontinue his or her speech after the attention of the Dáil or of the Committee has been called to his or her conduct.

Privilege: utterances in the nature of being defamatory.

71. (1) A member shall not make an utterance in the nature of being defamatory and where a member makes such an utterance it may be prima facie an abuse of privilege, subject to the provisions of this Standing Order.

(2) (a) If the defamatory nature of the utterance is apparent at the time it was made during the course of proceedings, the Ceann Comhairle shall direct that the utterance be withdrawn without qualification.

(b) If the member refuses to withdraw the utterance without qualification the Ceann Comhairle shall treat the matter as one of disorder: Provided that the member may claim that the matter be referred to the Committee on Procedure in which case no further action shall be taken thereon by the Ceann Comhairle at that point.

(3) If the defamatory nature of the utterance is not apparent at the time during the course of proceedings, and at the earliest opportunity, but not later than six weeks after the making of the utterance, or by the time of the dissolution of the Dáil, whichever is the sooner—

(a) the alleged abuse of privilege is raised by a member with a request that it be considered by the Ceann Comhairle or referral to the Committee on Procedure directly is sought by a member by way of motion, or

(b) where a person who has been referred to by name, or in such a way as to be readily identifiable, in the Dáil, makes a submission in writing to the Ceann Comhairle—

(i) claiming that the person has been adversely affected by the making of an utterance in the nature of being defamatory within the meaning of this Standing Order,
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(ii) ina leagfar amach na cúiseanna atá ag an duine chun a éileamh go raibh an chaint sin de chineál clúmhíl teach agus gur mí-úsáid phribhléide í an chaint sin *prima facie*.

(iii) lena n-iarrfaidh sé nó sí go gcumasófar don duine freagra iomchuí a chorprú sa taisead parlaiminte,

más deimhin leis an gCeann Comhairle—

(c) gur léir iarraidh an chomhalta nó ábhar na haighneachta a bheith de chineál chomh mionchuíseach sin, nó gur léir an aighnneacht a bheith de chineál chomh suaihbhréoach, cráiteach nó maslach sin a d’fhágadh nárthbh iomchuí eile a dhéanamh ná aon bhreithniú a dhéanamh air sa Choiste, nó

(d) nach mbeidh sé indéanta don Choiste iarraidh an chomhalta nó an aighnneacht a bhreithniú faoin mBuan-Ordú seo, nó

(e) ag cur san áireamh iomláine an taifid pharlaiminte (ar a n-áirítear aon fhrisnéis ag comhaltaí eile ar an gcaint lena mbaineann), nár tharla, *prima facie*, aon mhí-úsáid phribhléide,

féadfaidh an Ceann Comhairle a chinneadh nach ndéanfar aon ghníomh maidir le hiarraidh an chomhalta nó leis an aighnach.

In aon chás eile, féadfaidh an Ceann Comhairle—

(i) ceangal a chur ar an gcomhalta a rinne an chaint míniú pearsanta a thabhairt don Teach arb é is éifeacht dó ná an chaint a rinneadh a tharraingt siar gan chúilíocht, nó soiléiriú a thabhairt ar shlí eile ar na híomhósca ar dá mbarr a rinneadh an chaint, de réir mar a mheasfar a bheith iomchuí, ar choinníoll go bhféadfaidh an comhalta a éileamh go gcuirfear an t-ádhar sé a bheith de chineál suaihbhréoach, cráiteach nó maslach, agus déanfar cinneadh den sáothar agus do dhéanadh a théacs nó a dhéantar a théacs a thabhairt ar an gcaint lena mbaineann.

(ii) iarraidh an chomhalta nó an aighnach a chur faoi bhráid an Choiste.

(4) I gcás a ndéanfar an iarraidh nó an aighnacht a chur faoi bhráid an Choiste—

(a) féadfaidh an Coiste a chinneadh nach ndéanfadh sé an iarraidh nó an aighnacht a bhreithh curtha foain bhráid faoin mBuan-Ordú seo a bhreithníú más doigh leis an gCoiste nach bhfuil ábhar na hiarrata nó na híomhasc a bhreithh faoi bhráid faoin mBuan-Ordú seo do leor nó go bhfuil sé de chineál suaihbhréoach, cráiteach nó maslach, agus déanfar cinneadh den sáothar sin a thuaireiscíonn don Dáil;

(b) má chinneann an Coiste iarraidh nó aighnacht a bhreithníú faoin mBuan-Ordú seo—

(i) féadfaidh an Coiste cuireadh a thabhairt don chomhalta a rinne an chaint agus do cibé comhaltáile a chur a choinníoll faoi bhráid an Choiste a chur a chás nó a cáis a chur,
(ii) setting out the reasons why the person claims the said utterance was in the nature of being defamatory and why the said utterance *prima facie* constitutes an abuse of privilege,

(iii) requesting that the person be able to incorporate an appropriate response in the parliamentary record,

if the Ceann Comhairle is satisfied that—

(c) the member’s request or the subject of the submission is so obviously trivial or the submission so frivolous, vexatious or offensive in character as to make it inappropriate that further action be taken or that it be considered by the Committee, or

(d) it is not practicable for the Committee to consider the member’s request or the submission under this Standing Order, or

(e) taking into account the totality of the parliamentary record (including any rebuttal of the utterance concerned by other members), *prima facie* no abuse of privilege has occurred,

the Ceann Comhairle may decide that no action shall be taken in respect of the member’s request or the submission.

In any other case the Ceann Comhairle may—

(i) require the member who made the utterance to make a personal explanation to the House in effect to withdraw without qualification the utterance made or to clarify otherwise the circumstances that gave rise to the utterance as may be deemed appropriate, provided that the member may claim that the matter be referred to the Committee on Procedure in which case no further action shall be taken thereon by the Ceann Comhairle at that point, or

(ii) refer the member’s request or the submission to the Committee.

(4) Where the request or submission is referred to the Committee—

(a) the Committee may decide not to consider the request or submission referred to it under this Standing Order if the Committee considers that the subject of the request or submission is not sufficiently serious or is frivolous, vexatious or offensive in character, and such a decision shall be reported to the Dáil;

(b) if the Committee decides to consider a request or submission under this Standing Order—

(i) the Committee may invite the member who made the utterance and such other members as the Committee may deem appropriate to appear before the Committee to put his or her case,
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(ii) le linn breithniú a dhéanamh ar iarraidh nó ar aighneacht agus tuairisciú a dhéanamh don Dáil, ní dhéanfaidh an Coiste aon bhreithniú ar fhírinne aon ráiteas a bheidh déanta sa Dáil ná ar fhírinne na haighneachta ná ní thabharfaidh sé breithiúnas ar na nithe sin;

(c) beidh de rogha ag an gCoiste aighneacht a bheidh curtha faoina bhráid faoin mBuan-Ordú seo nó a chuid imeachtait i ndáil leis an aighneacht sin a fhoilsíuí, agus féadfaidh sé miontuairiscí ar a chuid imeachtait agus an aighneacht sin go leir nó cuid di a leagan faoi bhráid na Dála.

(5) In aon tuarascáil a thabharfaidh sé don Dáil faoi iarraidh, aighneacht nó tarchur faoin mBuan-Ordú seo, féadfaidh an Coiste freagra a áireamh ó dhuine dár chaint as a ainm nó as a hainm nó ar bhealach arbh fhurasta é nó í a aithint, agus féadfaidh sé aon cheann de na cintí seo a leanas a dhéanamh:

(a) nár tharla, *prima facie*, aon mhí-úsáid phribhléide, agus sa chás sin féadfaidh an Coiste a mholadh nach ndéanfaidh an Dáil ná an Coiste aon ghníomh eile i ndáil leis an iarraidh, leis an aighneacht nó leis an tarchur; nó

(b) go ndearna comhalta caint de chineál clúmhilleach agus gur tharla, *prima facie*, mí-úsáid phribhléide.

(6) I gcás go gcinneann an Coiste faoi mhír (5)(b) gur tharla mhí-úsáid phribhléide, cuirfear ceangal ar an gcomhalta a rinne an chaint í a tharraingt siar le linn cruinniú den Dáil, tríd an tarrainnt siar a léamh amach i bhfoirm focal a bheidh le háireamh sa tuarascáil ón gCoiste, tríd roimh dheireadh lae suí a ainmníodh an Coiste: Ar choinníoll go socróidh an gcomhalta, tríd chomhaontú leis an gCeann Comhairle, an t-am ar an lá suí aon aon cinntí de réir Bhuan-Ordú 74(1).

(7) Más rud é nach ndéanann an comhalta an chaint a rinne sé nó sí a tharraingt siar ar an modh atá leagtha amach i meá (6), déanfaidh an Ceann Comhairle, an chéad lá suí an ndí aon aon roimh an lá suí a roimh, cinneadh an Choiste i dtaoibh na cainte a léamh amach agus an comhalta a ainmníodh de réir Bhuan-Ordú 74(1).

(8) Beidh tacaíocht trí cheathrú de na comhlaí tá a bheidh i láthair agus a bheidh an comhalta nó ar dhuine a bhreithiú i ngach ról atá le gcomhair aon chinnidh a ghlacfaidh an Coiste faoi mhír (5)(b) den Bhuan-Ordú seo.

(9) D’ainneoin fhorálacha an Bhuan-Ordaithe seo (ach amháin forálacha mhír (8), a mbeidh feidhm acu i gcónaí), féadfaidh an Coiste, tar éis dó iarraidh nó aighneacht a bhreithiú faoin mBuan-Ordú seo, moltaí a dhéanamh a measaíodh sé gá a bheith leo ar mhaithte le gach duine lena mbaineann.

(10) Maidir le doiciméad a leagtar faoi bhráid na Dála faoin mBuan-Ordú seo—

(a) i gcás freagra faoi mhír (5), beidh an doiciméad gonta agus beidh dlúthbhaint aige leis na saincheisteanna a bheidh i dtrácht agus ní bheidh aon ní de chineál maslach ann; agus

(b) ní bheidh aon rud ann arbh é ab éifeacht dá fhoilsíuí—
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(ii) in considering a request or submission and reporting to the Dáil the Committee shall not consider or judge the truth of any statements made in the Dáil or of the submission;

(c) the Committee shall have discretion to publish a submission referred to it under this Standing Order or its proceedings in relation to such a submission, and may lay minutes of its proceedings and all or part of such submission before the Dáil.

(5) In any report which it may make to the Dáil on a request, submission or referral under this Standing Order, the Committee may include a response by a person who has been referred to in the utterance by name, or in such a way as to be readily identifiable, and may make any of the following findings:

(a) that prima facie no abuse of privilege has occurred, in which case the Committee may recommend that no further action be taken by the Dáil or by the Committee in relation to the request, submission or referral; or

(b) that a member has made an utterance in the nature of being defamatory and that prima facie an abuse of privilege has occurred.

(6) Where the Committee finds under paragraph (5)(b) that an abuse of privilege has occurred, the member who made the utterance is required to withdraw it during a meeting of the Dáil, by reading out the withdrawal in a form of words to be included in the report of the Committee, at any time before the end of a sitting day nominated by the Committee: Provided that the member shall arrange by agreement with the Ceann Comhairle the time on, or before, the nominated sitting day when the member shall make the withdrawal, and the Ceann Comhairle shall read out the Committee’s finding on the utterance immediately prior to the withdrawal.

(7) If the member does not withdraw his or her utterance in the manner outlined in paragraph (6), the Ceann Comhairle shall, on the next sitting day after the nominated day, read out the Committee’s finding on the utterance, and name the member in accordance with Standing Order 74(1).

(8) Any decision taken by the Committee under paragraph (5)(b) of this Standing Order shall require the support of three-quarters of the members present and voting.

(9) Notwithstanding the provisions of this Standing Order (save the provisions of paragraph (8), which shall continue to apply), the Committee, following consideration of a request or submission under this Standing Order, may make such recommendations as appear to it to be required in the interests of all concerned.

(10) A document laid before the Dáil under this Standing Order—

(a) in the case of a response under paragraph (5), shall be succinct and strictly relevant to the questions at issue and shall not contain anything offensive in character; and

(b) shall not contain any matter the publication of which would have the effect of—
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(i) dochar nó dóibháil míréesúnta a dhéanamh do dhuine, nó cur isteach go míréesúnta ar phríobháideachta duine, sa tsíl dá dtagraithear i mhir (13) den Bhuan-Ordú seo,

(ii) cur go míréesúnta le cibé dochar, dóibháil nó cur isteach ar phríobháideacht a bheidh bainte de dhuine nó na nithe sin a fhorthromú go míréesúnta.

(11) Le linn dó nó dí a bhreithníu faoin mBuan-Ordú seo, cuirfidh an Ceann Comhairle nó an Coiste, de réir mar a bheidh, an méid seo a leanas san áireamh:

(a) an ndearna an comhalta, a rinne an chaint, ar bhealach freagrach í, an de mheon macánta a rinne sé nó sí í, agus ar chinntigh sé nó sí, a mhéid ab fhéidir, go raibh bonn maith faoin gcaint lenar caitheadh anuas ar duine,

(b) iomláine an taifid pharlaiminte, ar a n-áirítear aon frisnéis ag comhaltaí eile ar an gcaint lena mbaineann,

(c) gur thug an comhalta sin míniú pearsanta arbh é ab éifeacht dó nó cineál clúmhiltteach na cainte a tharraingt siar, agus

(d) a mhéid—

(i) a bhí ábhar na cainte ar eolas ag an bpobal trí bhfhitheóthaíochtaí san áit; nó

(ii) a bhí leithscéal réasúnta nó eile ag an gcaint a dhéanamh.

(12) D’ainneoin fhorálacha an Buan-Ordaithe seo—

(a) an chomhalta a mheasfaidh gurb é leas an phobail é caint a dhéanamh a d’fhéadfaí a fhorlóiríú mar chaint de chineál clúmhíltaí, féadfaidh sé nó sí réamhfhógra príobháideachta a thabhairt don Cheann Comhairle go bhfuil sé i gceist aige nó aici caint den sórt sin a dhéanamh agus na cúiseanna atá léi; agus dá dtarfán an fógra sin a chur san áireamh le linn feidhmíú an clúmhíltaí chun dochar anuas ar chaint a dhéanamh agus na chuidiú dóibh.

(b) féadfaidh an Ceann Comhairle am ar bith, dá thoil nó dá toil féin, caint de chineál clúmhíltaí a chur ar bhráid an Choiste.

(13) Chun críocha an Buan-Ordaithe seo—

Ciallíodh “caint de chineál clúmhíltaí” caint a d’fhéadfaí, i dtuairim an Cheann Comhairle nó an Choiste, a fhorlóiríú mar chaitheal clúmhíltaí dá ndéanfaí i ar bhealach eile seachas i rith imeachtaí parlaiminte agus ar caint í a dhéantar ar shlí ina mbeidh duine dá dtagraitheart as a ainm nó as a hainm nó ar bhealach arbh fhurasta é nó í a aithint thós leis ina cháil nó ina cáil nó ina bhaint nó ina baint nó ina phlé nó ina plé le daoine eile, nó go ndéantar dochar don duine ina shlí/ slí bheatha, ina cheird/ceird, ina oifig/ oifig nó ina cheirdmheas/cheirdmheas airgeadais, nó go mbeidh cur isteach míréesúnta déanta ar phríobháideachta an duine de bhfhithe na tagartha a rinneadh dó nó dí;

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(i) unreasonably adversely affecting or injuring a person, or unreasonably invading a person’s privacy, in the manner referred to in paragraph (13) of this Standing Order,

(ii) unreasonably adding to or aggravating any such adverse effect, injury or invasion of privacy suffered by a person.

(11) In considering a matter under this Standing Order the Ceann Comhairle or the Committee, as the case may be, shall take into account the following:

(a) whether the member who made the utterance did so in a responsible manner, acted in good faith, and ensured, as far as is practicable, that the utterance reflecting adversely on a person was soundly based,

(b) the totality of the parliamentary record, including any rebuttal of the utterance concerned by other members,

(c) that the said member made a personal explanation in effect to withdraw the defamatory nature of the utterance, and

(d) the extent to which—

(i) the substance of the utterance was already in the public domain by way of reports in the media; or

(ii) the member had reasonable excuse or otherwise for making the utterance.

(12) Notwithstanding the provisions of this Standing Order—

(a) any member who considers that it is in the public interest for him or her to make an utterance which could be construed as being in the nature of defamatory, may give prior private notice to the Ceann Comhairle of his or her intention to make such an utterance and the reasons therefor; and such notice shall be taken into account in the consideration of the application of the provisions of this Standing Order,

(b) the Ceann Comhairle may at any time on his or her own volition refer an utterance in the nature of being defamatory to the Committee.

(13) For the purposes of this Standing Order—

An “utterance in the nature of being defamatory” shall mean an utterance which, in the opinion of the Ceann Comhairle or of the Committee, could be construed as being defamatory if made other than in the course of parliamentary proceedings whereby a person who has been referred to by name or in such a way as to be readily identifiable has been adversely affected in reputation or in respect of dealings or associations with others, or injured in occupation, trade, office or financial credit, or that the person’s privacy has been unreasonably invaded, by reason of that reference to the person;

“Committee” shall mean either the Dáil Committee on Procedure or a sub-Committee thereof;
Ciallóidh “imeachtaí” imeachtaí parlaiminte de chuid na Dála, Buan-Choiste, Roghchoiste nó Coiste Speisialta nó Fochoiste diobh sin.

Ord a choimeád sa Dáil agus i gCoistí.

72. (1) Is é an Ceann Comhairle an breitheamh ar ord sa Dáil agus i gCoiste den Dáil uile agus tá údarás aige nó aíci mí-ord a chosc agus iallach a chur ar chách gheilleadh go tapaidh dá rialú. I mBuan-Choistí, i Roghchoistí nó i gCoistí Speisialta, is é an Cathaoirleach a choimeádfaidh ord, ach ní féidir mí-ord nó toirmeasc gnó i gCoistí a cháineadh ach amháin sa Dáil tar éis di tuairisc air a fháil de réir Bhuan-Ordú 113(2).

(2) Ní dhéanfadh aon ní sa Bhuan-Ordú seo, nó sa Buan-Ordúithe seo i gcoitinne, cosc a chur ar an Teach comhalta a chur ar fionraí ó sheirbhís na Dála agus a cuid Coistí de réir forálacha Bhuan-Ordú 74(1).

Iompar mí-ordúil: caithfidh an comhalta imeacht as an Dáil.

73. (1) Ordóidh an Ceann Comhairle do chomhalta a bheidh á iompar nó á hiompar féin go han-mhi-ordúil imeacht as an Dáil láithreach agus fanacht aisti ar feadh an chuid eile de shuí an lae sin. Más rud é, afach, gur dóigh leis an gCeann Comhairle, ar aon ócáid, nach leor na cumhachtai a thugtar leis an mBuan-Ordú seo chun dílseáil leis an gcion, féadfaidh sé nó sí, de réir an chéad Bhuan-Ordaithe ina dhiaidh seo, an comhalta sin a ainmniú mar gheall ar mhí-iompar, nó féadfaidh sé nó sí glaoch ar an Dáil chun breith a thabhairt ar iompar chomhalta. Comhaltaí a n-ordófar dóibh imeacht as an Dáil de bhun an Bhuan-Ordaithe seo, nó a chuirfear ar fionraí de bhun an chéad Bhuan-Ordaithe ina dhiaidh seo, imeoidh siad láithreach ó mhaighin na Dála.

(2) Ní fhéadfadh comhalta a ainmniú ná ní fhéadfadh glaoch ar an Dáil chun breith a thabhairt ar a iompar nó ar a hiompar ach amháin nuair a bheidh an Ceann Comhairle i gceannas.

Comhalta a chur ar fionraí.

74. (1) (a) Féadfaidh an Ceann Comhairle comhalta a ainmniú—

(i) i gcás go mbeidh an comhalta tar éis neamhaird a thabhairt ar údarás na Cathaoireach, sa Dáil, nó i gCoiste den Dáil uile (agus agus in ainmneofar é nó i díreach tar éis dó no di an cion sin a dhéanamh), nó

(ii) i gcás nach mbeidh caint ar cinneadh gur mí-úsúil phribhléide í taraingthe siar ag an gcomhalta, de bhun Bhuan-Ordú 71(6).

(b) I gcás go mbeidh an comhalta ainmnithe de réir mhúir (a), déanfaidh an Ceann Comhairle tairiscint agus an cheist a chur láthaircheachthaí ar thairiscint — agus ní cheadófar aon leasú, cur ar athló nó díospóireachta — “Go gcuirfear............................... (aimin an chomhalta) ar fionraí ó sheirbhís na Dála agus a cuid Coistí”; agus ar fhogair ar an toraidh beidh an comhalta ar fionraí agus, más amhlaíodh a bhéidi, imeoidh sé nó sí láthreachthaí as an Dáil: Ar choinnioll, ar bhonn eiscéachtúil, go bhféadfadh vótáil a éileamh ar an gceist agus, faoi réir mhúir (3), déanfar ar vótáil sin gan mhoill agus beidh an comhalta i dteideal vótá a chaitheamh in aon vótáil den sórt sin.

(2) Má dhéantar feasta aon chomhalta a chur ar fionraí faoin mBuan-Ordú seo, beidh sé nó sí ar fionraí—

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“Proceedings” shall mean parliamentary proceedings of the Dáil, a Standing, Select or Special Committee or a sub-Committee thereof.

Maintenance of order in Dáil and Committees.

72. (1) The Ceann Comhairle is the judge of order in the Dáil and in Committee of the whole Dáil and has authority to suppress disorder and to enforce prompt obedience to his or her ruling. In Standing, Select or Special Committees order shall be maintained by the Chairman, but disorder or obstruction in Committees can be censured only in the Dáil on receiving a report in accordance with Standing Order 113(2).

(2) Nothing in this Standing Order, or in these Standing Orders generally, shall prevent the House from suspending a member from the service of the Dáil and its Committees in accordance with the provisions of Standing Order 74(1).

Disorderly conduct: member to withdraw from Dáil.

73. (1) The Ceann Comhairle shall order a member whose conduct is grossly disorderly to withdraw immediately from the Dáil for the remainder of that day’s sitting. If, however, on any occasion the Ceann Comhairle deems that the powers conferred under this Standing Order are inadequate to deal with the offence, he or she may, in accordance with the next succeeding Standing Order, name such member for misconduct, or he or she may call on the Dáil to adjudge upon his or her conduct. Members ordered to withdraw in pursuance of this Standing Order, or who are suspended in pursuance of the next succeeding Standing Order, shall forthwith withdraw from the precincts of the Dáil.

(2) A member may be named or the Dáil called on to adjudge upon his or her conduct only when the Ceann Comhairle is in the Chair.

Suspension of member.

74. (1) (a) A member may be named by the Ceann Comhairle—

(i) where the member has disregarded the authority of the Chair, in the Dáil, or in Committee of the whole Dáil, (whereupon he or she shall be named immediately after the commission of such offence), or

(ii) where the member has not withdrawn an utterance found to be an abuse of privilege, pursuant to Standing Order 71(6).

(b) Where the member has been named in accordance with paragraph (a), the Ceann Comhairle shall move and forthwith put the question on a motion — no amendment, adjournment or debate being allowed — “That........................................ (naming the member) be suspended from the service of the Dáil and its Committees”; and on the declaration of the result the member may stand suspended and, if so, shall withdraw from the Dáil forthwith: Provided, on an exceptional basis, a division may be claimed on the question and, subject to paragraph (3), shall take place immediately, and the member shall be entitled to vote in any such division.

(2) If any member hereafter be suspended under this Standing Order, his or her suspension—
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(a) más de bhun é nó í a bheith ainmnithe faoi mhír (1)(a)(i) atá sé, ar an gcéad ócáid go ceann dhá lá suí; ar an dara hócáid go ceann ceithre lá suí agus ar an tríú hócáid nó ar aon ócáid ina dhiaidh sin go ceann ocht lá suí (agus ní bheidh aon fhionraí de bhun an comhalta a bheith ainmnithe faoi mhír (1)(a)(ii) le cur san áireamh chun críocha líon na n-ócáidí a ríomh); nó

(b) más de bhun é nó í a bheith ainmnithe faoi mhír (1)(a)(ii) atá sé, go ceann ceithre lá suí;

Ar choinníoll—

(i) i gcás aon fhionraí faoi mhír (a) nó (b), go ndéanfar an lá a cuireadh an comhalta ar fionraí a áireamh agus líon na laethanta fionraí á ríomh (faoi réir mhír (ii) den choinníoll seo);

(ii) i gcás comhalta a chur ar fionraí de bhun é nó í a bheith ainmnithe faoi mhír (1)(a)(ii), agus é nó í ar fionraí san an céanna de bhun é nó í a bheith ainmnithe faoi mhír (1)(a)(i), go leanfadh an dá thréimhse fionraí de chuid an chomhalta as a chéile, agus nach mbeidh feidhm ag mír (1) den choinníoll seo ach amhain maidir leis an gcéad tréimhse fionraí; agus

(iii) i gcás comhalta a chur ar fionraí, nach gcuirfídh an mèid sin cosc air nó uirthi dul isteach sa seomra chun caint a tharraingt siar ar an modh atá leagtha amach i mBuan-Ordú 71(6), agus chuige sin amhain, ar caint í ar cinneadh gur mí-úsáid phribhléide í (faoi réir fhórálacha mhír (3) i gcás go mbeidh sé nó sí curtha ar fionraí de bhun é nó í a bheith ainmnithe faoi mhír (1)(a)(i))

(3) Déanfadh an Ceann Comhairle, ar chomhalta a chaint nó a caint a tharraingt siar ar an modh atá leagtha amach i mBuan-Ordú 71(6) (i gcás go mbeidh an comhalta curtha ar fionraí de bhun é nó í a bheith ainmnithe faoi mhír (1)(a)(ii)), nó ar scríbhinn aiféala lena mbeifear sásta agus a bheidh le cur ar Chín Lao Imeachtaí na Dála a fháil ó chomhalta (i gcás go mbeidh an comhalta curtha ar fionraí de bhun é nó í a bheith ainmnithe faoi mhír (1)(a)(ii))—

(a) i gcás na scríbhinne aiféala, an scríbhinn sin a leagan faoi bhráid na Dála, agus

(b) an tairiscint a dhéanamh i dtosach Gnó Poiblí an chéad lá eile chun suí, gan fógra, leasú, cur ar athló ná dtoscaireacht, agus cuirfíadh sé nó sí láithreach an ceist chun an Ordú fionraíochta a chur ar ceal, agus leis sin, ar fhógairt an toraidh, beidh an tOrdú ar ceal atoigthe le fhoireann an chomhalta ar ais: Ar choinníoll go bhfeadhar, ar bhonn eiscéachtúil, nó táil an eiscéachtúil, go neartach an chéad treigidh leis an Ordú fionraíochta.

(4) Beidh ar áireamh san fhionraí ó sheirbhsí na Dála fionraí ó sheirbhís le haon Bhuan Choiste, Rghachost, nó Coiste Speisialta de chuid na Dála chun ar ceapadh an comhalta roimh a fhionraí nó a fionraí, nó lena linn.

An Dáil a chur ar athló nó an suí a chur ar fionraí i gcás mí-oirid mhóir.

75. I gcás mí-oirid mhóir, féadfaidh an Ceann Comhairle an Dáil a chur ar athló gan an cheist a chur, nó aon suí a chur ar fionraí go ceann tréimhse a luafaidh sé nó sí.
(a) if it is pursuant to his or her having been named under paragraph (1)(a)(i), shall on the first occasion last for two sitting days, on the second occasion for four sitting days, and on the third or any subsequent occasion for eight sitting days, (with any suspension pursuant to the member having been named under paragraph (1)(a)(ii) not to be reckoned for the purposes of calculating the number of occasions); or

(b) if it is pursuant to his or her having been named under paragraph (1)(a)(ii), shall last for four sitting days;

Provided that—

(i) in any suspension under paragraph (a) or (b), the day on which the member is suspended shall be counted in calculating the number of days of suspension (subject to paragraph (ii) of this proviso);

(ii) where a member is suspended pursuant to having been named under paragraph (1)(a)(ii), while at the same time having been on suspension pursuant to having been named under paragraph (1)(a)(i), the member’s two periods of suspension shall run consecutively, and paragraph (1) of this proviso shall apply only to the first period of suspension; and

(iii) where a member is suspended, this shall not prevent him or her entering the chamber solely for the purposes of withdrawing, in the manner outlined in Standing Order 71(6), an utterance which has been found to be an abuse of privilege (subject to the provisions of paragraph (3) where he or she has been suspended pursuant to having been named under paragraph (1)(a)(ii)).

(3) The Ceann Comhairle, on the withdrawal by a member of his or her utterance in the manner outlined in Standing Order 71(6), an utterance which has been found to be an abuse of privilege (subject to the provisions of paragraph (3) where he or she has been suspended pursuant to having been named under paragraph (1)(a)(ii)), shall—

(a) in the case of the expression of regret, lay the same before the Dáil, and

(b) move the motion without notice, amendment, adjournment or debate at the commencement of Public Business the next sitting day, and forthwith put the question for the discharge of the Order of suspension, whereupon, on the declaration of the result, the Order shall be discharged, and the member re-admitted: Provided on an exceptional basis a division may be claimed on the question and shall take place forthwith.

(4) The suspension from the service of the Dáil shall include suspension from service with any Standing, Select or Special Committee of the Dáil to which the member may have been appointed previous to, or during, his or her suspension.

Adjournment of Dáil or suspension of sitting in case of great disorder.

75. In the case of great disorder, the Ceann Comhairle may adjourn the Dáil without question put, or suspend any sitting for a time to be named by him or her.
Tagairtí do chomhaltaí.

76. Nuair a bheifear ag tagairt do chomhaltaí den Dáil, beidh feidhm ag na rialacha seo a leanas—

(a) Tagrófar (de réir mar is cuí sa chás) do chomhalta den Rialtas mar seo, an Taoiseach, an Tánaiste, nó Aire/an tAire .................................; agus tagrófar d’Aire Stáit mar seo, an tAire Stáit ag........................................

(b) Tagrófar do chomhalta príobháideach den Dáil mar seo, an Teachta..............................

An nós imeachta a bhaineann le Breitheamh a chur as oifig.

77. (1) Aon tairiscint (a dtabharfar “tairiscint Airteagal 35.4.1°” mar thuairisc uirthi anseo ina dhiaidh seo) a chuirfear ar Riar na hOibre aon lá á éileamh Breitheamh a chur as oifig de dheasca mí-íompair nó míthreoir a luafar, de réir bhrí Airteagal 35.4.1° den Bhunreacht (né, de réir mar a bheidh, de bhun alt 39 den Acht Cúirteanna Breithiúnais, 1924 nó alt 20 den Acht Cúirteanna Breithiúnais (An Chúirt Dúiche) 1946), luafar inti na níthe ar dá réir a dhéan a mhaíonn an tairiscint a cur as oifig de dheasca mí-íompair a luafar nó go bhfuil sé nó si faoi mhíthreoir.

(2) I gcás ina ndéanfar tairiscint Airteagal 35.4.1° den sórt sin a chur ar Riar na hOibre, féadfaidh an Dáil an tairiscint a dhíuhlú, nó ar thairiscint a dhéanfar chun an díospóireacht a chur ar athló féadfaidh an Dáil, trí thairiscint, Roghchoiste a cheapadh chun fianaise a ghlacadh i leith na tairiscneachtaí Airteagal 35.4.1° a dúradh, ar choinníoll nach ndéanfaidh an Roghchoiste aon chinntí fioras ná nach ndéanfaidh sé aon mholtáí i leith, agus an chéanna ná nach léireidh sé aon tuairimí i leith an chéanna.

(3) I gcás nach ndéanfaidh an Dáil Roghchoiste a cheapadh sa tsíl dá bhforáiltar i mír (2) den Bhuan-Ordú seo laistigh de chuíg lá suí ón tráth a chuirfear aon tairiscint Airteagal 35.4.1° ar Riar na hOibre, titfidh an tairiscint Airteagal 35.4.1° sin ar láir.

(4) Maidir leis an tairiscint lena gceapfar an Roghchoiste, déanfar téarmaí tagairtí uathu intí, míneofar inti na cumhachtaí a chineachtar chuige agus socrófar léi an lóin comhaltaí agus bhóinfaidh air.

(5) Déanfaidh an Roghchoiste, gach tráth, aird chuí a thabhairt ar na prionsabail Bhunreacht a bhaineann le cothroime bhunúsach nósanna imeachta agus ar riachtanais an cheartaí aiceanta agus Bunreacht.

(6) Déanfaidh an Roghchoiste gach beart lena chinntiú go ndéantar taifead cuí dá chuid imeachtaí.

(7) Déanfar imeachtaí an Roghchoiste a éisteacht go príobháideach ach amháin a mhéid a ordóidh an Choiste a mhalaírt tar éis iarraidh a fháil chuige sin ó Bhreitheamh na Breithiúnais a bhí nó i is ábhar do thairiscint Airteagal 35.4.1°.

(8) Tar éis a chuid imeachtaí a chríochnú, déanfaidh an Roghchoiste tuarascáil ar na himeachtaí sin, mar aon le scribhinni agus ábhar cios-anmhairc cuí, a thabhairt don Dáil. Ar choinníoll go ndéanfaidh an Choiste a thuarascáil a chur chuig Cléireach na Dála ar dtús agus déanfaidh Cléireach na Dála socru sa chéad ásc chun an tuarascáil a scáipeadh ar chomhaltaí na Dálaagus a chur chuig an mBhreitheamh ar breithiúnas a bhí nó i is ábhar do thairiscint Airteagal 35.4.1°. Ar choinníoll thaisí sin go bhféadfadh an Dáil, dá éis sin, a ordú go ndéanfar an tuarascáil a fhoilsiú agus a leagan faoi bhruáid na Dála.
References to members.

76. In making references to members of the Dáil, the following rules shall apply—

(a) A member of the Government shall (as the case may require) be referred to as the Taoiseach, the Tánaiste, or the Minister for ........................................... and a Minister of State shall be referred to as the Minister of State at ..........................................

(b) A private member of the Dáil shall be referred to as Deputy..........................................

Procedure relating to removal of Judge.

77. (1) Any motion (hereafter described as “an Article 35.4.1° motion”) put on the Order Paper for any day calling for the removal of a Judge for stated misbehaviour or incapacity within the meaning of Article 35.4.1° of the Constitution (or, as the case may be, pursuant to section 39 of the Courts of Justice Act 1924 or section 20 of the Courts of Justice (District Court) Act 1946), shall state the matters upon which it is contended by the proposer of the said motion that the Judge who is the subject matter of the motion should be removed for stated misbehaviour or that he or she is incapacitated.

(2) Where such an Article 35.4.1° motion is put on the Order Paper for any day, the Dáil may either reject the said motion, or on a motion made to adjourn the debate may by motion appoint a Select Committee to take evidence in respect of the aforesaid Article 35.4.1° motion, provided that the Select Committee shall make no findings of fact nor make any recommendations in respect of same or express any opinions in respect of same.

(3) Where the Dáil does not appoint a Select Committee in the manner provided for in paragraph (2) of this Standing Order within five sitting days of any Article 35.4.1° motion being placed on the Order Paper, the said Article 35.4.1° motion shall lapse.

(4) The motion appointing the Select Committee shall state the terms of reference of the Committee, define the powers devolved upon it and fix the number of members to serve on it.

(5) The Select Committee shall at all times have due regard to the Constitutional principles of basic fairness of procedures and the requirements of natural and Constitutional justice.

(6) The Select Committee shall take all steps to ensure that an appropriate record is taken of its proceedings.

(7) The proceedings of the Select Committee shall be heard in private save insofar as otherwise directed by the Committee following a request in that behalf by a Judge who is the subject of an Article 35.4.1° motion.

(8) Following the completion of its proceedings, the Select Committee shall furnish a report of those proceedings to the Dáil, together with appropriate transcripts and associated audio-visual material. Provided that the Committee shall first send its report to the Clerk of the Dáil, who shall arrange in the first instance for the report to be circulated to the members of the Dáil and to the Judge who is the subject matter of an Article 35.4.1° motion. Provided further that the Dáil may subsequently order that the report be published and laid before the Dáil.
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(9) Tar éis don Dáil an tuarascáil sin a fháil, féadfaidh sí, le hOrdú, socrú a dhéanamh le haghaidh na dóispóireachta ar an tairiscint Airteagal 35.4.1° sin agus beidh na nítithe seo a leanas san áireamh ann:

— fógra cúi faoi thógáil na dóispóireachta atá le hatógáil ar cibé cuid den tairiscint Airteagal 35.4.1° á éileamh an Breitheamh lena mbaineann a chur as oifig;

— gach comhalta do thabhairt urraim chuí do na prionsabail Bhunreachta a bhaineann le nósanna imeachta cothroma;

— ceart a bheith ag an mBreitheamh agus ag a ionadaithe dlíthiúla nó a hionadaithe dlíthiúla chun éisteacht a fháil roimh aon vóta ar an tairiscint Airteagal 35.4.1° sin;

— cibé rialacha speisialta nós imeachta a mheasfar is cúi.

(10) Ní bheidh feidhm ag Buan-Ordú 71 i leith tairisceana Airteagal 35.4.1° agus ní ardófar ábhar tairisceana Airteagal 35.4.1° sa Dáil ach amháin mar a fhóraltear a mhalairt leis an mBuan-Ordú seo.

(11) Ach amháin mar a fhóraltear a mhalairt sa Bhuan-Ordú seo, ní bheidh feidhm ag Buan-Orduithe 94, 96, 98, 99, 100, 102, 104, 106, 107, 112, 145 nó 232(1) maidir le Roghchoiste arna cheapadh faoin mBuan-Ordú seo. Ar choinníoll, áfach, go mbeidh feidhm ag Buan-Ordú 146 más rud é go ndéanfaidh an Coiste, tar éis iarraidh a fháil chuíge sin ón mBreitheamh arb é nó í is ábhar do thairiscint Airteagal 35.4.1°, a chinneadh a chuíd imeachtaí a sheoladh go poiblí de réir mhír (7) den Bhuan-Ordú seo.

(12) Maidir le Roghchoiste arna cheapadh faoin mBuan-Ordú seo, déanfar, le comhthoiliú Sheanad Éireann, é a chomhcheangal, le hOrdú ón Dáil, lena shamhail de Roghchoiste de chuithiún tSeanaid arna cheapadh chun a fheidhmeanna a chomhfonadh i leith tairisceana comhfhreagraí Airteagal 35.4.1° a thairgfear sa Teach sin i leith an Bhreithimhchéanna. Ar choinníoll gur comhalta de Dháil Éireann Cathaoirleach na Roghchoistí a gcomhocheangal amhlaídh.

Clábhshúr Dóispóireachta

An clábhshúr.

78. (1) Tar éis ceist (nach ceist ar coisceadh dóispóireachta uirthi cheana faoi na Buan-Orduithe) a thairiscint ón gCathaoir, sa Dáil, i gCoiste den Dáil uile nó i mBuan-Choiste, i Roghchoiste nó i gCoiste Speisialta, féadfaidh comhalta cead a éileamh chun a thairiscint, “Go gcúirfear an cheist anois”, agus mura rud é go bhfeiceafar don Cheann Comhairle, le hOrdú ón Dáil, lena shamhail de Roghchoiste de chuithiún tSeanaid arna cheapadh chun a fheidhmeanna a chomhfonadh i leith tairisceana comhfhreagraí Airteagal 35.4.1° a thairgfear sa Teach sin i leith an Bhreithimhchéanna. Ar choinníoll gur comhalta de Dháil Éireann Cathaoirleach na Roghchoistí a gcomhocheangal amhlaídh.

(2) Nuair a bheidh glactha le tairiscint, “Go gcúirfear an cheist anois”, agus a bheifear tar éis an cheist lenar bhain sí a chinneadh, féadfar aon tairiscint éile a dhéanamh (má bhíonn an Ceann Comhairle, an Leas-Cheann Comhairle nó, i gcás Buan-Choiste, Roghchoiste nó Coiste Speisialta, an Cathaoirleach gan a chead nó a ceased a dhíultú, mar a d'udháil) is gá chun aon cheist a chinneadh a tairgeadh cheana ón gCathaoir, agus cuirfear an tairiscint sin láithreach, agus cuinntear í gan leasú ná dóispóireacht.
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(9) Following receipt of the said report, the Dáil may by Order make provision for the debate on the said Article 35.4.1° motion which shall include:

— due notice of the taking of the debate to be resumed on such part of the Article 35.4.1° motion calling for the removal of the Judge in question;

— due observance by each member of the Constitutional principles of fair procedures;

— the right of the Judge and his or her legal representatives to be heard prior to any vote on the said Article 35.4.1° motion;

— such special rules of procedure as may be deemed appropriate.

(10) Standing Order 71 shall not apply in respect of an Article 35.4.1° motion and the subject matter of an Article 35.4.1° motion shall not be raised in the Dáil save as otherwise provided by this Standing Order.

(11) Save as otherwise provided for in this Standing Order, Standing Orders 94, 96, 98, 99, 100, 102, 104, 106, 107, 112, 145 and 232(1) shall not apply to a Select Committee appointed under this Standing Order. Provided, however, that if the Committee decides following a request in that behalf by the Judge, who is the subject matter of an Article 35.4.1° motion, to have its proceedings in public in accordance with paragraph (7) of this Standing Order, Standing Order 145 shall apply.

(12) A Select Committee appointed under this Standing Order shall, with the concurrence of Seanad Éireann, be joined by Order of the Dáil with a similar Select Committee of that House appointed to perform its functions in respect of a corresponding Article 35.4.1° motion moved in that House in respect of the same Judge. Provided that the Chairman of the Select Committees so joined shall be a member of Dáil Éireann.

Closure of Debate

Closure.

78. (1) After a question (except a question already barred from debate under the Standing Orders) has been proposed from the Chair either in the Dáil, in a Committee of the whole Dáil, or in a Standing, Select or Special Committee, a member may claim to move, “That the question be now put”, and unless it shall appear to the Ceann Comhairle, the Leas-Cheann Comhairle or, in the case of a Standing, Select or Special Committee, the Chairman that such a motion is an infringement of the rights of a minority, or that the question has not been adequately discussed, or that the motion is otherwise an abuse of these Standing Orders, the question, “That the question be now put”, shall be put forthwith, and decided without amendment or debate.

(2) When a motion “That the question be now put”, has been carried, and the question consequent thereon has been decided, any further motion may be made (the assent of the Ceann Comhairle, the Leas-Cheann Comhairle or, in the case of a Standing, Select or Special Committee, the Chairman, as aforesaid, not having been withheld), which may be requisite to bring to a decision any question already proposed from the Chair, and such motion shall be put forthwith, and decided without amendment or debate.
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(3) Ar choinníoll i gcónaí nach bhféadfaidh aon chomhalta cead a éileamh chun a thairiscint “Go gcuirfear an cheist anois” mura mbeidh an Ceann Comhairle, an Leas-Cheann Comhairle nó, i gcás Buan-Choiste, Roghchoiste nó Coiste Speisialta, an Cathaoirleach i gceannas.

Comhaltaí den Seanad a bheith i láthair

Comhaltaí den Rialtas nó Airí Stáit ar comhaltaí den Seanad iad.

79. Féadfaidh comhalta den Rialtas nó nó Aire Stáit atá ina chomhalta nó ina comhalta den Seanad bheith i láthair agus éisteacht a fháil sa Dáil.19

Vótála

Vótáil a éileamh.

80. (1) Nuair a bheidh aon cheist le cur chun na Dála, nó chun Coiste den Dáil uile, éireoidh an Ceann Comhairle agus deárfaidh sé nó sí, “Is í an cheist í go”, agus ansin léifidh sé nó sí nó luafaidh sé nó sí an cheist, agus iarrfaidh ar na comhaltaí atá ar an tuairim sin “Tá” a rá, agus ar na comhaltaí atá ar a mhalaire de thuairim “Níl” a rá. De réir na bhfreagraí a thabharfadh, measfaidh sé nó sí sír ódair na ceiste a chur, agus fógróidh sé nó sí cad é an toradh é, dar leis nó léi.

(2) Tar éis don Cheann Comhairle a fhógairt cad é an toradh a bhí, dar leis nó léi, ar aon cheist a chur, féadfaidh comhalta ar bith a easaontaionn vótáil a éileamh ar an gceist sin agus, air sin, déanfar an vótáil, faoi réir mhír (3), a chur trí tráth na vótála seachtainiúla an chéad Déardaoin eile dá éis sin, ar 1.02 p.m. Ach, maidir le haon vótáil a éileofar ar an Dáil, déanfar an vótáil seachtainiúla an lá céanna.

(3) Mura n-ordóidh an Dáil a mhalaire, déanfar vótála a éileofar ar na nithe seo a leanas a thógáil láithreach:

(a) an Ceann Comhairle a thoghadh,
(b) an Taoiseach agus comhaltaí den Rialtas a ainmníú,
(c) tairiscint mhuintir na Rialtas nó as comhalta den Rialtas,
(d) tográí ar an Ord Gnó,
(e) tairiscint chun comhalta a chur ar fionraí,
(f) ceisteanna a éireoidh ag céim an Choiste, as Céim na Tuarascála agus as an gCéim Dheiridh de Bhillí.

Bualadh na gclog vótála agus an t-am chun glas a chur ar na doirse.

81. (1) Nuair a éileofar vótáil ar aon cheann de na nithe a liostaítear i mBuan-Ordú 80(3), déanfadh an Ceann Comhairle (faoi réir mhíreanna (2) agus (3))—

19 Féach Airteagal 28.8 den Bhunreacht.
(3) Provided always that no member may claim to move “That the question be now put” unless the Ceann Comhairle, the Leas-Cheann Comhairle or, in the case of a Standing, Select or Special Committee, the Chairman is in the Chair.

**ATTENDANCE OF MEMBERS OF SEANAD**

**Members of Government or Ministers of State who are members of the Seanad.**

79. A member of the Government or a Minister of State who is a member of the Seanad may attend and be heard in the Dáil.19

**DIVISIONS**

**Divisions may be demanded.**

80. (1) When any question is to be put to the Dáil or to a Committee of the whole Dáil, the Ceann Comhairle shall rise and announce that “The question is that”, thereupon reading or stating the question, requiring that as many as are of that opinion shall say “Tá”, and as many as are of contrary opinion shall say “Níl”. He or she shall judge from the answers to his or her questions, and declare the result, in his or her opinion, of the putting of the question.

(2) After the Ceann Comhairle shall have declared the result, in his or her opinion, of the putting of any question, any member who dissent may demand a division upon that question, whereupon the division shall, subject to paragraph (3), be deferred until the weekly division time on the next Thursday following, at 1.02 p.m. Provided that any division demanded on a Thursday before the weekly division time shall be taken at the weekly division time on the same day.

(3) Unless the Dáil shall otherwise order, divisions demanded on the following matters shall be taken forthwith:

(a) election of Ceann Comhairle,

(b) nomination of Taoiseach and members of the Government,

(c) motion of confidence in the Government or a member of the Government,

(d) proposals on the Order of Business,

(e) motion to suspend a member,

(f) questions arising on the Committee, Report and Final Stages of Bills.

**Division bells rung and time for locking doors.**

81. (1) When a division is demanded on any of the matters listed in Standing Order 80(3), the Ceann Comhairle shall (subject to paragraphs (2) and (3))—

19 See Article 28.8 of the Constitution.
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(a) a chur faoi deara na cloig vótála a bhualadh aon uair amháin ar feadh tréimhse nach lú ná sé nóiméad, agus

(b) a chur faoi deara glas a chur ar na doirse chomh luath, i ndiaidh seal nach lú ná ceithre nóiméad, agus a ordóidh sé nó sí é.

(2) I gcás go ndéanfar an cheist ar éilíodh an vótáil uirthi a chur láithreach tar éis an toradh ar vótáil roimhe sin a fhógairt—

(a) is é trí nóiméad ar a laghad fad na tréimhse a mbeidh na cloig vótála á mbualadh lena linn, agus

(b) is é dhá nóiméad ar a laghad fad an tseala idir na cloig a bhualadh agus an glas a chur ar na doirse.

(3) I gcás gur comhalta nach comhalta de ghrúpa mar a mhínítear i mBuan-Ordú 163 a d’éiligh an vótáil, is é dhá nóiméad ar a laghad fad an tseala idir na cloig a bhualadh agus an glas a chur ar na doirse.

(4) Tráth na vótála seachtainiúla ar an Déardaoin, nuair a bheidh an t-am ann chun déileáil le haon vótála a cuireadh siar faoi Bhuan-Ordú 80(2), déanfaidh an Ceann Comhairle (faoi réir mhír (5))—

(a) a chur faoi deara na cloig vótála a bhualadh aon uair amháin ar feadh tréimhse nach lú ná sé nóiméad, agus

(b) a chur faoi deara glas a chur ar na doirse chomh luath, i ndiaidh seal nach lú ná ceithre nóiméad, agus a ordóidh sé nó sí é.

(5) I gcás go mbeidh níos mó ná aon vótáil amháin tráth na vótála seachtainiúla ar an Déardaoin, maidir leis an dara vótáil den sórt sin agus le haon vótála ina dhiaidh sin—

(a) is é nóiméad amháin ar a laghad fad na tréimhse a mbeidh na cloig vótála á mbualadh lena linn, agus

(b) is é nóiméad amháin ar a laghad fad an tseala idir na cloig a bhualadh agus an glas a chur ar na doirse.

Vótála. 82. Nuair a bheidh an glas curtha ar na doirse, agus gach aon duine imithe as na pasáistí vótála, ordóidh an Ceann Comhairle don Dáil nó don Choiste den Dáil uile, vótáil a dhéanamh, agus ceapfaidh sé nó sí beirt áirithoír arna n-ainmniú go cuí do gach taobh: Ach, tar éis seal nach lú ná ceithre nóiméad nó dá nóiméad nó nóiméad amháin, de réir mar a bheidh, mar a flúrúil an mBuan-Ordú 81, féadfaidh an Ceann Comhairle ar cheist a chur arís, agus a fhógairt athuair cad é an toradh a bhí, dar leis nó léi, ar an gceist a chur, agus ní d'fhéadfadh vótáil mura gcuirfear an t-athfhógra sin in amhras: Ar choimíoll, fairis sin, i gcás nach mbeidh áirithoír ainmhithe ag taobh amháin, go bhfógraíodh an Ceann Comhairle cinneadh na Dála nó an Choiste i bhfabhar an taobh eile: Ar choimíoll i gcónaí, más doigh leis an gCeann Comhairle nach gá vótáil, go bhféadfaidh sé nó sí, tar éis seal nach lú ná na ceithre nóiméad nó an dá nóiméad nó an t-aon nóiméad amháin sin, de réir mar a bheidh, a iarraidh ar na comhaltaí atá
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(a) cause the division bells to be rung once for a period of not less than six minutes, and

(b) the doors to be locked so soon after the lapse of not less than four minutes as he or she shall direct.

(2) Where the question on which the division has been demanded is put immediately after the result of an earlier division has been declared—

(a) the period for which the division bells are rung shall be not less than three minutes, and

(b) the interval between the ringing of the bells and the locking of the doors shall be not less than two minutes.

(3) Where the division has been demanded by a member who is not a member of a group as defined in Standing Order 163, the interval between the ringing of the bells and the locking of the doors shall be not less than two minutes.

(4) At the weekly division time on Thursday, when the time has come to deal with any deferred divisions under Standing Order 80(2), the Ceann Comhairle shall (subject to paragraph (5))—

(a) cause the division bells to be rung once for a period of not less than six minutes, and

(b) the doors to be locked so soon after the lapse of not less than four minutes as he or she shall direct.

(5) Where there is more than one division at the weekly division time on Thursday, in respect of the second and any subsequent divisions—

(a) the period for which the division bells are rung shall be not less than one minute, and

(b) the interval between the ringing of the bells and the locking of the doors shall be not less than one minute.

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82. When the doors have been locked, and the division lobbies have been cleared, the Ceann Comhairle shall order the Dáil or Committee of the whole Dáil to divide, and shall appoint two duly nominated tellers for each side: Provided that after the lapse of not less than four or two minutes or one minute, as the case may be, as provided in Standing Order 81, the Ceann Comhairle may again put the question and declare afresh the result, in his or her opinion, of the putting of the question, and a division shall take place only if such fresh declaration is challenged: Provided further that, where tellers are not nominated by one side, the Ceann Comhairle shall declare the determination of the Dáil or Committee in favour of the other side: Provided always that the Ceann Comhairle may, after the lapse of not less than the said four or two minutes or one minute, as the case may be, if in his or her opinion a division is unnecessary, call upon the members who claim the division to rise in their places. If fewer than ten members so rise,
ag éileamh na vótála éirí ina n-áiteanna. Mura n-éireoidh deichniúr comhalta ar a laghad amhlaidh, fógróidh sé nó sí láithreach cinneadh na Dála nó an Choiste, agus cuirfear ar Chín Laoi Imeachtaí na Dála aímnneacha na gcomhaltaí easaontacha a d’éirigh amhlaidh.

**Vótálacha a dhéanamh trí mheán leictreonach.**

83. (1) Mura n-ordóidh an Dáil a mhalairt, féadfar vótálacha sa Dáil a dhéanamh trí mheán leictreonach ach amháin i gcás vótála a dháil aon cheann de na nithe seo a leanas:

(a) an Ceann Comhairle a thoghadh,

(b) an Taoiseach agus comhaltaí an Rialtais a aímnníú,

(c) tairiscint mhuintíne sa Rialtas.

(2) I gcás go gcuirfear don Ceann Comhairle in iúl don Dáil aon tráth nach féidir vótálacha a dhéanamh trí mheán leictreonach nó nach bhféadfar brath ar an toradh nó i gcás, ar aon chúis eile, gur dóigh leis nó léi nár cheart choiliú láithreach amhlaidh, féadfaidh an Ceann Comhairle a ordú don Dáil vótáil a dhéanamh nó vótáil a dhéanamh arís, de réir mar a bhéidh, ar an gceist, cibé acu trí mheán leictreonach nó ar shlí eile, de réir mar is cuí leis nó léi sna himthosca, nó féadfaidh sé nó sí tógáil na vótála a chur amháin i gcás an Dáil a thógáil.

(3) Ar thoradh vótála arna déanamh trí mheán leictreonach a bheith fógartha ag an gCeann Comhairle, más rud é gur 10 vóta nó nós lú an difríocht idir líon na vótála “Tá” agus líon na vótála “Níl” i dtoradh na vótála sin, féadfaidh aon chomhalta a éileamh—

(a) go ndéanfar an vótáil arís trí mheán leictreonach, nó

(b) go ndéanfar an vótáil arís ar shlí seachas trí mheán leictreonach,

agus, mura áiritheoir arna aímnníú nó sar hainmníú chun críocha na vótála sin an comhalta a éilíonn amhlaidh, glao faidh an Ceann Comhairle ar na comhaltaí atá ag tacú leis an éileamh éirí ina n-áiteanna, agus

(i) mura n-éireoidh fiche comhalta ar a laghad amhlaidh, fógróidh an Ceann Comhairle láithreach cinneadh an Choiste den Dáil uile, agus cuirfear ar Chín Laoi Imeachtaí na Dála aímnneacha na gcomhaltaí easaontacha a d’éirigh amhlaidh,

(ii) má éiríonn fiche comhalta ar a laghad amhlaidh nó más áiritheoir arna aímnníú nó sar hainmníú chun críocha na vótála sin an comhalta a éilíonn amhlaidh, ordóidh an Ceann Comhairle don Dáil vótáil a dhéanamh arís ar an gceist sa tslí inar éilíodh amhlaidh.

(4) Maidir le vótálacha trí mheán leictreonach, i gcás go ndéanfar an cheist ar éilíodh vótáil uirthi a chur láithreach tar éis an toradh ar vótáil roimhe sin a fhógairt, is é dhá nóiméad ar a laghad agus nóiméad amháin ar a laghad faoi seach fad na tréimhse a mbéidh na cloig vótála a mbualadh lena linn agus fad ag an tseala idir na cloig a bhuailadh agus agus glas a char a ra doirse.
he or she shall forthwith declare the determination of the Dáil or Committee, and the names of the members who so rise shall be recorded as dissenting in the Journal of the Proceedings of the Dáil.

Divisions: conduct of by electronic means.

83. (1) Unless the Dáil shall otherwise order, divisions in the Dáil may be conducted by electronic means save in the case of divisions on any of the following matters:

(a) election of Ceann Comhairle,

(b) nomination of the Taoiseach and members of the Government,

(c) motion of confidence in the Government.

(2) Where the Ceann Comhairle informs the Dáil at any time that it is not possible to conduct divisions by electronic means or that the result may be unreliable or where, for any other reason, he or she considers that divisions should not be so conducted, the Ceann Comhairle may order the Dáil to divide or to divide again, as the case may be, on the question, whether by electronic means or otherwise, as he or she considers appropriate in the circumstances, or may postpone the taking of the division to such later time as he or she shall direct.

(3) On the announcement by the Ceann Comhairle of the result of a division which has been taken by electronic means where, in the result of that division, the difference between the “Tá” and “Níl” votes is 10 or less, any member may demand—

(a) that the division be taken again by electronic means, or

(b) that the division be taken again otherwise than by electronic means,

and the Ceann Comhairle shall, unless the member who so demands is a teller nominated for the purposes of that division, call upon the members who support the demand to rise in their places, and

(i) if fewer than twenty members so rise, the Ceann Comhairle shall forthwith declare the determination of the Dáil or Committee of the whole Dáil, and the names of the members who so rise shall be recorded as dissenting in the Journal of the Proceedings of the Dáil,

(ii) if twenty or more members so rise or if the member who so demands is a teller nominated for the purposes of that division, the Ceann Comhairle shall order the Dáil to divide again on the question in the manner so demanded.

(4) In respect of divisions by electronic means, where the question on which a division has been demanded is put immediately after the result of an earlier division has been declared, the period for which the division bells are rung and the interval between the ringing of the bells and the locking of the doors shall be not less than two minutes and not less than one minute respectively.
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An vótáil a chur ar atráth i gcás bearta slándála speisialta a bheith i bhfeidhm.

84. Déanfaidh an Ceann Comhairle, más rud é, le linn imeachtaí faoi Bhan-Orduithe 81, 82 agus 83, i gcás aon vótála, gur deimhin leis nó léi gur cuireadh bac ar chomhaltaí an Seomra a shroicheadh mar is gnách mar gheall ar bhearta slándála speisialta a bheith i bhfeidhm i dTeach Laighean, na himeachtaí sin a stopadh agus tógáil na vótála sin a chur ar atráth go dtí cibé uair nó dáta ina dhiaidh sin a ordóidh sé nó sí.

Toradh na vótála a fhógairt.

85. Ar chríochnú an chomhairimh, síneoidh na háiritheoirí páipéar vótála agus sínfear é chuig an gCeann Comhairle, agus craolfaidh seisean nó sise na huimhreacha agus fógróidh an cinneadh.20 Athosclófar na doirse ansin.

Neamhréireachtaí maidir le vótálacha nó toirmeasc ar vótálacha.

86. Más rud é, le linn imeachtaí faoi Bhan-Orduithe 81, 82, 83 agus 85, gur deimhin leis an gCeann Comhairle—

(i) gur tharla neamhréireacht nár réitigh na háiritheoirí, féadfaidh sé nó sí a ordú go dtógfar an vótáil athuair (mura rud é gur deimhin leis nó léi nach ndéanann an neamhréireacht difear ábhartha do na huimhreacha a bheith taifeadta sa vótáil agus sa chás sin fógróidh sé nó sí cinneadh na Dála nó an Choiste); nó féadfaidh sé nó sí an fógra nó tógáil na vótála a chur síar go cibé uair nó dáta ina dhiaidh sin a ordóidh sé nó sí;

(ii) gur cuireadh toirmeasc ar thógáil na vótála agus go ndiuilfaíonn áiritheoirí aonbhrú amháin, gan cúis mhaith, Buan-Ordú 85 a chomhlíonadh, féadfaidh sé nó sí cinneadh na Dála nó an Choiste a fhógairt i bhfabhar an taoibh eile nó an fógra a chur síar go cibé uair nó dáta ina dhiaidh sin a ordóidh sé nó sí.

Vóta cinniúna agus staonadh.

87. (1) Taobh amuigh de chás dá bhforáiltear a mhalairt leis an mBunreacht, déanfar ceisteanna sa Dáil nó i gCoiste den Dáil uile a chinneadh le tromlach vótála na gcomhaltaí a bheith i láthair agus a dhéanfaidh vótáil, ach gan an Ceann Comhairle, nó an comhalta a bheith i gceannas, a áireamh, agus beidh véta cinniúna aige nó aici sin nach foláir dó nó di a thabhairt más ionann lión na vótála ar an dá thaobh.21

(2) Ciallaíonn an abairt “comhaltaí a bheith i láthair agus a dhéanfaidh vótáil” “comhaltaí a bheith i láthair agus a chaithfidh véta i bhfabhar nó i gcoinne na ceiste” agus ciallaíonn an abairt “staonadh” “staonadh ó vétaíl i bhfabhar a chlárú go foirmiúil”.22

(3) Féadfaidh comhaltaí a chlárú go foirmiúil gur staoi siad ó vétaíl, ach measfar, maidir le comhaltaí a staonfaidh ó vétaíl, nach ndearna siad vétaíl cibé acu a roghnóidh nó nach roghnóidh siad staonadh ó vétaíl a chlárú go foirmiúil: Ar choinníoll go gcuireann ar Chún Lae Imeachtaí na Dála ainmneacha na gcomhaltaí a staonfaidh ó vétaíl agus a dhéanfaidh a staonadh a chlárú go foirmiúil.

20 Féach freisin B.O. 22 agus 90 maidir le vótálacha agus córaim sa Dáil.
21 Féach Airteagal 15.11 den Bhunreacht.
Postponement of taking of division in case of special security measures.

84. If, in the course of proceedings under Standing Orders 81, 82 and 83, in the case of any division, the Ceann Comhairle is satisfied that normal access by members to the Chamber has been impeded by the implementation of special security measures at Leinster House, he or she shall interrupt such proceedings and shall postpone the taking of such division to such later time or date as he or she shall direct.

Declaration of result of division.

85. On the completion of the count, the tellers shall sign a division paper which shall be handed to the Ceann Comhairle who shall announce the numbers and declare the decision. The doors shall then be re-opened.

Irregularities in, or obstruction of, divisions.

86. If, in the course of proceedings under Standing Orders 81, 82, 83 and 85, the Ceann Comhairle is satisfied that—

(i) an irregularity has occurred which has not been resolved by the tellers, he or she may order that the division be taken afresh (unless he or she is satisfied that the irregularity does not materially affect the numbers recorded in the division whereupon he or she shall declare the determination of the Dáil or the Committee); or he or she may postpone the declaration or the taking of the division to such later time or date as he or she shall direct;

(ii) the taking of the division has been obstructed and the tellers of one side refuse to comply with Standing Order 85 without good reason, he or she may declare the determination of the Dáil or the Committee in favour of the other side or postpone the declaration to such later time or date as he or she may direct.

Casting vote and abstentions.

87. (1) Questions in the Dáil or in a Committee of the whole Dáil, shall, save as otherwise provided by the Constitution, be determined by a majority of the votes of the members present and voting, other than the Ceann Comhairle, or presiding member, who shall have and exercise a casting vote in the case of an equality of votes.

(2) The phrase “members present and voting” means “members present and casting an affirmative or negative vote” and the phrase “to abstain” means “to refrain from voting either for or against the question”.

(3) Members may formally register their abstention but members who abstain from voting, whether they choose to formally register their abstention or not, shall be considered as not voting: Provided that the names of members who formally register abstention shall be recorded as abstaining in the Journal of the Proceedings of the Dáil.

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20 See also S.O.s 22 and 90 re divisions and quorums in the Dáil.
21 See Article 15.11 of the Constitution.
Dul i gCoiste.

88. Rachaidh an Dáil i gCoiste aon uair a shroichfear gnó ar Riar na hOibre a bheidh le breithniú i gCoiste.

An córam i gCoiste den Dáil uile.

89. Is é is córam i gCoiste den Dáil uile ná an lín céanna comholtaí is gá chuim córam den Dáil a dhéanamh.22

Easpa córaim i gCoiste den Dáil uile (lena n-áirítear ar thuairisc vótála).

90. Más rud é le linn suí de Choiste den Dáil uile, ar ócáid seachas le linn Bille comhalta phríobháidigh a bheith faoi bhreithniú, go gcéir fhéidir comhalta in iúl don Chathaoir nach bhfuil córam i láthair, nó más léir sin ó thuairisc vótála, buailfear na cloig vótála ar feadh seal nach lú ná trí nóiméad agus más rud é, i gceann seal nach lú ná trí nóiméad, go mbeifear fós gan chóram, athcliobhaidh an Dáil ar a gnó agus tuairiscíofar nach raibh córam i láthair. I gceann seal nach lú ná trí nóiméad, comhairfidh an Ceann Comhairle an Dáil (tar éis bhuailadh na gclog), agus má bhítear fós gan chóram cuirfidh sé nós sí an suí ar fionraí go dtí aon uair is déanaí ná sin agus a luaidh idh nó sí, nó cuirfidh sé nós sí an Dáil ar athló go dtaighde lá eile chun suí gan ceist a chur, agus ní mheasfar aon chomhchéimheasa leis an vótáil sin; agus déanfar an t-am a cuireadh ar an Dáil ar athló amhlaidh, mar aon le hainmnighéa ar gcomholtaí a bhí i láthair, a chur síos ar Chín Laochtaí na Dála; ach má bhíonn córam i láthair rachaidh an Dáil i gCoiste arís.23

An nós imeachta i gCoiste.

91. (1) Bainfidh na rialacha i dtaobh nós imeachta sa Dáil leis an nós imeachta i gCoiste den Dáil uile, agus i mBuan-Choistí, i Roghchoistí nó i gCoistí Speisialta, ach amháin go bhfuil an Dáil tar éis a mhalairt a ordú leis an nós imeachta i gCoiste den Dáil uile, ach amháin go bhfuil an Dáil tar éis a mhalairt a ordú leis an nós imeachta i gCoistí Speisialta, ach amháin go bhfuil an Dáil tar éis a mhalairt a ordú leis an nós imeachta i gCoistí Speisialta.

(2) Bainfidh na rialacha i dtaobh nós imeachta i Roghchoistí agus i mBuan-Choistí, de réir mar is cuí, le nós imeachta i gComhchoistí.

(3) Bainfidh na rialacha i dtaobh nós imeachta i Roghchoistí, de réir mar is cuí, le nós imeachta i bhFochoistí de na Coistí sin.

An chéad chruinniú de Bhuan-Choiste, de Roghchoiste nó de Choiste Speisialta: cruinnithe a chur siar nó a thabhairt ar aghaidh.

92. (1) Is é Cléireach an Choistí a chomóraidh an chéad chruinniú de Bhuan-Choiste, de Roghchoiste nó de Choiste Speisialta a chur siar nó a thabhairt ar aghaidh.

(2) Féadfaidh Cathaoirleach an Dáil, a chomhchoistí Speisialta, le comhaltaí dhá thriú ar a laghad de chomhaltaí an Choiste—

(a) cruinniú den Choiste a chomóradh le haghaidh dár nó a dár a socraíodh ar an athló,
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Going into Committee.

88. The Dáil shall go into Committee whenever it reaches business on the Order Paper which is to be considered in Committee.

Quorum in Committee of the whole Dáil.

89. The quorum in Committee of the whole Dáil shall consist of the same number of members as shall be requisite to form a quorum of the Dáil.22

Absence of a quorum in Committee of the whole Dáil (including on the report of a division).

90. If during a sitting of a Committee of the whole Dáil, other than while a private member’s Bill is under consideration, a member calls the attention of the Chair to the fact that a quorum is not present, or if on the report of a division such fact shall appear, the division bells shall be rung for a period of not less than three minutes, and if after an interval of not less than three minutes a quorum is still not present, the Dáil shall resume and a report shall be made that a quorum was not present. The Ceann Comhairle shall, at the expiration of not less than three minutes (the bells having been rung) count the Dáil, and if a quorum is still not present he or she shall suspend the sitting to a later hour to be named by him or her, or shall adjourn the Dáil without question put until the next sitting day; and no decision shall be considered to have been arrived at by such division; and the hour of such adjournment, as also the names of the members present, shall be entered in the Journal of the Proceedings of the Dáil; but if a quorum is present the Dáil shall again go into Committee.23

Procedure in Committees.

91. (1) The rules as to procedure in the Dáil shall apply to procedure in Committee of the whole Dáil, and in Standing, Select or Special Committees, except that a member may speak more than once on the same question.

(2) The rules as to procedure in Select and Standing Committees shall apply, as appropriate, to procedure in Joint Committees.

(3) The rules as to procedure in Select Committees shall apply, as appropriate, to procedure in sub-Committees of such Committees.

First meeting of Standing, Select or Special Committee: postponement or bringing forward of meetings.

92. (1) The first meeting of a Standing, Select or Special Committee shall be summoned by the Clerk to the Committee unless the Dáil has otherwise ordered.

(2) The Chairman of a Standing, Select or Special Committee may, with the agreement of not less than two-thirds of the members of the Committee—

(a) summon a meeting of the Committee for a date earlier than that fixed on the adjournment,

22 See S.O. 21.
23 See also S.O.s 22 and 112 re divisions and quorums.
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(b) cruinniú den Choiste a chur siar go dtí dáta nach déanaí ná trí seachtaine tar éis an dáta a socraioidh ar an athló.

Cruinnithe Coiste a Chur ar Fionrá.

93. Féadfar tairiscint go gcúirfear cruinniú de Bhuan-Choiste, de Roghchoiste nó de Choiste Speisialta ar fionrá go dtí trí trí an lá céanna a dhéanamh, le cead ó Chatхаoirleach an Choiste, agus gan fógra. Ceapfar leis an tairiscint sin an trí trí a atosóidh an cruinniú. Ní ghlaificar le haon tairiscint den sórt sin mós dóigh le Chatхаoirleach an Choiste fáth a dhéanamh chun moill nó toirmíseasc a chur ar an gnó.

Scóip agus Comhthéacs Gníomhаíochtaí Roghchoistí.

94. (1) Féadfaidh an Dáil Roghchoiste a cheapadh chun breithniú a dhéanamh agus, má cheadaítear sin, fionaire a glacadh ar aon Bhille, Meastachán nó nó, agus a thuairim a thuairiscí mar eolais mar chabhair don Dáil. Sa tairiscint sin, luafar go sonrach tءارمائ tagartha an Choiste, miseofar na cumhachtaí a thugtar dó, sociórfa an lіon comhaltaí atá lé féinamh air, luafar an córam agus féadfar dáta a cheapadh ar a ndéanfaidh an Coiste tuairiscí den Dáil.

(2) Beidh sé ina theoir do gach Roghchoiste—

(a) nach bhféadfaidh sé ach na nithe sin a bhreithniú, ghabháil do na gníomhаíochtaí sin, na cumhachtaí sin a fheidhmiú agus na feidhmeanna sin a urscaoileadh a údarófar go sonrach faoi na ndeacair orduithe tagartha agus agus ò na Buan-Orduithe;

(b) go mbainfidh na nithe, na gníomhаíochtaí, cumhachtaí agus na feidhmeanna sin le húllmhú tuarascála den Dáil agus nach n-éireoidh siad ach i gcomhthéacs ullmhú tuarascála den sórt sin;

(c) nach mbreithneoidh sé aon ní atá á bhreithniú ag an gCoiste um Chuntais Phoiblí, nó a mbeidh fógra tugtha ag an gCoiste um Chuntais Phoiblí i dtáobh é a bhreith beartaithe é a bhreithniú, de bhun Bhuan-Ordú 218 agus/nó Acht an Ard-Reachtais Cuntas agus Ciste (Leasú), 1993;

(d) nach mbreithneoidh sé aon ní a bheidh á bhreithniú ag an gComhchoiste um Achainнócha ón bPobal, nó ar thug an Comhchoiste sin fógra faoi á rá go bhfuel beartaithe aige é a bhreithniú, i bhfeidhmiú a fheidhmeanna faoi Bhuan-Ordú 125(1); agus

(e) go staonfaidh sé ó aon ní a fhiosrú i seisiúin poiblí nó ó fhaisnéis rūnda maidir le haon nó a fhoilsíú más rud é go n-íarfaidh na daoine seo a leanas amhlaidh air, ar chúiseanna a shonrófar agus a thabharfar i scribhinn—

(i) comhalta den Rialtas nó Aire Stáit, nó

(ii) sealbhóir príomhoifige comhlachta atá faoi choimirce Roinne nó atá á mhaoiniú go páirteach nó go hionlán ag an Stát nó atá bunaithe nó ceaptha ag comhalta den Rialtas nó ag an Oireachtas:

Ar choimníoll go bhféadfaidh an Chatхаoirleach achomharca a dhéanamh chug an gCheann Comhairle in agaidh aon iarraithe den sórt sin a dhéanfar, agus is cinneadh críochnaítheach a bheidh i gcinneadh an Cheann Comhairle.
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(b) postpone a meeting of the Committee to a date not later than three weeks from that fixed on the adjournment.

Suspension of Committee Meetings.

93. A motion that a meeting of a Standing, Select or Special Committee be suspended until a later time on the same day may be made, by permission of the Chairman of the Committee, and without notice. Such motion shall fix the time of the resumption of the meeting. Any such motion which is deemed by the Chairman of the Committee to be dilatory or obstructive shall not be accepted.

Scope and Context of Activities of Select Committees.

94. (1) The Dáil may appoint a Select Committee to consider and, if so permitted, to take evidence upon any Bill, Estimate or matter, and to report its opinion for the information and assistance of the Dáil. Such motion shall specifically state the orders of reference of the Committee, define the powers devolved upon it, fix the number of members to serve on it, state the quorum, and may appoint a date upon which the Committee shall report back to the Dáil.

(2) It shall be an instruction to each Select Committee that—

(a) it may only consider such matters, engage in such activities, exercise such powers and discharge such functions as are specifically authorised under its orders of reference and under Standing Orders;

(b) such matters, activities, powers and functions shall be relevant to, and shall arise only in the context of, the preparation of a report to the Dáil;

(c) it shall not consider any matter which is being considered, or of which notice has been given of a proposal to consider, by the Committee of Public Accounts pursuant to Standing Order 218 and/or the Comptroller and Auditor General (Amendment) Act 1993;

(d) it shall not consider any matter which is being considered, or of which notice has been given of a proposal to consider, by the Joint Committee on Public Petitions in the exercise of its functions under Standing Order 125(1); and

(e) it shall refrain from inquiring into in public session or publishing confidential information regarding any matter if so requested, for stated reasons given in writing, by—

(i) a member of the Government or a Minister of State, or

(ii) the principal office-holder of a body under the aegis of a Department or which is partly or wholly funded by the State or established or appointed by a member of the Government or by the Oireachtas:

Provided that the Chairman may appeal any such request made to the Ceann Comhairle, whose decision shall be final.
(3) Beidh sé ina threoir do gach Roghchoiste a gcuiúrtear Billí faoina mbráid go gcinnteoidh siad nach suífídh níos mó ná dhá Roghchoiste chun Bille a bheithnú ar aon lá áirithe, mura rud é go ndéanafaidh an Dáil, tar éis do Chathaoirleach an Roghchoiste fógra cuí a thabhairt, an treoir sin a tharscaioleadh ar thairiscint arna déanamh ag an Taoiseach de bhun Bhuan-Ordú 35. Beidh Cathaoirligh Roghchoistí freagrach as an treoir sin a chomhlíonadh.

Feidhmeanna Roghchoistí Roinne.

95. (1) Féadfaidh an Dáil Roghchoiste a cheapadh chun breithnú a dhéanamh agus tuairisciú don Dáil—

(a) ar cibé gnéithe de chaiteachas, riaradh agus beartas Roinne nó Ranna Rialtais agus comhachtáí poiblí gaolmhara a roghnóidh an Coiste, agus

(b) ar nithe a bhaineann leis an Aontas Eorpach agus a thagann faoi chúram na Roinne nó na Ranna iomchuí.

(2) Féadfar Roghchoiste arna cheapadh de bhun an Bhuan-Ordaithe seo a chomhcheangal le Roghchoiste arna cheapadh ag Seanad Éireann chun críocha na bhfeidhmeanna a leagtar amach sa Bhuan-Ordú seo, seachas i mír (3), agus chun tuairisciú do dhá Theach an Oireachtais ar an gcéanna.

(3) Gan dochar do ghinearáltacht mír (1), breithneoidh Roghchoiste arna cheapadh de bhun an Bhuan-Ordaithe seo, maidir leis an Roínn nó leis na Ranna iomchuí—

(a) cibé Billí,

(b) cibé tográ a bheidh in aon tairiscint, lena n-áirítear aon tairiscint de réir bhrí Bhuan-Ordú 220,

(c) cibé Meastacháin i gcomhair Seirbhísí Poiblí, agus

(d) cibé nithe eile,

a tharchuirfídh an Dáil chuig an Roghchoiste, agus

(e) Ráitis Bhliantúila Aschuir, lena n-áirítear feidhmíocht, éifeachtacht agus éifeachtúlacht i dtaca le húsáid airgíd poiblí, agus

(f) cibé Athbhreithnithe ar Luach ar Airgead agus Beartas a roghnóidh an Roghchoiste.

(4) Gan dochar do ghinearáltacht mír (1), féadfaidh Roghchoiste arna cheapadh de bhun an Bhuan-Ordaithe seo na nithe seo a leanas a bheithnú maidir leis an Roínn nó na Ranna iomchuí agus mairidh le comhlachtáí poiblí gaolmhara:

(a) nithe a bhainean le beartas agus rialachas a bhfuil an tAire freagrach iomtu go hoifigiúil,

(b) gnóthaí poiblí atá faoi riaradh na Roinne,
(3) It shall be an instruction to all Select Committees to which Bills are referred that they shall ensure that not more than two Select Committees shall meet to consider a Bill on any given day, unless the Dáil, after due notice given by the Chairman of the Select Committee, waives this instruction on motion made by the Taoiseach pursuant to Standing Order 35. The Chairmen of Select Committees shall have responsibility for compliance with this instruction.

Functions of Departmental Select Committees.

95. (1) The Dáil may appoint a Select Committee to consider and report to the Dáil on—

(a) such aspects of the expenditure, administration and policy of a Government Department or Departments and associated public bodies as the Committee may select, and

(b) European Union matters within the remit of the relevant Department or Departments.

(2) A Select Committee appointed pursuant to this Standing Order may be joined with a Select Committee appointed by Seanad Éireann for the purposes of the functions set out in this Standing Order, other than at paragraph (3), and to report thereon to both Houses of the Oireachtas.

(3) Without prejudice to the generality of paragraph (1), a Select Committee appointed pursuant to this Standing Order shall consider, in respect of the relevant Department or Departments, such—

(a) Bills,

(b) proposals contained in any motion, including any motion within the meaning of Standing Order 220,

(c) Estimates for Public Services, and

(d) other matters,

as shall be referred to the Select Committee by the Dáil, and

(e) Annual Output Statements including performance, efficiency and effectiveness in the use of public moneys, and

(f) such Value for Money and Policy Reviews as the Select Committee may select.

(4) Without prejudice to the generality of paragraph (1), a Select Committee appointed pursuant to this Standing Order may consider the following matters in respect of the relevant Department or Departments and associated public bodies:

(a) matters of policy and governance for which the Minister is officially responsible,

(b) public affairs administered by the Department,
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(c) saincheisteanna beartais a eacraíonn as Athbhreithnithe ar Luach ar Airgead agus Beartas arna seoladh nó arna geoirimisiún ag an Roinn,

(d) beartas agus rialachas Rialtais i leith comhlachtaí atá faoi choimirce na Roinne,

(e) saincheisteanna beartais agus rialachais a bhaineann le comhlachtaí atá á maoiniú go páirteach nó go hiomlán ag an Stát nó atá bunaithe nó ceaptha ag comhalta den Rialtas nó den Oireachtas,

(f) scéim ghinearálta nó dréacht-cheannteidil aon Bhille,

(g) grinnscrúdú ar Bhílí comhaltaí próbháideacha de réir Bhuan-Ordú 178, nó grinnscrúdú mionsonraithte ar Bhílí comhaltaí próbháideacha de réir Bhuan-Ordú 161,

(h) aon tuarascáil iar-achtaíochtaí ar aon Bhille arna achtú ag Tithe an Oireachtais, ar tuarascáil í a leagann comhalta den Rialtais nó Aire Stát faoi bhráid ceachtar Teach nó an dá Theach,

(i) ionstraimí reachtúla, lena n-áirítear na hionstraimí reachtúla sin a leagtar, nó a leagtar ina ndráíocht, faoi bhráid ceachtar Teach nó an dá Theach agus na hionstraimí reachtúla sin arna ndéanamh faoi Achtanna na gComhphobail Eorpa, 1972 go 2009,

(j) ráitis straitéise a leagtar faoi bhráid ceachtar Teach den Oireachtas nó faoi bhráid dhá Theach an Oireachtais de bhun an Acht um Bainistíocht na Seirbhíse Poiblí, 1997,

(k) tuarascáil a bhiantú nó tuarascáil a bhiantú agus cuntáis, is gá de réir dlí agus a leagtar faoi bhráid ceachtar Teach den Oireachtas nó faoi bhráid dhá Theach an Oireachtais, ar tuarascáil a bhiantú nó tuarascáil a bhiantú agus cuntáis iad de chuid na Roinne nó na gcomhlachtaí dá dtagraítear i bhfomháireanna (d) agus (e) agus toirt oibre agus oibre féinbhíochta agus oibre foirmláí, ráitis straitéise agus pleanan corpáideacha na gcomhlachtaí sin, agus

(l) cibé nithe eile a tharchuirfidh an Dáil chuige ó am go ham.

(5) Gan dochar do ghinearáltacht mhír (1), breithneoidh Roghchoiste arna cheapadh de bhun an Bhuan-Ordaithe seo, maidir leis an Roinn nó leis na Ranna iomchuí—

(a) dréachtghníomhartha reachtachta AE arna dtarchur chuig an Roghchoiste faoi Bhuan-Ordú 133, lena n-áirítear an chaoi a gcomhlíonann na gníomhartha sin prionsabal na coimhdeachta,

(b) tográí eile le haghaidh reachtaíocht AE agus saincheisteanna beartais gaolmhara, lena n-áirítear cláir agus treoirlínte arna n-ullmhú ag an gCoimisiún Eorpa mar bhonn le gníomh reachtach a d’fhéadfadh a dhéanamh,

(c) doiciméid neamhreachtacha arna bhfoilsíú ag aon institiúid de chuid AE i ndáil le nithe a bhaineann le beartais AE, agus

(d) nithe a liostaítear lena mbreithníú ar an gclár oibre do chuiminnithe den Chomhairle Airí iomchuí de chuid AE agus toradh na gcrúinnithe sin.
(c) policy issues arising from Value for Money and Policy Reviews conducted or commissioned by the Department,

(d) Government policy and governance in respect of bodies under the aegis of the Department,

(e) policy and governance issues concerning bodies which are partly or wholly funded by the State or which are established or appointed by a member of the Government or the Oireachtas,

(f) the general scheme or draft heads of any Bill,

(g) scrutiny of private members’ Bills in accordance with Standing Order 178, or detailed scrutiny of private members’ Bills in accordance with Standing Order 161,

(h) any post-enactment report laid before either House or both Houses by a member of the Government or Minister of State on any Bill enacted by the Houses of the Oireachtas,

(i) statutory instruments, including those laid or laid in draft before either House or both Houses and those made under the European Communities Acts 1972 to 2009,

(j) strategy statements laid before either or both Houses of the Oireachtas pursuant to the Public Service Management Act 1997,

(k) annual reports or annual reports and accounts, required by law, and laid before either or both Houses of the Oireachtas, of the Department or bodies referred to in subparagraphs (d) and (e) and the overall performance and operational results, statements of strategy and corporate plans of such bodies, and

(l) such other matters as may be referred to it by the Dáil from time to time.

(5) Without prejudice to the generality of paragraph (1), a Select Committee appointed pursuant to this Standing Order shall consider, in respect of the relevant Department or Departments—

(a) EU draft legislative acts standing referred to the Select Committee under Standing Order 133, including the compliance of such acts with the principle of subsidiarity,

(b) other proposals for EU legislation and related policy issues, including programmes and guidelines prepared by the European Commission as a basis of possible legislative action,

(c) non-legislative documents published by any EU institution in relation to EU policy matters, and

(d) matters listed for consideration on the agenda for meetings of the relevant EU Council of Ministers and the outcome of such meetings.
(6) I gcás go mbeidh Roghchoiste arna cheapadh de bhun an Bhuana-Ordaithe seo comhcheangailte le Roghchoiste arna cheapadh ag Seanad Éireann, beidh Cathaoirleach Roghchoiste na Dála ina Chathaoirleach nó ina Cathaoirleach ar an gComhchoiste freisin.

(7) Féadfaidh na daoine seo a leanas freastal ar chuinnithe de Roghchoiste nó de Chomhchoiste arna cheapadh de bhun an Bhuana-Ordaithe seo, chun criochna an bhfeidhmneanna a leagtar amach i mír (5), agus féadfaidh siad páirt a ghluadh in imeachtaif gan ceart vótála a bheith acu nó an ceart tairiscintí a dhéanamh agus leasuithe a thairiscint:

(a) comhaltaí de Pharlainmint na hÉorpa arna dtoghadh ó thoghlaigh in Éirinn, lena n-áirítear Tuaisceart Éireann,

(b) comhaltaí de thoscaireacht na hÉireann chuig Tionól Parlaiminteach Chomhairle na hÉorpa, agus

(c) ar chuireadh a fháil ón gCoiste, comhaltaí eile de Pharlainmint na hÉorpa.

(8) Féadfaidh Roghchoiste arna cheapadh de bhun an Bhuana-Ordaithe seo, i leith aon Ombudsman a bhfuil sé de chur am air nó uirthi formhaoirsí a dhéanamh ar sheirbhísí poiblí foai réim chur ar formhaoíocht na Roinne nó na Ranna iomchuí, breithniú agus dhéanamh—

(a) ar cibé tairiscintí a bhaineann le hOmbudsman a cheapadh agus a tharchuirfear chuig an gCoiste, agus

(b) ar cibé tuarascáil a bhaineann le hOmbudsman a leagtar faoi bhráid teach na Oireachtas nó faoi bhráid Teach den Oireachtas nó faoi bhráid Teach na hÉireann a bhíonn in ann gheall ar cheadchúram beartais na Roinne nó na Ranna iomchuí, creithniú nó dhéánas amháin.

Cumhachtaí Roghchoístí.

96. Gan dochar do ghineárlacht Bhuan-Ordú 94, féadfaidh an Dáil aon cheann nó gach ceann de na cumhachtaí seo a leanas a thabhairt do Roghchoiste:

(1) an chumhacht fianaíse béil agus fianaíse scríofa a ghluadh agus miantuariscí ar an bhfhianaise sin a glacadh go poiblí os comhair an Roghchoiste mar aon le haon doiciméid ghoalmhara is cuí leis an Roghchoiste, a chlódhuladh agus a fhóilsiú ó am go ham;

(2) an chumhacht cuir i láthair ó bhéal agus aighneachtaí scríofa ó dhaoine nó ó chomhlauchtait leasmhara a iarraidh agus glacadh leo;

(3) an chumhacht fios a chur ar dhaoine, ar pháipéir agus ar thairdéid24;

24 Féach freisin B.O. 99.
(6) Where a Select Committee appointed pursuant to this Standing Order has been joined with a Select Committee appointed by Seanad Éireann, the Chairman of the Dáil Select Committee shall also be the Chairman of the Joint Committee.

(7) The following may attend meetings of a Select or Joint Committee appointed pursuant to this Standing Order, for the purposes of the functions set out in paragraph (5) and may take part in proceedings without having a right to vote or to move motions and amendments:

(a) members of the European Parliament elected from constituencies in Ireland, including Northern Ireland,

(b) members of the Irish delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, and

(c) at the invitation of the Committee, other members of the European Parliament.

(8) A Select Committee appointed pursuant to this Standing Order may, in respect of any Ombudsman charged with oversight of public services within the policy remit of the relevant Department or Departments, consider—

(a) such motions relating to the appointment of an Ombudsman as may be referred to the Committee, and

(b) such Ombudsman reports laid before either or both Houses of the Oireachtas as the Committee may select: Provided that the provisions of Standing Order 130 apply where the Select Committee has not considered the Ombudsman report, or a portion or portions thereof, within two months (excluding Christmas, Easter or summer recess periods) of the report being laid before either or both Houses of the Oireachtas.

Powers of Select Committees.

96. Without prejudice to the generality of Standing Order 94, the Dáil may confer any or all of the following powers on a Select Committee:

(1) power to take oral and written evidence and to print and publish from time to time minutes of such evidence taken in public before the Select Committee together with such related documents as the Select Committee thinks fit;

(2) power to invite and accept oral presentations and written submissions from interested persons or bodies;

(3) power to send for persons, papers and records24;

24 See also S.O. 99.
(4) an chumhacht Fochoistí a cheapadh agus aon ní a chuimsítear lena orduithe tagartha a tharchur chuig na Fochoistí sin agus aon cheann dá chumhachtaí a tharmligean chun na bhFochoistí sin, lena n-áirítear an chumhacht tuairisciú go díreach don Dáil;

(5) an chumhacht moltaf a dhréachtú maidir le hathrú reachtaíochta agus maidir le reachtaithe nua;

(6) an chumhacht scrúdú a dhéanamh ar aon ionstraim reachtúil, lena n-áirítear an hionstraimí reachtúla sin a leagtar, nó a leagtar ina ndráacht, faoi bhruaidh Teach nó an dá Theach agus na hionstraimí reachtúla sin arna ndéanamh faoi Achtanna na gComhpobal Éireannach, 1972 go 2009, agus moladh a dhéanamh, más díogha leis gur gá gníomh den sórt sin a dhéanamh, i dtaoibh ar chóir an hionstraim a neamhniú nó a leasú;

(7) chun crócha mhír (6), an chumhacht ceangal a chur ar aon Roinn Rialtais nó ar aon údarás déanta ionstraimí lena mbainneann Meabhhrán a chur faoi bhruaidh an Roghchoiste ina míneofar aon ionstraim reachtúil atá faoi bhréithniú nó a bheith i láthair ag cruinniú den Roghchoiste chun aon ionstraim reachtúil den sórt sin a mhiníú: Ar choinníoll go bhféadfadh an Roinn sin nó an t-údarás sin diúltú a bheith i láthair ar chúiseanna a shonrófar agus a thabharfar i scribhinn don Roghchoiste, agus féadfaidh an Roghchoiste tuairisciú don Dáil ina leith sin;

(8) an chumhacht ceangal a chur ar chomhalta den Rialtas nó Aire Stáit a bheith i láthair os comhair an Roghchoiste chun beartas a bhfuil sé nó sí freagrach ann go hoifigiúil a phlé: Ar choinníoll go bhféadfadh comhalta den Rialtas nó Aire Stáit diúltú a bheith i láthair ar chúiseanna a shonrófar agus a thabharfar i scribhinn don Roghchoiste, agus féadfaidh an Roghchoiste tuairisciú don Dáil ina leith sin: agus ar choinníoll fairis sin go bhféadfadh comhalta den Rialtas nó Aire Stáit a iarraidh a bheith i láthair ag cruinniú den Roghchoiste, lena chumasaí dó nó di an beartas sin a phlé;

(9) an chumhacht ceangal a chur ar chomhalta den Rialtas nó Aire Stáit a bheith i láthair os comhair an Roghchoiste chun beartas a bhfuil sé nó sí freagrach inte go hoifigiúil: Ar choinníoll go bhféadfadh comhalta den Rialtas nó Aire Stáit diúltú a bheith i láthair ar chúiseanna a shonrófar agus a thabharfar i scribhinn don Roghchoiste, agus féadfaidh an Roghchoiste tuairisciú don Dáil ina leith sin: agus ar choinníoll fairis sin go bhféadfadh comhalta den Rialtas nó Aire Stáit a iarraidh a bheith i láthair ag cruinniú den Roghchoiste, lena chumasú dó nó di an beartas sin a phlé;

(10) an chumhacht ceangal a chur ar chomhalta den Rialtas nó Aire Stáit a bheith i láthair os comhair an Roghchoiste agus mionteaguisce ó bhéal a thabhairt, i seisiún próbháideach más rud ét go n-iarraífaidh an comhalta den Rialtas nó an tAire Stáit amhlaidh, roimh chuimhneachtaí é, iomphluain-chuí de chuid AE chun a chumasú don Roghchoiste a thuairimí a chur in iúl: Ar choinníoll go bhfáilfaidh an Coiste ceangal a chur ar chomhalta den Rialtas nó Aire Stáit a bheith i láthair amhlaidh tar éis na chuimhneachtaí sin freisin;

(11) an chumhacht ceangal a chur ar Chathaoirleach ainminthe comhlaigh achta nó gníomhaireachta atá faoi choimhrice Roinne a bheith i láthair os comhair an Roghchoiste, sula gceapair é nó í, chun na tosaíochtaí straitéiseacha atá aige nó aici maidir leis an ról a phlé;

(12) an chumhacht ceangal a chur ar chomhalta den Rialtas nó Aire Stáit atá freagraigh go hoifigiúil in Acht a chur i gniomh freastal os comhair Roghchoiste i ndáil le tuarascáil faoi Bhuan-Ordú 197 a bhréithniú;

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(4) power to appoint sub-Committees and to refer to such sub-Committees any matter comprehended by its orders of reference and to delegate any of its powers to such sub-Committees, including power to report directly to the Dáil;

(5) power to draft recommendations for legislative change and for new legislation;

(6) power to examine any statutory instrument, including those laid or laid in draft before either House or both Houses and those made under the European Communities Acts 1972 to 2009, and to recommend, where it considers that such action is warranted, whether the instrument should be annulled or amended;

(7) for the purposes of paragraph (6), power to require any Government Department or instrument-making authority concerned to submit a Memorandum to the Select Committee explaining any statutory instrument under consideration or to attend a meeting of the Select Committee for the purpose of explaining any such statutory instrument: Provided that such Department or authority may decline to attend for stated reasons given in writing to the Select Committee, which may report thereon to the Dáil;

(8) power to require that a member of the Government or Minister of State shall attend before the Select Committee to discuss policy for which he or she is officially responsible: Provided that a member of the Government or Minister of State may decline to attend for stated reasons given in writing to the Select Committee, which may report thereon to the Dáil: and provided further that a member of the Government or Minister of State may request to attend a meeting of the Select Committee to enable him or her to discuss such policy;

(9) power to require that a member of the Government or Minister of State shall attend before the Select Committee to discuss proposed primary or secondary legislation (prior to such legislation being published) for which he or she is officially responsible: Provided that a member of the Government or Minister of State may decline to attend for stated reasons given in writing to the Select Committee, which may report thereon to the Dáil: and provided further that a member of the Government or Minister of State may request to attend a meeting of the Select Committee to enable him or her to discuss such proposed legislation;

(10) power to require that a member of the Government or Minister of State shall attend before the Select Committee and provide, in private session if so requested by the member of the Government or Minister of State, oral briefings in advance of meetings of the relevant EU Council of Ministers to enable the Select Committee to make known its views: Provided that the Committee may also require such attendance following such meetings;

(11) power to require that the Chairperson designate of a body or agency under the aegis of a Department shall, prior to his or her appointment, attend before the Select Committee to discuss his or her strategic priorities for the role;

(12) power to require that a member of the Government or Minister of State who is officially responsible for the implementation of an Act shall attend before a Select Committee in relation to the consideration of a report under Standing Order 197;
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(13) faoi réir aon srianta a bheidh forordaithe thairis sin le dlí, an chumhacht ceangal a chur ar shealbhóirí priomhoifigiú i gcomhlachtaí sa Stát atá á maoiniú nó go páirteach nó go hiomlán ag an Stát nó atá bunaíthe nó ceadtha ag comhaltaí den Rialtais nó ag an Oireachtais a bheith i láthair ag cruinnithe den Roghchoiste, de réir mar is cuí, chun saincheisteanna a phlé a bhfuil siad freagrach iontu go hoifigiúil: Ar choimnioll go bhféidirfaidh sealbhóirí oifige den sorth sin diúltú a bheith i láthair ar chuíseanna a shonráfar agus a thabharfar i scribhinn don Roghchoiste, agus féadfaidh an Roghchoiste tuairisciú don Dáil ina leith sin;

(14) an chumhacht seirbhísí daoine ag a bhfuil saineolas nó eolas teicniúil a fhostú, faoi réir thoiliú Choimisiún Thithe an Oireachtais, chun cabhrú leis nó nó le haon cheann dá Fhochoistí nithe áirithe a bhreithniú; agus

(15) an chumhacht tabhairt faoi thaisteal—

(a) faoi réir cibé moltai a dhéanfaidh an Gasra Oibre de Chathaoirligh Coistí faoi Bhuan-Ordú 120(4)(a); agus

(b) faoi réir thoiliú Choimisiún Thithe an Oireachtais, agus gnáthnósanna imeachta cuntasafochta.

Ordachán inordaitheacha (gnáthghnó Coiste).

97. (1) Beidh feidhm ag forálacha an Bhuan-Ordaithe seo maidir le Coiste atá ag seoladh gnáthghnó Coiste (i.e. aon ghnó, seachas Fiosrúchán de chuid Chuid 225), agus atá ag tabhairt ordacháin nó a thug ordachán (dá ngairtear "ordachán inordaitheacha" sa Bhuan-Ordú seo) arna mhíniú in alt 76 den Acht um Thithe an Oireachtais (Fiosrúcháin, Pribhléidí agus Nósanna Imeachta), 2013.

(2) Tabharfaidh an Coiste atá ag tabhairt ordachán inordaitheacha na nithe seo a leanas do duine dá dtugtar an t-ordachán sin:

(a) fógra réasúnach faoin dáta a cheanglaítear air nó uirthi a bheith i láthair; agus/nó,

(b) tréimhse réasúnach chun fionnais nó diciméad a sholáthar, nó chun an t-ordachán a chomhlíonadh ar shlí eile.

(3) Déanfaidh an Coiste atá ag tabhairt ordachán inordaitheacha a chur in iúl don duine dá dtugtar an t-ordachán sin na mór-reimsí gnó atá nó a bheidh an Coiste a sheoladh agus lena mbaineann an t-ordachán, agus beidh an t-ordachán iomchuí i gcónaí maidir le himeachtaí an Choiste.

(4) Aon duine a fhreastalaíonn os comhair Coiste de bhun ordachán inordaitheacha, féadfaidh duine amháin eile, ar duine é nó í a fhéadfaidh a bheith ina cleachtóir dlí nó ina cleachtóir dlí, a bheith ina theannta nó ina teannta, tar éis don duine sin fógra réasúnach a thabhairt don Choiste.

(5) Aon Choiste atá ag tabhairt ordachán inordaitheacha nó a thug ordachán inordaitheacha, agus tar éis do dhuíne ordachán a chomhlíonadh, gníomhóidh an Coiste sin agus aird chúf aige ar na nithe seo a leanas:

(a) nósanna imeachta cothroma;

25 Féach an míniú in B.O. 137.
(13) subject to any constraints otherwise prescribed by law, power to require that principal office-holders in bodies in the State which are partly or wholly funded by the State or which are established or appointed by members of the Government or by the Oireachtas shall attend meetings of the Select Committee, as appropriate, to discuss issues for which they are officially responsible: Provided that such an office-holder may decline to attend for stated reasons given in writing to the Select Committee, which may report thereon to the Dáil;

(14) power to engage, subject to the consent of the Houses of the Oireachtas Commission, the services of persons with specialist or technical knowledge, to assist it or any of its sub-Committees in considering particular matters; and

(15) power to undertake travel, subject to—

(a) such recommendations as may be made by the Working Group of Committee Chairmen under Standing Order 120(4)(a); and

(b) the consent of the Houses of the Oireachtas Commission, and normal accounting procedures.

Compellability direction (ordinary Committee business).

97. (1) The provisions of this Standing Order shall apply to a Committee conducting ordinary Committee business (i.e. any business, other than a Part 2 inquiry\(^25\)) which is giving or has given a direction (referred to in this Standing Order as a “compellability direction”) as defined in section 76 of the Houses of the Oireachtas (Inquiries, Privileges and Procedures) Act 2013.

(2) The Committee giving a compellability direction will provide the person who is given that direction with:

(a) reasonable notice of his or her required attendance date; and/or,

(b) a reasonable period for providing evidence or a document, or otherwise complying with the direction.

(3) The Committee giving a compellability direction will inform the person who is given that direction of the broad areas of business that the Committee is or will be conducting to which the direction relates, and the direction shall at all times be relevant to the proceedings of the Committee.

(4) Any person attending before a Committee pursuant to a compellability direction may, having given reasonable notice to the Committee, be accompanied by one other person who may be a legal practitioner.

(5) A Committee which is giving or has given a compellability direction, and following the compliance by a person with a direction, will act with due regard to:

(a) fair procedures;

\(^{25}\) See definition in S.O. 137.
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(b) cearta an duine dá dtugtar an t-ordachán; agus

(c) cearta aon duine eile dá ndéanann an t-ordachán difear.

Comhchruinnithe de Roghchoístí.

98. Beidh de chumhacht ag gach Roghchoiste a iarraidh ar Roghchoiste eile go dtionólfar comhchruinniú den dá Choiste chun ní sonach nó nithe sonracha comhghníomhaíochta a bhreithniú agus, i gcás aon chomhchruinnithe den sórt sin—

(a) gníomhóidh Cathaoirleach an Choiste iarthaigh mar Chathaoirleach agus, mura féidir don Chathaoirleach a bheith i láthair, beidh feidhm ag forálacha Bhuan-Ordú 104(3) agus (4);

(b) beidh feidhm ag forálacha an dá Choiste i dtaoibh córáim fara an modhnú go laghdófar gach córam den sórt sin de leath agus ansin go gcothromófar é suas go dtí an chéad slánuimhir eile is gaire; agus

(c) ní bheidh feidhm ag orduithe tagartha an dá Choiste ach amháin a mhéid is orduithe iad a bhaineann leis an dá Choiste.

Cumhacht Roghchoiste chun a thuairim a thuairiscíú, agus chun tuairisc speisialta a thabhairt.

99. Féadfaidh Roghchoiste, dár tugadh cumhacht chun fios a chur ar dhaoine, ar pháipéir, agus ar thaifid, a thuairimí agus a thagairtí, mar aon le miontuairiscí na fianaise a glacadh os a chomhair, a thuairiscíú don Dáil ar nithe ar bith is cuí leis a chur faoi bhráid na Dála.

Tuarascála Roghchoistí a Chlóbhualadh agus a Fhoilsiú, Cláir Oibre agus Tuarascála Bliantúla Roghchoistí.

100. (1) Faoi réir mhír (2), déanfar gach tuarascáil a bheartóidh Roghchoiste a thabhairt, arna glacadh ag an Roghchoiste, a leagan faoi bhráid Dháil Éireann láithreach, mar aon le haon doiciméad a bhaineann leis an gcéad a bheartaíonn an Roghchoiste a fhoilsiú, agus as a aithle sin beidh cumhacht ag an Roghchoiste an tuarascáil sin agus an doiciméad nó na doiciméid sin, de réir mar a bheidh, a chlóbhualadh agus a fhoilsíú: Ar choinníoll go bhféadfaidh Roghchoiste cumhachtait faoin mór seo a tharmliú i gairid chun aon cheann dá Fhochoistí, i ndáil le tuarascála i gcoitinne nó i ndáil le tuarascáil ar leithligh.

(2) D’ainneoin ghinearáiltacht mhír (1), measfar gurb ionann Cléireach na Dála d’fháil Teachtaireachta, de réir Bhuan-Ordú 101, agus an Roghchoiste do thabhairt tuarascála ar an mBille nó ar an Meastachán, de réir mar a bheidh.

(3) Faoi réir Bhuan-Ordú 119, déanfaidh gach Roghchoiste a níosanna imeachta, agus a ról i geoitinne, a athbhreithniú go leanúnach, agus tabharfaidh sé tuarascáil faoi na nithe sin don Choiste um Nós Imeachta uair amháin ar a laghad gach bliain.

(4) A luaite is féidir i ndiaidh a cheaptha agus uair in aghaidh na bliana ina dhaíadh sin, ullmhóidh gach Roghchoiste clár oibre agus leagfaidh sé an clár sin faoi bhráid Dháil Éireann.

(5) Déanfaidh gach Roghchoiste, ó am go ham de réir mar is cuí leis an Roghchoiste, miontuairiscí ar a chuid imeachtaí a leagan faoi bhráid Dháil Éireann.

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(b) the rights of the person given the direction; and

(c) the rights of any other person affected by the direction.

Joint Meetings of Select Committees.

98. Each Select Committee shall have power to request of another Select Committee that a joint meeting of both Committees be held to consider a specific matter or matters of common activity and, in the case of any such joint meeting—

(a) the Chairman of the requesting Committee shall act as Chairman and, in the unavoidable absence of the Chairman, the provisions of Standing Order 104(3) and (4) shall apply;

(b) the quorum provisions of both Committees shall apply with the modification that each such quorum shall be halved and then rounded up to the next nearest whole number; and

(c) the orders of reference of the two Committees shall apply only insofar as they are common to both.

Power of a Select Committee to report opinion and make special report.

99. A Select Committee, empowered to send for persons, papers, and records, may report its opinions and observations, together with the minutes of evidence taken before it, to the Dáil, and also make a special report of any matters which it may think fit to bring to the notice of the Dáil.

Printing and Publication of Select Committee Reports, Work Programmes and Annual Reports of Select Committees.

100. (1) Subject to paragraph (2), every report which a Select Committee proposes to make shall, on adoption by the Select Committee, be laid before Dáil Éireann forthwith, together with any document relating thereto which the Select Committee proposes to publish, whereupon the Select Committee shall be empowered to print and publish such report and the said document or documents, as the case may be: Provided that a Select Committee may expressly delegate powers under this paragraph to any of its sub-Committees, in respect of reports generally or in respect of an individual report.

(2) Notwithstanding the generality of paragraph (1), the receipt by the Clerk of the Dáil of a Message, in accordance with Standing Order 101, shall be deemed to be the report of the Select Committee on the Bill or Estimate as the case may be.

(3) Subject to Standing Order 119, each Select Committee shall review its procedures, and its role generally, on an ongoing basis, and shall report at least once in each year to the Committee on Procedure on these matters.

(4) As soon as may be following its appointment and thereafter at annual intervals, each Select Committee shall prepare a work programme and shall lay such programme before Dáil Éireann.

(5) Each Select Committee shall, from time to time as the Select Committee sees fit, lay minutes of its proceedings before Dáil Éireann.

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(6) I gcás—

(a) go mbeidh dáta ceaptha ag Dáil Éireann don Roghchoiste chun tuairisciú don Dáil agus gur mó ná bliain amhain an seal idir an dáta sin a cheapadh agus an dáta chun tuairisciú, nó
déanfaidh an Roghchoiste sin, ar chothrom dháta a cheaptha gach bliain tar éis bhliain an cheaptha sin, tuarascáil bhliantúil a thabhairt do Dháil Éireann ina mbeidh mionsonraí—

(i) faoin obair curtha i gcúig ag an Roghchoiste, agus

(ii) faoin obair a bheidh ar siúl ag an Roghchoiste,

agus féadfar, má mheasann an Roghchoiste gur cuí é, an tuarascáil i dtaoibh a nósanna imeachta, agus i dtaoibh a ról, (agus sa chás sin cuirfear cóip den tuarascáil bhliantúil ar aghaidh chuig an gCoiste um Nós Imeachtha), an clár oibre agus miontuairiscí ar a chuid imeachta dá dtagfadh aon nós imeachta, (agus (5) faoi seach den Bhuan-Ordú seo a bheith ar áireamh sa tuarascáil bhliantúil.

Teachtairachtai ó Roghchoistí i nDáil le Billí nó Meastacháin.

101. I gcás go mbeidh Roghchoiste tar éis a bhreithniú a chríochnú ar Bhille nó ar Mheastachán a bhí curtha faoina bhráid ag an Dáil, cuirfidh an Coiste Teachtaireacht á rá sin chuigh an Dáil. Is i scríbhinn agus arna síniú ag Cléireach an Choiste a bheidh Teachtaireacht den sórt sin a bhfearfaidh rinneadh chuig Cléireach na Dála iad. Is é Cléireach na Dála a ghlacfaidh Teachtaireachtai ó Roghchoistí. Cuirfidh an Ceann Comhairle aon Teachtaireacht den sórt sin in iúl don Dáil a luaith is caoithiúil.26

Dirspóireacht ar thuarascálaí ó Choistí.

102. (1) Más rud é go ndéanfaidh Buan-Choiste, Roghchoiste, Coiste Speisialta nó Comhchoiste, de réir mar a bheidh, tuarascáil a thabhairt ina bhfuil iarraidh go ndéanfaidh an Dáil diospóireacht ar an tuarascáil, déanfar tairiscint go dtabharfaidh an Dáil an tuarascáil dá h-airse chur ar Riar na hOibre a laithne is intianta tar éis dó chearta an tuarascáil a bhlaclaigh: Ar choinníoll go mian leis aon tairiscint den sórt sin nach ndéanfar laistigh de dhá mhí bhéag ón dáta a cuireadh ar Riar na hOibre i dtosach i a bheithe tite ar lár, ach sin gan dochar don cheart chun an tairiscint a bheith síos arís.

(2) Féadfaidh Cathaoirleach an Choiste fógra a thabhairt gur mian leis nó léi tuarascáil ó Choiste a tharraing anusas lena breithníu aon dara Dáirde, is tuarascáil ó Choiste a leagadh faoi bhráid na Dála agus a bhfuil tairiscint go ndéanfaidh an Dáil an tuarascáil a thabhairt dá h-airse istaithíte ar Riar na hOibre ina leith: Ar choinníoll go bhfaighidh an Coiste Gnó an fógra sin tríú seachtainiúil an Dála agus (4) Nó thabharfar mar dhá uair ar fad le haghaidh na diospóireachta ar an tairiscint go ndéanfaidh an Dáil an tuarascáil a thabhairt dá h-airse.

26 Féach freisin B.O. 100(2), 134(2) agus 188.
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(6) Where—

(a) Dáil Éireann has appointed a date upon which a Select Committee shall report back to the Dáil and the interval between the appointment of such date and the date for reporting back exceeds one year, or

(b) no date for reporting back has been appointed by Dáil Éireann,

such Select Committee shall, on the anniversary of its appointment in each year following the year of such appointment, make an annual report to Dáil Éireann which shall detail—

(i) the work carried out by the Select Committee, and

(ii) the work in progress by the Select Committee,

and may include, if the Select Committee deems appropriate, the report on its procedures and its role (in which case, a copy of the annual report shall be forwarded to the Committee on Procedure), the work programme and minutes of proceedings referred to in paragraphs (3), (4) and (5) respectively of this Standing Order.

Messages from Select Committees in relation to Bills or Estimates.

101. Where a Select Committee shall have completed its consideration of a Bill or Estimate referred to it by the Dáil, the Committee shall send a Message to this effect to the Dáil. Such Messages shall be in writing, signed by the Clerk to the Committee, and shall be addressed to the Clerk of the Dáil. Messages from Select Committees shall be received by the Clerk of the Dáil. The Ceann Comhairle shall, at the first convenient opportunity, communicate any such Message to the Dáil.26

Debating of reports from Committees.

102. (1) Where a Standing, Select, Special or Joint Committee, as the case may be, makes a report containing a request that the report be debated by the Dáil, a motion to take note of the report shall, as soon as practicable after the adoption of the report by the Committee, be placed on the Order Paper: Provided that any such motion which is not moved within twelve months from the date on which it was first placed on the Order Paper shall be deemed to have lapsed, but without prejudice to the right to put down such motion again.

(2) The Committee Chairman may give notice that he or she wishes to bring forward for consideration on an alternate Thursday, a Committee report that has been laid before the Dáil and in respect of which a motion to take note of the report is listed on the Order Paper: Provided that such notice shall be received by the Business Committee not later than 11 a.m. on the fourth day preceding the weekly meeting of the Business Committee.

(3) The Committee report to be considered on an alternate Thursday shall be determined by the Business Committee.

(4) The time allowed for the debate on the motion to take note of the report shall not exceed a period of two hours in the aggregate.

26 See also S.O.s 100(2), 134(2) and 188.
Ar choinníoll go mbeidh feidhm ag na teorainneacha ama agus an ord cainteoirí seo a leanas maidir leis an diospóireacht:

(a) maidir leis na hóráidí seo a leanas—

(i) óráid an chomhalta a thairgfidh an tairiscint, arb é nó í Cathaoirleach an Choiste, nó ar comhalta eile den Choiste a bheidh aímnithe ina ionad nó ina hionad, é nó í, agus

(ii) óráid ó chomhalta den Rialtas nó ó Aire Stáit, a dhéanfaidh freagra an Rialtais ar an tuarascáil, lena n-áirithe freagra an Rialtais ar aon mholtáit atá ar áiríomh ann, a leagan amach,

ní rachaidh siad thar 15 nóiméad i ngach cás;

(b) ní rachaidh óráid gach comhalta eile ar a nglaofar thar deich nóiméad;

(c) beidh comhalta den Rialtas nó Aire Stáit, a thabhairt go díreach roimh an bhfearaigh ón tairgtheoir, agus ní rachaidh óráid sin thar deich nóiméad;

(d) beidh an tairgtheoir i dteideal tréimhse nach faide ná deich nóiméad le haghaidh óráid freagartha; agus

(e) beidh gach comhalta i dteideal a gcuid ama a roinnt.

Féadfar dáta a cheapadh don Choiste Speisialta chun tuairisciú don Dáil.

103. Déanfar, más gá sin, leis an Ordú ón Dáil ag cur Coiste Speisialta ar bun chun Bille a bhreithniú27 dáta a cheapadh don Choiste chun tuairisciú don Dáil.

Cathaoirleach, Leas-Chathaoirleach agus Cathaoirligh shealadacha.

104. (1) I ngach Coiste, ní bheidh ach aon véit a mhéidh é ag an gCoiste Speisialta.

(2) Déanfar cion de phoist mar Chathaoirleach a leithroinnt ar an bpáirtí nó ar na páirtithe sa Rialtas agus ar gach grúpa sa Dáil (mar a mhníitear i mBuan-Ordú 163). Déanfar an cion sin a ríomh de réir chóras d’Hondt agus, faoin gcóras sin, roghnódh an páirtí nó na páirtithe sa Rialtas agus gach grúpa post ar leith mar Chathaoirleach de réir mar a dhéanfar na poist a leithroinnt, gan poist arna leithroinnt cheana le Buan-Ordúthe nó le hOrdú ón Dáil a áireamh: Ach ní cead do pháirtí Rialtais an Chathaoirleach ar an gCoiste um Chuntas Pheiblí a roghnú. Cearfaidh an Teach gach Chathaoirleach, de réir fhorálacha an Bhuan-Ordúthe se aon i mBuan-Ordúthe i gcóitinne.

(3) Féadfaidh gach Coiste duine dá chomhaltaí a thoghadh chun bheith ina Leas-Chathaoirleach. Mura féidir don Chathaoirleach a bheith i láthair, déanfaidh an Leas-Chathaoirleach na dualgaísa a chomhfhionadh a chuirtear ar an gChathaoirleach leis na Buan-Ordúthe, agus an t-údarás a fheidhmiú a thugtar dó nó dí leis na Buan-Ordúthe.

27 B.O. 181.
Provided that the following time limits and sequence of speakers shall apply to the debate:

(a) the speeches of—

(i) the member proposing the motion who shall be the Chairman of the Committee or another member of the Committee nominated in his or her stead, and

(ii) a member of the Government or Minister of State, who shall outline the Government’s response to the report, including the Government’s response to any recommendations contained therein,

shall not exceed 15 minutes in each case;

(b) the speech of each other member called upon shall not exceed ten minutes;

(c) a member of the Government or Minister of State, who may speak twice, shall be entitled to make a speech immediately before the reply by the proposer, which shall not exceed ten minutes;

(d) the proposer shall be entitled to not more than ten minutes for a speech in reply; and

(e) all members shall be entitled to share their time.

Date may be fixed for reporting back by Special Committee.

103. The Order of the Dáil setting up a Special Committee to consider a Bill\(^\text{27}\) shall if necessary fix a date upon which the Committee shall report back to the Dáil.

Chairman, vice-Chairman and temporary Chairmen.

104. (1) In every Committee, the Chairman shall have only one vote.

(2) A proportion of Chairman posts shall be allocated to the party or parties in Government and each group in the Dáil (as defined in Standing Order 163). Such proportion shall be calculated according to the d’Hondt system, and under such system, the party or parties in Government and each group shall choose a particular Chairman post as the posts are allocated, excluding posts already allocated by Standing Orders or by Order of the Dáil: Provided that a Government party may not choose the Chairmanship of the Committee of Public Accounts. The House shall appoint all Chairmen, in accordance with the provisions of this Standing Order and of Standing Orders generally.

(3) Every Committee may elect one of its members to be vice-Chairman. In the unavoidable absence of the Chairman, the vice-Chairman shall perform the duties devolved upon, and exercise the authority conferred upon, the Chairman by Standing Orders.

\(^{27}\) S.O. 181.
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(4) I gcás nach féidir do Chathaoirleach Coiste (ná don Leas-Chathaoirleach má bhíonn sé nó sí ceaptha) a bheith i láthair, cromfaidh an Coiste láthreach ar dhuine dá chomhaltaí a bheidh i láthair a thoghadh chun na dualgaí a chomhliónadh a chuirtear ar an gCathaoirleach leis na Buan-Orduithe, agus an t-údarás a fheidhmiú a thugtar dó nó di leis na Buan-Orduithe, fad a bheidh an Cathaoirleach nó an Leas-Chathaoirleach as láthair amhlaidh.

(5) I gcás go scóirfidh Cathaoirleach Coiste atá ag seoladh fiosrúchán de chuid Chuid 228 de bheith ina chomhalta nó ina comhalta den Choiste sin, déanfaidh an Dáil, le Rún, Cathaoirleach a cheapadh as measc an chuid eile de chomhaltaí an Choiste.29

Freagracht Cathaoirleach maidir le comhlíonadh rialacha.

105. Beidh freagracht ar Chathaoirleach gach Buan-Choiste, Roghchoiste nó Coiste Speisialta a úrithiú go gcomhlíonfaidh a Choiste nó a Coiste cibé rialacha, lena rialófar caiteachas a bheidh beartaithe, a chinnfidh Coimisiún Thithe an Oireachtais ó am go ham.

Comhaltas Ex Officio de Roghchoistí, Ionadú iontu, agus Freastal orthu.

106. (1) An comhalta den Rialtas atá i mbun na Roinne iomchuí, beidh sé nó sí ina chomhalta nó ina comhalta ex officio de Roghchoiste arna cheapadh de bhun Buan-Ordú 95 chun na nithe dá dtagraítear i míreanna (3)(a), (b) agus (c) agus (4)(g) den Buan-Ordú sin a bhreithniú, agus beidh sé nó sí i dteideal vótáil in imeachtaí Roghchoiste: Ar choinníoll go bhféadfaidh an comhalta sin den Rialtas comhalta eile den Rialtas nó Aire Stáit a ainmníú chun gníomhú ina ionad nó ina hionad féin chun na críche sin.

(2) (a) I gcás comhalta a bheith ainmnithe chun fónamh ar Roghchoiste nó ar Choiste Speisialta a bheith as láthair, feadfaidh ionadaí páirt a ghlacadh sna himeachtaí agus beidh sé nó sí i dteideal vótáil in ionad an chomhalta a bheidh as láthair.

(b) Chun críocha an Buan-Ordaithe seo, maídir le comhalta a bheartóidh gníomhú mar ionadaí ar chomhalta a bheith as láthair (nó ar ionadaí nach mbeidh i láthair), ní aithneofar é nó i sa cháil sin ach amháin i gcás go gceirfidh sé nó sí in iúl do chléireach an Choiste, roimh an gcrúinní nó le linn an chrúinnithe, go bhfuil sé beartaithe aige nó aici ionadú a dhéanamh, faoi réir fhorálacha fhomhír (c).

Ach i gcás go mbeartóidh an t-ionadaí tairiscintí a dhéanamh ina ainm nó ina hainm féin, ní foláir dó nó dá áthas a dhéanamh in iúl do chléireach an Choiste roimh dhul i éag don sprieb-am iomchuí a chuir tairiscintí a chur isteach.

(c) Nó bheidh ionadú mar a fhhoráiltear i bhfomhír (b) bailiúchán amháin—

(i) más comhalta de pháirtí nó de chomhlahacht comhlaítaí ag a bhfuil ionadaíochtaí sa Rialtas an chomhalta nó an t-ionadaí a bheidh as láthair, i gcás go bhfuil an comhalta a bheidh ag tabhairt fógra ina chomhalta nó ina comhalta óna pháirtí nó óna comhlahacht comhlaítaí den sórt sin; agus

28 Féach an míniú in B.O. 137.
29 Féach Cuid 3 den Acht um Thithe an Oireachtais (Fiosrúcháin, Pribhléidí agus Nósanna Imeachta), 2013 i ndáil le fiosrúcháin de chuid Chuid 2 agus nósanna imeachta cóir.
(4) Where the Chairman of a Committee (and the vice-Chairman, if appointed) is unavoidably absent, the Committee shall at once proceed to elect one of its members present to perform the duties devolved upon, and exercise the authority conferred upon, the Chairman by Standing Orders for the duration of such absence.

(5) Where the Chairman of a Committee which is conducting a Part 2 inquiry\(^{28}\) ceases to be a member of that Committee, the Dáil shall, by Resolution, appoint a Chairman from amongst the remaining Committee members.\(^{29}\)

**Responsibility of Chairmen for compliance with rules.**

**105.** The Chairman of every Standing, Select or Special Committee shall have responsibility for ensuring compliance by his or her Committee with such rules governing proposed expenditure as may be determined from time to time by the Houses of the Oireachtas Commission.

**Ex Officio Membership of, Substitution in, and Attendance at Select Committees.**

**106.** (1) The member of the Government in charge of the relevant Department shall be an *ex officio* member of a Select Committee appointed pursuant to Standing Order 95 for the purpose of consideration of the matters referred to in paragraphs (3)(a), (b) and (c) and (4)(g) of that Standing Order, and shall be entitled to vote in Select Committee proceedings: Provided that such member of the Government may nominate another member of the Government or a Minister of State to act in his or her stead for that purpose.

(2) 
(a) In the absence of a member nominated to serve on a Select or Special Committee, a substitute may take part in the proceedings and shall be entitled to vote in the absent member’s stead.

(\(b\) For the purposes of this Standing Order, a member proposing to act as a substitute for an absent member (or for a substitute not in attendance), shall only be recognised as such where he or she informs the Committee clerk, either prior to, or during the course of the meeting, of his or her intention to substitute, subject to the provisions of subparagraph \((c)\).

Provided that where the substitute intends to move motions in his or her own name, he or she must inform the Committee clerk, in writing, of the substitution before the expiry of the relevant deadline for submission.

(c) A substitution as provided for in subparagraph \((b)\) shall only be valid—

(i) if the absent member or substitute is a member of a party or a body of members represented in Government, where the member giving notice is a member of any such party or body of members; and

\(^{28}\) See definition in S.O. 137.

\(^{29}\) See Part 3 of the Houses of the Oireachtas (Inquiries, Privileges and Procedures) Act 2013 in relation to Part 2 inquiries and fair procedures.
(ii) mura comhalta de pháirtí nó de chomhlacht comhailtaí ag a bhfuil ionadaíocht sa Rialtais an comhalta nó an t-ionadaí a bheidh as láthair, i gcás go bhfuil an comhalta a bheidh ag tabhairt fógra sa pháirtí nó sa ghrúpa céanna (mar a mhínitear i mBuan-Ordú 163) leis an gcomhalta nó leis an ionadaí a bheidh as láthair.

(d) Féadfaidh comhalta de Choiste, lena n-áirítear ionadaí—

(i) i gcás go bhfuil sé nó sí ina chomhalta nó ina comhalta de pháirtí nó de chomhlacht comhailtaí ag a bhfuil ionadaíocht sa Rialtais, tairiscintí a dhéanamh agus leasuithe a thairiscint in ainm aon chomhalta den Choiste ar comhalta é nó í d’aon pháirtí nó d’aon chomhlacht comhailtaí den sórt sin;

(ii) i gcás nach bhfuil sé nó sí ina chomhalta nó ina comhalta de pháirtí nó de chomhlacht comhailtaí ag a bhfuil ionadaíocht sa Rialtais, tairiscintí a dhéanamh agus leasuithe a thairiscint in ainm aon chomhalta den Choiste atá sa pháirtí nó sa ghrúpa céanna (mar a mhínitear i mBuan-Ordú 163).

(3) Féadfaidh comhaltaí de Dháil Éireann, nach comhaltaí de Roghchoiste, a bheith i láthair agus páirt a ghlacadh in imeachtaí aon Roghchoiste nó Fochoiste gan ceart vótála a bheith acu ná an ceart tairiscinti a dhéanamh, ach amháin de réir mhír (2), agus de thoradh hhorálacha Bhuan-Ordú 182 i ndáil le leasuithe ar Bhillí a chur síos.

Cruinnithe Príobháideacha Coistí.

107. (1) Faoi réir mhír (2) den Bhuan-Ordú seo, féadfaidh comhaltaí de Dháil Éireann cuairteoirí ag ionadaithe údaraithe Nuachtán a thabhairt isteach chuig cruinnithe de Bhuan-Choistí, de Roghchoistí nó de Choistí Speisialta.

(2) Féadfaidh Buan-Choiste, Roghchoiste nó Coiste Speisialta tráth ar bith, le hOrdú, teacht le chéile go próbháideach agus déanfar gach cuairteoirí agus ionadaí údaraithe Nuachtán a dhúnadh amach as an Seomra fad a bheidh an t-Ordú sin i bhfeidhm.

Vótáil a dhéanamh i gCoistí: combhionannas vótáil agus cásanna ina mbíonn tosaíocht ag vótáil Dála.

108. (1) Déanfar vótáil i mBuan-Choistí, i Roghchoistí nó i gCoistí Speisialta tríd an gCléireach a bheidh ag freastal ar an gCoiste do ghlaoch aímhneacha na gcomhaltaí agus, más ionann lión na vótáil ar an dá thaobh, cinnfear gur freagra diúltach a tugadh ar an gceist.

(2) Má éiltear vótáil i Roghchoiste nó i gCoiste Speisialta, cuífear an glas ar na doirse agus déanfar an vótáil i ndiaidh seal ocht nóiméad nó a luaithe a bheidh comhaltaí uile an Choiste (nó na hionadaithe uile a bheidh aímhnithit go cuí, de réir mar a bheidh) i láthair, cibé acu is luaithe: Ar choimhníoll, i gcás go mbeifear tar éis vótáil a éileamh i Roghchoiste nó i gCoiste Speisialta agus go n-éileofar vótáil dá éis sin sa Dáil sula mbeidh cromtha ag an gCléireach a bheidh ag freastal ar an gCoiste ar an vótáil a dhéanamh trí aímhneacha chomhaltaí an Choiste a ghlaoch, go ndéanfar an vótáil sin i Roghchoiste nó i gCoiste Speisialta a chur siar go dtí tar éis chróchnú na vótála sa Dáil agus chróchnú aon vótálaíochta eile sa Dáil a éileofar láithreach dá éis sin, mura rud é go gcinnfidh an Coiste a mhalairt i dtosach an cruinnithe.

30 Féach freisin B.O. 145.
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(ii) if the absent member or substitute is not a member of a party or a body of members represented in Government, where the member giving notice is in the same party or group (as defined in Standing Order 163) as the absent member or substitute.

(d) A member of a Committee, including a substitute, may—

(i) where he or she is a member of a party or a body of members represented in Government, move motions and amendments in the name of any member of the Committee who is a member of any such party or body of members;

(ii) where he or she is not a member of a party or a body of members represented in Government, move motions and amendments in the name of any member of the Committee who is in the same party or group (as defined in Standing Order 163).

(3) Members of Dáil Éireann, not being members of a Select Committee, may attend and take part in proceedings of any Select Committee or sub-Committee without having a right to vote or to move motions, save in accordance with paragraph (2), and further to the provisions of Standing Order 182 in relation to the tabling of amendments to Bills.

Private Meetings of Committees.

107. (1) Subject to paragraph (2) of this Standing Order, visitors and authorised representatives of the Press may be introduced by members of Dáil Éireann to meetings of Standing, Select or Special Committees.30

(2) A Standing, Select or Special Committee may at any time, by Order, meet in private and all visitors and authorised representatives of the Press shall be excluded for the duration of such Order.

Taking of divisions in Committees: equality of votes and where Dáil division takes precedence.

108. (1) Divisions in Standing, Select or Special Committees shall be taken by the Clerk attending the Committee calling the names of the members and, in the event of there being an equality of votes, the question shall be decided in the negative.

(2) When a division is demanded in a Select or Special Committee, the doors shall be locked and the division taken after the lapse of eight minutes or as soon as all members of the Committee (or duly nominated substitutes, as the case may be) are present, whichever is the earlier: Provided that, where a division has been demanded in Select or Special Committee and a division is subsequently demanded in the Dáil before the Clerk attending the Committee has commenced taking the division by calling the names of the members of the Committee, such division in Select or Special Committee shall be postponed until after the conclusion of the division in the Dáil and the conclusion of any other divisions in the Dáil demanded immediately thereafter, unless the Committee shall decide otherwise at the commencement of the meeting.

30 See also S.O. 145.
Córam Roghchoistí.

109. (1) Mura bhforáiltear a mhalairt leis na Buan-Orduithe seo nó le hOrdú ón Dáil, triúr is córam do Roghchoiste nó d’Fhochoiste de Roghchoiste.31

(2) Ní dhéanfar comhalta de Dháil Éireann a bheidh i láthair de bhun Bhuan-Ordú 106(3) a áireamh chun córam a chinneadh.

(3) Déanfar comhalta den Rialtas nó Aire Stáit a bheidh i láthair de bhun Bhuan-Ordú 106(1) a áireamh chun córam a chinneadh.

(4) Is é is córam do Chomhchoiste córam cónasctha an dá Roghchoiste atá ar áireamh ann, lúide duine amháin: Ar choinníoll, chun córam a chinneadh, gur comhalta de Dháil Éireann duine amháin ar a laghad de na comhaltaí a bheidh i láthair agus gur comhalta de Sheanad Éireann duine amháin dióbh ar a laghad.

Asláithreacht le linn d’fhinné fianaise a thabhairt.

110. (1) Faoi réir Bhuan-Ordú 111, i gcás aon chomhalta de Choiste atá ag seoladh fiosrúchán de chuid Chuid 232 (i gcás go bhfuil an chumhacht ag an bhfiosrúchán cinnit fiorais a dhéanamh) a bheith as láthair le linn d’fhinné aon fhianaise a thabhairt ag cruinniú den Choiste, déanfaidh an Cathaoirleach tairiscint a chur síos le haghaidh Rún ó Dháil Éireann chun an comhalta a chur den Choiste de réir alt 20(4) den Acht um Thithe an Oireachtais (Fiosrúcháin, Pribhléidí agus Nóisanna Imeachta), 2013.

(2) Chun crócha an Bhuan-Ordataisn seo agus Bhuan-Ordú 111, is finné é nó í aon duine a thugann fianaise ó bhéal don Choiste seachas fostaithe de chuid Choimisiún Thithe an Oireachtais agus aon duine ag a bhfuil eolais nó saineolas teicniúil arna fhruiliú nó arna fruiliú ag Coimisiún Thithe an Oireachtais.

Asláithreacht le linn d’fhinné fianaise a thabhairt mar gheall ar imthosca eisceachtúla.

111. Más rud é go bhfuil, nó go mbeidh, comhalta de Choiste atá ag seoladh fiosrúchán de chuid Chuid Chuid 233 (i gcás go bhfuil an chumhacht ag an bhfiosrúchán cinnit fiorais a dhéanamh) as láthair le linn d’fhinné aon fhianaise a thabhairt ag cruinniú den Choiste, agus go gcomhaontaíonn an Coiste gur imthosca eisceachtúla is cúis leis an asláithreacht:

(1) féadfaidh sé a chinneadh gan dul ar aghaidh le fianaise an fhinné nó tosaigh fhianaise an fhinné a chur siar; nó

(2) i gcás go bhfuil an Coiste den tuairim gur gá dul ar aghaidh le fianaise an fhinné, féadfaidh sé, tar éis comhairle dlí a bhreithniú, dul ar aghaidh leis an gcruinniú más rud é:

(a) go dtoilíonn an finné go ndéanfar a fhianaise nó a fianaise a éisteacht gan an comhalta a bheith i láthair; agus

(b) go gcomhaontaíonn an finné le haon bhearta eile is gá agus/nó is cuí de réir na comhairle dlí a bheidh tugtha don Choiste,

31 Féach freisin B.O. 112 maidir le vótálacha agus córaim i gCoistí.
32 Féach an míniú in B.O. 137.
33 Féach an míniú in B.O. 137.
Quorum of Select Committees.

109. (1) Unless otherwise provided by these Standing Orders or by Order of the Dáil, the quorum of a Select Committee or of a sub-Committee thereof, shall be three.31

(2) A member of Dáil Éireann attending pursuant to Standing Order 106(3) shall not be counted for the purposes of determining a quorum.

(3) A member of the Government or Minister of State attending pursuant to Standing Order 106(1) shall be counted for the purposes of determining a quorum.

(4) The quorum of a Joint Committee shall be the combined quorum of the two Select Committees of which it is comprised, minus one: Provided that for the purposes of determining a quorum, at least one of the members present shall be a member of Dáil Éireann and one a member of Seanad Éireann.

Absence for witness evidence.

110. (1) Subject to Standing Order 111, in the event of any member of a Committee which is conducting a Part 2 inquiry32 (where the inquiry has the power to make findings of fact) being absent for any witness evidence at a meeting of the Committee, the Chairman shall table a motion for a Resolution of Dáil Éireann to remove the member from the Committee in accordance with section 20(4) of the Houses of the Oireachtas (Inquiries, Privileges and Procedures) Act 2013.

(2) For the purpose of this Standing Order and Standing Order 111, a witness is any person giving oral evidence to the Committee save for employees of, and any person with technical knowledge or expertise engaged by, the Houses of the Oireachtas Commission.

Absence for witness evidence due to exceptional circumstances.

111. Where a member of a Committee which is conducting a Part 2 inquiry33 (where the inquiry has the power to make findings of fact) is or will be absent for any witness evidence at a meeting of the Committee, and the Committee agrees that the absence is due to exceptional circumstances:

(1) it may decide not to proceed with the witness evidence or to postpone the commencement of the witness evidence; or

(2) where the Committee is of the view that it is necessary to proceed with the witness evidence, it may, following the consideration of legal advice, proceed with the meeting where:

(a) the witness consents to having their evidence heard without the member; and

(b) the witness agrees to any other measures that, according to the legal advice given to the Committee, is necessary and/or appropriate.

31 See also S.O. 112 re divisions and quorums in Committees.
32 See definition in S.O. 137.
33 See definition in S.O. 137.
agus ní dheanfaidh an Cathaoirleach an tairiscint a chur síos (faoi Bhuan-Ordú 110) le haghaidh Rún chun an comhalta a chur den Choiste.

Easpa córaim i mBuan-Choiste, i Roghchoiste nó i gCoiste Speisialta (lena n-aírítear ar thuairisc vótála).

112. (1) Más rud é, laistigh de sheal ceathrú uaire an chloig tar éis an ama a bheidh ceaptha le haghaidh an chruinnithe de Bhuan-Choiste, de Roghchoiste nó de Choiste Speisialta, nach mbeidh córam i láthair, beidh an Coiste ar athló agus déanfaidh an Cléireach a bheidh ag freastal ar an gCoiste, tar éis ainmneacha na gcomhaltaí a d’fhreastail a chur sios i miontuairisci imeachtaí an Choiste nó na hainmneacha a thaifeadadh ar cibé slí a ordóidh Cléireach an Choiste lena mbaineann, cruinniú a chomóradh le haghaidh lae dá éis sin nó le haghaidh tráth na bhfí agus sa bhfí le haghaidh tráth na bhfí.

(2) Más rud é, aon tráth le linn cruinnithe de Bhuan-Choiste, de Roghchoiste nó de Choiste Speisialta, go gcuirfidh aon chomhalta in iúl don Chathaoirleach nach bhfuil córam i láthair, nó más léir sin ó thuairisc vótála, agus más rud é a i gceann seal nach lá ná ocht nóiméad go mbeifear fós gan chóram, cuirfidh an Chathaoirleach an cruinniú ar fionraí go dtí uair is déanaí ná sin agus a luafaidh sé nó sí, nó cuirfidh sé nó sí an cruinniú ar athló go dtí lín anuas don croíth agus ceist a chur; agus nó mheasfar aon chinnseadh a bheith déanta leis an vótáil sin; agus déanfar an uair a cuireadh an cruinniú ar athló amhlaidh, mar aon le hainmneacha a gcomhaltaí a bhí i láthair, a chur sios i miontuairisci imeachtaí an Choiste nó a thaifeadh ar cibé slí a ordóidh Cléireach an Choiste lena mbaineann.

Iompar mí-ordúil i gCoistí.

113. (1) Ordóidh Chathaoirleach Buan-Choiste, Roghchoiste nó Coiste Speisialta—

(a) do chomhalta den Choiste,

(b) do chomhalta de Dháil Éireann a bheidh i láthair de bhun Bhuan-Ordú 106, nó,

(c) do dhualain a n-údaraithear dó nó dó ar shlí eile a bheith i láthair leis na Buan-Ordúithe seo nó le horduithe tagarth an Choiste,

a bheidh á iompar nó á bhíonn go dlí go bhfuil mí-ordúil imeacht láithreach ón gcruinniú den Choiste agus fanacht as ar feadh an chuid eile de bhun cruinniú sin. An comhalta nó an duine eile a n-ordófar dó nó dí imeacht de bhun an Buan-Ordúithe aige, imeoidh sé nó sí láithreach ón gcruinniú.

(2) Más rud é, gur dóigh le Cathaoirleach Buan-Choiste, Roghchoiste nó Coiste Speisialta, ar aon ócáid, nach leor na cumhacht a thugtar faoi mhír (1) den Bhuan-Ordú seo chun déileáil leis an gcion, féadfaidh sé nó sí a mholadh go dtabharfaidh an Choiste tuarascáil don Dáil i ndáil leis an ní.

Cruinniú Buan-Choiste, Roghchoiste nó Coiste Speisialta a chur ar athló nó ar fionraí i gcás mí-oid mhíir.

114. I gcás mí-oid mhóir, féadfaidh Chathaoirleach Buan-Choiste, Roghchoiste nó Coiste Speisialta an cruinniú a chur ar athló gan ceist a chur, nó an cruinniú a chur ar fionraí go ceann tréimhse a luafaidh sé nó sí.

34 Féach freisin B.O. 22 agus 90 maidir le vótálacha agus córaim sa Dáil.
and the Chairman will not table the motion (under Standing Order 110) for a Resolution to remove the member from the Committee.

**Absence of quorum in Standing, Select or Special Committee (including on the report of a division).**

112. (1) If, within the lapse of a quarter of an hour after the time appointed for the meeting of a Standing, Select or Special Committee, a quorum is not present, the Committee shall stand adjourned and the Clerk attending the Committee, after entering the names of the members who attended in the minutes of proceedings of the Committee or recording the names in such manner as the Clerk to the Committee concerned may direct, shall convene a meeting for a subsequent day or for a later time on the same day.

(2) If at any stage during a meeting of a Standing, Select or Special Committee, any member calls the attention of the Chairman to the fact that a quorum is not present, or if on the report of a division, such fact shall appear, and if after a lapse of time of not less than eight minutes, a quorum is still not present, the Chairman shall suspend the meeting to a later hour to be named by him or her, or shall adjourn the meeting without question put to a subsequent day; and no decision shall be considered to have been arrived at by such division; and the hour of such adjournment, as also the names of the members present, shall be entered in the minutes of proceedings of the Committee or recorded in such manner as the Clerk to the Committee concerned may direct.34

**Disorderly conduct in Committees.**

113. (1) The Chairman of a Standing, Select or Special Committee shall order—

(a) a member of the Committee,

(b) a member of Dáil Éireann attending pursuant to Standing Order 106, or

(c) a person whose attendance is otherwise authorised by these Standing Orders or by the Committee’s orders of reference,

whose conduct is grossly disorderly to withdraw immediately from the meeting of the Committee for the remainder of that meeting. The member or other person ordered to withdraw in pursuance of this Standing Order shall forthwith withdraw from the meeting.

(2) If, on any occasion, the Chairman of a Standing, Select or Special Committee deems that the powers conferred under paragraph (1) of this Standing Order are inadequate to deal with the offence, he or she may propose that a report of the Committee be made to the Dáil in relation to the matter.

**Adjournment or suspension of meeting of Standing, Select or Special Committee in case of great disorder.**

114. In the case of great disorder, the Chairman of a Standing, Select or Special Committee may adjourn the meeting without question put or may suspend the meeting for a time to be named by him or her.

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34 See also S.O.s 22 and 90 re divisions and quorums in the Dáil.
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Brath claontachta – freagracht comhalta.

115. (1) Más rud é, maidir le comhalta, gur comhalta é nó í de Choiste a bhfuil fiosrúchán de chuid Chuid 235 á sheoladh nó le seoladh aige, nó go gceaptar é nó í chuig Coiste a bhfuil fiosrúchán de chuid Chuid 2 á sheoladh nó le seoladh aige, agus go bhfuil an comhalta sin ar an eolas faoi aon ní í ndáil leis nó léi féin a bhféadfaidh duine réasúnach a bhrath dá dheasca go bhfuil claontacht i gceist i ndáil leis an gcomhalta sin do bheith páirteach san fhiosrúchán sin, ansin staonfaidh an comhalta sin ó pháirt a glacadh san fhiosrúchán sin.

(2) Féadfaidh comhalta iarrratas a dhéanamh chuig an gCoiste um Nós Imeachta ar thuairim i dtaoibh an bhféadfadh duine réasúnach a bhrath go bhfuil claontacht i gceist i ndáil leis an gcomhalta sin do bheith páirteach i bhfiosrúchán de chuid Chuid 2. Is é a bhfeidh mar thoradh ar an tuairim a iarraidh tairiscint i dtaoibh an mbeidh an comhalta sin ina chomhalta nó ina comhalta den Choiste fiosrúcháin, de réir Bhuan-Ordú 117(4).

(3) Sna Buan-Orduithe seo, i gcás tagaírt a bheith déanta go bhféadfadh duine réasúnach a bhrath go bhfuil claontacht i gceist, ciallaíonn sí go bhféadfadh an duine a bhrath go bhfuil claontacht i gceist i ndáil leis na nithe seo a leanas—

(a) baint nó plé a bheith ag comhalta le haon ní is ábhar d'fhiosrúchán de chuid Chuid 2, i gcás go bhféadfadh duine réasúnach a bhrath go bhfuil claontacht i gceist de dheasca na bainte sin nó an plé sin;

(b) caint a bheidh déanta ag comhalta faoin ní nó faoi na nithe is ábhar don fhiosrúchán; nó

(c) aon imthosca iomchuí eile.

Comhalta a chur de Choiste fiosrúcháin i ndáil le brath claontachta.

116. I gcás go staonfaidh comhalta ó pháirt a glacadh i bhfiosrúchán de chuid Chuid 2 ar na forais go bhféadfadh duine réasúnach a bhrath go bhfuil claontacht i gceist i ndáil leis an gcomhalta sin do bheith páirteach san fhiosrúchán, beartóidh an Dáil le rún, a luaithe is indéanta, go gcuirfear an comhalta den Choiste fiosrúcháin.

Nósanna imeachta maidir le brath claontachta.

117. (1) (a) Féadfaidh aon duine aighneacht a chur faoi bhráid an Choiste um Nós Imeachta ina n-éileofar go bhféadfadh duine réasúnach a bhrath go bhfuil claontacht i gceist i ndáil le comhalta a bheidh ceaptha chun páirt a glacadh i bhfiosrúchán de chuid Chuid 2. Is i scríbhinn a bheidh aighneacht den sórt sin agus beidh ar áireamh inti fíanaise a bheidh mar thaca leis an éileamh.

Ar choinnioll, i gcás nach gcomhlíonfaidh an aighneacht na coinníollacha sin, go gcuirfidh an Coiste um Nós Imeachta a méid sin in iúl don duine agus go dtathbharfadh sé deis dó nó di an aighneacht a chur faoi bhráid an Choiste ar an modh ceart.

(b) Déanfaidh an Coiste um Nós Imeachta, a luaithe is indéanta, an aighneacht faoi mhír (a) a bhreithníéd agus deis a thabhairt don chomhalta atá i gceist aighneacht a chur faoi bhráid an Choiste mar chosaint ar a sheasamh nó ar a seasamh i cibé foirm is cuí leis an gCoiste.

35 Féach an míniú in B.O. 137.
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Perception of bias – responsibility of member.

115. (1) If a member is a member of a Committee which is conducting or which is to conduct a Part 2 inquiry, or is appointed to a Committee which is conducting or which is to conduct a Part 2 inquiry, and that member is aware of anything in his or her own behalf which might lead to a perception of bias arising in a reasonable person in relation to that member’s participation in that inquiry, then that member shall recuse himself or herself from participating in that inquiry.

(2) A member may apply to the Committee on Procedure for an opinion as to whether a perception of bias might arise in a reasonable person in relation to that member’s participation in a Part 2 inquiry. The opinion sought shall result in a motion in relation to whether that member shall be a member of the inquiry Committee, in accordance with Standing Order 117(4).

(3) In these Standing Orders, where reference is made to a perception of bias which might arise in a reasonable person, this means a perception of bias which might arise in relation to—

(a) a member’s connection or dealings with any matter the subject of a Part 2 inquiry, where that connection or those dealings might lead to a perception of bias in a reasonable person;

(b) a member’s utterances on the matter or matters the subject of the inquiry; or

(c) any other relevant circumstances.

Removal from inquiry Committee in relation to perception of bias.

116. Where a member has recused himself or herself from a Part 2 inquiry, on the grounds that a perception of bias might arise in a reasonable person in relation to that member’s participation in the inquiry, the Dáil shall resolve, as soon as is practicable, that the member be removed from the inquiry Committee.

Procedures re perception of bias.

117. (1) (a) Any person may make a submission to the Committee on Procedure claiming that a perception of bias might arise in a reasonable person in relation to a member appointed to take part in a Part 2 inquiry. Such submission shall be in writing and shall include evidence in support of the claim.

Provided that where the submission does not fulfil these conditions, the Committee on Procedure shall inform the person of such, and afford them the opportunity to make the submission in the correct manner.

(b) The Committee on Procedure shall, as soon as is practicable, consider the submission under paragraph (a), and give the member in question the opportunity to make a submission to the Committee in defence of his or her position, in such form as the Committee sees fit.

See definition in S.O. 137.
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(2) (a) Maidir le comhalta a iarrfaidh tuairim faoi Bhuan-Ordú 115(2) i dtaobh an bhféadfadh duine réasúnach a bhraith go bhfuil claontaíocht i gceist i ndáil leis an gcomhalta sin do bheith páirteach i bhfiosrúchán de chuid Chuid 2, is i scribhinn a dhéanfaidh sé nó sí an iarradh chuig an gCoiste um Nós Imeachta agus beidh ina teannta cúis nó cúiseanna go bhfuil an tuairim á hiarradh.

(b) Déanfaidh an Coiste um Nós Imeachta, a luaithe is indéanta, an tuairim arna hiarradh faoi mhír (a) a bhreithniú.

(3) I gcás go mbeidh an Coiste um Nós Imeachta tar éis aighneacht faoi mhír (1), nó tuairim arna hiarradh faoi mhír (2), a bhreithniú, déanfaidh sé, a luaite an indéanta agus más rud é nach mbeidh an comhalta iomchuí tar éis staonadh ó pháirt a ghlacadh i ndáil leis an gcomhalta, do hith an gCoiste um Nós Imeachta agus beidh ina teannta cúis nó cúiseanna go bhfuil an tuairim á hiarradh.

(a) gurb amhlaidh, tríd is tríd, go bhféadfadh duine réasúnach a bhraith, go bhfuil claontaíocht i gceist i ndáil leis an gcomhalta, nó

(b) nach amhlaidh, tríd is tríd, go bhféadfadh duine réasúnach a bhraith go bhfuil claontaíocht i gceist i ndáil leis an gcomhalta.

(4) A luaithe is indéanta tar éis tuarascáil faoi mhír (3) a ghlacadh, déanfaidh an Coiste um Nós Imeachta an tuarascáil sin a leagan faoi mhír (3) a bhreithniú, a luaithe is indéanta agus má rud é nach mbeidh an comhalta iomchuí tar éis staonadh ó pháirt a ghlacadh san fhiosrúchán de chuid Chuid 2, tuarascáil a thabhairt i ndáil leis an gcomhalta do hith an gCoiste um Nós Imeachta de chuid Chuid 2, mar aon le moladh—

(a) ina dtabharfar dá aire an moladh sa tuarascáil, agus

(b) á mholadh go ndéanfar—

(i) an comhalta atá i gceist a dheimhniú mar chomhalta den Choiste fiosrúcháin, nó

(ii) an comhalta atá i gceist a chur den Choiste fiosrúcháin.

(5) Déanfaidh an Dáil an tairiscint faoi mhír (4) a bhreithniú a luaithe is indéanta.

Cléireach Coiste do Scaipeadh Doiciméad.

118. Ní dhéanfar aon doiciméad a gheobhaidh Cléireach Buan-Choiste nó Roghchoiste nó Fochoiste de a choimeád siar, a tharraingt siar nó a athrú gan fhios don Choiste, nó don Fhochoiste, de réir mar is cuí, nó gan ceadadh uaidh. Chun críocha an Bhuan-Ordaithe seo, féadfar a chur in iúl do Chomhaltaí go bhfuarthas doiciméid den sórt sin, le toiliú an Choiste nó an Fhochoiste lena mbaineann, trí liosta dhioiciméid den sórt sin a scaipeadh ó am go ham, de réir mar a chinnfidh an Coiste nó an Fhochoiste.

An Coiste um Nós Imeachta.

119. (1) I ndiaidh ationól na Dála tar éis Olltoghcháin, beidh Buan-Choiste arna bhunú dá ngairfear an Coiste um Nós Imeachta, arb é an Coiste faoina iartheideal, eadhon, an Coiste um Nós Imeachta agus Pribhléidí, a leanfaidh ar marthain é—
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(2) (a) A member who seeks an opinion under Standing Order 115(2) on whether a perception of bias might arise in a reasonable person in relation to that member’s participation in a Part 2 inquiry, shall make the request to the Committee on Procedure in writing, with a reason or reasons why the opinion is being sought.

(b) The Committee on Procedure shall, as soon as is practicable, consider the opinion sought under paragraph (a).

(3) Where the Committee on Procedure has considered either a submission under paragraph (1), or an opinion sought under paragraph (2), it shall, as soon as is practicable, and if the member in question has not recused himself or herself from the Part 2 inquiry, make a report in relation to the participation of the member in the Part 2 inquiry, with a recommendation that, on balance—

(a) a perception of bias might arise in a reasonable person in relation to the member, or

(b) a perception of bias might not arise in a reasonable person in relation to the member.

(4) As soon as is practicable after its adoption of a report under paragraph (3), the Committee on Procedure shall lay such report before the Dáil, and shall nominate one of its members to table a motion, as soon as is practicable, which—

(a) takes note of the recommendation in the report, and

(b) proposes that either—

(i) the member in question be confirmed as a member of the inquiry Committee, or

(ii) the member in question be removed from the inquiry Committee.

(5) The Dáil shall consider the motion under paragraph (4) as soon as is practicable.

Circulation of Documents by Clerk to Committee.

118. No document received by the Clerk to a Standing or Select Committee or a sub-Committee thereof shall be withheld, withdrawn or altered without the knowledge and approval of the Committee or sub-Committee, as may be appropriate. For the purposes of this Standing Order, the receipt of such documents may, with the consent of the Committee or sub-Committee concerned, be brought to the attention of members by the circulation, from time to time as the Committee or sub-Committee may decide, of a list of such documents.

Committee on Procedure.

119. (1) There shall stand established, following the reassembly of the Dáil subsequent to a General Election, a Standing Committee, to be known as the Committee on Procedure, which is a continuation in being of the Committee under its former title, namely, the Committee on Procedure and Privileges, to—
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(a) chun cúrsaí nó imeachta i gcóitinne a bhreithniiú agus chun aon bhreisiú nó leasú a mheasfar is gá a mholadh ar na Buan-Orduithe,

(b) gan dochar do ghineáraltacht mhír (a), chun maoirseacht a dhéanamh ar an nós imeachta i mBuan-Choistí, i Roghchoistí, agus i gCoistí Speisialta (de réir mar a bheidh), cibé acu ar iarratas ón gCoiste iomchuí nó ar shlí eile, agus chun scrúdú a dhéanamh, más cuí, ar ról na gCoistí de réir mar a bheidh siad ag forbairt,

(c) chun breithniiú agus tuairisciú a dhéanamh, de réir mar a iarrfar agus nuair a iarrfar sin ari, maidir le pribhléidí comhlafta,

(d) chun togha iomchuí a ghlaadh ó Choiste a bheartaíonn fiosrúchán de chuid Chuid 2 a sheoladh,

(e) chun cibé treoirlinte is cuí leis a bhreithniiú agus a eisiúint ó am go ham—

(i) i ndáil le fiosrúcháin de chuid Chuid 2, agus

(ii) i ndáil le gnó Coiste eile i gcás go mbeidh cumhacht ghnáththa chun fios a chur ar dhaoin agus chun fios a chur i ndáil le páipéir agus taifid,

de réir ailt 19 agus 79 den Acht um Thithe an Oireachtais (Fiosrúcháin, Pribhléidí agus Nósananna Imeachta), 2013,

(f) mar chuid dá fhreagracht chun maoirseacht a dhéanamh ar an nós imeachta i gCoistí, chun nithe a bhaireann le brath go bhfuil claintacht i gceist maidir le fiosrúchán de chuid Chuid 2 a bhreithniiú, d’fhonn sláine an fhiosrócháin de chuid Chuid 2 mar atá sé á sheoladh ag an gCoiste fiosrúcháin a chaomhnú,

(g) chun breithniiú agus tuairisciú a dhéanamh ar nithe a bheidh arna dtachurch chuig an gCoiste de bhun an Phrótaicil maidir le Comhairle Nósa Imeachta agus Dlí a Sholáthar do Choistí na d’Tithe ar na mBunuí de bhun na mBuan-Orduithe, arna ghlaadh ag an gCoiste agus ag Comisiúin Thithe an Oireachtais,

(h) chun na feidhmeanna a chomhlionadh a thugtar dó le Buan-Orduithe 153 agus 154 i ndáil le hféachadh a thabhairt d’Airteagal 15.10 den Bhunreacht a mhéid a dhéantar foráil leis an Airteagal sin i dtaobh doiciméid (scribhinní) oifigiúla na Dála agus páipéir phríobháideacha a comhlafta a chaomháin (a dhhíean), agus

(i) chun na feidhmeanna a chomhlionadh a thugtar don choiste de chuid Chuid 10 agus don choiste de chuid Chuid 11 leis an Acht um Thithe an Oireachtais (Fiosrúcháin, Pribhléidí agus Nósananna Imeachta), 2013, de bhun Bhuain-Orduithe 155 agus 156.

(2) Beidh na cumhachtá seo a leanas ag an gCoiste:

(a) an chumhacht chun Fochoistí a cheapadh mar a mhínítear i mBuan-Ordú 96(4);
(a) consider matters of procedure generally and to recommend any additions or amendments to Standing Orders that may be deemed necessary,

(b) without prejudice to the generality of paragraph (a), oversee the procedure in Standing, Select and Special Committees (as the case may be), whether by request from the relevant Committee or otherwise, and to examine, where appropriate, the role of Committees as they evolve,

(c) consider and report, as and when requested to do so, as to the privileges attaching to members,

(d) receive a relevant proposal from a Committee which proposes to conduct a Part 2 inquiry\(^{36}\),

(e) from time to time consider and issue such guidelines as it considers appropriate in relation to—

   (i) Part 2 inquiries, and

   (ii) other Committee business where a power to send for persons, papers and records has been conferred,

   in accordance with sections 19 and 79 of the Houses of the Oireachtas (Inquiries, Privileges and Procedures) Act 2013,

(f) as part of its responsibility for overseeing procedure in Committees, consider matters relating to perception of bias in respect of a Part 2 inquiry, for the purpose of preserving the integrity of the Part 2 inquiry as it is being conducted by the inquiry Committee,

(g) consider and report on matters standing referred to the Committee pursuant to the Protocol on the Provision of Procedural and Legal Advice to Committees of the Houses Established Pursuant to Standing Orders, as adopted by the Committee and the Houses of the Oireachtas Commission,

(h) perform the functions conferred on it by Standing Orders 153 and 154 in relation to giving effect to Article 15.10 of the Constitution in so far as that Article provides for the protection of the official documents of the Dáil and the private papers of its members, and

(i) perform the functions conferred on the Part 10 committee and the Part 11 committee by the Houses of the Oireachtas (Inquiries, Privileges and Procedures) Act 2013, pursuant to Standing Orders 155 and 156.

(2) The Committee shall have the following powers:

   (a) power to appoint sub-Committees as defined in Standing Order 96(4);

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\(^{36}\) See definition in S.O. 137.
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(b) an chumhacht chun sainchomhairleoirí a fhostú mar a mhínítear i mBuan-Ordú 96(14);

c) an chumhacht chun taisteal mar a mhínítear i mBuan-Ordú 96(15) (seachas fomhír (a) den mhír sin);

d) an chumhacht chun tuarascáil a chlóbhualadh agus a fhoilsiú agus chun a údarú d’Fhochoistí tuairisciú díreach don Dáil mar a mhínítear i mBuan-Ordú 100(1);

e) an chumhacht chun gníomhú thar ceann Dháil Éireann agus chomhaltaí Dháil Éireann i ndáil le haon imeachta dlíthiúla nó éisteacht poiblí nó fiosrúchán poiblí eile; agus

(f) an chumhacht chun toilliú a thabhairt i scribhinn maidir le hordachán nó ordacháin a thabhairt i ndáil le daoine, páipéir agus taifid le haghaidh gnó Coiste, seachas fiosrúchán de chuid Chuid 2.

(3) (a) I ndiaidh ationól na Dála tar éis Olltoghcháin, beidh Fochoiste arna bhunú dá ngairfear an Fchoiste ar Athleasú na Dála, agus is iad a bhfeidhm ar an bhFchioiste ná Aoirí na bPáirtithe is comhaltaí den Choiste (nó más lú ná cuige ar a lorg sin, Aoirí na bPáirtithe agus cibé comhaltaí eile den Choiste a chinnfídh an Coiste nach mór ná cuige comhaltaí) agus is cór am triúr. Déanfadh an Fchoiste an fheidhmeanna atá leagtha amach i míreanna (1)(a), (1)(b) agus (1)(c) den Bhuan-Ordú seo a chomhluadh, agus féadfaidh sé tuairisciú díreach don Dáil.

(b) I gcás Aoire Páirtí nó comhalta a bheidh ainmnithe chun fónamh ar an bhFchioiste a bheith as láthair, féadfar ionadái a ainmní Chuin páirt a ghlacadh sna himeachtaí agus beidh sé nó sí i dteideal vóta a chaitheamh in ionad an chomhalta atá as láthair agus taíriscintí agus leasuithe a dhéanamh in a ainm féin nó ina hainm féin.

(4) Is iad a bhfeidhm ar an gCoiste an Ceann Comhairle, ar bith mé nó í an Cathaoirleach é nó í, ex officio, agus gan aige nó aici ach vóta amháin agus seacht gcomhalta dhéag eile; agus ochtar is cór am don Choiste. Mura feidir don Cheann Comhairle a bheith i láthair, féadfaidh an Leas-Cheann Comhairle gníomhú mar Cathaoirleach ina ionad nó ina hionad. Beidh an Coiste comhdhéanta ar chumhacht so dhéanamh i gchothrom don Dáil.

Gasra Oibre de Chathaoirlígh Coistí.

120. (1) I ndiaidh ationól na Dála tar éis Olltoghcháin, beidh Buanchoiste arna bhunú dá ngairfear Gasra Oibre de Chathaoirlígh Coistí, a bhreithneoidh oibriú na gCoistí i gcoitinne.

(2) Is é a bheidh i gcomhaltas an Choiste Cathaoirleach gach Buanchoiste, Roghchoiste, Coiste Speisialta agus Comhchoiste, seachas an Coiste um Nós Imeachta agus an Coiste Gnó, agus seisear is cór am don Choiste.

(3) Gan dochar do ghinearáltacht mhír (1), féadfaidh an Coiste breithniú a dhéanamh ar na nithe seo a leanas—

(a) éifeachtacht chórás na gCoistí,
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(b) power to engage consultants as defined in Standing Order 96(14);

(c) power to travel as defined in Standing Order 96(15) (other than subparagraph (a) thereof);

(d) power to print and publish reports and to authorise sub-Committees to report directly to the Dáil as defined in Standing Order 100(1);

(e) power to act on behalf of Dáil Éireann and members of Dáil Éireann in relation to any legal proceedings or other public hearing or inquiry; and

(f) power to give consent in writing to the giving of a direction or directions in relation to persons, papers and records for Committee business, other than Part 2 inquiries.

(3) (a) There shall stand established, following the reassembly of the Dáil subsequent to a General Election, a sub-Committee, which shall be called the sub-Committee on Dáil Reform, and shall consist of the Party Whips who are members of the Committee (or if they number less than five, the Party Whips and such other members of the Committee as the Committee may decide, up to a maximum of five members) and three shall constitute a quorum. The sub-Committee shall perform the functions set out at paragraphs (1)(a), (1)(b) and (1)(c) of this Standing Order and may report directly to the Dáil.

(b) In the absence of a Party Whip or member nominated to serve on the sub-Committee, a substitute may be nominated to take part in the proceedings and shall be entitled to vote in the absent member’s stead and to move motions and amendments in his or her own name.

(4) The Committee shall consist of the Ceann Comhairle, who ex officio shall be Chairman and who shall have only one vote, and seventeen other members; and eight shall constitute a quorum. In the unavoidable absence of the Ceann Comhairle, the Leas-Cheann Comhairle may act as Chairman in his or her stead. The Committee shall be constituted so as to be impartially representative of the Dáil.

Working Group of Committee Chairmen.

120. (1) There shall stand established, following the reassembly of the Dáil subsequent to a General Election, a Standing Committee, to be known as the Working Group of Committee Chairmen, which shall consider the operation of Committees generally.

(2) The membership of the Committee shall be the Chairman of each Standing, Select, Special and Joint Committee, with the exception of the Committee on Procedure and the Business Committee, and the quorum of the Committee shall be six.

(3) Without prejudice to the generality of paragraph (1), the Committee may consider—

(a) the effectiveness of the Committee system,
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(b) moltaí athleasaithe agus beartais a bhaíonn na córas na gCoistí nó a bhfuil tionschar acu air,

(c) nithe is ábhar comhleasa do Chathaoirígh na gCoistí agus eisiúint treorach do Choistí i gcóitinne,

(d) sceidealú reachtaíochta sna Coistí,

(e) tograí a dhéanann difear do sholáthar seirbhísí do Choistí, agus

(f) aon ní eile a bhféadfadh dul i gcomhairle leis ina leith faoi mhír (7).

(4) Déanfaidh an Coiste, go háirithe, na nithe seo a leanas a bhreithniú agus a chinneadh —

(a) cionroinnt airgid a bheidh ar fáil do Choistí le haghaidh comhairleachta agus taistil, ach sin faoi réir thoiliú Chóimisiún Thithe an Oireachtais; agus

(b) leithroinnt na cóiríochta a bheidh ar fáil do chruinnithe Coiste:

Ar choinníoll nach mbeidh feidhm ag an mór seo maidir leis an gCoiste um Nós Imeachta nó leis an gCoiste Gnó.

(5) Láithreoidh an Taoiseach os comhair an Choiste le linn sheisiúin Earraigh agus Fómhair na Dála ar aon chun saincheisteanna maidir le beartas poiblí a phlé, agus comhaontóidh an Coiste clár oibre do na cruinnithe sin leis an Taoiseach roimh ré.

(6) Féadfaidh an Coiste, faoi réir forálacha reachtaíochta lena rialaítear Seirbhís Thithe an Oireachtais, agus faoi réir thoiliú Chóimisiún Thithe an Oireachtais, más cuí, moltaí a dhéanamh faoi ní is ionchuí maidir le soláthar seirbhísí do Choistí atá faoina chúram.

(7) Féadfaidh an Coiste dul i gcomhairle leis an gCoiste um Nós Imeachta, leis an bhFochoste ar Athleasú na Dála agus leis an gCOiste Gnó, agus féadfaidh na Coistí sin dul i gcomhairle leis an gCoiste, i ndáil le nithe a theaghrar ar Choistí. Féadfaidh an Coiste cibé moltai is cuí leis i ndáil le nithe a theaghrar ar Choistí a chur faoi bhraíd na gcomhlachtaí sin.

(8) Ainmneoidh an páirtí sa Rialtas nó an grúpa (mar a mhínítear i mBuan-Ordú 163) ar a bhfuil an líon is mó de phoist mar Chathaoirleach faoi chóras d’Hondt leithroinntte, de bhun Bhuana-Ordú 104(2), duine dá Chathaoirígh lena cheapadh nó lena ceapadh ag an Teach mar Chathaoirleach an Choiste.

(9) Beidh ag an gCoiste na cumhachtá a mhínítear i mBuan-Ordú 96(1), (2), (4), (8), (14) agus (15).

**An Coiste um Leasanna Chomhaltaí Dháil Éireann.**

121. (1) I ndiaidh ationól na Dála tar éis Olltoghcháin, beidh Roghchoiste arna bhunú dá ngairfear an Coiste um Leasanna Chomhaltaí Dháil Éireann chun na feidhmeanna a thugtar dó leis na hAchtanna um Eitic in Oifigí Poiblí, 1995 agus 2001 a chomhlíonadh.

(2) Cúigear comhalta a bheidh ar an gCoiste ar córam tríú diobh.
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(b) reform and policy proposals relating to, or impacting on, the Committee system,

(c) matters of common interest to Committee Chairmen and the issuing of guidance for Committees generally,

(d) scheduling of legislation in Committees,

(e) proposals which affect the delivery of services to Committees, and

(f) any other matter on which it may be consulted under paragraph (7).

(4) The Committee shall, in particular, consider and decide on—

(a) apportionment of moneys available to Committees for consultancy and travel, subject to the consent of the Houses of the Oireachtas Commission; and

(b) allocation of accommodation available for Committee meetings:

Provided that this paragraph shall not apply to the Committee on Procedure or the Business Committee.

(5) The Taoiseach shall appear before the Committee in both the Spring and the Autumn Dáil sessions to discuss matters of public policy, and the Committee shall agree an agenda for those meetings with the Taoiseach in advance.

(6) The Committee may, subject to the provisions of legislation governing the Houses of the Oireachtas Service, and the consent of the Houses of the Oireachtas Commission where appropriate, make recommendations on any matter relevant to the provision of services to Committees falling within its remit.

(7) The Committee may consult with, and be consulted by, the Committee on Procedure, the sub-Committee on Dáil Reform, and the Business Committee in relation to matters affecting Committees. The Committee may make such recommendations to those bodies in relation to matters affecting Committees as it considers appropriate.

(8) The party in Government or the group (as defined in Standing Order 163) which has been allocated the most Chairman posts under the d’Hondt system, pursuant to Standing Order 104(2), shall nominate one of its Chairmen for appointment by the House as Chairman of the Committee.

(9) The Committee shall have the powers defined in Standing Order 96(1), (2), (4), (8), (14) and (15).

Committee on Members’ Interests of Dáil Éireann.

121. (1) There shall stand established, following the reassembly of the Dáil subsequent to a General Election, a Select Committee, which shall be called the Committee on Members’ Interests of Dáil Éireann, to perform the functions conferred on it by the Ethics in Public Office Acts 1995 and 2001.

(2) The Committee shall consist of five members of whom three shall constitute a quorum.
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(3) Déanfar gach tuarascáil a bheartaíonn an Coiste a dhéanamh, ar an gCoiste do ghlacadh léi, a leagan láithreach faoi bhráid Dháil Éireann.

(4) Beidh na cumhachtáí seo a leanas ag an gCoiste:

(a) an chumhacht sainchomhairleoirí a fhostú mar a mhínítear i mBuan-Ordú 96(14); agus

(b) an chumhacht taisteal mar a mhínítear i mBuan-Ordú 96(15).

(5) D’ainneoin aon ní dá mhalairt atá i mór (1), beidh feidhm ag na Buan-Ordruithe seo maidir leis an gCoiste ar gach slí eile amhail is dá mba Bhuan-Choiste é.

An Comhchoiste Riaracháin.

122. (1) Beidh arna bhunú, i ndiaidh ationól na Dála tar éis Olltoghcháin, Buanchoiste a chomhcheanglófar le Coiste dá shamhail de chuid an tSeanaid, chun bheith ina Chomhchoiste Riaracháin.

(2) Déanfaidh an Coiste ionadaíocht do thhuairimí comhaltaí i dtaca le soláthar seirbhísí do na Tithe agus ag na Tithe i gcoitinne, agus féadfaidh sé moltaí maidir leis sin a dhéanamh do Choimisiún Thithe an Oireachtais (“an Coimisiún”).

(3) Beidh moltaí ón gCoiste faoi réir na nithe seo a leanas—

(a) ceadú an Choimisiúin i ndáil le himpleachtaí airgeadais na moltaí sin;

(b) údarás rialála an Choimisiúin nó an Aire Airgeadais, mar a fhoráiltear le dlí; agus

(c) an gá atá le héifeachtacht agus barainneacht i dtaca le húsáidí acmhainní an Choimisiúin agus cúinsi luach ar airgead i gcoitinne.

(4) Gan dochar do ghineárlaithe mhír (2), féadfaidh an Coiste comhairle a thabhairt don Choimisiún, agus moltaí a dhéanamh chuige ar mhodh tuarascála, maidir leis na nithe seo a leanas—

(a) Seirbhísí do Chomhhalbtaí, lena n-áirítear:

(i) saoráidí rúnaíochta agus eile;

(ii) seirbhísí leabharlainne agus taighde; agus

(iii) seirbhísí comhairle dlí (de réir bhrí alt 4(2)(e) de na hAchtanna um Choimisiún Thithe an Oireachtais, 2003 go 2009);

(b) cóiríocht agus saoráidí, lena n-áirítear:

(i) na beáir, an siopa agus na bialanna;
(3) Every report which the Committee proposes to make shall, on adoption by the Committee, be laid before Dáil Éireann forthwith.

(4) The Committee shall have the following powers:

(a) power to engage consultants as defined in Standing Order 96(14); and

(b) power to travel as defined in Standing Order 96(15).

(5) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in paragraph (1), these Standing Orders shall otherwise apply to the Committee in all respects as though it were a Standing Committee.

Joint Administration Committee.

122. (1) There shall stand established, following the reassembly of the Dáil subsequent to a General Election, a Standing Committee which shall be joined with a similar Committee of the Seanad to constitute the Joint Administration Committee.

(2) The Committee shall represent the views of members on the provision of services for and by the Houses generally, and may make recommendations thereon to the Houses of the Oireachtas Commission (“the Commission”).

(3) Recommendations of the Committee shall be subject to—

(a) the sanction of the Commission in relation to the financial implications of such recommendations;

(b) the regulatory authority of the Commission or the Minister for Finance, as provided by law; and

(c) the requirement for efficiency and economy in the use of Commission resources and value for money considerations generally.

(4) Without prejudice to the generality of paragraph (2), the Committee may advise, and make recommendations by way of report to, the Commission, on—

(a) Members’ Services, including:

(i) secretarial and other facilities;

(ii) library and research services; and

(iii) legal advice services (within the meaning of section 4(2)(e) of the Houses of the Oireachtas Commission Acts 2003 to 2009);

(b) accommodation and facilities, including:

(i) the bars, shop and restaurants;
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(ii) na dálaí faoina seolann, nó na háitribh ina seolann, comhaltaí a gcuid dualgas; agus

(iii) slándáil agus rochtain;

(c) Seirbhísí Cumarsáide, lena n-áirítear:

(i) oideachas, caidreamh leis na meáin agus seirbhísí faisnéise poiblí; agus

(ii) craoladh (den uile chineál) imeachtaí Dháil Éireann agus a Coistí, lena n-áirítear
rialacha tuairisceoireachta agus rochtain ar an gcartlann,

Ar choimnioll, i ndáil le craoladh, go ndéanfaidh an Coiste:

(I) na socruithe faireacháin is gá a chomhall do theilifísí in-Tí agus do chraoladh
fuaim agus seirbhís Dháil Éireann agus a Coistí;

(II) athbhreithniú agus modhnú ar na rialacha tuairisceoireachta do theilifísíú
imeachtaí Dháil Éireann agus a Coistí;

(III) na rialacha rochtana a chinneadh i leith chartlann imeachtaí Dháil Éireann agus a
Coistí; agus

(IV) a chinneadh, faoi réir thoiliú Choimisiún Thithe an Oireachtais, ó am go ham, na
tállí is iníoctha i leith chraoladh imeachtaí Dháil Éireann agus a Coistí;

(d) cibé nithe eile a tharchuirfidh an Coimisiún chuig an gCoiste ó am go ham.

(5) Gach tuarascáil a dhéanfaidh an Comhchoiste, tarchuirfear í chuig an gCoimisiún agus a Chóiste
Comhairleach Bainistíochta, agus féadfaidh an Coimisiún freagra foirmiúil a ullmhú ar na moltaí atá
ínti.

(6) Cúig chomhalta dhéag de Dháil Éireann a bheidh ar an mBuanchoiste agus áireofar orthu Aoirí na
bPáirtithe/na nGrúpaí. Cúigear is córam don Comhchoiste, ar comhalta de Dháil Éireann duine amháin
dióbh ar a laghad agus ar comhalta de Seanad Éireann duine amháin diobh ar a laghad. Áireofar ar an
gComhchoiste comhalta amháin den Choimisiún ar a laghad (cibé acu is Teachta nó Seanadóir é nó í). Beidh Cathaoirleach an Chomhchoiste ina Chomhalta nó ina Comhalta de Dháil Éireann.

(7) Beidh na cumhachtaí seo a leanas ag an gComhchoiste:

(a) cumhacht Fochoistí a cheapadh, mar a mhínítear i mBuan-Ordú 96(4);

(b) cumhacht sainchomhairleoirí a fhhostú, mar a mhínítear i mBuan-Ordú 96(14); agus

(c) cumhacht taistil, mar a mhínítear i mBuan-Ordú 96(15).

(8) Beidh cumhacht ag an gComhchoiste daoine a aímníiú chun cabhrú leis ina phléití; agus
freastalóidh na daoine sin ar cibé cruinnithe a chinnfidh an Comhchoiste.

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(ii) the conditions or premises in which members carry out their duties; and

(iii) security and access;

(c) Communications Services, including:

(i) education, media relations and public information services; and

(ii) broadcasting (in all its forms) of the proceedings of Dáil Éireann and its Committees, including rules of coverage and archive access,

Provided, that in relation to broadcasting, the Committee shall:

(I) discharge the necessary monitoring arrangements for in-House televising and for sound and televised broadcasting of Dáil Éireann and its Committees;

(II) review and modify the rules of coverage for the televising of proceedings of Dáil Éireann and its Committees;

(III) determine rules of access in respect of the archive of proceedings of Dáil Éireann and its Committees; and

(IV) determine, subject to the consent of the Houses of the Oireachtas Commission, from time to time the fees to be payable in respect of broadcasting of proceedings of Dáil Éireann and its Committees;

(d) such other matters as may be referred to the Committee by the Commission from time to time.

(5) Every report which the Joint Committee may make shall be referred to the Commission and its Management Advisory Committee, which may prepare a formal response to the recommendations therein.

(6) The Standing Committee shall consist of fifteen members of Dáil Éireann and shall include the Party/Group Whips. The quorum of the Joint Committee shall be five, of whom at least one shall be a member of Dáil Éireann and one a member of Seanad Éireann. The Joint Committee shall include at least one member of the Commission (whether Deputy or Senator). The Chairman of the Joint Committee shall be a member of Dáil Éireann.

(7) The Joint Committee shall have the following powers:

(a) power to appoint sub-Committees as defined in Standing Order 96(4);

(b) power to engage consultants as defined in Standing Order 96(14); and

(c) power to travel as defined in Standing Order 96(15).

(8) The Joint Committee shall have power to nominate persons to assist it in its deliberations; and such persons shall attend such meetings as the Joint Committee may determine.
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(9) Tabharfaidh an Comhchoiste tuarascáil don Choimisiún ar a chuid gníomhaíochtaí ar bhonn bliantúil, faoin 31 Nollaig gach bliain.

Coiste na Gaeilge, na Gaeltachta, na nOileán agus Phobal Labhartha na Gaeilge.

123. (1) Beidh arna bhunú, i ndiaidh ationól na Dála tar éis Olltoghcháin, Buan-Choiste, a chomhcheanglófar le Coiste dá shamhail de chuid an tSeanaid chun Comhchoiste na Gaeilge, na Gaeltachta, na nOileán agus Phobal Labhartha na Gaeilge a chomhdéanamh, chun na feidhmeanna a leagtar amach sa Bhuan-Ordú seo a chomhlíonadh, seachas na feidhmeanna a leagtar amach i mír (3) ar bh é Buan-Choiste na Dála a chomhlíonfaidh iad.

(2) Breithneoidh an Comhchoiste ábhair bheartais a bhainte a bhaineann leis an nGaeilge, leis an nGaeltacht, leis na hOileáin agus le Pobal Labhartha na Gaeilge agus atá go ginearálta faoi chúram Ranna Rialtais agus comhlachtaí goibhneacha faoi chúram Ranna Rialtais agus breithneoidh sé, go háirithe—

(a) straitéis i ndáil leis an nGaeilge, lena n-áirítear an Straitéis 20 Bliain don Ghaeilge, 2010-2030 agus aon straitéis a bheidh ann sa todhcháin, agus cur chun cinn na Gaeilge i gcoitinne,

(b) litríocht, ceol agus cultúr na Gaeilge agus nithe gaolmhara,

(c) méadú ar úsáid na Gaeilge in imeachtaí dhá Theach an Oireachtais agus ina gCoistí agus timpeall an dá Theach a chur chun cinn,

(d) an Ghaeilge a chur chun cinn ar fuad na státseirbhísí agus na seirbhísí poiblí, lena n-áirítear dul chun cinn a mheárd le cur i ngníomh Scéimeanna Gaeilge i gcomhlachtai poiblí,

(e) tuarascáilacha ón gCoimisinéir Teanga agus nithe gaolmhara,

(f) nithe a bhaineann leis an bhForas Teanga, i ndáil le Foras na Gaeilge agus le Gníomhaireacht na hUltaise, a chur chun cinn na hUltaise a raon,

(g) teagasc na Gaeilge agus oideachas trí mheán na Gaeilge,

(h) freagraíocht reachtúla Raidió Teilifís Éireann agus Údarás Craolacháin na hÉireann i ndáil leis an nGaeilge,

(i) nithe a bhaineann le craoltóirí Gaeilge, lena n-áirítear TG4, Raidió na Gaeltachta, Raidió na Life agus Raidió Rí-Rá, agus

(j) aon nithe eile a bhaineann leis an nGaeilge, leis an nGaeltacht, leis na hOileáin agus le Pobal Labhartha na Gaeilge.

(3) Breithneoidh Buan-Choiste na Dála—

(a) cibé Billí a bhaineann leis an nGaeilge, leis an nGaeltacht, leis na hOileáin agus le Pobal Labhartha na Gaeilge,

(b) cibé gnéithe de na Meastacháin i gcomhair Seirbhísí Poiblí a bhaineann leis an nGaeilge, leis an nGaeltacht, leis na hOileáin agus le Pobal Labhartha na Gaeilge, agus

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(9) The Joint Committee shall report to the Commission on its activities on an annual basis, by 31 December each year.

Committee on the Irish Language, Gaeltacht, the Islands and the Irish-speaking Community.

123. (1) There shall stand established following the reassembly of the Dáil subsequent to a General Election, a Standing Committee which shall be joined with a similar Committee of the Seanad to constitute the Joint Committee on the Irish Language, Gaeltacht, the Islands and the Irish-speaking Community, to perform the functions set out in this Standing Order, other than those set out at paragraph (3) which shall be performed by the Dáil Standing Committee.

(2) The Joint Committee shall consider policy matters relating to the Irish language, Gaeltacht, the Islands and the Irish-speaking Community generally within the remit of Government Departments and associated public bodies and, in particular, shall consider—

(a) strategy in relation to the Irish language, including the 20 Year Strategy on the Irish Language 2010-2030 and future strategies, and the promotion of the Irish language in general,

(b) Irish language literature, music, culture and related matters,

(c) the promotion of the wider use of Irish in the proceedings of both Houses of the Oireachtas, their Committees and in the environs of both Houses,

(d) the promotion of the Irish language across the civil and public service, including progress in the implementation of Irish Language Schemes in public bodies,

(e) reports of An Coimisinéir Teanga and related matters,

(f) matters relating to An Foras Teanga, both in relation to Foras na Gaeilge and the Ulster Scots Agency,

(g) the teaching of Irish and education in Irish,

(h) the statutory responsibilities of Raidió Teilifís Éireann and the Broadcasting Authority of Ireland in relation to the Irish language,

(i) matters relating to Irish language broadcasters, including TG4, Raidió na Gaeltachta, Raidió na Life and Raidió Rí-Rá, and

(j) any other matters relating to the Irish language, Gaeltacht, the Islands and the Irish-speaking Community.

(3) The Dáil Standing Committee shall consider such—

(a) Bills relating to the Irish language, Gaeltacht, the Islands and the Irish-speaking Community,

(b) aspects of Estimates for Public Services as relate to the Irish language, Gaeltacht, the Islands and the Irish-speaking Community, and
(c) cibé nithe gaolmhara eile,

a tharchuirfidh an Dáil chuige,

agus

(d) cibé Athbhreithnithe ar Luach ar Airse agus ar Bhheartas agus ráitis bhliantúila aschuir, lena
n-áirítear feidhmiocht, éifeachtúlacht agus éifeachtachtaí in úsáid aird go phoiblí maidir leis an
nGaeilge, maidir leis an nGaeilge, maidir leis na hOileáin agus maidir le Pobal Labhartha
na Gaeilge, a roghnóidh an Coiste.

(4) Seachtar comhaltaí de Dháil Éireann a bheidh ar Bhuan-Choiste na Dála, ar córam triúr díobh. Ceathrar is córam don Chomhchoiste, ar comhalta de Dháil Éireann duine amháin acu ar a laghad agus ar comhalta de Sheanad Éireann duine amháin acu ar a laghad. Beidh Cathaoirleach Bhuan-Choiste na Dála ina Cathaoirleach nó ina Cathaoirleach ar an gComhchoiste freisin.

(5) Beidh ag Bhuan-Choiste na Dála na cumhachtaithe a mhúinte ar mBuan-Ordú 96(1), (2) agus (4).

(6) Beidh ag an gComhchoiste, maidir lena chúram, na cumhachtaithe a mhúinte i mBuan-Ordú 96, seachas mireanna (3) agus (10) den Bhuan-Ordú sin.

(7) Beidh de chumhacht ag an gComhchoiste faoi Bhuan-Ordú 95 breithnú a dhéanamh ar na nithe seao leas—

(a) scéim ghearmála nó dréacht-cheannteidil aon Bhille a bhaineann leis an nGaeilge, leis an nGaeilge, leis na hOileáin agus le Pobal Labhartha
na Gaeilge, agus

(b) aon tuarascáil iar-achtacháin a leagfaidh comhalta den Rialtas nó Aire Stáit faoi bhraith ceachtar Teach nó an dá Theach maidir le haon Bhráth, arna achtú ag Tithe an Oireachtais, a bhaineann leis an nGaeilge, leis an nGaeilge, leis na hOileáin agus le Pobal Labhartha na Gaeilge.

(8) Beidh feidhm ag forálacha Bhuan-Orduithe 98, 100 agus 106 maidir le Bhuan-Choiste na Dála agus maidir leis an gComhchoiste, de réir mar is cuí.

(9) Míneofar an Comhchoiste mar an “Comhchoiste Oireachtais” chun críocha an Achta Craolacháin, 2009, a mhéid a bhaineann sé le TG4.

Gnóthaí Eorpacha a bhreithniú.

124. (1) (a) Ós feasach do Dháil Éireann ról na parlamintí náisiúnta agus iad ag ranachuidiú go gníomhach le dea-thuilleadh mór an Aontais Eorpach faoin gConradh ar an Aontas Eorpach agus faoin gConradh ar Fheidhmiú an Aontas Eorpach, agus ós feasach dí an gá le gnóthaí an Aontais Eorpach a chur chun cinn agus gabháil don chéanna, bunóidh sí Gasra Stíúrtha Parlaminteach um Gnóthaí AE a mbeidh d’theidhm aige treoir parlaminteach chomhtháite a thabhairt maidir le Gnóthaí Eorpacha chun ról na Dála i gnóthaí AE a fheabhsú trí theagmhál leis an Rialtas, agus tríd Dháil Éireann agus a cuid Roghchoistí.
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(c) other related matters,

as shall be referred to it by the Dáil,

and

(d) such Value for Money and Policy Reviews and annual output statements, including performance, efficiency and effectiveness in the use of public moneys on the Irish language, Gaeltacht, the Islands and the Irish-speaking Community as the Committee may select.

(4) The Dáil Standing Committee shall consist of seven members of Dáil Éireann, of whom three shall constitute a quorum. The quorum of the Joint Committee shall be four, of whom at least one shall be a member of Dáil Éireann and one a member of Seanad Éireann. The Chairman of the Dáil Standing Committee shall also be the Chairman of the Joint Committee.

(5) The Dáil Standing Committee shall have the powers defined in Standing Order 96(1), (2) and (4).

(6) The Joint Committee shall, in respect of its remit, have the powers defined in Standing Order 96, other than paragraphs (3) and (10) thereof.

(7) The Joint Committee shall be empowered under Standing Order 95 to consider—

(a) the general scheme or draft heads of any Bill relating to the Irish language, Gaeltacht, the Islands and the Irish-speaking Community, and

(b) any post-enactment report laid before either House or both Houses by a member of the Government or Minister of State on any Bill relating to the Irish language, Gaeltacht, the Islands and the Irish-speaking Community enacted by the Houses of the Oireachtas.

(8) The provisions of Standing Orders 98, 100 and 106 shall apply to the Dáil Standing and Joint Committee as appropriate.

(9) The Joint Committee shall be defined as the “Joint Oireachtas Committee” for the purposes of the Broadcasting Act 2009 insofar as it relates to TG4.

Consideration of European Affairs.

124. (1)(a) Dáil Éireann, cognisant of the role of national parliaments in contributing actively to the good functioning of the European Union under the Treaty on European Union and the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and of the need to promote and engage in European Union affairs, shall establish a Parliamentary Steering Group on EU Affairs whose function shall be to give parliamentary and cohesive direction in European Affairs matters to enhance the role of the Dáil in EU affairs through engagement with the Government and through Dáil Éireann and its Select Committees.
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(b) Tabharfaidh an Gasra Stiúrtha Parlaiminteach tosaíocht i gcomhair díospóireachta sa Dáil do thairiscintí i ndáil le tuarascáil a bhaint as an Chomhaontú um Gnóthaí an Aontais Eorpaigh nó ar nithe eile a bhaineann le AE agus beidh tosaíocht ag gnó den chineál sin ar gnó eile sa Dáil faoi réir Bhuan-Ordú 35: Ar choinníoll go dtabharfaidh an Comhalta den Rialtas a fhógraíonn gnó míniú órang Dáil mura dtógtar an gnó tosaíochta laistigh de dhá sheachtain ón am a thugtar tosaíocht dó agus socrófar datha eile chun an gnó sin a thógáil leis an gnó míniú sin.

c) Beidh an Ceann Comhairle (ex officio) ina chathaoirleach nó ina cathaoirleach ar an nGasra Stiúrtha Parlaiminteach agus beidh Cathaoirleach an Ghasra Oibre de Chathaoirligh Coistí, Cathaoirleach an Roghchoiste um Ghnóthaí an Aontais Eorpaigh agus Cathaoirleach agus Leas-Chathaoirleagh na Roghchoistí eile atá bunaithe ag Dáil Éireann faoi Bhuan-Ordú 95 ar an gcoiste freisin.

(2) D’ainneoin ghinearáltacht mhír (1):—

(a) Cuirfear síos tairiscint roimh gach Uachtaránacht AE ó Chomhalta den Rialtas lena glacadh ag an Dáil ina leagfar amach tosaíochtaí a an Rialtais d’Uachtaránacht AE de thuras na huaire.

(b) Déanfaidh an Taoiseach ráitis leis an Dáil roimh gach cruinntiú den Chomhairle Eorpach agus/ nó dá éis.

(c) D’ainneoin ghinearáltacht Bhuan-Orduithe 95 agus 96 agus ag féachaint do Chlár Oibre Bliantúil CE agus do thosaíochtaí a an Rialtais d’Uachtaránacht AE de thuras na huaire arna nglacadh, is feidhm de chuid an Roghchoiste um Ghnóthaí Eorpacha clár oibre AE bliantúil a thíoladh lena ghlacadh ag Dáil Éireann ar mhodh tairisceana ina leagfar amach a chuid tosaíochtaí féin agus tosaíochtaí Coistí eile arna mbunú faoi Bhuan-Ordú 95.

(3) Déanfaidh Dáil Éireann agus a cuid Roghchoiste eacnamaíochtaí go mór nároth an Aontais Eorpaigh a chur chun cinn, lena n-áirítear trí bhearta amhail Seachtain na hEorpa agus tograí agus tionscnaimh AE a bhreithiú, chun feasaacht fhoiblí fheabhsaithe ar ról an Aontais Eorpaigh a chothú.

(4) De réir Acht an Aontais Eorpaigh (Grinnscrúdú), 2002, tabharfaidh an Roghchoiste um Ghnóthaí Eorpacha tuarascáil bhliantúil do Dháil Éireann ar oibriú an Achta seo sa bhliain roimh sin agus áireofar sa tuarascáil sin bearta agus tionscnaimh/ghníomhaíochtaí formhaoíirseithe, amhail teagmháil le hAirí roimh Chomhairle AE, arna ndéanamh ag Dáil Éireann agus a cuid Roghchoistei chun ról AE a chur chun cinn.

AN COMHCHOISTE UM ACHAINÓCHA ON BPÓBAL

An Comhchoiste um Achainócha on bPóbal.

125. (1) Beidh arna bhunú, i ndiaidh ationól na Dála tar éis Olltoghcháin, Buan-Choiste, a chomhchéanglófar le Coiste dá shamhail de chuid Sheanad Éireann, chun bheithe ina Chomhchoiste um Achainócha on bPóbal, chun breithniú a dhéanamh ar an méid seo a leanas—
(b) The Parliamentary Steering Group shall prioritise for debate in the Dáil motions in regard to reports from the Select Committees on EU Affairs or on other related EU matters and such business shall take precedence over other business in the Dáil subject to Standing Order 35: Provided that the Member of Government announcing business shall give an explanation to the Dáil if the priority business is not taken within two weeks of being prioritised and such explanation shall fix another date for the taking of such business.

(c) The Parliamentary Steering Group shall be chaired by the Ceann Comhairle (ex officio) and will also comprise the Chairman of the Working Group of Committee Chairmen, the Chairman of the Select Committee on European Union Affairs and the Chairmen and Deputy Chairmen of other Select Committees established by Dáil Éireann under Standing Order 95.

(2) Notwithstanding the generality of paragraph (1):—

(a) A motion shall be tabled in advance of each EU Presidency by a Member of the Government for adoption by the Dáil setting out the Government’s priorities for the EU Presidency for the time being.

(b) The Taoiseach will make statements to the Dáil in advance of and/or following each European Council meeting.

(c) Notwithstanding the generality of Standing Orders 95 and 96 and having regard to the EC Annual Work Programme and the Government priorities for the EU Presidency for the time being as adopted, it shall be a function of the Select Committee on European Union Affairs to present an annual EU work programme for adoption by Dáil Éireann by way of motion which shall set out its own priorities and those of other Committees established under Standing Order 95.

(3) Dáil Éireann and its Select Committees will promote engagement in European Union affairs, including through measures such as Europe Week and the consideration of EU proposals and initiatives, to foster greater public awareness of the role of the European Union.

(4) In accordance with the European Union (Scrutiny) Act 2002, the Select Committee on European Affairs shall make an annual report to Dáil Éireann on the operation in the preceding year of this Act and include in such report measures and oversight initiatives/activities, such as pre-EU Council engagement with Ministers, taken by Dáil Éireann and its Select Committees to promote the role of the EU.

JOINT COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC PETITIONS

Joint Committee on Public Petitions.

125. (1) There shall stand established, following the reassembly of the Dáil subsequent to a General Election, a Standing Committee, which shall be joined with a similar Committee of Seanad Éireann, to form the Joint Committee on Public Petitions, to consider—
(a) achainíochá ón bpobal a bheidh dírithe chuig Tithe an Oireachtais agus a bheidh arna dtarchur chuig an gCoiste de réir Bhuan-Orduithe 126 go 129, go huile;

(b) cibé nithe eile a tharchuiriúdh Tithe an Oireachtais chuig an gCoiste; agus

(c) aon nithe gaolmhara eile.

(2) Féadfaidh an Coiste freisin breithniú a dhéanamh ar ní is díol imní nó spéise don phobal i gcóitinne i ndáil le cumhachtáí reachtacha Thithe an Oireachtais nó le saincheist beartais phoiblí: Ar choinníoll go rachaidh Cathaoirleach an Chomhchoiste, roimh thosach an bhreithnítethe sin, i gcomhairle leis an gCoiste iomchuí arna bhunú de bhun Bhuan-Ordú 95.

(3) Seacht gcomhalta de Dháil Éireann a bheidh ar an mBuan-Choiste. Ceathrar is córam don Chomhchoiste, ar comhalta de Dháil Éireann duine amháin diobh ar a laghad agus ar comhalta de Sheanad Éireann duine amháin diobh ar a laghad. Beidh Cathaoirleach an Chomhchoiste ina chomhalta nó ina comhalta de Dháil Éireann.

(4) Beidh na cumhachtáí seo a leanas ag an gComhchoiste:

(a) na cumhachtáí a mhínítear i mBuan-Ordú 96, seachas míreanna (3), (6), (7), (10) agus (11) den Bhuan-Ordú sin; agus

(b) cumhacht chun aon nó a bheidh arna bhreithniú aige (agus ar cinneadh dótaithe tábhachtachta a bheith leis chun go bhfuil gá le breithniú breise) a tharchur chuig an gComhchoiste iomchuí a bheidh arna cheapadh faoi Bhuan-Ordú 95 chun é a bhreithniú tuilleadh agus tuairisciú don Choiste.

(5) Beidh feidhm ag forálacha Bhuan-Ordú 106, seachas mír (1) den Bhuan-Ordú sin, maidir leis an gComhchoiste.

(6) Féadfaidh an Comhchoiste dul i mbun plé leis an gCoiste um Achainíochá de chuid Pharlaímint na hEorpa, lena n-aítítear plé i ndáil le Tionscnamh Eorpach na Saoránach.

(7) Beidh sé ina threoir don Chomhchoiste nach mbreithneoidh sé aon nó a bheidh á bhreithniú ag an gCoiste um Chuntas Poiblí, nó ar thug an Coiste sin fógra faoi á rá go bhfuil beartaithe aige é a bhreithniú, i bhfeedhmiú a feidhimneanna faoi Bhuan-Ordú 218 agus/nó Acht an Ard Reachtaire Cuntas agus Ciste (Leasú), 1993.

(8) Úllmhóidh an Comhchoiste clár oibre bliantúil agus tuarascáil bhliantúil, mar atá leagtha amach i mBuan-Ordú 100, agus leagfar iad faoi bhráid dhá Theach an Oireachtais.

Achainí a thaisceadh.

126. (1) Féadfar achainí a dhíriú chuig Tithe an Oireachtais maidir le ní is díol imní nó spéise don phobal i gcóitinne i ndáil lena gcumhachtáí reachtachta nó le saincheist beartais phoiblí.

(2) Féadfaidh pearsa aonair, comhlacht corpraithe nó comhlachas neamhchopraithe daoine achainí a thaisceadh.
(a) public petitions addressed to the Houses of the Oireachtas which shall stand referred to the Committee in accordance with Standing Orders 126 to 129, inclusive;

(b) such other matters as may be referred to the Committee by the Houses of the Oireachtas; and

(c) any other related matters.

(2) The Committee may also consider a matter of general public concern or interest in relation to the legislative powers of the Houses of the Oireachtas or an issue of public policy: Provided that prior to the commencement of such consideration, the Chairman of the Joint Committee shall consult with the relevant Committee established pursuant to Standing Order 95.

(3) The Standing Committee shall consist of seven members of Dáil Éireann. The quorum of the Joint Committee shall be four, of whom at least one shall be a member of Dáil Éireann and one a member of Seanad Éireann. The Chairman of the Joint Committee shall be a member of Dáil Éireann.

(4) The Joint Committee shall have the following powers:

(a) the powers defined in Standing Order 96, other than paragraphs (3), (6), (7), (10) and (11) thereof; and

(b) power to refer any matter which has been considered by it (and which has been concluded to be of sufficient importance to require additional consideration) to the relevant Joint Committee appointed under Standing Order 95 for further consideration and report back to the Committee.

(5) The provisions of Standing Order 106, other than paragraph (1) thereof, shall apply to the Joint Committee.

(6) The Joint Committee may engage with the Committee on Petitions of the European Parliament including in relation to the European Citizens’ Initiative.

(7) It shall be an instruction to the Joint Committee that it shall not consider any matter which is being considered, or of which notice has been given of a proposal to consider, by the Committee of Public Accounts in the exercise of its functions under Standing Order 218 and/or the Comptroller and Auditor General (Amendment) Act 1993.

(8) The Joint Committee shall prepare an annual work programme and an annual report as outlined in Standing Order 100, which shall be laid before both Houses of the Oireachtas.

**Lodging of petitions.**

126. (1) A petition may be addressed to the Houses of the Oireachtas on a matter of general public concern or interest in relation to their legislative powers or an issue of public policy.

(2) A petition may be lodged by an individual person, a body corporate or an unincorporated association of persons.
Buan-orduithe

(3) Luafar go soiléir in achainí—

(a) ainm an achainígh;

(b) seoladh de chuid an achainígh ar chóir gach comhfhreagras a bhaineann leis an achainí a sheoladh chuige; agus

(c) ainm agus seoladh aon duine atá ag tacú leis an achainí.

(4) Beidh gach achainí a dhíreofar chuig Tithe an Oireachtais arna tarchur chuig an gComhchoiste um Achainíocha on bPobal (dá ngairtear “an Coiste” sa Bhuan-Ordú seo agus i mBuan-Orduithe 127, 128 agus 129).

(5) Cinnfidh an Coiste, ó am go ham—

(a) foirm chuí achainíocha;

(b) an modh ar a dtaiscfear achainíocha leis na Tithe; agus

(c) cibé nithe eile i ndáil le hachainíocha a bhreithniú is cuí leis an gCoiste agus nach ndéantar foráil lena n-aghaidh ar shlí eile sna Buan-Orduithe seo.

Inglaethacht achainíocha.

127. (1) Tá achainí inghlaetha mura rud é—

(a) go n-iartrar léi ar an Dáil aon ní a dhéanamh seachas ní a bhfuil cumhacht ag an Dáil é a dhéanamh;

(b) nach gcomhlíonann sí na Buan-Orduithe nó nach bhfuil sí i bhfoirm chuí ar shlí eile;

(c) go bhfuil sí sub judice de réir bhrí Bhuan-Ordú 69;

(d) go bhfuil ainm nó ainmneacha pearsan aonair inti;

(e) go bhfuil teanga inti atá maslach nó ar de chineál clúmhilleach í;

(f) gurb ionann í agus achainí, nó go bhfuil sí i dtéarmaí atá go substaintiúil de shamhail achainí, a thionscain an duine céanna, an comhlacht corpraith céanna nó an comhlachas neamhchorpraith céanna, nó a tionscnaíodh thar a cheann nó thar a ceann, le linn shaolré na Dála sin agus a dúnadh le comhaontú an Choiste;

(g) go bhfuil sí suaihbreosach, cráiteach nó gur mí-úsáid ar an gcóras achainíocha í ar shlí eile; agus

(h) go gceanglaítear léi ar an gCoiste gearán aonair a bhreithniú ab ábhar do chineadh ó Ombudsman, nó ó comhlacht rialála poibli nó comhlacht arna bhunú chun críche básaimh.
(3) A petition shall clearly indicate—

(a) the name of the petitioner;

(b) an address of the petitioner to which all communications concerning the petition should be sent; and

(c) the name and address of any person supporting the petition.

(4) All petitions addressed to the Houses of the Oireachtas shall stand referred to the Joint Committee on Public Petitions (referred to in this Standing Order and Standing Orders 127, 128 and 129 as “the Committee”).

(5) The Committee shall, from time to time, determine—

(a) the proper form of petitions;

(b) the manner in which petitions are to be lodged with the Houses; and

(c) such other matters in relation to the consideration of petitions as the Committee considers appropriate and which are not otherwise provided for in these Standing Orders.

Admissibility of petitions.

127. (1) A petition is admissible unless it—

(a) requests the Dáil to do anything other than the Dáil has power to do;

(b) does not comply with Standing Orders or is otherwise not in proper form;

(c) is sub judice within the meaning of Standing Order 69;

(d) contains the name or names of individuals;

(e) contains language which is offensive or in the nature of being defamatory;

(f) is the same as, or in substantially similar terms to, a petition brought by or on behalf of the same person, body corporate or unincorporated association during the lifetime of that Dáil and which was closed by agreement of the Committee;

(g) is frivolous, vexatious or otherwise constitutes an abuse of the petitions system; and

(h) requires the Committee to consider an individual complaint which has been the subject of a decision by an Ombudsman, or by a regulatory public body or a body established for the purpose of redress.
Buan-orduithe

(2) I ndáil le hachainiócha inghlactha, i gcás achainí ina bhpléitear—

(a) le nithe áitiúla nó réigiúnacha; nó

(b) le nithe ar mó is cuí do chomhlacht rialála poiblí nó comhlacht arna bhuñú chun críche sásaimh iad;

suífidh an Coiste gur úsáid an t-achainíoch na bealaí achomhairc nó sásaimh go léir atá ar fáil sula mbreithneoidh an Coiste an ní.

(3) Breithneoidh an Coiste agus cinnfidh sé i gcás dó gá equally roinntachta inbhfuil achainí inghlactha agus tabharfaidh sé fógra don achainíoch faoina chinneadh agus faoi na cúiseanna atá leis an gcinneadh sin.

Gníomh a dhéanmh maidir le hachainiócha.

128. (1) Má tá achainí inghlactha, déanfaidh an Coiste cibé gníomh is cuí leis i ndáil leis an achainí sin.

(2) Gan dochar do ghinearáltacht mhír (1), féadfaidh an Coiste—

(a) an achainí a tharchur chuig Ombudsman nó chuig comhlacht rialála poiblí nó comhlacht arna bhuñú chun críche sásaimh;

(b) an achainí a tharchur chuig aon Choiste eile is cuí leis, mar aon le hiarraidh go ndéanfar í a bhreithniú tuilleadh agus tuairisciú don Choiste; agus

(c) tuarascáil a thabhairt don Dáil mar aon le moltaí, lena n-áirítear iarraidh go ndéanfaidh an Dáil dhíospóireacht ar an tuarascáil.

(3) Tabharfaidh an Coiste fógra don achainíoch faoi aon ghníomh a dhéanfar faoi mhír (2).

Achainiócha a dhúnadh.

129. (1) Féadfaidh an Coiste achainí a dhúnadh aon tráth.

(2) I gcás go ndúnaigh an Coiste, tabharfaidh sé fógra don achainíoch go bhfuil an achainí dúnta agus faoi na cúiseanna ar dúnaidh í.

Tuarascáil Ombudsman a bhreithniú.

130. I gcás nach ndéanfaidh Roghchoiste, faoi Bhuan-Ordú 95(8)(b), tuarascáil Ombudsman, nó cuid nó codanna dis, a bhreithniú laistigh de thréimhse dhá mhí (gan treimhsí sosa na Nollag, na Cásca nó an tsamhráidh a chur san áireamh) tar éis an tuarascáil a leagan faoi bhráid ceachtar Tí den Oireachtas nó faoi bhráid an dá Theach sin, cromfaidh an Coiste ar an tuarascáil Ombudsman, nó aon chodanna di nach mbeidh breithnithe ag an Roghchoiste, a bhreithniú.
(2) In relation to admissible petitions, where a petition deals with—

(a) local or regional matters; or

(b) matters which are more appropriate to a regulatory public body or a body established for the purpose of redress;

the Committee shall establish that all available avenues of appeal or redress have been utilised by the petitioner prior to the Committee considering the matter.

(3) The Committee shall consider and decide in a case of dispute whether a petition is admissible and shall notify the petitioner of its decision and of the reasons for that decision.

Actions in relation to petitions.

128. (1) If a petition is admissible, the Committee shall take such action as it considers appropriate in relation to that petition.

(2) Without prejudice to the generality of paragraph (1), the Committee may—

(a) refer the petition to an Ombudsman or a regulatory public body or a body established for the purpose of redress;

(b) refer the petition to any other Committee as it considers appropriate, with a request for further consideration and report back to the Committee; and

(c) report to the Dáil with recommendations, including a request that the report be debated by the Dáil.

(3) The Committee shall notify the petitioner of any action taken under paragraph (2).

Closing of petitions.

129. (1) The Committee may close a petition at any time.

(2) Where the Committee closes a petition it shall notify the petitioner that the petition is closed and of the reasons for closing it.

Consideration of Ombudsman report.

130. Where a Select Committee does not under Standing Order 95(8)(b) consider an Ombudsman report, or a portion or portions thereof, within two months (excluding Christmas, Easter or summer recess periods) of the report being laid before either or both Houses of the Oireachtas, the Committee shall proceed to consider the Ombudsman report, or any portions thereof not considered by the Select Committee.
Buan-Orduithe

Ról Dháil Éireann faoi Airteagal 29.4 Den Bhunreacht (An Conradh ar an Aontas Eorpach agus An Conradh ar Fheidhmiú an Aontais Eorpaigh: Conradh Liospóin)

Socruithe idírthiúimhseacha.

131. (1) Beidh arna bhunú i ndiaidh ationól na Dála tar éis Olltoghcháin, Rohgchoiste a mbeidh na cumhachtaí a leagtar amach i mBuan-Orduithe 133, 134 agus 135 arna dtabhairt dó.

(2) Ceapfaidh an Dáil, tráth nach déanaí nó an tríú lá suí i ndiaidh an ationóil sin, trí chomhalta dhéag chuig an Rohgchoiste a bhunófar faoi mhír (1) den Bhuan-Ordú seo, ar córam cúcgear dóibh,agus le linn dhí é sin a dhéanamh, déanfaidh sí—

(a) na feidhméanna a bheidh le comhliónadh ag an Rohgchoiste a mhíniú, agus

(b) na cumhachtaí, más ann, a bheidh le tarmiligean chun an Rohgchoiste faoi Bhuan-Ordú 96 a mhíniú.

Treoacha do Rohgchoistí áirithe.

132. (1) Maidir le Rohgchoiste dá mbeidh cumhachtaí tugtha faoi Bhuan-Orduithe 133, 134 nó 135 agus a bheidh comhcheangailte le Rohgchoiste arna cheapadh ag Seanad Éireann chun Comhchoiste a dhéanamh, féadfaidh sé a chineadh, áfach, gníomhú mar Rohgchoiste den Dáil maidir le ní sonraithe nó níthe sonraithe nó ar feadh trí mhíhse arsonraithte chun na cumhachtaí a dúradh a fheidhmiú.

(2) Beidh sé ina threoir do Rohgchoiste dá mbeidh cumhachtaí tugtha faoi Bhuan-Orduithe 133, 134 nó 135 nach ndéanfaidh sé breithniú ar aon ní a chuimsitéar leis na Bhuan-Orduithe a luadh cheana i gcás go mbeidh an ní sin á bhreithniú cheana féin ag Rohgchoiste eile.

(3) Beidh de chumhacht ag gach Rohgchoiste dá mbeidh cumhachtaí tugtha faoi Bhuan-Orduithe 133, 134 nó 135 a iarraidh ar Rohgchoiste eile de cheachtar Teach dá mbeidh na cumhachtaí sin tugtha sa tsíl chéanna go dtonófar comhchrúinniú den dá Choiste chun ní sonrach nó níthe sonracha comhghníomhaíochta a bhreithniú agus, i gcás aon chomhchrúinnithe den sórt sin—

(a) gníomhóidh Cathaoirleach an Choiste iartrhaigh mar Chathaoirleach agus, mura féidir don Chathaoirleach a bheith i láthair, beidh feidhm ag forálacha Bhuan-Ordú 104(3) agus (4);

(b) beidh feidhm ag forálacha an dá Choiste i dtaobh córaim fairis an modhnú go laghdófar gach córam den sórt sin de leath agus ansin go gcothromrófar é suas go dtí an chéad slánúimhir eile is gaire; agus

(c) ní bheidh feidhm ag orduithe tagartha an dá Choiste ach amháin a mhéid is orduithe iad a bhaineann leis an dá Choiste.

Dréachtghníomhartha reachtacha: teorainn ocht seachtaine chun tuairim a nochtadh a nochtadh i dtaobh sárú ar an gcoimhdeacht (“cáirte buí agus oráiste”).

133. (1) De réir Airteagal 6 de Próttacal Uimh. 2 a ghabhann leis an gConradh ar an Aontas Eorpach agus leis an gConradh ar Fheidhmiú an Aontais Eorpaigh (Próttacal mairid le Prionsabail na Coimhdeachta agus na Comhréireachta a Chur i bhFeidhm) arna chur chun feidhme le halt 7(3)
ROLE OF DÁIL ÉIREANN UNDER ARTICLE 29.4 OF THE CONSTITUTION (TREATY ON EUROPEAN UNION AND TREATY ON THE FUNCTIONING OF THE EUROPEAN UNION: THE LISBON TREATY)

Transitional arrangements.

131. (1) There shall stand established, following the reassembly of the Dáil subsequent to a General Election, a Select Committee which shall stand conferred with the powers set out in Standing Orders 133, 134 and 135.

(2) The Dáil shall, not later than the third sitting day following such reassembly, appoint thirteen members to the Select Committee established under paragraph (1) of this Standing Order, of whom five shall constitute a quorum, and in so doing, shall—

(a) define the functions to be performed by the Select Committee, and

(b) define the powers, if any, to be devolved upon the Select Committee under Standing Order 96.

Instructions to certain Select Committees.

132. (1) A Select Committee on which powers have been conferred under Standing Orders 133, 134 or 135 and which has been joined with a Select Committee appointed by Seanad Éireann to form a Joint Committee may nevertheless decide to act as a Select Committee of the Dáil in respect of a specified matter or matters or for a specified time period for the purpose of exercising the said powers.

(2) It shall be an instruction to a Select Committee on which powers have been conferred under Standing Orders 133, 134 or 135 that it shall not enter into consideration of any matter comprehended by the aforementioned Standing Orders where such matter is already under consideration by another Select Committee.

(3) Each Select Committee on which powers have been conferred under Standing Orders 133, 134 or 135 shall have power to request of another Select Committee of either House on which such powers have been similarly conferred that a joint meeting of both Committees be held to consider a specific matter or matters of common activity and, in the case of any such joint meeting—

(a) the Chairman of the requesting Committee shall act as Chairman and, in the unavoidable absence of the Chairman, the provisions of Standing Order 104(3) and (4) shall apply;

(b) the quorum provisions of both Committees shall apply with the modification that each such quorum shall be halved and then rounded up to the next nearest whole number; and

(c) the orders of reference of the two Committees shall apply only insofar as they are common to both.

Draft legislative acts: eight week limit to express opinion on infringement of subsidiarity (“yellow and orange card”).

133. (1) In accordance with Article 6 of Protocol No. 2 to the Treaty on European Union and the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (Protocol on the Application of the Principles of Subsidiarity and Proportionality) as applied by section 7(3) of the European Union Act 2009, the Dáil
d’Acht an Aontais Eorpaigh, 2009, féadfaidh an Dáil a chumhachtú do Roghchoiste tuairim réasúnaithe a fhóirmiú nach gcomhlíonann dréachtghníomh reachtach (de réir bhrí Airteagal 3 den Phrótacal sin) prionsabal na coimhdeachta.

(2) Beidh gach dréachtghníomh reachtach a chuirfear ar aghaidh chuig an Dáil faoi Airteagal 4 den Phrótacal a dúradh arna thachur chuig Roghchoiste a chumhachtaitear faoin mBuan-Ordú seo.

(3) Beidh sé ina threoir do Roghchoiste a chumhachtaitear faoin mBuan-Ordú seo—

(a) le linn dó tuairim réasúnaithe a fhóirmiú i dtaoibh an gcomhlíonann dréachtghníomh reachtach prionsabal na coimhdeachta, go rachaidh an Coiste i gcomhairle le cibé Coistí eile agus le cibé páirtithe leasmhara is cuí leis;

(b) más rud é gurb é tuairim an Choiste nach gcomhlíonann dréachtghníomh reachtach prionsabal na coimhdeachta, go ndéanfaidh sé tuairim réasúnaite sa chéille sin a chur isteach ar mhodh tuarascála a leagfar os comhair na Dála; agus

(c) i gcás go mbeidh tuarascáil leagtha ag an gCoiste faoi mhír (3)(b) den Buan-Ordú seo, go ndéanfaidh an Cathaoirleach, láithreach, tairiscint maidir le chur síos faoi alt 7(3) d’Acht an Aontais Eorpaigh, 2009, agus tabharfar tosafocht don tairiscint sin ar Riar na hOibre de réir Bhuan-Ordú 38;

Ar choinniól, maidir leis an tuairim réasúnaite a bheidh leagtha amach i dtuarascáil an Choiste, go bhféadfadh an Dáil, trí leasú ar an tairiscint a bheidh curtha síos ag an gCathaoirleach faoin mhír seo, tuairim a chur ina hionad, cumhacht a chur chuig an Choiste agus cuimhneadh go priontar do Bhuan-Ordú 38 i dhá chuidlín chun cur ina gcoinne.

(4) I gcás go n-aontaíonn an Dáil tairiscint a bheidh curtha síos de bhun mhír (3)(c) den Buan-Ordú seo, tar éis í a leasú nó gan í a leasú, cuirfidh an gChathaoirleach faoi mór cóip—

(a) den Rún a bheidh aontaíthe ag an Dáil,

(b) den tuairim réasúnaíthe a bheidh aontaíthe ag an Dáil, agus

(c) den tuarascáil ón gCoiste dá dtagraítear i mír (3)(c),

a chur chuig Uachtaráin Parlaimint na hEorpa, Uachtaráin an Pharlaimint agus Uachtaráin an Choimisiúin.

Athrúthte i gcinnnteoireacht AE: teorainn sé mhí chun cur ina gcoinne (“cáirte dearg”).

134. (1) Féadfaidh an Dáil a chumhachtú do Roghchoiste breithniú a dhéanamh ar cibé fógraí—

(a) faoin tríú fomhír d’Airteagal 48.7 den Chonradh ar an Aontas Eorpach (passerelle ginearálta: athrú ó gníomhú d’aon toil go dtí gníomhú trí thromlach cáilithe nó ó nós imeachta reachtach speisialta go dtí gnáthnós imeachta reachtach) arna cur chun feidhme le halt 7(1) d’Acht an Aontais Eorpaigh, 2009, agus

(b) faoin tríú fomhír d’Airteagal 81.3 den Chonradh ar Fheidhmiú an Aontais Eorpaigh (passerelle dhlí an teaghlaigh: athrú go dtí gnáthnós imeachta reachtach le haghaidh beart a bhaineann
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may empower a Select Committee to form a reasoned opinion that a draft legislative act (within the meaning of Article 3 of the said Protocol) does not comply with the principle of subsidiarity.

(2) All draft legislative acts forwarded to the Dáil under Article 4 of the said Protocol shall stand referred to a Select Committee empowered under this Standing Order.

(3) It shall be an instruction to a Select Committee empowered under this Standing Order that—

(a) in forming a reasoned opinion on whether a draft legislative act complies with the principle of subsidiarity, the Committee shall consult with such other Committees and such stakeholders as it considers appropriate;

(b) where the Committee is of the opinion that a draft legislative act does not comply with the principle of subsidiarity, it shall submit a reasoned opinion to this effect by way of a report which shall be laid before the Dáil; and

(c) where a report has been laid by the Committee under paragraph (3)(b) of this Standing Order, the Chairman shall forthwith table a motion thereon under section 7(3) of the European Union Act 2009, and such motion shall be given priority on the Order Paper in accordance with Standing Order 38;

Provided that the Dáil may substitute, add to or otherwise vary, the reasoned opinion set out in the Committee’s report by way of amendment to the motion tabled by the Chairman under this paragraph.

(4) Where the Dáil agrees a motion tabled pursuant to paragraph (3)(c) of this Standing Order, either with or without amendment, the Ceann Comhairle shall cause a copy of—

(a) the Resolution agreed by the Dáil,

(b) the reasoned opinion agreed by the Dáil, and

(c) the report of the Committee referred to in paragraph (3)(c),

to be sent to the Presidents of the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission.

Changes in EU decision-making: six month limit to oppose (“red card”).

134. (1) The Dáil may empower a Select Committee to consider such notifications under—

(a) the third subparagraph of Article 48.7 of the Treaty on European Union (general passerelle: change from unanimity to qualified majority or from special legislative procedure to ordinary legislative procedure) as applied by section 7(1) of the European Union Act 2009, and

(b) the third subparagraph of Article 81.3 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (family law passerelle: change to ordinary legislative procedure for measures concerning
leis an dlí teaghlaign agus a mbeidh impleachtaí trasteorann acu) arna cur chun feidhme le halt 7(2) d’Acht an Aontais Eorpaigh, 2009,

da tharchuirfidh an Dáil chuig an gCoiste ó am go ham.

(2) Beidh sé ina threoir do Roghchoiste a chumhachaítear faoin mBuan-Ordú seo—

(a) le linn dó fógraí den sórt sin a bhreithníú, go rachaidh an Coiste i gcomhairle le cibé Coistí eile agus le cibé páirtithe leasmhara is cuí leis;

(b) i gcás go mbeidh an Coiste i gceóinne an chinnidh dá dtagraíonn an fógra, go leagfaidh sé tuarascáil sa chéill sin os comháir na Dála;

(c) i gcás go mbeidh tuarascáil leagtha ag an gCoiste faoi mhír (2)(b) den Bhuan-Ordú seo, go ndéanfaidh an Cathaoirleach, láithreach, tairiscint maidir léi a chur síos faoi alt 7(1) nó 7(2) d’Acht an Aontais Eorpaigh, 2009, mar is cuí, agus go dtabharfar tosaíocht don tairiscint ar Riar na hOibre de réir Bhuan-Ordú 38; agus

(d) i gcás nach mbeidh níos ndearna an Coiste i gceóinne an chinnidh dá dtagraíonn an fógra, go gcuirfidh sé Teachtaireacht chuige sin chun an Dála a réir an nóis imeachta atá leagtha amach i mBuan-Ordú 101.

(3) Cuirfidh an Ceann Comhairle faoi deara cóip de gach Rún arna dhéanamh ag an Dáil faoi mhír (2)(c) den Bhuan-Ordú seo a chur chuig Uachtarán na Comhairle Eorpa nó chuir an gComhairle de réir mar is cuí, mar aon le cóip den Tuarascáil dá dtagraíonn an Rún.

Gníomhartha reachtachta: sárú ar an gcóimhdeacht: iarraidh ar athbhreithniú ag Cúirt Bhreithiúnais AE.

135. (1) De réir Airteagal 8 de Próitacal Uimh. 2 a ghabhann leis an gConradh ar an Aontas Eorpach agus leis an gConradh ar Fheidhmiú an Aontais Eorpaigh (Próitacal maidir le Prionsabal na Coimhdeachta agus na Comhréireachta a Chur i bhFeidhm) arna chur chun feidhme le halt 7(4) d’Acht an Aontais Eorpaigh, 2009, féadfaidh an Dáil a chumhachtú do Roghchoiste breithniú a dhéanamh i dtaoibh an ndéanann gníomh de chuid institiúide den Aontas Eorpaich sárú ar phrionsabal na coimhdeachta.

(2) Beidh sé ina threoir do Roghchoiste a chumhachaítear faoin mBuan-Ordú seo—

(a) le linn dó breithniú a dhéanamh i dtaoibh an ndéanann gníomh de chuid institiúide den Aontas Eorpaich sárú ar phrionsabal na coimhdeachta, go rachaidh an Coiste i gcomhairle le cibé Coistí eile agus le cibé páirtithe leasmhara is cuí leis;

(b) más rud é—

(i) gurb é tuairim an Choiste go ndéanann gníomh de chuid institiúide den Aontas Eorpaich sárú ar phrionsabal na coimhdeachta, agus

(ii) gur mian leis an gCoiste go ndéanfaí imeachtaí ag lorg athbhreithniú ar an gníomh lena mbaineann a thionscnamh i gCúirt Bhreithiúnais an Aontais Eorpaigh,
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family law with cross-border implications) as applied by section 7(2) of the European Union Act 2009,

as may be referred to the Committee from time to time by the Dáil.

(2) It shall be an instruction to a Select Committee empowered under this Standing Order that—

(a) in considering such notifications, the Committee shall consult with such other Committees and such stakeholders as it considers appropriate;

(b) where the Committee is opposed to the decision to which the notification refers, it shall lay a report to this effect before the Dáil;

(c) where a report has been laid by the Committee under paragraph (2)(b) of this Standing Order, the Chairman shall forthwith table a motion thereon under section 7(1) or 7(2) of the European Union Act 2009, as appropriate, which shall be given priority on the Order Paper in accordance with Standing Order 38; and

(d) where the Committee is not opposed to the decision to which the notification refers, it shall send a Message to this effect to the Dáil in accordance with the procedure set out in Standing Order 101.

(3) The Ceann Comhairle shall cause a copy of all Resolutions made by the Dáil under paragraph (2)(c) of this Standing Order to be sent to the President of the European Council or the Council as appropriate, together with a copy of the Report to which the Resolution refers.

Legislative acts: infringement of subsidiarity: request for review by EU Court of Justice.

135. (1) In accordance with Article 8 of Protocol No. 2 to the Treaty on European Union and the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (Protocol on the Application of the Principles of Subsidiarity and Proportionality) as applied by section 7(4) of the European Union Act 2009, the Dáil may empower a Select Committee to consider whether any act of an institution of the European Union infringes the principle of subsidiarity.

(2) It shall be an instruction to a Select Committee empowered under this Standing Order that—

(a) in considering whether an act of an institution of the European Union infringes the principle of subsidiarity, the Committee shall consult with such other Committees and such stakeholders as it considers appropriate;

(b) where the Committee is—

(i) of the opinion that an act of an institution of the European Union infringes the principle of subsidiarity; and

(ii) wishes that proceedings seeking a review of the act concerned be brought to the Court of Justice of the European Union,
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go leagfaidh sé tuarascáil sa chéill sin os comhair na Dála; agus

(c) i gcás go mbeidh tuarascáil leagtha ag an gCoiste faoi mhír (2)(b) den Buan-Ordú seo, go déanfaidh an Cathaoirleach, láttheacht, tairiscint maidir le chur síos faoi alt 7(4) d’Acht an Aontais Eorpaigh, 2009, agus tabharfar tosaíocht don tairiscint sin ar Riar na hOibre de réir Buan-Ordú 38.

(3) Cuirfidh an Ceann Comhairle faoi deara cóip de gach Rún arna dhéanamh ag an Dáil de réir mhír (2)(c) den Buan-Ordú seo a chur chuig an Aire iomchuí.

Fiosrúcháin de chuid Chuid 2

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136. (1) Ceadóidh an Dáil fiosrúcháin de chuid Chuid 2\(^{37}\) a sheoladh de réir na mBuan-Orduithe seo.

(2) Déanfaidh Coiste a bheartaíonn fiosrúchán de chuid Chuid 2 a sheoladh togra iomchuí ina thaobh sin a chur, faoi Buan-Ordú 137, faoi bhráid Coiste arna ainmníú ag an Dáil faoi na Buan-Orduithe seo chun na tográ sin a ghlacadh.

(3) Cuirfidh an Coiste a bheidh ainmnithe chun tográ iomchuí a ghlacadh faoi deara na tográ sin a mheasúnú agus ullmhóidh sé tuarascáil iomchuí ar na tográ iomchuí sin.

(4) Ní foláir go gceadóidh an Dáil na tearmaí tagartha le haghaidh fiosrúchán de chuid Chuid 2, de réir Buan-Ordú 140, agus ní rithfidh an Dáil aon Rún maidir le Téarmaí Tagartha, ná ní dhíúltóidh sí aon rún den sórt sin a rith, sula ndéanfar an tuarascáil arna haghaidh faoi mhír (3) a bhréithniú.

(5) Déanfaidh an Dáil foilsíú tuarascáilacha eatramhacha nó críochnaítheacha\(^{38}\) de chuid Coiste a bheidh ag seoladh fiosrúcháin de chuid Chuid 2 a cheadú de réir Buan-Ordú 142.

An Coiste um Nós Imeachta chun fógra maidir le tográ iomchuí a ghlacadh.

137. (1) Is é an Coiste um Nós Imeachta an Coiste ainmnithe faoi Buan-Ordú 136(2) chun fógra maidir le tográ iomchuí a haghaidh ó aon Choiste a bheartaíonn fiosrúcháin de chuid Chuid 2 a sheoladh.

(2) Déanfaidh an Coiste um Nós Imeachta, ó am go ham, rialacha agus nósanna imeachta a bhaíneann le meásúnú tográ iomchuí a cheapadh agus a leagan faoi bhráid na Dála ó am go ham, lena n-áirítear rialacha agus nósanna imeachta a bhaíneann le haon chomhairliúchán maidir le tográ iomchuí agus aon mhodh meásúnachta a bhaintear le.

(3) Chun críocha na mBuan-Orduithe seo, ach amhain i gcás go gcuirtear a mhalaínt in iúl, ciaillaíonn “fiosrúcháin de chuid Chuid 2” fiosrúcháin faoi Chaibidil 1 de Chuid 2 den Acht um Thithe an Oireachtais (Fiosrúcháin, Pribhléidí agus Nósanna Imeachta), 2013.

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\(^{37}\) Féach an míniú in B.O. 137.

\(^{38}\) Féach Cuid 4 den Acht um Thithe an Oireachtais (Fiosrúcháin, Pribhléidí agus Nósanna Imeachta), 2013 i ndáil le tuarascáilacha ó Choistí a bheidh ag seoladh fiosrúcháin de chuid Chuid 2.

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it shall lay a report to this effect before the Dáil; and

(c) where a report has been laid by the Committee under paragraph (2)(b) of this Standing Order, the Chairman shall forthwith table a motion thereon under section 7(4) of the European Union Act 2009, which shall be given priority on the Order Paper in accordance with Standing Order 38.

(3) The Ceann Comhairle shall cause a copy of all Resolutions made by the Dáil in accordance with paragraph (2)(c) of this Standing Order to be sent to the relevant Minister.

**PART 2 INQUIRIES**

**Part 2 inquiries.**

136. (1) The Dáil shall approve the conducting of Part 2 inquiries in accordance with these Standing Orders.

(2) A Committee which proposes to conduct a Part 2 inquiry shall make a relevant proposal in that regard, under Standing Order 137, to a Committee designated by the Dáil under these Standing Orders to receive such proposals.

(3) The Committee designated to receive relevant proposals shall cause those proposals to be evaluated and shall make a relevant report on those relevant proposals.

(4) The terms of reference for a Part 2 inquiry must be approved by the Dáil, in accordance with Standing Order 140, and no Terms of Reference Resolution shall be passed, or be declined to be passed, by the Dáil, prior to the consideration of the report prepared under paragraph (3).

(5) The publication of final or interim reports of a Committee conducting a Part 2 inquiry shall be approved by the Dáil in accordance with Standing Order 142.

**Committee on Procedure to receive notice of relevant proposal.**

137. (1) The Committee on Procedure shall be the designated Committee under Standing Order 136(2) to receive notice of a relevant proposal from any Committee which proposes to conduct a Part 2 inquiry.

(2) The Committee on Procedure shall from time to time devise and lay before the Dáil rules and procedures relating to evaluation of relevant proposals, including rules and procedures relating to any consultation on and method of assessment of relevant proposals.

(3) For the purposes of these Standing Orders, except where otherwise indicated, “Part 2 inquiry” means an inquiry under Chapter 1 of Part 2 of the Houses of the Oireachtas (Inquiries, Privileges and Procedures) Act 2013.

37 See definition in S.O. 137.
(4) Chun críocha na mBuan-Orduithe seo, ach amháin i gcás go gcuirtear a mhalairt in iúl, ciallóidh tuarascáilachta eatramhacha agus tuarascáilachta críochnaitheacha i ndáil le fiosrúcháin de chuid Chuid 2 tuarascáilachta eatramhacha agus tuarascáilachta críochnaitheacha faoi ailt 33(1) agus 34(1) den Acht um Thithe an Oireachtais (Fiosrúcháin, Pribhléidí agus Nóisanna Imeachta), 2013.

Togra iomchuí.

138. Maidir le togra iomchuí faoi Bhuan-Ordú 136(2), a mhéid is indéanta, beidh ann na nithe seo a leanas nó dóreofar ann ar na nithe seo a leanas—

(a) an cineál fiosrúcháin de chuid Chuid 2 atá beartaithe de bhun ailt 7 go 11, go huiile, den Acht um Thithe an Oireachtais (Fiosrúcháin, Pribhléidí agus Nóisanna Imeachta), 2013;

(b) an ní nó na nithe is ãbhhar don fhiosrúchán beartaithe, chun a shonrú, a mhéid is indéanta, an t-iompar, na teagmhais, na gníomhaíochtaí, na himthosca, na córais, na cleachtais nó na nósanna imeachta a bheidh le fiosrú, lena n-áirítear—

(i) na dátaí a tharla, nó na tréimhsí ar lena linn a tharla an t-iompar nó na teagmhais, ná dátaí a gabhadh de lámh nó na tréimhsí ar lena linn a gabhadh de lámh na gníomhaíochtaí, na dátaí a d’eascair nó na tréimhsí ar lena linn a d’eascair na himthosca, nó na dátaí a bhí, nó na tréimhsí ar lena linn a bhí na córais, na cleachtais nó na nósanna imeachta i ngníomh,

(ii) an áit nó an ceantar inar tharla an t-iompar nó na teagmhais, inar gabhadh de láimh na gníomhaíochtaí, inar eascaí na himthosca, nó ina raibh na córais, na cleachtais nó na nósanna imeachta i ngníomh, agus

(iii) na daoine lena mbaineann an t-iompar nó na teagmhais sin, na gníomhaíochtaí nó na himthosca sin, nó na daoine a bhfuil a gníomhaíochtaí, a gcórais, a gcleachtais nó a nósanna imeachta le fiosrú;

(c) an amhlaidh go mbaineann an nó nó na nithe le feidhm de chuid na Dála;

(d) an chúis gur chóir gur bhain do frisrúchán de chuid Chuid 2 an nó nó na nithe, seachas é nó iad a scrúdú trí fhóirmeacha eile d’imscrúdú parlaiminteach;

(e) i ndáil leis an gCoiste a bheartaíonn an fiosrúchán a sheoladh—

(i) an chúis, de thoradh a orduithe tagartha látihreacha, go measann sé gur chóir dó an fiosrúchán a sheoladh, nó

(ii) na hathruithe, más ann, ar a orduithe tagartha látihreacha is gá, ina thuairim, chun go seolfáidh sé an fiosrúchán;

(f) an sceideal ama a bhfuiltear ag súil lena úsáid i dtaca leis an bhfiosrúchán beartaithe, lena n-áirítear an le linn tréimhse aonair nó ina chéimeanna a bheartaítear an fiosrúchán beartaithe a sheoladh;
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(4) For the purposes of these Standing Orders, except where otherwise indicated, interim and final reports in relation to Part 2 inquiries shall mean interim and final reports under sections 33(1) and 34(1) of the Houses of the Oireachtas (Inquiries, Privileges and Procedures) Act 2013.

Relevant proposal.

138. A relevant proposal under Standing Order 136(2) shall address or contain, in so far as is practicable—

(a) the type of Part 2 inquiry proposed pursuant to sections 7 to 11, inclusive, of the Houses of the Oireachtas (Inquiries, Privileges and Procedures) Act 2013;

(b) the matter or matters the subject of the proposed inquiry, to specify, as far as is practicable, the conduct, events, activities, circumstances, systems, practices or procedures to be inquired into, including—

(i) the dates on which, or the periods during which, the conduct or events occurred, the activities were undertaken, the circumstances arose, or the systems, practices or procedures were in operation,

(ii) the location or area where the conduct or events occurred, the activities were undertaken, the circumstances arose, or the systems, practices or procedures were in operation, and

(iii) the persons to whom that conduct or those events, activities or circumstances relate, or whose activities, systems, practices or procedures are to be inquired into;

(c) whether the matter or matters relate to a function of the Dáil;

(d) the reason the matter or matters ought to be the subject of a Part 2 inquiry, rather than being examined through other forms of parliamentary investigation;

(e) in relation to the Committee proposing to conduct the inquiry—

(i) the reason that it, further to its existing orders of reference, considers that it ought to conduct the inquiry, or

(ii) the changes, if any, to its existing orders of reference, which are, in its opinion, necessary for it to conduct the inquiry;

(f) the anticipated time schedule for the proposed inquiry, including whether it is proposed to conduct the proposed inquiry in a single period or in phases;
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(g) na hathruithe, más ann, is gá a dhéanamh, i dtuairim an Choiste a bheartaíonn an fiosrúchán a sheoladh, ar an dlí reachtúil, chun an fiosrúchán a sheoladh;

(h) dréacht-Rún maidir le Téarmaí Tagartha á rá, *inter alia*, maidir leis an gCoiste a bheartaíonn an fiosrúchán a sheoladh, le linn dó é a sheoladh, an amhlaidh—

(i) go mbeartaíonn sé cinntí fíorais a dhéanamh, lena n-áirítear cinntí fíorais a d’fhéadfadh cur i gcoinne dea-chlú duine (ag brath ar chineál an fhiosrúcháin atá beartaithe), nó i ndáil le mí-iompar iomchuí,

(ii) go mbeartaíonn sé moltaí a dhéanamh ag eascairt as na nithe seo a leanas—

(I) a chinntí fíorais, nó

(II) na cinntí fíorais arna ndéanamh ag Coiste eile le linn fiosrúchán eile de chuid Chuid 2 a sheoladh má luaitear go sainróite sna téarmaí tagartha don fhiosrúchán eile sin de chuid Chuid 2 go bhfeadfar a chinntí fíorais a úsáid i bhfiosrúcháin eile de chuid Chuid 2,

(iii) go mbeartaíonn sé go bhféadfaidh Coiste eile a chinntí fíorais, más ann, a úsáid le linn fiosrúchán eile de chuid Chuid 2 a sheoladh,

(iv) go bhfuil nó go mbeidh an chumhacht aige chun fios a chur ar dhaoine nó chun fios a chur i ndáil le páipéir agus taifid;

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(i) cibé nithe eile i ndáil leis an bhfiosrúchán beartaithe is cuí leis an gCoiste um Nós Imeachta.

An Coiste um Nós Imeachta do bhréithniú togra iomchuí.

139. Le linn breithniú a bhéanamh ar thogra iomchuí arna bhéanamh de bhun Bhuan-Orduithe 136(2) agus 138, déanfaidh an Coiste um Nós Imeachta na nithe seo a leanas a bhréithniú—

(a) an cóir fiosrúchán beartaithe de chuid Chuid 2 a sheoladh;

(b) mura cóir é a sheoladh, an cóir gníomh malartach a bhréithniú;

(c) más cóir an fiosrúchán a sheoladh—

(i) cén Coiste ar cóir dó é a sheoladh;

(ii) cén modh, faoi ailt 7 go 11 go huile den Acht um Thithe an Oireachtais (Fiosrúcháin, Pribhléidí agus Nósanna Imeachta), 2013, ar ar cóir é a sheoladh; agus

(iii) an dréacht-Rún maidir le Téarmaí Tagartha don fhiosrúchán beartaithe;

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(g) the changes, if any, to statute law, which are, in the opinion of the Committee proposing to conduct the inquiry, necessary to conduct the inquiry;

(h) a draft Terms of Reference Resolution, which shall state, inter alia, whether the Committee proposing to conduct the inquiry, in conducting it—

(i) proposes to make findings of fact, including findings of fact that may impugn the good name of a person (depending on the type of inquiry proposed), or in relation to relevant misbehaviour,

(ii) proposes to make recommendations arising from—

(I) its findings of fact, or

(II) the findings of fact made by another Committee in conducting another Part 2 inquiry if the terms of reference for that other Part 2 inquiry expressly state that its findings of fact may be used in other Part 2 inquiries,

(iii) proposes that its findings of fact, if any, may be used by another Committee in conducting another Part 2 inquiry,

(iv) has or is to have the power to send for persons, papers or records;

and

(i) such other matters in relation to the proposed inquiry as the Committee on Procedure considers appropriate.

Committee on Procedure consideration of relevant proposal.

139. When considering a relevant proposal made pursuant to Standing Orders 136(2) and 138, the Committee on Procedure shall consider—

(a) whether a proposed Part 2 inquiry should be conducted;

(b) if it should not be conducted, whether an alternative course of action should be considered;

(c) if the inquiry should be conducted—

(i) the Committee by which it should be conducted;

(ii) the manner, under sections 7 to 11, inclusive, of the Houses of the Oireachtas (Inquiries, Privileges and Procedures) Act 2013, in which it should be conducted; and

(iii) the draft Terms of Reference Resolution for the proposed inquiry;

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(d) cibé nithe eile i ndáil leis an bhfiosrúchán beartaithe is cuí leis an gCoiste um Nós Imeachta.

Tuarascáil iomchuí agus Rún maidir le Téarmaí Tagartha.

140. (1) Cuirfidh an Coiste um Nós Imeachta faoi deara tuarascáil iomchuí faoi Buan-Ordú 136(3) a ullmhú maidir le haon tograí iomchuí a fhaigheann a haghaidh fiosrúchán de chuid Chuid 2 agus déanfaidh sé, a luaithse is indéanta tar éis an tuarascáil iomchuí a ghlacadh, an tuarascáil iomchuí a leagan faoi bhhráid na Dála, agus déanfaidh comhghallta a bheidh ainmnithe ag an gCoiste um Nós Imeachta tairiscint a chur síos chun an tuarascáil iomchuí agus na moltaí atá inti a bhreithniú.

(2) Déanfar moltaí sa tuarascáil iomchuí i ndáil leis na nithe atá i mBuan Ordú 139, agus féadtar go mbeidh ar áireamh sa tuarascáil sin an dréacht-Rún maidir le Téarmaí Tagartha i ndáil leis an togra iomchuí, mar aon le haon leasuithe air is cuí leis an gCoiste um Nós Imeachta, lena mbreithniú ag an Dáil.

(3) Déanfaidh an Dáil an tuarascáil iomchuí agus na moltaí a bheidh inti a bhreithniú agus ní dhéanfaidh sí Rún maidir le Téarmaí Tagartha a rith faoi Buan-Ordú 136(4) i ndáil leis an togra iomchuí, ná ní dhiúltóidh sí Rún den sórt sin a rith, go dtí go mbeidh an dídhéan séin do dhéanta.

Fiosrúcháin ina dhhaidh sin.

141. Más mian le Coiste a bheidh ag seoladh fiosrúchán de chuid Chuid 2 fiosrúchán iarmhartaí ar fiosrúchán é nach dtagann faoi réim an Rún maidir le Téarmaí Tagartha arna rith ag an Dáil, tabharfaidh sé tuilleadh fógra i scribhinn i dtaobh togra iomchuí breise don Choiste um Nós Imeachta, agus beidh feidhm ag foráilach Buan-Orduithe 136 go 140 go húile maidir leis an togra iomchuí breise sin.

Tuarascálacha ar fiosrúcháin de chuid Chuid 2.

142. D’ainneoin ghineárlacht Bhuan-Orduithe 99 agus 100, i gcás go dtabharfaidh Coiste a bheidh ag seoladh fiosrúchán de chuid Chuid 2 fiosrúchán iarmhartaí a sheoladh, ar fiosrúchán é nach dtagann faoi réim an Rún maidir le Téarmaí Tagartha arna rith ag an Dáil, tabharfaidh sé tuilleadh féin is indéanta, chun an tuarascáil a caitheadh ar na comhaltaí. I gcás go mbeidh an tuarascáil sin scaipteach ag Cléireach na Dála ar na comhaltaí, féadfaidh an Dáil, i gcás gur tuarascáil iarmhachtach an tuarascáil, a ordú dá éis sin go ndéanfar an tuarascáil a leagan faoi bhráid na Dála agus a phoibliú, agus déanfaidh an Dáil, i gcás gur tuarascáil chríochnaitheach an tuarascáil, a ordú go ndéanfar an tuarascáil a leagan faoi bhráid na Dála agus a phoibliú.

Dualgas comhalta sláine fiosrúcháin a chosaint.

143. Beidh sé ina dhualglas ginearáilte ar chomhalta sláine fiosrúcháin de chuid Chuid 2 a chosaint, lena n-áirítear rúndacht pléití agus doiciméad a bhaineann leis an bhfiosrúchán a chothabháil.

Urscaoileadh ó Choiste.

144. (1) I gcás go ndéanfaidh comhalta de Choiste a mbeidh fiosrúchán de chuid Chuid 2 á sheoladh aige ordacháin arna thabhairt ag an gCathaoirleach dó nó dí chun scor de cheistí áirithe a sháráid, féadfaidh an Coiste comhaontú a dhéanamh tuarascáil a thabhairt don Dáil, á mholadh go ndéanfar an comhalta a bheidh i gceist a urscaoileadh ón gCoiste.

39 Féach Cuid 3 den Acht um Thithe an Oireachtais (Fiosrúcháin, Pribhléidí agus Nósanna Imeachta), 2013 i ndáil le fiosrúchán de chuid Chuid 2 agus nósanna imeachta córa.
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(d) such other matters in relation to the proposed inquiry as the Committee on Procedure considers appropriate.

Relevant report and Terms of Reference Resolution.

140. (1) The Committee on Procedure shall cause to be prepared a relevant report under Standing Order 136(3) on any relevant proposals it receives for a Part 2 inquiry and shall, as soon as is practicable after its adoption of the relevant report, lay the relevant report before the Dáil, and a member nominated by the Committee on Procedure shall table a motion to consider the relevant report and the recommendations contained therein.

(2) The relevant report shall make recommendations in relation to the matters contained in Standing Order 139, and may include the draft Terms of Reference Resolution in relation to the relevant proposal, with any amendments thereto which are considered appropriate by the Committee on Procedure, for consideration by the Dáil.

(3) The Dáil shall consider the relevant report and the recommendations therein and shall neither pass nor decline to pass a Terms of Reference Resolution under Standing Order 136(4) in relation to the relevant proposal until such consideration has been given.

Subsequent inquiry.

141. If a Committee conducting a Part 2 inquiry wishes to conduct a consequential inquiry not covered by the Terms of Reference Resolution passed by the Dáil, it shall give further notice in writing of an additional relevant proposal to the Committee on Procedure, to which additional relevant proposal the provisions of Standing Orders 136 to 140, inclusive, shall apply.

Part 2 inquiry reports.

142. Notwithstanding the generality of Standing Orders 99 and 10039, where a Committee conducting a Part 2 inquiry makes an interim or final report, the report shall first be sent to the Clerk of the Dáil, who shall as soon as is practicable arrange for its circulation to members. Where members have been circulated with such a report by the Clerk of the Dáil, the Dáil may, where the report is an interim report, subsequently order that the report be laid before the Dáil and made public, and shall, where the report is a final report, order that the report be laid before the Dáil and made public.

Duty of member to uphold integrity of inquiry.

143. It shall be a general duty of a member to uphold the integrity of a Part 2 inquiry, including maintaining the confidentiality of deliberations and documents relating to the inquiry.

Discharge from Committee.

144. (1) Where a member of a Committee which is conducting a Part 2 inquiry contravenes a direction given to him or her by the Chairman to cease particular questioning, the Committee may agree to report to the Dáil, recommending that the member in question be discharged from the Committee.

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(2) I gcás go measfaidh Coiste a mbeidh fiosrúchán de chuid Chuid 2 á sheoladh aige gur sháraigh duine dá chomhaltaí ceanglas de chuid an Achta Fiosrúchán is infheidhme maidir leis an bhfiosrúchán de chuid Chuid 2, agus gur sárá tromchúiseach an sárú i dtuairim an Choiste, féadfaidh an Coiste comhaontú a dhéanamh tuarascáil a thabhairt don Dáil—

(a) ina sonrófar an t-alt ionchuí de chuid an Achta Fiosrúchán ina bhfuil an ceanglas a sáraíodh, agus an fhianaise a bhainean leis an sárú; agus

(b) ina molfar go ndéanfar an cmhalta a bheidh i gceist a urscaoileadh ón gCoiste.

(3) Le linn dó a fheidhmeanna faoi mhír (2) a chomhlíonadh, déanfaidh an Coiste, gach tráth, aird chu i thabhairt ar na prionsabal Bhunreachta a bhaineann le cothroime bhunúsach nóisanna imeachta agus ar riachtanais an cheartaí aiceanta agus Bhunreachta.

(4) A luaite is indéanta tar éis dó tuarascáil faoi mhír (1) nó faoi mhír (2) a ghlacadh, déanfaidh an Coiste an tuarascáil a leagan faoi bhráid na Dála, agus déanfaidh an Cathaoirleach tairiscint a chur síos, a luaite is indéanta, á mholadh go dtabharfaidh an Dáil an moladh sa tuarascáil dá haire agus go ndéanfaidh sí an cmhalta a thabhairt don Dáil i gceist a urscaoileadh ón gCoiste.

(5) Déanfaidh an Dáil tairiscint faoi mhír (4) a bhreithníú a luaithe is indéanta.

(6) Ní bheidh feidhm ag forálacha Bhuan-Ordú 142 maidir le tuarascáil faoin Bhuan-Ordú seo.

(7) Na tagairtí do “an tAcht Fiosrúchán” sa Bhuan-Ordú seo, is tagairtí iad don Acht um Thithe an Oireachtais (Fiosrúcháin, Pribhléidí agus Nósanna Imeachta), 2013.

Cuirteoirí

Tabhairt isteach cuairteoirí ag comhaltaí: Ionadaithe Nuachtáin.

145. Féadfaidh comhaltaí cuairteoirí a thabhairt isteach chun cibé áiteanna a choimeádfaidh an Ceann Comhairle in áirithe dóibh, agus féadfaidh ionadaithe údaraíthe Nuachtáin a bheith i láthair ag suíonna na Dála nó ag suíonna Coiste den Dáil uile.40

Cuirteoirí agus ionadaithe Nuachtáin a dhúnadh amach i gcás éigeandála.

146. I gcás éigeandáil speisialta a bheith ann, féadfaidh comhalta den Rialtas a thairiscint, gan fógra a thabhairt, go ndúnfar gach cuairteoir agus ionadaithe Nuachtáin amach as an Seomra, agus déanfar amhlaidh le hordú ón gCeann Comhairle, má thoilíonn dhá thrian de na comhaltaí a bheith i láthair leis an tairiscint sin.41

40 Féach freisin B.O. 107.
41 Féach Airteagal 15.8.2° den Bhunreacht.
(2) Where a Committee which is conducting a Part 2 inquiry considers that one of its members has contravened a requirement of the Inquiries Act applicable to the Part 2 inquiry, and, in the opinion of the Committee, the contravention is a serious contravention, the Committee may agree to report to the Dáil—

(a) specifying the relevant section of the Inquiries Act containing the requirement which has been contravened, and the evidence relating to the contravention; and

(b) recommending that the member in question be discharged from the Committee.

(3) In performing its functions under paragraph (2), the Committee shall at all times have due regard to the Constitutional principles of basic fairness of procedures and the requirements of natural and Constitutional justice.

(4) As soon as is practicable after its adoption of a report under paragraph (1) or paragraph (2), the Committee shall lay the report before the Dáil, and the Chairman shall table a motion, as soon as is practicable, proposing that the Dáil takes note of the recommendation in the report and discharges the member in question from the Committee.

(5) The Dáil shall consider a motion under paragraph (4) as soon as is practicable.

(6) The provisions of Standing Order 142 shall not apply to a report under this Standing Order.

(7) References in this Standing Order to “the Inquiries Act” are references to the Houses of the Oireachtas (Inquiries, Privileges and Procedures) Act 2013.

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Introduction of visitors by members: Press.

145. Visitors may be introduced by members to such places as may be reserved for them by the Ceann Comhairle, and authorised representatives of the Press may be present at sittings of the Dáil, or of a Committee of the whole Dáil.40

Exclusion of visitors and Press representatives in emergency.

146. In case of special emergency, a member of the Government may move, without notice, that all visitors and Press representatives be excluded from the Chamber, and this shall be done by direction of the Ceann Comhairle, with the assent of two-thirds of the members present.41

40 See also S.O. 107.
41 See Article 15.8.2° of the Constitution.
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147. Coimeádfaidh an Cléireach cuntas ar imeachtaí uile na Dála, nó an Choiste den Dáil uile, agus nuair a bheidh miontuairiscí na n-imeachtaí léite agus sínithe ag an gCeann Comhairle beidh siad ina gCín Lae ar Imeachtaí na Dála agus clóbhuailfear ansin iad.

Taifid agus scríbhinní a choimeád.

148. Coimeádfaidh an Cléireach gach Cín Lae ar Imeachtaí, agus gach taifead nó scríbhinn eile leis an Dáil, agus ní dheánfaidh sé nó sí ná aon cheadhóidh né aon gCín Lae ar na hImeachtaí nó aon taifid nó scríbhinní den sórt sin a thabhairt amach as an Seomra nó na hoifigí, gan cead nó Ordú sainrúite ón Dáil, ach amháin mar a fhóiltear a mhalairt sna Buan-Ordúithe seo: Ach má bhíonn an Dáil curtha ar athló go ceann aon tréimhse is faide ná seachtain, féadfaidh an Ceann Comhairle an cead sin a thabhairt agus tuairiscceoidh sé nó sí é sin don Dáil ar theacht le chéile arís dí.

Ceannas ar fhoireann na Parlaiminte.

149. Is ag an gCléireach a bheidh stiúradh agus rialú na n-oifigeach agus na comhfhoirne uile, faoi réir cibé orduithe a gheobhaidh sé nó sí, ó am go ham, ón gCeann Comhairle, nó ón Dáil.

An Cléireach as láthair.

150. Nuair a bheidh an Cléireach as láthair comhlíonfaidh nó oibreoidh an Leas-Chléireach, a mhéid a chheadaítear sin leis an dlí, gach dualgas a chuirtear ar an gCléireach, agus gach cumhacht a thugtar dó nó dí, leis na Buan-Ordúithe seo nó leis an dlí.

An Cléireach agus an Leas-Chléireach as láthair.

151. Má bhíonn an Cléireach agus an Leas-Chléireach as láthair, féadfaidh an Ceann Comhairle duine de chomhfhóireann Thithe an Oireachtais a cheapadh, de thuras na huaire, chun na dualgais a chomhlíonadh agus cumhachtá a oibríú a chuirtear ar an gCléireach agus a thugtar dó nó dí leis na Buan-Ordúithe seo.

Doiciméid (Scríbhinní) Oifigiúla, Páipéir Phríobháideacha agus Cumarsaídí Rúnda

Doiciméid (scríbhinní) oifigiúla agus páipéir phríobháideacha.

152. (1) Mura n-éilíonn an comhtheacha a mhalairt:

(a) ciallaíonn “doiciméad oifigiúil” (dá ngairtear “scríbhinn oifigiúil” in Airteagal 15.10 de Bhunreacht na hÉireann) i mBuan-Ordú 153 doiciméad oifigiúil chun críocha an Bhuan-Ordaithe sin, agus ciallaíonn sé i mBuan-Ordú 155 doiciméad oifigiúil mar a mhínitear é in alt 112(1) d’Acht 2013;

(b) foláíonn aon tagaírt do Bhuan-Ordú 153 tagaírt don Sceideal 1 a ghabhann leis na Buan-Ordúithe seo;

(c) ciallaíonn “páipéar príobháideach” i mBuan-Ordú 154 páipéar príobháideach chun críocha an Bhuan-Ordaithe sin;
Journal of the Dáil.

147. All proceedings of the Dáil, or of the Committee of the whole Dáil, shall be noted by the Clerk, and the minutes of proceedings after being perused and signed by the Ceann Comhairle shall constitute the Journal of the Proceedings of the Dáil which shall then be printed.

Custody of records and documents.

148. The Clerk shall have custody of all Journals of Proceedings, records, or other documents belonging to the Dáil, and he or she shall neither take nor permit to be taken any such Journals of Proceedings, records or documents from the Chamber or offices, without the express leave or Order of the Dáil, except as otherwise provided for in these Standing Orders: Provided, however, that in the event of the Dáil being adjourned for any period longer than a week, such leave may be given by the Ceann Comhairle who shall report the same to the Dáil upon its reassembling.

Control over Parliamentary staff.

149. The Clerk shall have the direction and control over all the officers and joint staff, subject to such orders as he or she may, from time to time, receive from the Ceann Comhairle, or the Dáil.

Absence of Clerk.

150. All the duties devolved upon, and all the powers conferred upon, the Clerk by these Standing Orders or by law, shall in his or her absence and to the extent permitted by law, be performed or exercised by the Clerk-Assistant.

Absence of Clerk and Clerk-Assistant.

151. If both the Clerk and the Clerk-Assistant be absent, the Ceann Comhairle may appoint, for the time being, a member of the joint staff of the Houses of the Oireachtas to perform the duties devolved upon, and exercise the powers conferred upon the Clerk by these Standing Orders.

Official documents and private papers.

152. (1) Unless the context otherwise requires:

(a) an “official document” in Standing Order 153 means an official document for the purposes of that Standing Order, and in Standing Order 155 means an official document as defined in section 112(1) of the 2013 Act;

(b) any reference to Standing Order 153 includes a reference to Schedule 1 to these Standing Orders;

(c) a “private paper” in Standing Order 154 means a private paper for the purposes of that Standing Order;
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(d) ciallaíonn “Acht 2013” sa Bhuan-Ordú seo agus i mBuan-Orduithe 155 agus 156 an tAcht um Thithé an Oireachtais (Fiosrúcháin, Pribhléidi agus Nósanna imeachta), 2013; agus

(e) i mBuan-Ordú 154 agus sa Sceideal 1 a ghabhann leis na Buan-Orduithe seo, ciallaíonn “sealbhóir oifige” an Taoiseach, an Tánaiste, Aire den Rialtas, Aire Stáit, nó comhalta arb é nó í an tArd-Aighne.

(2) Ní tharscaoilfidh cosaint arna tabhairt i dtaoibh doicíméid le Buan-Ordú 153 nó 154 nó dá bhua teidliocht aon duine, ná ní dhéanann sí dochar do theidliocht aon duine (lena n-áirítear an Dáil nó aon cheann dá Coistí) aon pribhléid nó dlóilíne eile a agairt, mar shampla, pribhléid ghairmiúil dhíthiúil nó dlóilíne maidir le leas an phobail, a fhéadfadh a dheantaí a dhéanamh ina leith í a dheanamh ag a ndéanadh ar a éagsúil, nó a bheidh dean sa Dáil nó a bhéadfas air an tArd-Aighne.

(3) Sa Sceideal 1 a ghabhann leis na Buan-Orduithe seo, ciallaíonn “oifigeach don Dáil” an Ceann Comhairle, an Leas-Cheann Comhairle, aon Chathaoirleach sealadhach, an Chathaoirleach nó an Leas-Chathaoirleach ar aon Choiste den Dáil, an Cléireach, agus an Leas-Chláirceach, agus an Cláirceach d’aon Choiste den Dáil, agus pléifear le haon ní arna dhéanamh ag duine éigin nó mairíonn duine éigin ar fhoireann de chuid comhalta i gcáil an duine sin mar chomhalta foirne den sórt sin mar ní a bheidh déanta ag an gcomhalta nó mairíonn leis an gcomhalta.

(4) Ní foláir plé le doicíméad, is doicíméad oifigiúil chuig chrioche Bhuan-Ordú 153 nó is páipéar príobháideach chuig chrioche Bhuan-Ordú 154, ar mhodh rúin, agus ceanglaítear leis na Buan-Orduithe seo é a choimeád ar mhodh rúin.

(5) I mBuan-Orduithe 153 agus 154, tá de bhrí le “doicíméad” an míniú atá in alt 2(1) d’Acht 2013, agus bainfidh sé le cóip den doicíméad in aon ghairacht.

Doicíméid (scríbhinni) oifigiúla agus an Bunreacht.

153. (1) Déantar an Buan-Ordú seo d’fhonn éifeacht a thabhairt d’Aírteagal 15.10 den Bhunreacht a mhéid a dhéanann sé foráil maidir le doicíméid (scríbhinni) oifigiúla na Dála a chosaint (a dhéanann).

(2) Chun críche an Bhuan-Ordaithe seo, is éard iad doicíméid oifigiúla na doicíméid go léir atá i gcoimeád na Dála nó Coiste den Dáil, nó ar leis an Dáil nó Coiste den Dáil, nó atá faoi an iarrú ag an Dáil nó ag Coiste, agus:

(a) a ullmhófar nó a ullmháodh d’fhonn aon ghnó de chuid na Dála nó de chuid Coiste den sórt sin a dhéanamh, nó chun chrioche a bheidh teagmhlasach leis an gcéanna,

(b) a chruthófar nó a cruthaíodh leis na Buan-Orduithe seo nó dá mbun, nó le hOrdú nó le hordachán den Dáil nó de Choiste den sórt sin nó dá bhun,

(c) a thabharfar nó a tugadh i bhfianaise don Dáil nó do Choiste den sórt sin, nó

(d) a thabharfar nó a tugadh ar aird don Dáil nó do Choiste den sórt sin, nó a chuirfear nó a cuireadh faoi bhráid na Dála nó Coiste den sórt sin:

murar leagadh an doicíméad, nó mura bhfuil sé le leagan faoi láthair, faoi bhráid na Dála nó mura cuireadh é, nó mura bhfuil sé le cur faoi láthair, go dleathach ar shlí eile sa réimse poiblí.
(d) the “2013 Act” in this Standing Order and in Standing Orders 155 and 156 means the Houses of the Oireachtas (Inquiries, Privileges and Procedures) Act 2013; and

(e) in Standing Order 154 and Schedule 1 to these Standing Orders “office-holder” means the Taoiseach, the Tánaiste, a Minister of the Government, a Minister of State, or a member who is the Attorney-General.

(2) The conferral of protection on a document by or by virtue of Standing Order 153 or 154 does not waive or prejudice the entitlement of any person (including the Dáil or any of its Committees) to invoke any other privilege or immunity, for example, legal professional privilege or public interest immunity, that may attach, or may arguably attach, to the document.

(3) In Schedule 1 to these Standing Orders, an “officer of the Dáil” means the Ceann Comhairle, the Leas-Cheann Comhairle, any temporary Chairman, the Chairman or vice-Chairman of any Committee of the Dáil, the Clerk, and the Clerk-Assistant, and the Clerk of any Committee of the Dáil, and anything done by or to some person on a member’s staff in that person’s capacity as such is to be treated as having been done by or to the member.

(4) A document which is an official document for the purposes of Standing Order 153 or a private paper for the purposes of Standing Order 154, must be treated as confidential, and is required by these Standing Orders to be kept confidential.

(5) In Standing Orders 153 and 154 “document” imports the definition contained in section 2(1) of the 2013 Act, and extends to a copy of the document at any remove.

Official documents and the Constitution.

153. (1) This Standing Order is made for the purposes of giving effect to Article 15.10 of the Constitution in so far as it provides for the protection of the official documents of the Dáil.

(2) For the purpose of this Standing Order, official documents are all documents in the custody of, or belonging to, the Dáil or a Committee of the Dáil, or over which the Dáil or Committee exercises control, and which:

(a) are or have been prepared for the purposes of, or purposes incidental to, transacting any business of the Dáil or of such a Committee,

(b) are or have been created by or pursuant to these Standing Orders, or to an Order or direction of the Dáil or of such a Committee,

(c) are or have been given in evidence to the Dáil or to such a Committee, or

(d) are or have been presented or submitted to the Dáil or to such a Committee:

unless the document has been, or is presently to be, laid before the Dáil or has been, or is presently to be, otherwise lawfully placed in the public domain.
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(3) (a) Pléifear leis na hearnála doiciméad sa Sceideal 1 a ghabhann leis na Buan-Orduithe seo, faoi réir fhomhír (d) den mhír seo, mar dhoiciméid a thagann faoi réim mhír (2)(a) nó (2)(b).

(b) Féadfaidh an Coiste um Nós Imeachta, faoi réir an Buan-Ordaithe seo, earmála eile doiciméad a ainmníú a bpleifear leo mar dhoiciméid a thagann faoi réim mhír (2)(a) nó (2)(b) agus féadfaidh an Coiste sin, aon tráth, an t-ainmníú sin a athrú nó a chúlghairm.

(c) Ní foláir aon ainmníú, aon athrú nó aon chulghairm dá dtagraítear i bhfhomhír (b) den mhír seo a foilsiú a luaithi is indéanta tar éis a dheanta nó a déanta.

(d) Maidir le doiciméid a thairgfear do Chléireach Coiste den Dáil ach a ndiúltóidh an Coiste iad a ghlacadh, agus dhoiciméid a thabharfar do Choiste den sórt sin ach a bheidh scortha, le breith ón gCoiste de réir reachta, de bheith ina ndoiciméid de chuid an Choiste sin, ní dhoiciméid oifigiúil iad agus pléifear leo mar dhoiciméid nach raibh riamh ina ndoiciméid oifigiúla, mura gcáileoidh siad ar thoradh eigin eile.

(4) Ní thabharfaidh an Cléireach rochtain ar dhoiciméad oifigiúil, ná ní cheadóidh sé nó sí doiciméad oifigiúil a nochtadh, mura rud é go mbeidh, agus a mhéid a bheidh, foráil déanta le haghaidh na rochtana sin nó an nochtá sin i múir (5) nó (6) nó faoi mhír (5) nó (6), nó ar shíl eile sna Buan-Orduithe seo nó fúthu.

(5) (a) Féadfar rochtain ar dhociiméad oifigiúil sonraithe nó ar doiciméid oifigiúla shonraithe a thabhairt, nó féadfar a nochtadh a cheadh, aon tráth, cibé acu i gcoitinne nó chun críche sonraithe, agus cibé acu gan choinnioll nó ar théarmaí arna gcinneadh:

(i) le Rún ón Dáil; nó

(ii) ag an gCoiste um Nós Imeachtaí na Dála.

(b) Dá ndéanfaí an Dáil a chur ar athló go ceann aon tréimhse is faide ná seachtain, féadfaidh an Ceann Comhairle an fheidhm is infhideadmhite ag an gCoiste um Nós Imeachta nó go an Dáil faoi fhomhír (a) a fheidhmiú agus ní foláir don Cheann Comhairle tuairisc a thabhairt don Dáil, ar í a ationól, ina luafar go ndearn sé nó sí amhlaith.

(c) Ní foláir do Choiste um Nós Imeachta, don Dáil nó don Cheann Comhairle, i bhfeidhmíu a gcumhachtá dóibh faoi fhomhír (a) nó (b), aird a thabhairt ar na nithe seo a leanas:

(i) a mhéid a bhaineann an doiciméad nó na doiciméid le ní a mbaineann tábhacht phoiblí leis nó a bhaineann le leas an phobail;

(ii) cearta agus leasanna aon duine dá ndéantar difear; agus

(iii) aon imthosca iomchuí eile.

(6) (a) Maidir le deonú rochtana ar dhociiméad oifigiúil, nó nochtadh doiciméid oifigiúil, do Choimisiúin Thithe an Oireachtais nó dá fhoireann, ag an Dáil nó ag Coiste den Dáil nó thar a ceann nó thar a cheann, d’fhonn a chumasú don Choimisiúin sin nó do Sheirbhís Thithe an Oireachtais a fheidhmeanna reachtúla nó a feidhmeanna reachtúla a chomhall:
(3) (a) The categories of documents in Schedule 1 to these Standing Orders are, subject to subparagraph (d) of this paragraph, to be treated as falling within the scope of paragraph (2) (a) or (2)(b).

(b) The Committee on Procedure may, subject to this Standing Order, designate other categories of documents that are to be treated as falling within paragraph (2)(a) or (2)(b), and may at any time vary or revoke that designation.

(c) Any designation, variation, or revocation referred to in subparagraph (b) of this paragraph must be published as soon as practicable after it is made.

(d) Documents proffered to the Clerk of a Committee of the Dáil but which the Committee declines to receive, and documents given to such a Committee but which have ceased by decision of the Committee in accordance with statute to be documents of that Committee, are not, and are to be treated as never having been, official documents, unless they qualify on some other ground.

(4) The Clerk must not afford access to, or allow disclosure of, an official document unless, and to the extent that, that access or disclosure is provided for in or under paragraph (5) or (6) or otherwise in or under these Standing Orders.

(5) (a) At any time, access to a specified official document, or specified official documents, may be afforded, or disclosure of it or them allowed, whether generally or for a specific purpose, and whether unconditionally or on terms:

(i) by Resolution of the Dáil; or

(ii) by the Committee on Procedure on behalf of the Dáil.

(b) Should the Dáil be adjourned for any period longer than a week, the function exercisable by the Committee on Procedure or the Dáil under subparagraph (a) may be exercised by the Ceann Comhairle who must report his or her having done so to the Dáil once it reassembles.

(c) The Committee on Procedure, the Dáil, or the Ceann Comhairle must, in exercising their powers under subparagraph (a) or (b), have regard to:

(i) the extent to which the document or documents relates or relate to a matter of public importance or public interest;

(ii) the rights and interests of any person affected; and

(iii) any other relevant circumstances.

(6) (a) The grant of access to, or the disclosure of, an official document afforded by or on behalf of the Dáil or a Committee of the Dáil, to the Houses of the Oireachtas Commission or its staff, for the purpose of enabling either that Commission or the Houses of the Oireachtas Service to discharge its statutory functions:
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(i) ní gá aon toiliú dá bhforáiltear i mír (5) nó fúithi, aon chead nó Ordú faoi Bhuan-Ordú 148, ná aon cheadú eile faoi na Buan-Orduithe seo, cibé sli ar a dtuairiscitear é, lena aghaidh,

(ii) ní dhéantar leis an doiciméad a chur sa réimse poiblí ná cur isteach ar shlí eile ar rúndacht an doiciméid, ná

(iii) ní bhainean sse d'ainm doiciméid an stádas atá aige mar doiciméad oifigiúil.

(b) Aon chomhalta a bhfuil seilbh nó rochtain aige nó aici ar doiciméad oifigiúil de réir na mBuan-Orduithe seo nó le húdarás dleathach eile, féadfaidh sé nó s'é, gan aon toiliú dá bhforáiltear i mír (5) nó fúithi, nó dá bhforáiltear ar shlí eile sna Buan-Orduithe seo nó fúthu, an doiciméad oifigiúil a úsáid chun aon ghníomhaíocht déagúil na Dála, nó de chuid Coiste den Dáil, nó de chuid Creidimh, nó chun críochnú atá taobhthasach leis an gcéanna, nó úsáid de shórt a luaitear sna Buan-Orduithe seo an úsáid sin, agus sin féin amháin má thagann an doiciméad isteach sa réimse poiblí dá thoradh sin.

(7) Maidir leis an gcead nó leis an ordú a luaitear i mBuan-Ordú 148, ní dheonófar ná ní dhéanfar é i leith doiciméad oifigiúil ach amhain de réir an Bhuan-Orduithe seo.

(8) Ní dhéanfaidh comhalta, ach amháin mar a fhoráiltear i mír (5) nó (6) nó faoin gcéanna, nó ar shlí eile sna Buan-Orduithe nó fúthu, aon doiciméad oifigiúil nó lánas an doiciméid sin a nochtadh go poiblí. Is mí-úsáid próiseas prima facie é aon chomhalta do nochtadh, de sháráid ar an mír seo, doiciméad oifigiúil nó a lánais.

(9) (a) Maidir le doiciméid atá i gcoimeáid dhá Theach an Oireachtais, nó Comhchoiste, nó ar le dhá Theach an Oireachtais, nó le Comhchoiste, iad, nó ar a bhfeidhmíonn an dá Theach nó Comhchoiste rialú, bainfíthtaíosaítear an Bhuan-Orduithe seo le cothromhachtí i mBuan-Orduithe an tSeanaid do tarrafáh den Bhuan-Ordú leis an leith a dtagtar chosaint.

(b) Féadfar leonú rochtana ar doiciméid oifigiúil a thuairiscitear i bhfomhír (a) a chheadú nó a thabhairt, nó nochtadh an chéanna a chheadú nó a thabhairt, más rud cé:

(i) go bhfuil contrapháirtí i mBuan-Orduithe an tSeanaid do fhórlú den Bhuan-Ordú seo chun an rochtain sin a thabhairt nó an nochtadh sin a thabhairt; agus

(ii) más gá toiliú dá bhforáiltear i mír (5) nó fúithi, nó ar shlí eile sna Buan-Orduithe seo nó fúthu, le haithiú na rochtana nó an nochtá sin, go ndéanóidh an dá Theach comhthaithiú.

Páipéir príobháideacha agus an Bunreacht.

154. (1) Déantar an Buan-Ordú seo chun éifeacht a thabhairt d’Aireagall 15.10 den Bhunreacht a mhéad a dhéantar forál leis maidir le páipéir príobháideacha comhaltaí a chosaint (a dhhéan).

(2) Chun críche an Bhuan-Ordútaí seo, is éard iad páipéir príobháideacha comhalta na doiciméid go léir a bhfuil súil réasúnach ag an gcomhalta ín leith gur páipéir príobháideacha iad, agus:
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(i) does not require any consent provided for in or under paragraph (5), any leave or Order under Standing Order 148, or any other permission under these Standing Orders however described;

(ii) does not place the document in the public domain, or otherwise impinge on its confidentiality; and

(iii) does not deprive the document of its status as an official document.

(b) A member who has possession of, or access to, an official document in accordance with these Standing Orders or by other lawful authority may use, without any consent provided for in or under paragraph (5) or otherwise in or under these Standing Orders, the official document for the purposes of, or purposes incidental to, transacting any business of the Dáil or of a Committee of the Dáil, once that use is contemplated by these Standing Orders, and even if the document comes into the public domain as a result.

(7) The leave or Order contemplated by Standing Order 148 must not in respect of an official document be granted or made other than in accordance with this Standing Order.

(8) A member must not, except as provided for in or under paragraph (5) or (6) or otherwise in or under these Standing Orders, disclose in public any official document or the contents of that document. Disclosure by any member, in breach of this paragraph, of an official document or its contents, is prima facie an abuse of privilege.

(9) (a) This Standing Order’s protection extends to documents in the custody of, or belonging to, both Houses of the Oireachtas or a Joint Committee, or over which both Houses or a Joint Committee exercise control, provided that the terms of this Standing Order affording that protection have a counterpart in the Standing Orders of the Seanad.

(b) The grant of access to, or disclosure of, an official document described in subparagraph (a) may be allowed or afforded where:

(i) the provision in this Standing Order for affording that access or allowing that disclosure has a counterpart in the Standing Orders of the Seanad; and

(ii) if consent provided for in or under paragraph (5) or otherwise in or under these Standing Orders is required for that access or disclosure, concurring consents are granted by both Houses.

Private papers and the Constitution.

154. (1) This Standing Order is made for the purposes of giving effect to Article 15.10 of the Constitution in so far as it provides for the protection of the private papers of members.

(2) For the purpose of this Standing Order, the private papers of a member are all documents concerning which the member has a reasonable expectation of privacy, and:
Buan-orduithe

(a) a ullmhaítear chun na gcríoch seo a leanas, nó chun críoch atá teagmháseach leo:

(i) aon ghnó de chuid na Dála, nó aon Choiste den Dáil, a dhéanamh, nó

(ii) ról an chomhalta mar ionadaí poiblí;

(b) ach:

(i) i gcás inar sealbhóir oifige an comhalta, nach doiciméid a bhaíneann le feidhmeanna an chomhalta mar sealbhóir oifige (cibé acu atá na doiciméid sin á sealbhú ag an gcomhalta, ag Roinn nó Oifig an tsealbhóra oifige, ag aon duine dá chomhairleoirí speisialta nó dá chomhairleoirí speisialta, nó ag duine éigin eile); ná

(ii) nach bhfuil sa réimse poiblí go dleathach.

(3) Folaíonn tagairt do chomhalta sa Bhuan-Ordú seo:

(a) de réir mar is féidir sa chomhthéacs, iarchomhalta ina cháil nó ina cáil mar iarchomhalta, agus

(b) de réir mar a éilíonn an chomhthéacs, comhalta éagtha, mar aon lena sheiceadóirí nó lena seiceadóirí nó lena riarthóirí ina gcáil mar sheiceadóirí nó riarthóirí.

(4) Beidh comhalta i dteideal diúltú d’iarraidh ar rochtain ar aon cheann dá pháipéir príobháideach, nó dá páipéir príobháideacha, nó ar an gcéanna a nochtdh, agus más chuig an Dáil, chug an cheann dá coistí, nó chuig an gCléireach a dhéantar an iarraidh ar an gcéad ásc, ní foláir don Chléireach diúltú don iarraidh agus a chur in iúl gan mhoill don chomhalta go ndearnadh an iarraidh.

(5) Ní dhéanfaidh comhalta páipéar príobháideach aon chomhalta eile nó lánaí an pháipéir príobháideigh sin a nochtadh go poiblí ach amháin le toilíú sainráite an chomhalta eile sin. Is mi-úsáid pribhléide prima facie é aon chomhalta do nochtadh, de shárú ar an mór seo, páipéar príobháideach comhalta eile nó a lánaí.

Doiciméid oifigiúla agus Acht 2013.

155. (1) Déantar an Buan-Ordú seo chun tuileadh éifeachta a thabhairt do Chuid 11 d’Acht 2013 i leith doiciméid oifigiúla na Dála.

(2) Ar an Dáil do cheadhú an Bhuain-Ordaithe seo, tá an Coiste um Nós Imeachta arna cheapadh mar an coiste de chuid Chuid 11 dá bhforáiltear i gCuid 11 d’Acht 2013.

(3) Féadfaidh an coiste de chuid Chuid 11, aon tráth, uaidh féin nó ar iarritas ó aon chomhalta, ordachán de bhun alt 113(1) d’Acht 2013, ina sonraithear na hearannála doiciméad atá le bheith ina ndoiciméid oifigiúla, a thabhairt, a athrú nó a chúlghairm, agus ní foláir aon ordachán, athrú nó cúlghairm den sórt sin a thlíosú a luatear is indéanta tar éis a dhéanta nó a déanta.

(4) I gcás go bhfuil doiciméad á shealbhú ag an Dáil agus an Seanad i gcomúchpháirt, ní doiciméad oifigiúil de cheachtar Teach chun críocha Acht 2013 an doiciméad sin mura bhfuil ordachán i bhfeidhm ó na coistí de chuid Chuid 11 den dá Theach á rá go bhfuil an earnáil doiciméad lena mbaineann an doiciméad arna hainmnitú mar earnáil doiciméad oifigiúil.
(a) which are prepared for the purposes of, or purposes incidental to:

(i) transacting any business of the Dáil or any Committee of the Dáil; or

(ii) the member’s role as public representative; but

(b) which are not:

(i) where the member is an office-holder, documents relating to the member’s functions as office-holder (whether those documents are held by the member, by the office-holder’s Department or Office, by any of his or her special advisers, or by some other person); or

(ii) lawfully in the public domain.

(3) A reference to a member in this Standing Order includes:

(a) where the context admits, a former member in his or her capacity as a former member, and

(b) where the context requires, a deceased member, as well as his or her executors or administrators in their capacity as executors or administrators.

(4) A member is entitled to refuse a request for access to, or disclosure of, any of his or her private papers, and if the request is made in the first instance to the Dáil, to any of its Committees, or to the Clerk, the Clerk must refuse the request and without delay inform the member that it has been made.

(5) A member must not disclose in public the private paper of any other member or the contents of that private paper other than with the express consent of that other member. Disclosure by any member, in breach of this paragraph, of another member’s private paper or its contents, is prima facie an abuse of privilege.

Official documents and the 2013 Act.

155. (1) This Standing Order is made to give further effect to Part 11 of the 2013 Act in respect of the official documents of the Dáil.

(2) On the approval of this Standing Order by the Dáil, the Committee on Procedure stands appointed as the Part 11 committee provided for in Part 11 of the 2013 Act.

(3) The Part 11 committee may at any time, either of its own motion or on application by any member, give, vary, or revoke a direction pursuant to section 113(1) of the 2013 Act specifying the categories of documents which are to be official documents, and any such direction, variation, or revocation must be published as soon as practicable after it is made.

(4) Where a document is held jointly by the Dáil and the Seanad, that document is not an official document of either House for the purposes of the 2013 Act unless there is in force a direction of the Part 11 committees of both Houses that the category of documents to which the document belongs stands designated as official documents.
Buan-orduithe

(5) (a) Féadfaidh an coiste de chuid Chuid 11 breithniú a dhéanamh ar iarraidh uair le hagáisteach i náisiúntacht ar dhoiсn-mhád oifigiúil nó ar dhoiсn-mhád oifigiúla, nó le haghaidh nochtadh an chéanna, agus féadfaidh sé moladh a dhéanamh don Dáil i leith an iarraidh sin.

(b) Féadfaidh an Dáil, faoi réir fhomhír (c), le Rún, toilíú go hiomlán nó go páirteach le hiarratas den sórt sin, agus is é an Rún sin an toilíú i scribhhinn ón Dáil ar an thabhairt de réir na nBuan-Orduithe seo mar a luaitear le halt 114(1)(a) d’Acht 2013.

(c) Ceanglaítear comhthoilithe i scribhhinn ón Dáil le haghaidh rochtain ar dhoiсn-mhád oifigiúil den dá Theach le haghaidh rochtain an chéanna.

(d) Féadfaidh toilíú faoi fmhír (b) a bheith ginearálta nó chun críche sonraí, agus féadfaidh sé a bheith gan choimnioll nó ar théarmaí.

Páipéir phriobháideacha, cumarsáidí ründa agus Acht 2013.

156. (1) Déantar an Buan-Ordú seo chun tuilleadh éifeachta a thabhairt do Chuid 10 d’Acht 2013 i leith páipéir phriobháideacha agus cumarsáidí ründa comhalta ar bith.

(2) Ar an Dáil do cheadú an Bhuan-Ordaithe seo, tá an Coiste um Nós Imeachta arna cheapadh mar an coiste de chuid Chuid 10 dá bhforáiltear i gCuid 10 d’Acht 2013.

(3) Féadfaidh an coiste de chuid Chuid 10 treoirlínte agus prótacail mar a luaithear le halt 108 d’Acht 2013 a ullmhú agus féadfaidh sé a mholadh go ndéanafadh an Dáil iad a ghla cadh.

Tuairisc Oifigiúil na nDiospóireachtaí

Eisiúint faoi mhaoirseachta an Cheann Comhairle.

157. (1) Déanfar Tuairisc Oifigiúil ar Dhiospóireachtaí na Dála do gach suí a eisiúint faoi mhaoirseachta an Cheann Comhairle.

(2) I gcás ina n-iarraidh comhalta amhlaiddh, ordóidh an Ceann Comhairle rátasé táblach achaomair ina mbeidh eolas staitsiúil a bhainfidh go díreach le hóráid an chomhalta a thabhairt i d’Tuairisc Oifigiúil na nDiospóireachtaí: Ar choimnioll—

(a) go sroichfidh gach rátasé den sórt sin Eagarthóir na nDiospóireachtaí sula ndéanfar ar an ráidhí lena mbaineann sé agus go ndéanfar tagairt dó i gcúrsa na hóráide sin, agus

(b) nach faide an rátasé nó na rátasí sin ná an tríú cuid d’óráid an chomhalta.

(3) I ndáil le vótáil den Teach, i gcás go n-iarraidh comhalta amhlaiddh, ordóidh an Ceann Comhairle go ndéanfar miniú gearr an chomhalta ar an ts lí inar vótáil sé nó sí nó ar an gcús ar staon sé nó sí ón vótáil a thabhairt i d’Tuairisc Oifigiúil na nDiospóireachtaí, ar choimnioll go ndéanafdh an comhalta an iarraidh sin leis na sheachtain amháin ón vótáil.

(4) Déanfar cóip de Thuarisc Oifigiúil na nDiospóireachtaí, nó aon chuid di, i dteannta gach foiisleacháin eile de chuid na Dála, a chur ar fáil do gach Comhalta i bhfoirm leictreonach nó i bhfoirm chlóite nó sa dá fhoirm, de réir mar a mheolfaidh an Coiste um Nós Imeachta don Cheann Comhairle,agus déanfaidh an Ceann Comhairle cinneadh faoin moladh sin, ach anmhain go mbeidh na heagráin lena mbaineann mór (6) sa dá fhoirm.
(5) (a) The Part 11 committee may consider an application for access to, or disclosure of, an official document or official documents, and may make a recommendation to the Dáil in respect of that application.

(b) The Dáil may, subject to subparagraph (c), by Resolution consent fully or in part to such an application, and that Resolution is the consent in writing of the Dáil given in accordance with these Standing Orders as contemplated by section 114(1)(a) of the 2013 Act.

(c) Access to, or disclosure of, an official document of both Houses requires the concurring consents in writing of both Houses.

(d) A consent under subparagraph (b) may either be general or for a specific purpose, and may be unconditional or on terms.

Private papers, confidential communications and the 2013 Act.

156. (1) This Standing Order is made to give further effect to Part 10 of the 2013 Act in respect of the private papers and confidential communications of any member.

(2) On the approval of this Standing Order by the Dáil, the Committee on Procedure stands appointed as the Part 10 committee provided for in Part 10 of the 2013 Act.

(3) The Part 10 committee may prepare guidelines and protocols as contemplated by section 108 of the 2013 Act and recommend their adoption by the Dáil.

Official Report of Debates

Issue under supervision of Ceann Comhairle.


(2) Where a member so requests, the Ceann Comhairle shall direct that a concise tabular statement containing statistical information which is directly relevant to the member’s speech be furnished in the Official Report of the Debates: Provided that—

(a) each such statement reaches the Editor of Debates prior to the making of the speech to which it relates and is referred to in the course of such speech, and

(b) such statement or statements do not exceed one-third of the member’s speech in length.

(3) In relation to a division of the House, where a member so requests, the Ceann Comhairle shall direct that the member’s brief explanation for the way in which he or she voted, or for his or her abstention from the vote, be furnished in the Official Report of the Debates, provided that the member makes their request within one week of the division.

(4) A copy of the Official Report of the Debates, or any part thereof, as well as every other publication of the Dáil, shall be made available to every member either in electronic or printed form or both, as may be recommended by the Committee on Procedure to the Ceann Comhairle who shall make a determination on such recommendation, except that the editions to which which paragraph (6) applies shall be in both forms.
Buan-orduithe

(5) D'ainneoin mhír (4), ní dhéanfaidh fágáil ar lár aon eiliminte de Thuairisc Oifigiúil na nDíospóireachtaí as an eagrán neamhcheartaithe aon dífor dá sheasamh mar fhoinseachán de chuid na Dála.

(6) Déanfar eagrán ceartaíthe de Thuairisc Oifigiúil na nDíospóireachtaí a ullmhú i bhfoirm imleabhar ceangailte ó am go ham de réir mar a chinnfidh an Ceann Comhairle.

(7) Beidh an ceart eisiach ag an gCeann Comhairle a údarú, más gá, Tuairisc Oifigiúil na nDíospóireachtaí a atáirgeadh i bhfoirm ar bith: Ar choimníníoll go bhfeadadh an Ceann Comhairle, más iomchuí, a ordú agus a údarú do Chléireach na Dála dul i mbun na socruithe is gá agus na socruithe is gá a dhéanamh le tríú páirtithe chun iad a atáirgeadh.

(8) Gan dochar do ghineárlacht mhír (5) agus d'ainneoin í a fhágáil ar lár an eagrán neamhcheartaithe de Thuairisc Oifigiúil na nDíospóireachtaí de réir mhír (4), is é an seasamh a bheidh ag téacs, agus freagra, gach Ceiste, a mbéidh réiltín curtha le réir Bhuan-Ordú 50(2) nó a gcuirfear freagra ar fáil ina leith i d'Tuairisc Oifigiúil na nDíospóireachtaí de réir Bhuan-Ordú 50(3), an seasamh a bheadh aici murach gur fágadh ar lár í amhlaighd.

Imeachtá a Chraoladh

Coimniollacha maidir le craoladh imeachtaí.

158. Go n-údarófar do chrualtóirí náisiúnta, áitiúla agus coigríche craoladh fuaime agus físe a dhéanamh ar imeachtaí na Dála agus a cuid Coistí, agus go n-údarófar iad a chraoladh freisin ar an idirlíon trí mheán an ghréasáin dhomhanda, ach sin faoi réir na gcoinníollacha seo a leanas:

(a) nach ndéanfar taifeadtaí ná sleachta de na himeachtaí a úsáid i gcláir siamsaíochta, i gcláir aoire polaitíúla, i gcraoltaí páirtithe polaitíochta ná in aon chineál fógraíochta ná poiblíochta, seachas i bhfoirm tréiléar do chlár nuachta agus cúrsaí reatha;

(b) go gcintneoidh craoltóirí go mbainfidh cothromaíocht pholaitíochta leis an ábhar a úsáideann siad;

(c) go gceadófar do chrualtóirí, faoi réir cheadú an Chomhchoiste Riaracháin nó Fochoiste de, tuairisciú beo a dhéanamh ar aon mhír gnó ach sin faoi réir na gcoinníollacha seo a leanas:

(i) nach gcuirfear isteach ar an mír sin le tráchtaracht, anailísíú ná agaí tráchtála, agus

(ii) nach ndéanfar an mhír sin a athchraoladh go hiomlán ná go páirteach ach amháin mar a cheadaítear sa Bhuan-Ordú seo agus faoi réir a théarmaí;

agus

(d) go ndéanfar an cónpcheart sa chlósábhar agus san ábhar teilfísithe go léir a dhílisíú don Cheann Comhairle thar ceann Dháil Éireann agus a cuid Coistí.

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(6) A revised edition of the Official Report of the Debates shall be prepared in bound volumes, at such periods as the Ceann Comhairle shall determine.

(7) The Ceann Comhairle shall have the exclusive right to authorise, where necessary, the reproduction, in any form, of the Official Report of the Debates: Provided that the Ceann Comhairle may, where appropriate, direct and authorise the Clerk of the Dáil to enter into and make the necessary arrangements with third parties for their reproduction.

(8) Without prejudice to the generality of paragraph (5) and notwithstanding their exclusion from the unrevised edition of the Official Report of Debates in accordance with paragraph (4), the standing of the text of, and answers to, all Questions which have been distinguished by an asterisk in accordance with Standing Order 50(2) or in respect of which an answer shall be provided in the Official Report of Debates in accordance with Standing Order 50(3) shall be that which would have applied had they not been so excluded.

BROADCASTING OF PROCEEDINGS

Conditions on broadcasting of proceedings.

158. The broadcasting on sound and vision of the proceedings of the Dáil and its Committees by national, local and foreign broadcasters, and also on the internet via the world wide web, shall be authorised subject to the following conditions:

(a) that recordings or extracts of the proceedings shall not be used in programmes of light entertainment, political satire, party political broadcasts or in any form of advertising or publicity, other than in the form of news and current affairs programme trailers;

(b) that broadcasters shall ensure political balance in the material they use;

(c) that, subject to the approval of the Joint Administration Committee or a sub-Committee thereof, broadcasters may be permitted to carry live coverage of any item of business subject to the following provisos:

(i) that such item shall not be interrupted by commentary, analysis or commercial breaks, and

(ii) that such item may not be re-broadcast in whole or in part except as permitted in and subject to the terms of this Standing Order;

and

(d) that copyright of all audio and televised material shall be vested in the Ceann Comhairle on behalf of Dáil Éireann and its Committees.
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Gníomhaíochtaí Príobháideacha

Roinnt an ama idir gnó Rialtais agus gnó comhaltaí príobháideacha.

159. (1) Stopfar gnó Rialtais nó Gnó Príobháideach, de réir mar a bheidh, chun gnó comhaltaí príobháideacha a thógáil ar feadh dhá uair an chloig—

(a) ar an Máirt, ar ghnó Rialtais a thabhart críche, nó ar 8 p.m., cibé acu is luaithe, agus

(b) ar an gCéadaoin, dúreach tar éis saincisteanna tráthúla faoi Bhuan-Ordú 37: Ar choinníoll go bhféadfaidh an Coiste Gnó, i gcás gur dóigh go ndéantar vótáil ar gnó Rialtais, a chinneadh go dtógfar an gnó Rialtais an tráth sin agus go ndéantar gnó comhaltaí príobháideacha a chur síar go dtí 8.15 p.m.:

Ar choinníoll, i gcás go mbeidh cead tugtha tairiscint a dhéanamh faoi Bhuan-Ordú 42, go mbeidh toisc ag an tairiscint sin.

(2) Díreach tar éis saincisteanna tráthúla ar an Déardaoin, déantar ceann de na míreanna gnó seo a leanas (a bheidh roghnaithe ag an gCoiste Gnó de bhun Bhuan-Orduithe 102, 160 nó 180) a thógáil ar feadh tréimhse nach faide ná dhá uair an chloig:

(a) an Dara Céim de Bhille arna thionscnamh ag comhalta príobháideacha,

(b) tairiscint maidir le tuarascáil ó Choiste, nó

(c) tairiscint a bhaineann leis an Ordú do Chéim an Choiste de Bhille comhalta phríobháideach.

(3) Féadfaidh comhalta den Choiste Gnó, thar ceann an Choiste agus gan fógra a thabhairt, a thairiscint ar an Ord Gnó aon Mháirt nó i dtosach Gnó Poiblí aon Chéadaoin nó Dáedraoin, nach stopfar, an lá sin ná le linn tréimhse a shonrófar sa tairiscint, gnó Rialtais nó Gnó Príobháideach, de réir mar a bheidh, a shonrófar, má bhíonn sé faoi bhreithniú an uair a bheidh socraith chun gnó comhaltaí príobháideacha a thógáil. Cinnfear tairiscint den sórt sin gan leasú.

Billí comhaltaí príobháideacha gach dara Déardaoin.

160. (1) Féadfaidh aon chomhalta seachas comhalta den Rialtais nó Aire Stáit fógra a thabhairt gur mian leis nó léi Bille a tharraingt anuas lena bhreithniú aon dara Déardaoin, ar Bille é a thionscnaí sé nó sí agus atá liostaíte ar Riar na hOibre ag an Dara Céim nó ag Ordú don Dara Céim: Ar choinníoll go bhfaighidh an Coiste Gnó an fógra sin tráth nach déanaí ná 11 a.m. an ceathrú lá roimh chruinniú seachtainíúil an Choiste Gnó

(2) Is é an Coiste Gnó a chinnfidh cén Bille comhaltaí príobháideacha a bheidh le breithniú aon dara Déardaoin.

(3) Déantar aon Bhille a bheidh le breithniú aon dara Déardaoin de bhun an Bhuan-Ordaithe seo a chur síos don Dara Céim agus nó thabharfar thar dhá uair an chloig ar fad le haghaidh na díospóireachta ar an tairiscint don dara léamh.
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Private Members’ Business

Allocation of time between Government business and private members’ business.

159. (1) Government business or Private Business, as the case may be, shall be interrupted to take private members’ business for two hours—

(a) on Tuesdays, on the conclusion of Government business, or at 8 p.m., whichever is the earlier, and

(b) on Wednesdays, immediately following topical issues under Standing Order 37: Provided that the Business Committee may, where divisions on Government business are likely to occur, decide that the Government business will be taken at that time and the private members’ business deferred until 8.15 p.m.:

Provided that, where leave has been given to make a motion under Standing Order 42, such motion shall have priority.

(2) Immediately following topical issues on Thursdays, one of the following items of business (having been selected by the Business Committee pursuant to Standing Orders 102, 160 or 180) shall be taken for not more than two hours:

(a) the Second Stage of a Bill initiated by a private member,

(b) a motion for a Committee report, or

(c) a motion relating to the Order for Committee Stage of a private member’s Bill.

(3) A member of the Business Committee may move on behalf of the Committee and without notice, on the Order of Business on any Tuesday or at the commencement of Public Business on any Wednesday or Thursday that, on that day or during the period specified in the motion, specified Government business or Private Business, as the case may be, shall not be interrupted if under consideration at the time fixed for taking private members’ business. Such motion shall be decided without amendment.

Private members’ Bills on alternate Thursdays.

160. (1) Any member other than a member of the Government or Minister of State may give notice that he or she wishes to bring forward for consideration, on an alternate Thursday, a Bill that has been initiated by him or her and that is listed on the Order Paper at Second Stage or Order for Second Stage: Provided that such notice shall be received by the Business Committee not later than 11 a.m. on the fourth day preceding the weekly meeting of the Business Committee.

(2) The private member’s Bill to be considered on an alternate Thursday shall be determined by the Business Committee.

(3) Any Bill to be considered on an alternate Thursday pursuant to this Standing Order shall be set down for Second Stage and the time allowed for the debate on the motion for second reading shall not exceed a period of two hours in the aggregate:
Ar choinnioll go mbeidh feidhm ag na teorainneacha ama agus ag an ord cainteoirí seo a leanas mairdir leis an diospóireacht:

\((a)\) mairdir leis na hóráidí seo a leanas—

\((i)\) óráid an chomhalta a thairgfidh an tairiscint don dara léamh ar an mBille, agus

\((ii)\) óráid ó chomhalta den Rialtas nó ó Aire Stáit,

ní rachaidh siad thar 15 nóiméad i ngach cás;

\((b)\) ní rachaidh óráid gach comhalta eile ar a nglaofar thar deich nóiméad;

\((c)\) beidh comhalta den Rialtas nó Aire Stáit, a fhéadfadh labhairt faoi dhó, i dteideal óráid a thabhairt go díreach roimh an bhfregastra ón tairgteoir, agus ní rachaidh an óráid sin thar cúig nóiméad;

\((d)\) beidh an tairgteoir i dteideal tréimhse nach faide ná deich nóiméad le haghaidh óráid freagartha; agus

\((e)\) beidh gach comhalta i dteideal a gcuid ama a roinnt.

**Bille comhalta phríobháidigh a chur chun Roghchoiste.**

161. (1) Má ritheann Bille comhalta phríobháidigh an dara léamh, cuirfear chun an Roghchoiste iomchuí arnacheapadh de bhun Bhuan-Ordú 95 é.\(^{42}\)

(2) Déanfaidh Roghchoistí a gcuirfear Billí comhaltaí príobháideacha chucu grinnscrúdú mionsonraithe ar fhorálacha na mBillí sin, ag féachaint do threoirlínte arna gcomhaontú ag an nGasra Òibre de Chathaoirligh Coistí,agus tuairisceoidh na Roghchoistí ina leith sin don Dáil roimhbhreithniú Chéim an Choiste: Ar choinnioll go bhfheidfadh an Coiste a chinneadh, i ndáil le Bille áirithe, nach gá grinnscrúdú mionsonraithe a dhéanamh.

(3) Ní dhéanfaidh aon ní sa Bhuan-Ordú seo cosc a chur ar Chomhchoiste grinnscrúdú mionsonraite a dhéanamh mar atá leagtha amach i mír (2) agus tuairiscíon don dá Theach ar an gcéanna roimh bhreithniú Chéim an Choiste ar an mBille ag an Roghchoiste.

**Gnó comhaltaí príobháideacha a chuirfear ar athlé.**

162. Má chuirtear ar athló an diospóireacht ar aon tairiscint nó Bille a thairg comhaltaí príobháideach, ansin, ar an gcéad ócáid eile a bheidh ceaptha chun gnó comhaltaí príobháideacha a bhreithniú, mura n-ordóidh an Dáil a mhalairt, tabharfar do na himeachtaí a bhainfhidh leis an tairiscint nó leis an mBille sin agus a cuireadh ar athló tosaí an gcóta an-aon mhór na haghaidh i bhforálacha Bhuan-Ordú 229.

\(^{42}\) Féach freisin B.O. 181 maidir le Billí a chur chun Coistí.
Provided that the following time limits and sequence of speakers shall apply to the debate:

(a) the speeches of—

(i) the member proposing the motion for the second reading of the Bill, and

(ii) a member of the Government or Minister of State,

shall not exceed 15 minutes in each case;

(b) the speech of each other member called upon shall not exceed ten minutes;

(c) a member of the Government or Minister of State, who may speak twice, shall be entitled to make a speech immediately before the reply by the proposer, which shall not exceed five minutes;

(d) the proposer shall be entitled to not more than ten minutes for a speech in reply; and

(e) all members shall be entitled to share their time.

Reference of private member’s Bill to Select Committee.

161. (1) Should a private member’s Bill pass its second reading, it shall be referred to the relevant Select Committee appointed pursuant to Standing Order 95.42

(2) Select Committees to which private members’ Bills are referred shall undertake detailed scrutiny of the provisions of such Bills, having regard to guidelines agreed by the Working Group of Committee Chairmen, and shall report thereon to the Dáil prior to Committee Stage consideration: Provided that the Committee may decide in relation to a particular Bill that detailed scrutiny is not necessary.

(3) Nothing in this Standing Order shall preclude a Joint Committee from undertaking detailed scrutiny as set out in paragraph (2) and reporting thereon to both Houses prior to Committee Stage consideration of the Bill by the Select Committee.

Adjourned business of private members.

162. Should the debate on any motion or Bill moved by a private member be adjourned, the adjourned proceedings on such motion or Bill shall, unless the Dáil shall otherwise order, be given priority over new business introduced by a private member, and over private members’ business postponed under the provisions of Standing Order 229, on the next ensuing occasion set apart for the consideration of private members’ business.

42 See also S.O. 181 re Bills referred to Committees.
Grúpaí.

163. (1) Is éard is grúpa ann comhlacht comhaltaí sa Fhreasúra a fhéadfadh leas a bhaint as na cearta dá bhfóirtear sna Buan-Orduithe seo i ndáil le grúpaí.

(2) Cúigear an láinn ista comhaltaí nach foláir a bheith ann chun aitheantas mar ghrúpa a fháil.

(3) I gcás go ndéanfar comhaltaí de pháirtí polaitíochta cláraithe a thoghadh chun na Dála, gairfear “páírtí” de na comhaltaí tofa sin sna Buan-Orduithe seo, agus tabharfar aitheantas mar ghrúpa do pháirtí den sórt sin go huathoibríoch i gcás go mbeidh cúigear comhaltaí nó níos mó ann.

(4) Maidir le comhlacht comhaltaí ina mbeidh aon teaglaim de na hearnálacha comhaltaí seo a leanas—

(a) comhaltaí de pháirtí ina bhfuil cúigear comhaltaí nó níos mó,

(b) comhaltaí de pháirtí ar lú a láon comhaltaí ná cúigear,

(c) comhaltaí neamhpháirtí,

féadfar aitheantas mar ghrúpa a thabhairt dó freisin, agus gairfear grúpa teicniúil de.

(5) Ní cead a bheith ar áireamh i ngrúpa—

(i) páírtí ina mbeidh Aire nó Aire Stáit;

(ii) comhalta ar Aire nó Aire Stáit é nó í;

(iii) roinnt comhaltaí de pháirtí ach gan na comhaltaí eile.

(6) Ní cead do chomhalta de ghrúpa teicniúil a bheith ina chomhalta nó ina comhalta de ghrúpa teicniúil eile freisin.

(7) Níl teorainn ar bith leis an láonn grúpaí a fhéadfhar a aithint i nDáil.

Cearta grúpaí: ní cead do chomhaltaí tairbhe a bhaint “faoi dhó”.

164. (1) Tá ag grúpaí na cearta a shanntar dóibh sna Buan-Orduithe seo i ndáil leis na nithe seo a leanas—

(i) Ceisteanna ó Cheannairí,

(ii) Ceisteanna a mbeidh uain sonraithe dóibh,

(iii) gnó comhaltaí próibháideacha,

(iv) na hóráidí tosaigh maidir leis an tairiscint chun Bille a léamh an dara huair,

(v) an ceart chun rátéas gairid a dhéanamh i gcóinne moladh ar an Ord Gnó, agus
Groups.

163. (1) A group is a body of members in Opposition who may avail of the rights provided for in these Standing Orders for groups.

(2) The minimum number of members required to be recognised as a group is five.

(3) Where members of a registered political party are elected to the Dáil, those elected members are referred to in these Standing Orders as a “party”, and such a party is automatically recognised as a group where it has five members or more.

(4) A body of members which includes any combination of the following categories of members—

(a) members of a party with five members or more,

(b) members of a party with fewer than five members,

(c) non-party members,

may also be recognised as a group, and shall be referred to as a technical group.

(5) A group may not include—

(i) a party which contains a Minister or Minister of State;

(ii) a member who is a Minister or Minister of State;

(iii) some of the members of a party but not the others.

(6) A member of a technical group may not also be a member of another technical group.

(7) There is no limit on the number of groups which may be recognised in a Dáil.

Rights of groups: members may not benefit “on the double”.

164. (1) Groups have the rights assigned to them in these Standing Orders in relation to—

(i) Leaders’ Questions,

(ii) Questions nominated for priority,

(iii) private members’ business,

(iv) the opening speeches on the motion for the second reading of a Bill,

(v) the right to make a brief statement opposing a proposal on the Order of Business, and
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(vi) cibé cearta eile a thabharfar do ghrúpaí sna Buan-Orduithe seo.

(2) Maidir le páirtí dá dtugtar aitheantas mar ghrúpa go huathoibríoch, agus atá tar éis dul i gcomhcheangal le comhaltaí eile chun grúpa teicniúil a dhéanamh, ní cead dó leas a bhaint ach amháin as na cearta sin a eascraíonn as a chomhaltas de ghrúpa teicniúil.

Aitheantas a thabhairt do ghrúpaí: ag scríobh chuig an gCeann Comhairle.

165. (1) Tugtar aitheantas mar ghrúpa go huathoibríoch do pháirtí ina bhfuil cúigear comhaltaí nó níos mó, agus ní gá don pháirtí scríobh chuig an gCeann Comhairle chun aitheantas a bhí aige.

(2) Déanfaidh comhaltaí a bheith ag iarraidh aitheantas a bheith acu mar ghrúpa teicniúil iarraidh i scribhinn, a bheith sínithe ag gach duine de na comhaltaí a bheith ag déanamh na hiarrata, a chur chuig an gCeann Comhairle.

Ag dul isteach i ngrúpa.

166. Aithnítear comhalta a bheith curtha le grúpa teicniúil i gcás go síneoidh comhaltaitheoir an ghrúpa theicniúil agus an comhalta nua fógra i scribhinn don Cheann Comhairle á rá sin.

Comhalta do scor de bheith ina comhalta nó ina comhalta de ghrúpa.

167. (1) Scoirfidh comhalta de bheith ina comhalta nó ina comhalta de ghrúpa i gcás gur deimhin leis an gCeann Comhairle go bhfuil an ghrúpa tar éis deireadh a chur le gach baint a bhí aige nó aici leis an ngrúpa.

(2) I gcás go n-imeoidh comhalta ó pháirtí agus go rachaidh sé nó sí isteach i bpáirtí eile nó, i gcás comhalta neamh-pháirtí, i gcás go rachaidh an comhalta sin isteach i bpáirtí, measfar gur cuid dá pháirtí polaitióchta nuad nó dá páirtí polaitióchta nuad é nó í chun críoche grúpa, ar choinnioll go mbeadh a chomhaltas nó a comhaltaí de réir a rialacha i gceol an iarracht a bhí ann leis an comhalta de réir na rialacha sa Buan-Orduithe seo.

Scor de stádas grúpa.

168. (1) Scoirfidh grúpa teicniúil d’aithantas mar grúpa a bheith aige i gcás go síneoidh aon chomhalta agus gach comhalta de na comhaltaí atá fáththa den grúpa fógra i scribhinn don Cheann Comhairle á rá sin.

(2) Scoirfidh aon grúpa (lena n-áirítear grúpa teicniúil) d’aithantas mar grúpa a bheith aige más deimhin leis an gCeann Comhairle. I gcás den sórt sin, scriobhfaidh an Ceann Comhairle chuig an grúpa a rá sin.

(3) I gcás gur lú an lámh comhaltaí d’iar-grúpa (lena n-áirítear grúpa teicniúil) ná cuigear de bharr corrfholúntas nó corrfholúntas sa Dáil, ní chaillfeadh an t-iar-grúpa a chearta go dtí go mbeifear ar an eolas faoi thoradh aon corrfholúntas iarnamhartaigh.

(4) I gcás gur mian le hiar-grúpa aitheantas mar grúpa a bheith aige athuair, síneoidh gach comhalta dá iar-chomhalta fógra i scribhinn don Cheann Comhairle. Ar choinníoll, más rud é gur de thoradh corrfholúntas a cailleadh an stádas grúpa, nach gá an fógra i scribhinn a chur chuig an t-iar-grúpa ach aon pháirtí amháin.
(vi) such other rights as may be provided for groups in these Standing Orders.

(2) A party which is automatically recognised as a group, and which has joined with other members to form a technical group, may only avail of those rights arising from its membership of a technical group.

Recognition of groups: writing to the Ceann Comhairle.

165. (1) A party with five members or more is automatically recognised as a group, and need not write to the Ceann Comhairle for recognition.

(2) Members who seek to be recognised as a technical group shall send a request in writing to the Ceann Comhairle, signed by each of the members making the request.

Joining a group.

166. The addition of a member to a technical group is recognised where the coordinator of the technical group and the new member sign a notification in writing to the Ceann Comhairle to that effect.

Cessation of membership of a group.

167. (1) A member ceases to be a member of a group where the Ceann Comhairle is satisfied that the member has severed all connections with the group.

(2) Where a member leaves a party and joins another, or, in the case of a non-party member, where that member joins a party, he or she is considered part of his or her new political party for group purposes, provided that his or her membership is in compliance with the rules contained in these Standing Orders relating to membership of groups: Provided further that the addition of a member or members to a party otherwise than at a bye-election or a General Election shall be disregarded when determining the precedence of a party.

Cessation of group status.

168. (1) A technical group shall cease to be recognised as a group where any and all of the remaining members of the group sign a notification in writing to the Ceann Comhairle to that effect.

(2) Any group (including a technical group) ceases to be recognised as a group where the Ceann Comhairle is satisfied that its number has fallen below five. In such a case, the Ceann Comhairle shall write to the group to that effect.

(3) Where the number of a former group (including a technical group) has fallen below five as a result of a casual vacancy or vacancies in the Dáil, the former group shall not lose its rights until the result of any consequential bye-election is known.

(4) Where a former group wishes to be recognised again as a group, all of its former members shall sign a notification in writing to the Ceann Comhairle. Provided that where group status was lost as a result of a casual vacancy, the written notification need only be sent to the Ceann Comhairle in the case of a technical group. Where the former group consists only of a single party, and the new member is
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agus go dtoghfar an comhalta nua chun an pháirtí sin, ní gá an fógra i scríbhinn a chur. Ar choinnioll nach dtabharfar aitheantas do ghrúpa, riainh ná i gcás ar bith, i gcás nach mbeidh a chomhaltas de réir na rialacha a leagtar amach sna Buan-Orduithe seo agus a bhaineann le comhaltas grúpa.

Comhaltaí de ghrúpaí do thiolacadh Billí agus do dhéanamh tairiscintí.

169. (1) Beidh de chéart ag gach grúpa comhalta den ghrúpa a ainmniú chun Billí a thiolacadh ar choinnioll nach mbeidh os comhair na Dála Bille eile ar a chomhalta a bheidh ainminithe ag an ngrúpa.

(2) Beidh de chéart ag gach grúpa de réir uainróchta comhalta den ghrúpa a ainmniú chun tairiscint ina ainm nó ina hainm a dhéanamh nó dul ar aghaidh le Céim de Bhille sa Dáil.

(3) Déanfar an t-ord in bhféadfaidh na grúpaí éagsúla feidhm a bhaint as an gceart faoi mhír (2) a chinneadh de réir an lín comhaltaí atá sna grúpaí, agus tosaigh labhartha á thabhairt do ghrúpa is mó ar ghrúpa is lú. I gcás comhlión comhaltaí, cinnfear an t-ord is mó chun grúpa nach bhfuil ann ach páirtí aonair ar ghrúpa teiciúil.

Teorainn ama le díospóireacht.

170. (1) Ní thabharfar thar dhá uair an chloig ar fad le haghaidh na díospóireachta ar thairiscint ó chomhalta próbháideacha, seachas tairiscint a bhainfidh le céim ar bith de Bhille. Nuair a bheidh an tréimhsí sin caite, agus mura mbeidh na himeachtaí críochnaithe roimh sin, cuífheadh an t-ord sa Dáil lehainn, an cheist nó na ceisteanacha is gá chuimhneacha a dhéanamh, nó a chur ar aice, nó a thugtar ar aice, nó a d'fhág air féin, nó a dhéanann air féin.

(2) Ní thabharfar thar cheithre huaire an chloig ar fad, seachas i gcás Billí a roghnófar lena bhreithníú aon dár Dálaíne, na díospóireachta ar an tairiscint don Dara Céim de Bhille a thionscnóidh comhalta próbháideach. Nuair a bheith an tréimhsí sin caite, agus mura mbeidh na himeachtaí críochnaithe, cuífheadh an t-ord sa Dáil, an cheist nó na ceisteanacha is gá chuimhneacha a dhéanamh, nó a thugtar ar aice, nó a d'fhág air féin, nó a bhíodh air féin.

(3) I gcás vótáil a bheith ar siúl ag an am a bheith socraithe chun gnó comhaltaí próbháideacha a thógail faoi Bhuáin-Ordú 159, déanfar an dár leithníníochta chun gnó comhaltaí próbháideacha a thógail a bhaint as na teorainneacha am atá leagtha amach i mblisséanna (1) agus (2) den Bhuáin-Ordú seo.

(4) I gcás taisceanna lena mbaineann aon teoraimní ama, ní rachaidh óráid an chomhalta a mholfaidh í thar daicheadh nóiméad, agus beidh an comhalta a rinne ar an tairiscint, nó cibé comhalta, nach bhfuil labhartha cheana aige nó aici, a ùdaróidh sí nó sí chuige sin, i dteideal cúig nóiméad déag ar a laghad le haghaidh óráid freagartha; ní rachaidh óráid nach bhfuil an chomhalta eile sa díospóireacht thar tríochta nóiméad.

Ar choinnioll fairis sin go bhféadfaidh díospóireachta, sa chúis go roghnóidh siad gan leas a bhaint as an seal ama Freasúra atá acu, comhaltaí a dhéanamh le faighteoir (i.e. grúpa eile nó comhalta aonair), go bhféadFAIDH díospóireachta, sa chuid am comhaltaí próbháideacha máidir le haon comhalta aonair, nó ní haghaidh aonair am breise a gheofar faoin gcoinnioll seo go mbeidh teideal ag comhalta labhartha faoi dhó.

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elected to that party, it is not necessary to send the written notification. Provided always and in any case that a group shall not be recognised where its membership is not in compliance with the rules set out in these Standing Orders relating to the membership of groups.

**Presentation of Bills and moving of motions by members of groups.**

169. (1) Each group shall have the right to nominate a member of the group to present a Bill provided that there is not before the Dáil another Bill presented by a member nominated by the group.

   (2) Each group shall have the right in rotation to nominate a member of the group either to move a motion standing in his or her name or to proceed with a Stage of a Bill in the Dáil.

   (3) The order in which the right under paragraph (2) may be exercised by the various groups shall be determined on the basis of the numbers of members in the groups, a larger group having precedence over a smaller one. In the case of an equality of numbers, precedence shall be determined by lot: Provided that a group which consists only of a single party shall have precedence over a technical group.

**Private Members’ Business: Time limits to debate**

**Time limits to debate.**

170. (1) The time allowed for the debate on a motion proposed by a private member, other than a motion relating to any stage of a Bill, shall not exceed a period of two hours in the aggregate. At the expiration of the said period, if the proceedings have not previously been concluded, the Ceann Comhairle shall put forthwith the question or questions necessary to bring to a conclusion the proceedings on the motion and on any amendment thereto.

   (2) The time allowed for the debate on the motion for the Second Stage of a Bill initiated by a private member shall not exceed a period of four hours in the aggregate, other than a Bill selected for consideration on an alternate Thursday. At the expiration of the said period, if the proceedings have not been concluded, the Ceann Comhairle shall put forthwith the question or questions necessary to bring to a conclusion the proceedings on the motion and any amendment thereto.

   (3) Where a division is in progress at the time fixed for taking private members’ business under Standing Order 159, any time which elapses in order to take such division shall be deducted from the time limits set out in paragraphs (1) and (2) of this Standing Order.

   (4) The speech of a member proposing a motion to which any time limit applies shall not exceed forty minutes and the member proposing, or such other member who has not already spoken as he or she may authorise in that behalf, shall be entitled to not less than fifteen minutes for a speech in reply; the speech of any other member in the course of the debate shall not exceed thirty minutes.

   Provided further that where a group chooses not to avail of their Opposition time slot, they may agree with a recipient (i.e., another group or an individual member), that the recipient may use the time. Any such agreement to transfer time shall be notified to the Ceann Comhairle in advance of private members’ time, and any additional time received under this proviso shall not give a member an entitlement to speak twice.
Buan-orduithe

Billí, Rún agus Ordúithe

Nithe a ndéileálfar leo trí Rún nó Ordú a thairiscint, nó trí Bhille.

171. (1) Aon ní a bheidh le cinneadh ag an Dáil, is trí Rún simplí nó Ordú a thairiscint, nó trí Bhille a thionscnamh, a thabharfar os comhair na Dála é.

(2) Ar na nithe a bhféadfar déileáil leo le Rún áirítear Buan-Ordúithe, an Dáil a chur ar athló, an Ceann Comhairle nó an Leas-Cheann Comhairle a cheapadh nó a chur as oifig, comhbrón, cáineadh, buíochas agus tuairim a chur in iúl, agus aon ní eile a fhéadfaidh an Dáil, de réir dlí, a chinneadh le Rún simplí.

Féadfaidh an Taoiseach, nó comhalta den Rialtas, ag gníomhú dó nó di thar ceann an Taoisigh, véta comhbrón a thairiscint, gan fógra a thabhairt.

(3) Ar na nithe a bhféadfar déileáil leo le hOrdú áirítear comhaltaí a chur ar fionraí, Coistí a cheapadh, comhaltaí a cheapadh chun Coistí agus comhaltaí a bhaint de Choistí, Billí agus scribhinní a chlíobhualadh, agus ceisteanna nós imeachta i gcoitinne.

(4) Ar na nithe a ndéileálfar leo le Billí áirítear gach togra reachtaíochta.

Ráitis Chomhbróin

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172. Ag suí den Dáil tar éis d’iarchomhalta den Dáil, do comhalta den Dáil, do Cheann Stáit, do Phríomh-Aire nó do dhúine eile de stádas comhchosúil d’fháil bháis, féadfaidh éisteacht a thabhairt do ráitis chomhbhróin de réir socruithe a chomhaontóidh an Teach de thoradh moladh i dtuarascáil an Choiste Gnó faoi Bhuan-Ordú 31.

Breithniú Réamhreachtach

Coiste do dhéanamh breithniú réamhreachtach ar Bhille.

173. (1) Sula ndéanfar é a thiolacadh nó a thabhairt isteach sa Dáil, tabharfaidh comhalta den Rialtas nó Aire Stáit scéim ghinearálta nó dréacht-cheannteidil Bille don Choiste ag a bhfuil cumhacht faoi Bhuan-Ordú 95 chun Billí arna bhfoilsíú ag an gcomhalta den Rialtas a bhreithniú: Ar choimnioll go bhfheadfadh an Coiste Gnó an ceanglas sin a tharscaioleadh, de réir Bhuan-Ordú 30, ar scór iarraidh ón gcomhalta den Rialtas nó ón Aire Stáit. Beidh iarraidh ar tharscaioleadh den sórt sin de réir treoirlinte arna nglacadh ag an bhFochiste ar Athleasú na Dála, agus faoi réir fógra a bheith tugtha don Choiste Gnó tráth nach déanaí ná 11 a.m. an ceathrú lá roimh chruinniú. Ar choimnioll go bhfheadh, le cead an Cheann Comhairle, iarraidh ar tharscaioleadh a dhéanamh ar fhógra níos giorra ná sin.

(2) Déanfaidh an Coiste ag a bhfuil cumhacht faoi Bhuan-Ordú 95 chun Billí arna bhfoilsíú ag an gcomhalta den Rialtas a bhreithniú scéim ghinearálta nó dréacht-cheannteidil a bheidh tugtha faoi mhír (1) a bhreithniú: Ar choimnioll go bhfheadh, an Coiste a chinneadh, i ndáil le Bille áirthe, nach gá breithniú den sórt sin a dhéanamh agus, sna cásanna sin, nach gá an scéim ghinearálta nó na dréacht-cheannteidil a bhreithniú.
Matters dealt with by motion for Resolution or Order, or by Bill.

171. (1) Any matter for decision by the Dáil shall be brought before it by motion for a simple Resolution or Order, or by the initiation of a Bill.

(2) The matters that may be dealt with by Resolution shall include Standing Orders, adjournments of the Dáil, appointment or removal of the Ceann Comhairle or the Leas-Cheann Comhairle, expressions of condolence, censure, thanks, and opinion, and any other matter which, by law, the Dáil may decide by simple Resolution.

A vote of condolence may be moved, without notice, by the Taoiseach, or a member of the Government acting for him or her.

(3) The matters that may be dealt with by Order shall include the suspension of members, appointment of Committees, appointment of members to, and removal of members from, Committees, the printing of Bills and documents, and questions of procedure generally.

(4) The matters which shall be dealt with by Bills shall include all proposals for legislation.

Expressions of sympathy.

172. At a sitting of the Dáil following the death of a former member of the Dáil, a member of the Dáil, a Head of State, Prime Minister or other person of similar status, expressions of sympathy may be heard in accordance with arrangements agreed by the House further to a recommendation in the report of the Business Committee under Standing Order 31.

Pre-legislative consideration of Bill by Committee.

173. (1) Prior to its presentation or introduction to the Dáil, the general scheme or draft heads of a Bill shall be given by a member of the Government or Minister of State to the Committee empowered under Standing Order 95 to consider Bills published by the member of the Government: Provided that the Business Committee may waive this requirement, in accordance with Standing Order 30, on foot of a request by the member of Government or Minister of State. Such a request for a waiver shall be in accordance with guidelines adopted by the sub-Committee on Dáil Reform, and subject to notice having been given to the Business Committee not later than 11 a.m. on the fourth day preceding its weekly meeting: Provided that, by permission of the Ceann Comhairle, a request for a waiver may be made on shorter notice.

(2) A general scheme or draft heads which have been given under paragraph (1) shall be considered by the Committee empowered under Standing Order 95 to consider Bills published by the member of the Government: Provided that the Committee may decide in relation to a particular Bill that such consideration is not necessary, and in such cases, need not consider the general scheme or draft heads.
Buan-orduithe

Billí a Rith

An Chéad Chéim

Billí a thionscnamh.

174. (1) Déanfaidh an Ceann Comhairle téacs gach Bille a thíolafar nó a bheidh le thabhairt isteach a scrúdú le go mbeidh sé de réir na mBuan-Orduithe agus déanfar teideal an Bhille mar aon le gearrthuairisc ar a chuspóir, a d’ullmhaigh tairgtheoir an Bhille agus lenar ghlaic an Ceann Comhairle, a chur ar Riar na hOibre, faoi réir mhír (4).

(2) Féadfaidh comhalta ar bith a thairiscint go dtabharfar cead chun Bille a thabhairt isteach, faoi réir mhír (4). Tabharfaidh an Ceann Comhairle cead don chomhalta sin ráteas minitheach a dhéanamh ar an mBille sin nach faide ná cúig nóiméad ar fad. Má chuirtear i gcionna na tairisceana sin, ceadóidh an Ceann Comhairle, de réir mhír (5), ráteas minitheach nach faide ná cúig nóiméad ar fad ón gcomhalta a rinne an tairiscint agus ó chomhalta atá ag cur i gcionn na tairisceana sula gcuirfidh sé nó sí an cheist uirthi. Má thuigtar cead an Bille a thabhairt isteach, déanfar Ordú don dara léamh agus clóbhualailfear an Bille.

(3) Féadfaidh comhalta den Rialtas, Aire Stáit nó comhalta príobháideach a ainmeofar chuige sin faoi Bhuan-Ordú 169(1) Bille a thíolcadh gan cead roimh ré a fháil ón Teach agus clóbhualailfear aon Bhillle a thíolafar amhaildhaidh agus déanfar Ordú don dara léamh, faoi réir mhír (4).

(4) I gcás go mbeidh Bille clóbhualaithe cheana féin, nó go mbeidh cead tugtha ag an Dáil é a thabhairt isteach, ní cead don chomhalta príobháideach Bille a thíolcadh ná a thairiscint go dtabharfar cead Bille a thabhairt isteach, más é tuairim an Cheann Comhairle gurb iomann a ábhar agus an Bille céadluaithe nó go bhfuil a ábhar go substaintiúil de shamhail an Bille céadlúaithe. I gcás go mbeidh scrúdú á dhéanamh ag an gCeann Comhairle ar Bhíllle le go mbeidh siad de réir na mBuan-Orduithe agus go bhfionnfaidh sé nó sí gurb iomann dhá Bille nó níos mó nó go bhfuil dhá Bille nó níos mó go substaintiúil de shamhail a chéile, is é nó is í an comhalta a thionscain an Bille is túsce a gheobhadh an Ceann Comhairle an comhalta dá gceadófar é a thíolcadh nó a thairiscint go dtabharfar cead é a thabhairt isteach.

(5) Má chuirtear i gcionnna tairstíocht ó chomhalta príobháideach go dtabharfar cead chun Bille a thabhairt isteach, cuirfear an diospóireacht uirthi ar athló go dtí an chéad lá eile a bheidh gnó comhaltaí príobháideacha le tógáil.

Meabhráin Mhíniúcháin

Meabhráin mhíniúcháin a sholáthar le haghaidh Billí.

175. Ní clóbhualailfear Bille ach amháin má bhíonn Meabhrán Mhíniúcháin ag gabháil leis ina ndéanfar, i dtéarmaí soiléire—

(a) cuspoir an Bhillle a leagan amach i gcomhthéacs an dlí atá ann cheana agus na n-athruithe atá beartaithe sa Bhillle, agus

(b) forálacha an Bhillle a mhíniú alt ar alt.
Standing Orders

Passing of Bills

First Stage

Initiation of Bills.

174. (1) The text of every Bill presented or to be introduced shall be examined by the Ceann Comhairle for compliance with Standing Orders and the title of the Bill and a short description of its purpose, prepared by the proposer and accepted by the Ceann Comhairle, shall appear on the Order Paper, subject to paragraph (4).

(2) Any member may move for leave to introduce a Bill, subject to paragraph (4). The Ceann Comhairle shall permit that member to make an explanatory statement thereon not exceeding five minutes in length. If such motion be opposed, the Ceann Comhairle shall permit in accordance with paragraph (5) an explanatory statement not exceeding five minutes in length from the member who moves and from a member who opposes the motion before he or she puts the question thereon. If leave to introduce the Bill is given, an Order shall be made for its second reading and the Bill shall be printed.

(3) A member of the Government, Minister of State or a private member nominated for the purpose under Standing Order 169(1) may present a Bill without previously obtaining leave of the House and any Bill so presented shall be printed and an Order for its second reading shall be made, subject to paragraph (4).

(4) Where a Bill has already been printed, or the Dáil has given leave to introduce it, a private member may not present, or move for leave to introduce, a Bill, the content of which, in the opinion of the Ceann Comhairle, is identical or substantially similar to the first-mentioned Bill. Where the Ceann Comhairle is examining Bills for compliance with Standing Orders, and finds that two or more Bills are identical or substantially similar, the member sponsoring the Bill first received by the Ceann Comhairle shall be the member permitted to present or move for leave to introduce it.

(5) If a motion of a private member for leave to introduce a Bill be opposed the debate thereon shall be adjourned to the next day on which private members’ business is to be taken.

Explanatory Memoranda

Provision of explanatory memoranda for Bills.

175. A Bill shall be printed only if accompanied by an Explanatory Memorandum which shall, in clear terms—

(a) set out the purpose of the Bill in the context of existing law and the changes proposed in the Bill, and

(b) explain the provisions of the Bill on a section-by-section basis.
Buan-orduithe

An Dara Céim

176. (1) Sa díospóireacht ar an tairiscint, go léifear an Bille an dara huair anois, ní thráchtfar ach ar bhunbhrí an Bhille. Féadfar leasuithe a dhéanamh ar an tairiscint sin—

(i) tríd an bhfocal “anois” a ligean ar lár agus na focal “ráithe ó inniu”, nó “sé mhí ó inniu”, nó dáta éigin eile, a chur i ndeireadh na tairisceana;

(ii) trí na focal go léir nó cuid de na focal i ndiaidh “Go” a scríosaigh agus focal a chur ina n-ionad ag lua cúis éigin speisialta i gcoine an Bille a léamh an dara huair.

(2) Mura n-ordóidh an Dáil a mhalairt, ní rachaidh—

(i) óráid an chomhalta den Rialtas nó an Aire Stáit a thairgfidh an tairiscint don dara léamh ar an mBille,

(ii) óráid an phríomhurlabhraí a ainmneoidh gach ceann de na grúpaí, mar a mhínitear i mBuan-Ordú 163, ná

(iii) óráid comhalta arb é nó i Cathaoirleach nó Leas-Chathaoirleach an Choiste a cheapfar chun Billí a bhreithniú i leith na Roinne Rialtais iomchuí, nó comhalta den Choiste a ainmneofar ina ionad nó ina hionad, ag labhairt dó nó di i ndáil le breithniú réamhreachtaí an Choiste sin ar an mBille,

thar 20 nóiméad: Ar choinníoll, i gcás gurb é tuairim an Choiste Gnó gur ceart, i leith Bille áirithe, an t-am le haghaidh gach óráide sa chéad bhhabhta sin a fhadú de mhéid áirithe, go n-áireoidh sé togra chuige sin ina thuarascáil faoi Bhuan-Ordú 31(3).

Ní rachaidh óráid aon chomhalta eile i gcúrsa na díospóireachta thar 20 nóiméad.

Ar choinníoll go mbeidh tosaigh labhairtha, chun críocha an Bhuan-Ordaithe seo, ag grúpa nach bhfuil ann ach aon fháirtí amháin ar ghrúpa teicniúil;

Ar choinníoll fairís sin, maidir le comhalta arb é nó i Cathaoirleach nó Leas-Chathaoirleach an Choiste a cheapfar chun Billí a bhreithniú i leith na Roinne Rialtais iomchuí, nó comhalta den Choiste a ainmneofar ina ionad nó ina hionad, nach bhféadfaidh sé nó sí óráid a thabhairt de bhun fhomhír (iii) ach amháin i gcás go mbeidh breithniú réamhreachtaí déanta ar an mBille faoi Bhuan-Ordú 173. Ar choinníoll fairís sin nach bhféadfaidh an óráid sin go mbeidh cosc ar an gcomhalta sin óráid eile a thabhairt i gcáil phearsanta le linn na díospóireachta;

Ar choinníoll fairís sin, i gcás go dtagann Bille Rialtais faoi réim Airteagain 127(4) agus 282(5) den Chonradh ar Fheidhmiú an Aontais Eorpaigh, agus dá bhrí sin go gceangaltaítear comhchomhaírliúchán a dhéanamh leis an mBanc Ceannais Eorpach, go ndéanfar todaídh an chomhchomhaírliúcháin leis an mBanc a thuairiscíodh don Dáil i gcúrsa an Rialtas nó an tAire Stáit: Ar choinníoll fairís sin, mura dtábhachtar an tuarascáil i gcúrsa na háiríde sin, go bhféadfaidh an comhalta iomchuí den Rialtas nó an tAire Stáit tuarascáil ina mbeidh todaíth den chomhchomhaírliúcháin a leagan faoi bhráid na Dála;

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Second Stage

Second Reading.

176. (1) The debate on the motion, that the Bill be now read a second time, shall be confined to the general principle of the Bill. Amendments may be made to this motion—

(i) by omitting the word “now” and adding at the end of the motion the words “this day three months”, or “this day six months”, or some other date;

(ii) by deleting all or some of the words after “That” and substituting words which state some special reason against the second reading of the Bill.

(2) Unless the Dáil shall otherwise order, the speech of—

(i) the member of the Government or Minister of State proposing the motion for the second reading of the Bill,

(ii) the main spokesperson nominated by each of the groups, as defined in Standing Order 163, and

(iii) a member who is the Chairman or vice-Chairman of the Committee appointed to consider Bills in respect of the relevant Government Department, or a member of the Committee nominated in their stead, speaking in relation to that Committee’s pre-legislative consideration of the Bill,

shall not exceed 20 minutes: Provided that where the Business Committee is of the opinion that in respect of a particular Bill, the time for each speech in this first round should be extended by a certain amount, it shall include a proposal to that effect in its report under Standing Order 31(3).

The speech of any other member in the course of the debate shall not exceed 20 minutes.

Provided that for the purposes of this Standing Order a group which consists only of a single party shall have precedence over a technical group;

Provided further that a member who is the Chairman or vice-Chairman of the Committee appointed to consider Bills in respect of the relevant Government Department, or a member of the Committee nominated in their stead, may only make a speech pursuant to subparagraph (iii) where the Bill has been the subject of pre-legislative consideration under Standing Order 173. Provided further that such contribution shall not preclude a further contribution in a personal capacity by that member in the course of the debate;

Provided further that where a Government Bill falls within Articles 127(4) and 282(5) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union and thereby requires consultation with the European Central Bank, the outcome of the consultation with the Bank shall be reported to the Dáil in the course of the Second Stage speech of the relevant member of the Government or Minister of State: Provided further that if the report is not made in the course of that speech, the relevant member of the Government or Minister of State may lay a report before the Dáil with the outcome of the consultation;
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Ar choinnioll fairis sin go mbeidh comhalta den Rialtas nó Aire Stáit, nó cibé comhalta eile a údaróidh sé nó sí chuige sin, i dtéide freisin tréimhse nach giorra ná 15 nóiméad,agus nach faide ná 30 nóiméad, le haghaidh óráid freagartha.

*Billí comhaltaí príobháideacha: grinnscrúdú roimh Chéim an Choiste*

I gcás go mbeidh an dara léamh de Bhille comhalta phríobháidigh rite.

177. Cuífridh Cléireach na Dála faoi deara fógra, á rá gur léadh Bille comhalta phríobháidigh an dara huair, a chur—

(a) chuig Cléireach an Roghchoiste iomchuí arna cheapadh de bhun Bhuan-Ordú 95 (dá ngairtear an ‘Coiste iomchuí’ sna Buan-Orduithe seo),

(b) chuig an gComhalta a bheidh i mbun an Bhille, agus

(c) chuig an gComhalta den Rialtas ar faoi réim a chúram beartais nó a cúram beartais a thagann an Bille.

Coístí do dhéanamh grinnscrúdú ar Bhillí comhaltaí príobháideacha a mbeidh an dara léamh díobh rite.

178. (1) Más rud é—

(a) go mbeidh fógra á rá gur léadh Bille comhalta phríobháidigh an dara huair scaithe ar an gCoiste iomchuí43 ag Cléireach an Choiste; agus

(b) go mbeidh iarraidh i scribhinn go ndéanfaí grinnscrúdú mionsonraithe ar an mBille (dá ngairtear ‘grinnscrúdú’ sna Buan-Orduithe seo) curtha chuig an gCoiste iomchuí ag an gcomhalta atá i mbun an Bhille,

beidh an Bille faoi réir grinnscrúdú ag an gCoiste iomchuí: Ar choinnioll go bhféadfadh an Coiste Gnó, de réir Bhuan-Ordú 30, an ceanglas maidir le grinnscrúdú a tharscnaíleadh, tar éis iarraidh a fháil ón gcomhalta atá i mbun an Bhille nó ón gCoiste iomchuí. Maidir le hiarradh ar tharscnaíleadh den sorth sin, ní fhéadadh í a dhéanamh ach amháin i gcás go mbeidh an Bille léite an dara huair, beidh sé de réir treoiríntí arna nglacadh ag an bhFochoiste ar Athleasú na Dála, agus beidh sí faoi réir fógra a bhfeith tugtha don Choiste Gnó trí thánaí nó 11 a.m. an ceathrú lá roimh a chríonnaíteachtaí: Ar choinnioll go bhféadfar, le cead an Cheann Comhairle, iarraidh ar tharscnaíleadh a dhéanamh ar fhógra níos giorra ná sin. Féadfaidh an comhalta a bheidh i mbun an Bhille tarscnaíleadh ó ghrinnscrúdú a iarraidh, fiú amháin tar éis de réir chomhalta a iarraidh ar an gCoiste iomchuí grinnscrúdú a dhéanamh. Ní fhéadfaidh an Coiste iomchuí tarscnaíleadh a iarraidh ach amháin tar éis an iarraidh ar ghrinnscrúdú a bhfeith déanta.

(2) Déanfar grinnscrúdú, nó grinnscrúdú mionsonraithe faoi Bhuan-Ordú 161, a sheoladh agus aird á tabhairt ar chúrsai beartais, dlí agus airgeadais, agus de réir na dtreoiríntí a bheidh leagtha amach sa Mheabhrún Tuisceana arna chomhaontú idir an Dáil agus an Rialtas, agus arna leagan faoi bhráid Dháil Éireann.

43 Feach an míniú ar ‘Coiste iomchuí’ i mBuan-Ordú 177

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Provided further that a member of the Government or Minister of State, or such other member as he or she may authorise in that behalf, shall be also entitled to not less than 15 minutes, and not more than 30 minutes, for a speech in reply.

*Private members’ Bills: pre-Committee Stage scrutiny*

Where a private member’s Bill has passed its second reading.

177. The Clerk of the Dáil shall cause a notification that a private member’s Bill has been read a second time to be sent to—

(a) the Clerk to the relevant Select Committee appointed pursuant to Standing Order 95 (in these Standing Orders referred to as the ‘relevant Committee’),

(b) the member in charge of the Bill, and

(c) the member of the Government within whose policy remit the Bill falls.

Scrutiny by Committees of private members’ Bills which have passed their second reading.

178. (1) Where—

(a) the notification that a private member’s Bill has been read a second time has been circulated to the relevant Committee43 by the Clerk to the Committee; and

(b) the member in charge of the Bill has sent a written request to the relevant Committee to undertake detailed scrutiny of the Bill (referred to in these Standing Orders as ‘scrutiny’),

the Bill shall be subject to scrutiny by the relevant Committee: Provided that the Business Committee may waive, in accordance with Standing Order 30, the requirement for scrutiny, following a request from the member in charge of the Bill, or the relevant Committee. Such a request for a waiver may only be made where the Bill has been read a second time, shall be in accordance with guidelines adopted by the sub-Committee on Dáil Reform, and shall be subject to notice having been given to the Business Committee not later than 11 a.m. on the fourth day preceding its weekly meeting: Provided that, by permission of the Ceann Comhairle, a request for a waiver may be made on shorter notice. The member in charge of the Bill may request a scrutiny waiver even having asked the relevant Committee to undertake scrutiny. The relevant Committee may only ask for a waiver following the scrutiny request.

(2) Scrutiny, or detailed scrutiny under Standing Order 161, shall be conducted from a policy, legal and financial perspective, and in accordance with the guidelines set out in the Memorandum of Understanding agreed between the Dáil and the Government, and laid before Dáil Éireann.

43 See definition of ‘relevant Committee’ in Standing Order 177.
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(3) I gcás go mbeidh an Coiste iomchuí tar éis grinnscrúdú ar Bhille comhalta príobháidigh a chríochnú, déanfaidh sé—

(a) tuarascáil ar an gcéanna a leagan faoi bhráid na Dála, agus

(b) tar éis an tuarascáil a leagan, Teachtaireacht a chur chuig an Dáil—

(i) á dhaingniú go bhfuil an grinnscrúdú críochnaithe agus go bhfuil tuarascáil tugtha air, agus

(ii) ina bhfuil moladh i dtuath cibé acu an bhféadfadh nó nach bhféadfadh an Bille dul ar aghaidh chuig Céim an Choiste.

Is i scribhinn agus arna síníú ag Cléireach an Choiste a bheidh a bheidiú Teachtaireacht den sórt sin, agus díreofar chuig Cléireach na Dála í. Cuirfidh an Ceann Comhairle ar Teachtaireacht sin in iúl don Dáil a luaithte is caoithiúil.

(4) Ní dhéanfaidh aon ní sna Buan-Orduithe seo cosc a chur ar Chomhchoiste grinnscrúdú a dhéanamh, agus tuairiscí ar an gcéanna, ach amháin nach bhféadfadh ach an Coiste iomchuí ar an t-ainm a bhí ann. Déanfaidh an Coiste iomchuí breithniú cuí nach bhféadfadh nó nach bhféadfadh an Bille dul ar aghaidh chuig Céim an Choiste a chinneadh.

Billí comhaltaí príobháideacha: Comhchomhairliúchán le BCE

Comhchomhairliúchán le BCE ar Bhillí comhaltaí príobháideacha, de bhun an Chonartha ar Fheidhmiú an Aontais Eorpaigh.

179. (1) Más rud é, i dtuairim an Cheann Comhairle, go dtagann Bille comhalta phríobháidigh faoi réim Airteagail 127(4) agus 282(5) den Chonradh ar Fheidhmiú an Aontais Eorpais, agus dá bhrí sin go gceanglaítear comhchomhairliúchán a dhéanamh leis an mBanc Ceannais Eorpaigh, déanfaidh an Coiste iomchuí an comhchomhairliúchán sin (dá ngairtear ‘comhchomhairliúchán’ sa Buan-Ordú seo), agus déanfaidh sé breithniú ar aon tuairim ón Banc. Dá bharr atá sa gceithniú shonraithe de réir an chinnidh sin, dedh an Coiste iomchuí breithniú cuí ón Banc.

(2) Mar chuid de chomhchomhairliúchán, sonróidh an Coiste iomchuí teorainn am a chur i bhfadú amach air. I gcás go n-iarrfaidh an Banc fadú ar an teorainn am a shoíríte ar de réir an chinnidh sin, déanfaidh an Coiste iomchuí breithniú cuí ón Banc.

(3) I gcás go mbeidh an teorainn am a chur i bhfadú amach air. Dá bharr atá sa gceithniú, dedh an Coiste iomchuí a bhreithniú cuí ón Banc.

(4) Déanfar toradh an chomhchomhairliúchán leis an mBanc ar Bhille comhalta príobháidigh a thuairisciú de réir Bhan-Ordú 161, nó de réir Bhan-Ordú 178, de réir mar is cuí, agus cuirfear san áiríomh sa tuarascáil aon mholtaí a eascróidh as tuairim an Bhainc a bhreithniú.

44 De bhun Bhuan-Ordú 178.
(3) Where the relevant Committee has completed scrutiny of a private member’s Bill, it shall—

(a) lay a report thereon before the Dáil, and

(b) following the laying of the report, send a Message to the Dáil—

(i) confirming that scrutiny has been completed and reported on, and

(ii) containing a recommendation on whether or not the Bill may proceed to Committee Stage.

Such a Message shall be in writing, signed by the Clerk to the Committee, and shall be addressed to the Clerk of the Dáil. The Ceann Comhairle shall, at the first convenient opportunity, communicate such Message to the Dáil.

(4) Nothing in these Standing Orders shall preclude a Joint Committee from undertaking scrutiny, and reporting thereon, save that only the relevant Committee may decide on the recommendation as to whether or not the Bill may proceed to Committee Stage.

Private members’ Bills: ECB consultation

Consultation with ECB on private members’ Bills, pursuant to Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union.

179. (1) Where, in the opinion of the Ceann Comhairle, a private member’s Bill falls within Articles 127(4) and 282(5) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and thereby requires consultation with the European Central Bank, the relevant Committee shall undertake that consultation (referred to in this Standing Order as ‘consultation’), and shall consider any resulting opinion from the Bank, as part of scrutiny, or as part of detailed scrutiny under Standing Order 161.

(2) As part of consultation, the relevant Committee shall specify a time limit for submission of the Bank’s opinion. Where the Bank requests an extension of the specified time limit in accordance with that decision, the relevant Committee shall give due consideration to the Bank’s request.

(3) Where the time limit specified by the relevant Committee pursuant to paragraph (2), or any extension of time granted pursuant to that paragraph, has expired, the absence of an opinion from the Bank shall not prevent the relevant Committee from proceeding with scrutiny, or detailed scrutiny under Standing Order 161: Provided that any opinion received thereafter shall be brought to the attention of the relevant Committee, and shall be laid before the Dáil by the Clerk to the Committee.

(4) The outcome of the consultation with the Bank on a private member’s Bill shall be reported in accordance with Standing Order 161, or Standing Order 178, as appropriate, and any recommendations arising from consideration of the Bank’s opinion shall be included in the report.

Pursuant to Standing Order 178.
Buan-orduithe

Billí comhaltaí príobháideacha: Ordú do Chéim an Choiste

180. (1) Is i Roghchoiste arna cheapadh de bhun Bhuan-Ordú 95 a dhéanfar breithniú Chéim an Choiste ar Bhille comhalta phríobháidigh.

(2) Ní fhéadfar breithniú Chéim an Choiste den sórt sin a ordú ach amháin tar éis don Choiste iomchuí grinnscrúdtú a dhéanamh ar an mBille, seachas i gcás go mbeidh an ceanglas mairid le grinnscrúdú tarscaioilte ag an gCoiste Gnó. I gcás an ceanglas mairid le grinnscrúdú a bheith tarscaoilte, nó i gcás gurb é an moladh iar-grinnscrúdaithe go bhféadfaidh an Bille dul ar aghaidh chuig Céim an Choiste, féadfaidh an comhalta a bheidh i mbun an Bhille, ar fhógra arna thabhairt don Choiste Gnó, an tOrdú do Chéim an Choiste a thairiscint an chéad uair is indéanta tar éis an Oird Gnó, nó tar éis ceisteanna ar reachtaíochta a gealladh faoi Bhuan-Ordú 35, agus tógfar an tairiscint sin gan díospóireacht.

(3) I gcás gurb é moladh46 an Choiste iomchuí nach bhféadfaidh an Bille comhalta phríobháidigh dul ar aghaidh chuig Céim an Choiste, agus nach n-aontóidh an comhalta a bheidh i mbun an Bhille leis an moladh sin, féadfaidh sé nó sí tairiscint i scríbhinn a chur síos sna téarmaí seo a leanas:

“D’ainneoin mholadh an Choiste dar teideal [cúir isteach ainm an Choiste iomchuí arna cheapadh de bhun Bhuan-Ordú 95] nach bhféadfaidh [cúir isteach ainm an Bhille] dul ar aghaidh chuig Céim an Choiste, déantar leis seo an Bille a tharchur chuin an Roghchoiste dar teideal [cúir isteach ainm an Choiste iomchuí arna cheapadh de bhun Bhuan-Ordú 95].”

(4) Féadfar an tairiscint faoi mhír (3) a dhéanamh—

(a) le linn seal ama i rith am comhaltaí príobháideacha faoi Bhuan-Ordú 169(3),

(b) ar an Déardaoin, díreach tar éis é sinchairisteanna tráthnúla, de réir Bhuan-Ordú 159(2), nó

(c) ag am agus ar dháta a bheidh le comhaontú ag an gCoiste Gnó, agus a bheidh faoi réir socruithe arna gcomhaontú ar an Ord Gnó.

(5) Aon chomhalta ar mian leis nó léi tairiscint a dhéanamh faoi mhír (3) ar an Déardaoin de réir mhír (4)(b), tabharfaidh sé nó sí fógra don Choiste Gnó tráth nach déanaí ná 11 a.m. an ceathrú lá roimh chuimhniú seachtaíonnidh an Choiste Gnó.

(6) Má bhuaitear ar thairiscint faoi mhír (3), measfar gur tarraingióidh siar an Bille.

An Tríú Céim

Nuair a léitear Bille Rialtais an dara huair.

181. (1) Tar éis Bille, nach Bille comhalta phríobháidigh, a bheith léite an dara huair, féadfar a ordú go mbeidh sé le breithniú i gCoiste den Dáil uaine lá a aímnneofar an tráth sin, nó féadfar é a tharchur chun Coiste éigin eile.

45 De bhun Bhuan-Ordú 178.
46 I.e., an moladh faoi Bhuan-Ordú 178(3).
Private Members’ Bills: Order for Committee Stage

180. (1) The Committee Stage consideration of a private member’s Bill shall take place in a Select Committee appointed pursuant to Standing Order 95.

(2) Such Committee Stage consideration may only be ordered following scrutiny of the Bill by the relevant Committee\(^45\), save where the requirement for scrutiny has been waived by the Business Committee. Where the scrutiny requirement has been waived, or where the post-scrutiny recommendation is that the Bill may proceed to Committee Stage, the member in charge of the Bill may, on notice given to the Business Committee, move the Order for Committee Stage at the first practicable opportunity after the Order of Business, or after questions on promised legislation under Standing Order 35, and such motion shall be taken without debate.

(3) Where the relevant Committee’s recommendation\(^46\) is that the private member’s Bill may not proceed to Committee Stage, and the member in charge of the Bill does not agree with that recommendation, he or she may table a motion in writing in the following terms:

> “Notwithstanding the recommendation of the Committee on [insert name of relevant Committee appointed pursuant to Standing Order 95] that the [insert name of Bill] may not proceed to Committee Stage, the Bill is hereby referred to the Select Committee on [insert name of relevant Committee appointed pursuant to Standing Order 95].”

(4) The motion under paragraph (3) may be moved—

(a) during a private members’ time slot under Standing Order 169(3),

(b) on a Thursday immediately following topical issues, in accordance with Standing Order 159(2), or

(c) at a time and date to be agreed by the Business Committee, and subject to arrangements agreed on the Order of Business.

(5) A member who wishes to move a motion under paragraph (3) on a Thursday in accordance with paragraph (4)(b) shall give notice to the Business Committee not later than 11 a.m. on the fourth day preceding the weekly meeting of the Business Committee.

(6) If a motion under paragraph (3) is defeated, the Bill shall be deemed to have been withdrawn.

Third Stage

When a Government Bill is read a second time.

181. (1) When a Bill, other than a private member’s Bill, has been read a second time, it may either be ordered to be considered in Committee of the whole Dáil on a day then named, or be referred to some other Committee.

\(^{45}\) Pursuant to Standing Order 178.

\(^{46}\) I.e., the recommendation under Standing Order 178(3).
(2) Má ordaítear Bille, seachas Bille comhalta phríobháidigh, a tharchur chun Coiste Speisialta, ceapfar leis an ordú sin—

(a) an dáta a thosóidh Céim an Choiste,

(b) an líon comhaltaí a bheidh ar an gCoiste, agus

(c) córam an Choiste,

agus beidh feidhm ag Bhuan-Orduithe 103 agus 104 ar gach slí eile: Ar choinníoll go bhféadfaidh an Dáil, ar thairiscint ón gcomhalta a bheidh i mbun an Bhille, an Bille a chur chun Roghchoiste nó Coiste Speisialta maidir le cuid dá phhorálacha, agus chun Coiste den Dáil uile maidir le foráil le dhaonlathas eile agus, má chuirtear i gcoinnine na tairisceana sin, go gcaithfeadh an Ceann Comhairle rátéise muintreach ón gcomhalta a rinne an tairiscint, agus ó chomhalta atá ag cur i gcoinnine na tairisceana, sula gcuirfidh sé nó sí an cheist uirthi.

Fógra maidir le leasuithe agus ord na leasuithe.

182. Nuair a bheidh Bille le breithniú i gCoiste nó ar Thuarascáil,

(a) is i scríbhinn arna síniú ag an gcomhalta a bheidh leasuithe a bheidh le tairiscint agus sroichfidh siad an Cléireach tráth nach déanaí ná 11 a.m. ar an gcathar lá roimh an lá sin ar a mbeidh an Bille nó, más cuí, an chuid de a mbeidh síad dírithe uirthi, le breithniú agus cuirfidh sí an Cléireach tráth nach déanaí ná 11 a.m. ar an gcathar lá roimh an lá sin ar a mbeidh an Bille nó, más cuí, an leasú atá le tairiscint an bhille a bheidh síad dírithe, le breithniú agus cuirfidh sí an Cléireach tráth nach déanaí ná 11 a.m. ar an gcathar lá roimh an lá sin ar a mbeidh an Bille nó, más cuí, an leasú atá le tairiscint ar an mBille a mbeidh síad dírithe air,

(b) is i scríbhinn arna síniú ag an gcomhalta a bheidh leasuithe a bheidh le tairiscint agus sroichfidh siad an Cléireach tráth nach déanaí ná 11 a.m. ar an dara lá roimh an lá sin ar a mbeidh an Bille nó, más cuí, an leasú atá le tairiscint ar an mBille a mbeidh síad dírithe, le breithniú agus cuirfidh sí an Cléireach tráth nach déanaí ná 11 a.m. ar an dara lá roimh an lá sin ar a mbeidh an Bille nó, más cuí, an leasú atá le tairiscint ar an mBille a mbeidh síad dírithe,

Lebh a chomhalta atá i gceist sa Bhille, má bhíodh sé i gcoinnine na tairisceana, sula gcuirfidh sí nó sí an cheist uirthi.

Meabhrán Míniúcháin Tar Éis Leasú Substaínteach a Dhéanamh

Meabhrán Míniúcháin Athbhreithnithe a Sholáthar i ndáil le Billí.

183. I gcás go mbeidh leasú substainteach le déanamh ar Bhilli ag Céim an Choiste nó Céim na Tuarascála, beidh de rogha ag an gCeann Comhairle nó ag Cathaoirleach an Choiste, de réir mar a bheidh, a ordú go gcaithfí an gcomhalta a bheidh i mbun an Bhilli meabhrán míniúcháin athbhreithnithe a sholáthar chun cuidiú le comhaltaí na leasuithe a bheith praiticiúil.
STANDING ORDERS

(2) Should a Bill, other than a private member’s Bill, be ordered to be referred to a Special Committee, such order shall fix—

(a) the date for the commencement of the Committee Stage,
(b) the number of members to serve on the Committee, and
(c) the quorum of it,

and Standing Orders 103 and 104 shall otherwise apply: Provided that the Dáil may, on motion made by the member in charge of the Bill, commit the Bill to a Select or Special Committee in respect of some of its provisions, and to a Committee of the whole Dáil in respect of other provisions, and that if such a motion is opposed, the Ceann Comhairle shall permit an explanatory statement from the member who moves, and from a member who opposes the motion, before he or she puts the question thereon.

Notice and arrangement of amendments.

182. When a Bill is to be considered in Committee or on Report,

(a) proposed amendments shall be in writing signed by the member and shall reach the Clerk not later than 11 a.m. on the fourth day preceding that on which the Bill or, if appropriate, the part thereof to which they are addressed, is to be considered and shall be arranged in the proper order,

(b) proposed amendments to amendments shall be in writing signed by the member and shall reach the Clerk not later than 11 a.m. on the second day preceding that on which the Bill or, if appropriate, the proposed amendment to the Bill to which they are addressed, is to be considered and shall be arranged in the proper order:

Provided, nevertheless, that on an exceptional basis, or in circumstances where shorter scheduling of business of a Bill makes practical application of the deadline impossible, amendments, or amendments to amendments, may be moved on shorter notice at the sole discretion of the Ceann Comhairle, or with the prior permission of the Chair without notice.

Provided further that a member may table amendments to a Bill in Select or Special Committee, and may attend at that Committee to move his or her amendments, even if he or she is not a member of that Committee. However, such member may not vote in such Committee, unless he or she is attending as a substitute nominated on notice in accordance with Standing Order 106(2).

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM FOLLOWING SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT

Provision of revised Explanatory Memorandum in relation to Bills.

183. Where Bills are to be substantially amended at Committee or Report Stage the Ceann Comhairle or Committee Chairperson as the case may be shall have discretion to direct that the member in charge of the Bill must provide a revised explanatory memorandum to assist members in considering the amendments.
Bille a bhreithniú alt ar alt.

184. Nuair a bheidh Bille i gCoiste, ní foláir é a bhreithniú alt ar alt. Beidh sé in ordú, áfach, sula dtosófar ar alt nó ailt a bhreithniú, a thairiscint go gcuirfear an t-alt nó na hailt síar go dtí go mbeifear rēidh le haitl nó le haitl eile nó le sceidil. Féadfar aon alt de Bhillle a leasú i gCoiste agus féadfar ailt muintir a chur isteach ann.

Leasuithe a thairiscint agus déileáil leo: breithniú an réamhrá agus an teidil.

185. (1) Nuair a bheidh leasú le tairiscint i gCoiste á mholadh go gcuirfear alt muintir isteach i mBille, féadfar an leasú sin a thairiscint nuair a léifear amach ón gCathaoir uimhir an ailt a mbeidh an t-alt muintir a tharla le cur isteach roimhe, agus is í an cheist ar an leasú sin is túisce a chinnfear.

(2) Nuair a bhéifear rēidh leis na leasuithe (más ann) a tairgeadh ar alt, tairgfean ar cheist, “Go bhfianfaidh an t-alt sin (nó an t-alt sin mar a leasaíodh é) ina chuid den Bhillle”, né, de réir mar is cuí, “Go ndéanfar an t-alt sin a scrosadh sa mBille”.

(3) Déanfar an breithniú ar réamhrá agus ar theideal Bille i gCoiste a chur sí aithrisg a bhreithniú déanta ar na hailt agus ar na sceidil (más ann).

Buan-Choistí, Roghchoistí nó CoistíSpeisialta a chur ar athló: tuairisc ar a ndearnadh ó Choiste den Dáil uile.

186. Le linn dó Bille a bhreithniú, féadfaidh Buanchoiste, Roghchoiste nó CoisteSpeisialta dul ar athló tráth ar bith, agus féadfaidh Coiste den Dáil uile, tráth ar bith, tuairisc a thabhairt ar a ndearnadh, má ritear an tairiscint is gá chuige sin. Ní ghlacfar aon tairiscint den sort sin más díoigh le Cathaoirleach an Choiste í a bheith á dhéanamh chun moill nó toirmeasc a chur ar an ngnó.

Cumhacht Coiste chun Billí a leasú: treoir do Choiste: teideal a leasú.

187. (1) Beidh sé ina threoir do na Coistí uile chun a gcuirfear Billí go mbeidh sé de chumhacht acu cibé leasuithe is cuí leo a hcheannamh iontu ach baint a bheith ag na leasuithe sin le forálacha an Bhillle agus gan iad a bheith bunoscionn le bunbhri an Bhillle mar a léadh é an dara huair.

(2) Féadfaidh an Dáil, tar éis díospóireacht nach lú ná 60 nóiméad, de réir mar a ordóidh an Teach, ar thairiscint ón gcomhalta a bheidh i mbun Bille, treoir a thabhairt do Choiste chun ar cuireadh Bille á chumhachtú dó leasuithe a dhéanamh, de chineál a shonrófar, ach baint a bheith ag na leasuithe leis an ábhar ginearálta agus gan iad a bheith bunoscionn le bunbhri an Bhillle.

(3) Má bhíonn aon leasú a dhéanfar ar Bhillle taobh amuigh de theideal an Bhillle, leasóidh an Coiste an teideal dá réir sin agus tabharfaidh sé tuairisc speisialta air sin don Dáil.

Roghchoistí nó CoistíSpeisialta do chlóbhualadh Billí agus Ordú don Tuarascáil.

188. Tar éis réamhrá (más ann) agus teideal Bille a bhreithniú i gCoiste den Dáil uile nó i Roghchoiste nó i gCoisteSpeisialta—

(a) clóbhualaird fear an Bille, má leasaítear é, agus
Consideration of a Bill section by section.

184. In Committee, a Bill must be considered section by section. It shall be in order, however, before consideration of a section or sections is entered upon, to move the postponement of the section or sections until another section, other sections or schedules have been disposed of. Any section of a Bill may be amended in Committee, and new sections may be inserted.

Offering and disposal of amendments: consideration of preamble and title.

185. (1) In Committee, when an amendment is offered proposing to insert a new section in a Bill, such amendment may be moved when the number of the section, before which it is proposed to insert the new section, is read from the Chair, and the question on such amendment shall be first decided.

(2) When the amendments (if any) offered to a section have been disposed of, the question shall be proposed, “That such section (or such section as amended) stand part of the Bill”, or, as appropriate, “That such section be deleted from the Bill”.

(3) The consideration of the preamble and title of a Bill in Committee shall be deferred until the sections and schedules (if any) have been considered.

Adjournment of Standing, Select or Special Committees: report of progress by Committee of the whole Dáil.

186. In considering a Bill, a Standing, Select or Special Committee may at any time adjourn, and a Committee of the whole Dáil may at any time report progress, provided that the necessary motion to this effect has been carried. Any such motion which is deemed by the Chair to be dilatory or obstructive shall not be accepted.

Power of Committee to amend Bills: instruction to Committee: amendments of title.

187. (1) It shall be an instruction to all Committees to which Bills may be committed that they have power to make such amendments therein as they shall think fit, provided that such amendments be relevant to the provisions of the Bill and are not in conflict with the principle of the Bill as read a second time.

(2) The Dáil may, following debate of not less than 60 minutes as the House may order on motion made by the member in charge of a Bill, give an instruction to a Committee to which a Bill has been committed empowering it to make amendments, the nature of which shall be specified, provided that the amendments be relevant to the general subject matter and not in conflict with the principle of the Bill.

(3) If any amendment made to a Bill be not within the title of the Bill the Committee shall amend the title accordingly and report the same specially to the Dáil.

Printing of Bills by Select or Special Committees and Order for Report.

188. When the preamble (if any) and the title of a Bill shall have been considered in Committee of the whole Dáil or in Select or Special Committee—

(a) the Bill, if amended, shall be printed; and
Bille a bhreithniú ar Thuarascáil.

189. (1) Murar tairgeadh aon leasuithe ar Bhille ar Thuarascáil déanfar Ordú ag ceapadh lá dá Chúigiú Céim.

(2) Má tairgeadh leasuithe ar Bhille ar Thuarascáil cromfaidh an Dáil ar iad a bhreithniú.

(3) Féadfaidh comhaltaí labhairt faoi dhó ar leasú a thairgfear ar Bhille ar Thuarascáil. Ní rachaidh an chéad óráid thar seacht nóiméad agus ní rachaidh an dara hóráid thar dhá nóiméad: Ar choinnioll go mbeidh ceart freisin ag an gcomhalta a thairg an leasú freagra a thabhairt agus nach rachaidh an freagra sin thar dhá nóiméad.

190. (1) Féadfar tairiscint a dhéanamh go gcuirfear Bille ar athchúrsa i gCoiste ina iomláine nó maidir le hailt nó leasuithe áirithe. Féadfar an tairiscint a dhéanamh maidir leis an mBille iomlán nuair a thosófar ar é a bhreithniú ar Thuarascáil agus maidir le hailt nó leasuithe áirithe sula mbeidh an breithniú ar an alt nó ar an leasú, de réir mar a bheidh, críochnaithe ar Thuarascáil.

(2) Má chuirtear i gcoinne tairisceana chun Bille a chur faoi athchúrsa i gCoiste, ceadóidh an Ceann Comhairle ráiteas mínitheach ón gcomhalta a rinne an tairiscint ar na cúiseanna chun é a chur faoi athchúrsa i gCoiste agus ráiteas ó chomhalta atá ag cur i gcoinne na tairisceana sula gcuirfidh sé nó sí an cheist uirthi.

Leasuithe ar an gCeathrú Céim.

191. Féadfar leasuithe a thairiscint ar an gCeathrú Céim, ach ní bheidh aon alt nua ná aon leasú eile a thairiscint a bhunódh muirir ar an ioncam poiblí nó ar an bpobal.

192. Ar an gCeathrú Céim, ní cead aon alt nua ná aon leasú eile a thairiscint a bhunódh muirir ar an ioncam poiblí nó ar an bpobal ach féadfar an Bille a chur faoi athchúrsa i gCoiste maidir le haon alt nó leasú den sórt sin.

Ordú don Chúigiú Céim.

193. Nuair a bheifear réidh le haon leasuithe déanfar Ordú ag ceapadh lá dá Chúigiú Céim.

An Cúigiú Céim

Tairiscint chun Bille a rith: leasuithe focal.

194. Nuair a thicfaidh Bille ar aghaidh chun an breithniú deirimh a dhéanamh air, tairgfear “Go rithfear an Bille anois”. Ní dhéanfar aon leasú ar aon Bhille ar an gCéim seo ach amháin leasú focal.

47 Féach freisin B.O. 100(2) agus 101.
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(b) an order shall be made by the Dáil for its consideration on Report.47

Fourth (Report) Stage

Consideration of Bill on Report.

189. (1) If no amendments have been offered to a Bill on Report an Order appointing a day for its Fifth Stage shall be made.

(2) If amendments have been offered to a Bill on Report the Dáil shall proceed to consider them.

(3) Members may speak twice on an amendment offered to a Bill on Report. The first contribution shall not exceed seven minutes and the second contribution shall not exceed two minutes: Provided that the member who moved the amendment shall also have a right of reply which shall not exceed two minutes.

Motion for recommittal.

190. (1) A motion may be made to recommit a Bill either wholly or in respect of certain sections or amendments. The motion may be made in respect of the whole Bill at the commencement of its consideration on Report and in respect of certain sections or amendments before consideration of the section or amendment as the case may be has been completed on Report.

(2) If a motion to recommit a Bill be opposed the Ceann Comhairle shall permit an explanatory statement of the reasons for such recommittal from the member who moves and a statement from a member who opposes the motion before he or she puts the question thereon.

Amendments on Fourth Stage.

191. Amendments may be moved on the Fourth Stage, but no amendments previously rejected in Committee of the whole Dáil shall be in order.

Amendments creating charges on the public revenue or upon the people.

192. On the Fourth Stage, no new section or other amendment may be proposed which creates a charge on the public revenue or upon the people but the Bill may be recommitted in respect of any such section or amendment.

Order for Fifth Stage.

193. When any amendments have been disposed of an Order appointing a day for its Fifth Stage shall be made.

Fifth Stage

Motion for passage of Bill: verbal amendments.

194. When a Bill shall come forward for final consideration, it shall be moved, “That the Bill do now pass”. No amendment, not being merely verbal, shall be made to any Bill on this Stage.

47 See also S.O.s 100(2) and 101.
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Orduithe ag socrú dáta don chéad Chéim eile de Bhillí.

195. Déanfar déanamh Ordaithe ag socrú an dáta don chéad chéim eile de Bhille, nó ag tarchur Bille chun Coiste, a chinneadh gan leasú: Ar choimníoll, i gcás nach ndéanfar an t-Ordú, go bhfanfaidh an Bille ar Riar na hOibre.

Ceartuithe i mBillí

196. Le linn Bille a bheith ag dul ar aghaidh, féadfaidh an Cléireach ceartuithe focal nó ceartuithe foirmiúla a dhéanamh air trír ár bith, faoi threasrú an Cheann Comhairle. Is trí thairiscint a dhéanfar ceartú ar leaganacha, agus gach ceartú eile, agus déileálfar leo mar a dhéileáiltear le haon leasú eile.

Tuarascáil iar-achtacháin

197. Dhá mí dhéag tar éis Bille a achtú, ach amháin i gcás an Bhille Airgeadais agus an Bhille Leithreacha, déanafadh an comhalta den Rialtas nó an tAire Stáit atá freagrach go húrighíúil san Acht a chur in i ghníomh tuarascáil a sholáthar ina ndéanfar athbheithníu ar fheidhmíú an Achtá agus a leagfar i Leabharlann an Oireachtais.

Billí a thit ar lár a chur ar ais ar Riar na hOibre.

198. (1) Aon Bhille a thitfidh ar lár, toisc an Dáil a lánscor, roimh theacht chun a chéime deiridh dó, féadfar dul ar aghaidh leis ar ationól na Dála ag an gcéim a bhí sroichte aige roimh an lánscor, má ritear Rún á chur ar chur ar ais ar Riar na hOibre.

(2) Mura n-ordaítear a mhalair leis an Rún tréin gcuirfear an Bille ar ais ar Riar na hOibre, rachfar ar aghaidh leis an mBille ó thosach na céime áirithi e a bhí sroichte aige roimh lánscor na Dála.

Billí Croschineálaicha

Míniú.

199. Bille poiblí (nach Bille chun Ordú Sealadach a dhaingniú) a bhaineann le leasanna príobháideacha i slí, dá mba Bhille príobháideach é, gur ghá, faoi na Buan-Orduithe i dtaoibh Gnó Phríobháidigh, réamhfhógraí ina thaoibh a thabhairt sula dtaobharfáí isteach é, gairtear Bille croschineálaich de agus beidh sé faoi réir fhorálacha Bhuan-Ordú 60 de na Buan-Orduithe i dtaoibh Gnó Phríobháidigh.
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Orders fixing date for next Stage of Bills.

195. The making of an Order fixing the date for the next Stage of a Bill, or referring a Bill to a Committee, shall be decided without amendment: Provided that, in a case where the Order is not made, the Bill shall remain on the Order Paper.

Corrections in Bills.

196. During the progress of a Bill, corrections of a verbal or formal nature may at any time be made in a Bill by the Clerk, under the direction of the Ceann Comhairle. Versional, and all other corrections, shall be made by way of motion, and dealt with as any other amendment.

Post-enactment report.

197. Twelve months following the enactment of a Bill, save in the case of the Finance Bill and the Appropriation Bill, the member of the Government or Minister of State who is officially responsible for implementation of the Act shall provide a report which shall review the functioning of the Act and which shall be laid in the Parliamentary Library.

Restoration of lapsed Bills to Order Paper.

198. (1) Any Bill, which lapses by reason of the dissolution of the Dáil, before it has reached its final stage, may be proceeded with on the reassembly of the Dáil at the stage it had reached prior to the dissolution, upon a Resolution restoring it to the Order Paper.

(2) Unless the Resolution restoring the Bill to the Order Paper directs otherwise, the Bill shall be proceeded with at the commencement of the particular stage which it had reached prior to the dissolution of the Dáil.

Hybrid Bills.

Definition.

199. A public Bill (not being a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order) affecting private interests in such a way that, if it were a private Bill, it would, under the Standing Orders relative to Private Business, require preliminary notices before its introduction, is known as a hybrid Bill and shall be subject to the provisions of Standing Order 60 of the Standing Orders relative to Private Business.
Míniú agus tabhairt isteach.

200. (1) Bille a mbeidh sé ráite sa teideal fada gurb é is cuspóir dó an Dlí Reachtúil maidir le hábhar áirithe a chomhdhlúthú, agus a mbeidh sin deimhnithe ina thaobh ag an Ard-Aighne i ndeimhniú a bheidh ag gabháil leis an mBille ar é a thabhairt isteach, gairfear Bille Comhdhlúite de.

(2) Déanfar an Deimhniú dá bhforáiltear sa mhír sin roimhe seo den Bhuan-Ordú seo a chlóbhaladh ar Riar na hOibre ar a dtabharfar fógra go bhfuiltear go bhfuiltear chuim Bille sin a thabhairt isteach.

(3) I dtosach gach Bille Chomhdhlúite beidh Meabhrán arna ullmhú ag an Ard-Aighne ina sonrófar na hachtacháin a aisghairtear leis an mBille, na hailt den Bille ina bhfuil macasamhail na n-achtachán a aisghairtear, mar aon le nítaí an Ard-Aighne ar aon leasuithe a rinneadh sa téacs.

(4) Má thugtar cead Bille Comhdhlúite a thabhairt isteach, déanfar Ordú don Dara Céim le haghaihdh dáta nach luaithte ná ocht lá is fiche tar éis é a thabhairt isteach agus clóbhualfear an Bille agus an Meabhrán.

An Dara Céim.

201. (1) Ar an Dara Céim de Bhille Comhdhlúite ní ghlacfar le haon leasú a thairgfear a dhéanamh ar an tairiscint, “Go léifear an Bille an dara huair anois”, ach amháin leasú á thairiscint go ndéanfar na focail go leir i ndiaidh an fhocal “Go” a fhágáil ar lár d’fhonn focail a chur ina n-ionad ag lua cúise nó cúiseanna in aghaidh Dheimhniú an Ard-Aighne.

(2) Más rud é i gcás an leasaithe ar an gceist, “Go léifear an Bille an dara huair anois”, go gcinnfear go bhfanfaidh mar chuid den cheist na focail a tairgeadh a ligeann ar lár, faisnéisfear láithreach an Bille a bheith léite an dara huair.

An Bille a chur faoi bhráid Buan-Chomhchoiste.

202. Tar éis an Dara Céim de Bhille Comhdhlúite a bheith rite, déanfar, le comhthoil an dá Theach, é a chur faoi bhráid Buan-Chomhchoiste a bheith comhdhéanta de Choistí ón dá Theach ar na gcomhcheangal chun Billí den sórt sin a bhreithniú.

Leasú a cheadaítear ar thairiscint chun comhthoilíú leis an mBille a chur faoi bhráid an Bhuana-Chomhchoiste.

203. Ar thairiscint a dhéanamh sa Dáil, i gcás Bille Chomhdhlúite a tionscaíodh sa Seanad, chun comhthoilíú leis an Seanad i dtaoibh é a bheith oirúinach an Bille a chur faoi bhráid an Bhuana-Chomhchoiste, ní fhéadfar aon leasú a thairiscint ach amháin leasú ag lua cúise nó cúiseanna in aghaidh Dheimhniú an Ard-Aighne.

Bille a chur faoi bhráid an Chomhchoiste.

204. Ar Bhille Chomhdhlúite a bheith léite an dara huair sa Teach tionscnaimh, agus ar rún ag comhthoilíú leis an mBille a chur faoi bhráid an Bhuana-Chomhchoiste a bheith rite ag an Teach eile,
Definition and introduction.

200. (1) A Bill the purpose of which as expressed in the long title is to consolidate existing Statute Law on a particular subject matter, and is so certified by the Attorney General in a certificate which shall accompany the Bill on introduction, shall be known as a Consolidation Bill.

(2) The Certificate provided for in the preceding paragraph of this Standing Order shall be printed on the Order Paper on which notice is given of intention to introduce such Bill.

(3) Every Consolidation Bill shall have prefixed to it a memorandum prepared by the Attorney General in which shall be specified the enactments repealed by the Bill, the sections of the Bill in which the repealed enactments are reproduced, together with the remarks of the Attorney General on any textual amendments made.

(4) If leave to introduce a Consolidation Bill be given, an Order for its Second Stage shall be made for a date not earlier than twenty-eight days after its introduction and the Bill and the Memorandum shall be printed.

Second Stage.

201. (1) On the Second Stage of a Consolidation Bill the only amendment which may be moved to the motion, “That the Bill be now read a second time”, is one proposing the omission of all words after the word “That” in order to substitute words stating a reason or reasons in challenge of the Certificate of the Attorney General.

(2) If on the amendment to the question, “That the Bill be now read a second time”, it is decided that the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question the Bill shall forthwith be declared to be read a second time.

Bill referred to Standing Joint Committee.

202. Every Consolidation Bill after having passed its Second Stage shall, with the concurrence of both Houses, be referred to a Standing Joint Committee consisting of Committees of each House joined together for the purpose of consideration of such Bills. In the absence of such concurrence the Bill may be referred to a Standing Committee of the Dáil.

Permissible amendment to motion concurring in reference to Standing Joint Committee.

203. On motion made in the Dáil, in the case of a Consolidation Bill originating in the Seanad, to concur with the Seanad as to the expediency of referring the Bill to the Standing Joint Committee, the only amendment which may be moved is one stating a reason or reasons in challenge of the Certificate of the Attorney General.

Committal of Bill to Committee.

204. When a Consolidation Bill has been read a second time in the originating House and a Resolution of concurrence in the reference of the Bill to the Standing Joint Committee has been passed by the other
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déanfaidh an dá Theach orduithe chun an Bille a chur faoi bhráid an Bhuán-Chomhchoiste ar dháta nach lúaithe ná ceithre lá dhéag tar éis an Rún comhthóilithe a rith.

An Buan-Chomhchoiste um Billí Comhdhlúite.

205. (1) Beidh arna bhunú, i ndiaidh ationól na Dála tar éis Olltoghcháin, Buan-Choiste a bheidh le comhcheangal lena shamhail de Choiste den Seanad chun an Buan-Chomhchoiste um Billí Comhdhlúite a chomhdéanamh. Faoi réir hfhóirída mhír (3), tríúr comhulta a bheidh ar an mBuan-Choiste ar beirt is córam dó. Ceathrar is córam don Buan-Chomhchoiste ar comholta de Dháil Éireann duine amháin ar a laghad díobh agus ar comhulta de Sheanad Éireann duine amháin ar a laghad díobh.

(2) An comhulta den Rialtas atá i mbun na Roinne lena mbaineeann an dlí reachtaí a bheidh i dtrácht i mBille a bheidh curtha faoi bhraíd an Bhuán-Chomhchoiste, beidh sé nó sí ina c(h)omhalta ex officio den Bhuán-Chomhchoiste chun an Bille a bheith mhíniú: Ar choinioll go bhféadfaidh an comhulta sin den Rialtas comholta eile den Rialtas nó Aire Stáit a ainmniú chun gníomhú ina ionad nó ina hionad chun na críché sin.

(3) Féadfar cibé líon comhaltaí, nach mó ná triúr, a chur leis an mBuan-Choiste um Billí Comhdhlúite chun aon Bhille áirithe a bhreithniú a bheidh curtha chun an Bhuán-Chomhchoiste.

(4) Beidh na cumhachtaí seo a leanas ag an mBuan-Chomhchoiste:

(a) an chumhacht chun fios a chur ar dhaoine, ar pháipéir agus ar thaifid mar a mhínítear i mBuan-Ordú 99;

(b) an chumhacht chun fionaise béil agus fionaise scríofa a ghlacadh mar a mhínítear i mBuan-Ordú 96(1); agus

(c) an chumhacht chun tuarascálacha mar a mhínítear i mBuan-Ordú 100(1) a chlóbhualadh agus a fhoilsíu.

(5) Déanfaidh an Buan-Chomhchoiste, ó am go ham de réir mar is cuí leis an mBuan-Chomhchoiste, miontuairiscí ar a chuid imeuchtaí a leagan faoi bhráid gach Tí.

Leasuithe a cheadaítear sa Choiste.

206. Sa Bhuan-Chomhchoiste um Bille Comhdhlúite ní cead aon leasuithe ach amháin leasuithe chun athbhritonna agus neamhréireachtaí a dhíchear, chun sásra nua a chur in ionad sean-sásra nó sásra neamhchaoíthiúil nó chun comhréireacht cainte a áiríthe nó nithe a chur in iorúint don dlí agus don chleachtas mar atá. Ní bheidh aon leasuithe in ordú más cinn iad de shaghais a leasódh substaint an Dlí Reachtúil.

Teachtaireachtaí ón mBuan-Chomhchoiste um Billí Comhdhlúite.

207. Nuair a bheidh breithniú déanta ar réamhrá (más ann) agus ar theideal Bille Comhdhlúite sa Bhuan-Chomhchoiste —

(a) cuirfídh an Buan-Chomhchoiste Teachtaireacht chuig gach Teach ar an modh dá bhforáiltear i mBuan-Ordú 101. D’ainneoin ghinearáltaacht Bhuan-Ordú 205(4), measfar gurb ionann
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House, orders for the committal of the Bill to the Standing Joint Committee shall be made by both Houses for a date not earlier than fourteen days after the passage of the Resolution of concurrence.

Standing Joint Committee on Consolidation Bills.

205. (1) There shall stand established, following the reassembly of the Dáil subsequent to a General Election, a Standing Committee which shall be joined with a similar Committee of the Seanad to constitute the Standing Joint Committee on Consolidation Bills. The Standing Committee shall, subject to the provisions of paragraph (3), consist of three members, two of whom shall constitute a quorum. The quorum of the Standing Joint Committee shall be four, of whom at least one shall be a member of Dáil Éireann and one a member of Seanad Éireann.

(2) The member of the Government in charge of the Department the statute law of which is dealt with in a Bill which has been referred to the Standing Joint Committee shall be an ex officio member of the Standing Joint Committee for the purpose of consideration of the Bill: Provided that such member of the Government may nominate another member of the Government or a Minister of State to act in his or her stead for that purpose.

(3) Such number of members, not exceeding three, may be added to the Standing Committee on a Consolidation Bill for the purpose of considering any particular Bill committed to the Standing Joint Committee.

(4) The Standing Joint Committee shall have the following powers:

(a) power to send for persons, papers and records as defined in Standing Order 99;

(b) power to take oral and written evidence as defined in Standing Order 96(1); and

(c) power to print and publish reports as defined in Standing Order 100(1).

(5) The Standing Joint Committee shall, from time to time as the Standing Joint Committee sees fit, lay minutes of its proceedings before each House.

Permissible amendments in the Committee.

206. In the Standing Joint Committee on a Consolidation Bill the only permissible amendments shall be amendments designed to be for the removal of ambiguities and inconsistencies, the substitution of modern for obsolete or inconvenient machinery or the achievement of uniformity of expression or adaptation to existing law and practice. Amendments of the nature of substantive amendment of the Statute Law shall not be in order.

Messages from Standing Joint Committee on Consolidation Bills.

207. When the preamble (if any), and the title of a Consolidation Bill shall have been considered in the Standing Joint Committee —

(a) the Standing Joint Committee shall send a Message to each House in the manner provided for in Standing Order 101. Notwithstanding the generality of Standing Order 205(4), the receipt
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Cléireach na Dála d’fháil Teachtairreachta den sórt sin agus an Buan-Chomhchoiste do thabhairt tuarascála ar an mBille;

\(b\) clóbhualfear an Bille, má leasaítear é; agus

\(c\) cuirfear an Bille síos do Chéim na Tuarascála sa Teach tionscnamh ar dháta nach luaithe ná ocht lá is fiche ina dhaithidh sin.

An Ceathrú Céim.

208. Ar Chéim na Tuarascála beidh srian le leasuithe amhail mar atá sa Bhuan-Chomhchoiste agus socrófar an Cúigiú Céim do dháta nach luaithe ceithre lá dheag ina dhaithidh sin.

Gabháil thar Céimeanna.

209. I gcás Bille Chomhdhlúite a tionscnaíodh sa Seanad déanfar, ar an mBille a fháil sa Dáil tar éis a chur síos do Chéim na Tuarascála agus gabhfar thar an gCéad, an Dara, agus an Tríú Céim.

Nós Imeachta Airgeadais

Meastacháin agus Rúin Airgeadais le breithniú i gCoiste.

210. Mura n-ordóidh an Dáil a mhalairt, déanfar gach tairiscint, chun muirear ar an bpobal a mhéadú, a laghdú nó a athrú ar shlí eile, agus gach Meastachán i gcomhair na Seirbhísí Poiblí, a bhreithniú i gCoiste.

Billí a tharraingeodh muirir ar an bpobal.

211. (1) Ní thionscnóidh aon chomhalta, seachas comhalta den Rialtas, Bille a tharraingeodh muirear ar an bpobal, seachas muirear teagmhasach.

(2) Ní thógfar Céim an Choiste de Bhille a tharraingeodh muirear ar an bpobal, lena n-áirítear muirear teagmhach, mura mbeidh an Dáil tar éis tairiscint a rith ag ceadú an mhuir. Ní fhéadfaidh aon chomhalta nach comhalta den Rialtas a thairiscint a chur chuain a lú aithear i mhuire. Ní fhéadfaidh aon leasú a thairiscint a mheadófaí nó a thairiscint a thar a mheadú.

(3) Ní fhéadfaidh aon chomhalta nach comhalta den Rialtas nó Aire Stáit leasú a thairiscint ar Bhille a bhféadfadh go mbeadh d’éifeacht leis go gcuirfí nó go mheadófaí muirear ar an bpobal.

Billí a tharraingeodh leithreasú ioncaim nó airgid phoiblí eile.

212. (1) Ní thionscnóidh aon chomhalta nach comhalta den Rialtas Bille a tharraingeodh leithreasú ioncaim nó airgid phoiblí eile, seachas caiteachais theagmhach.

(2) Ní thógfar Céim an Choiste de Bhille a tharraingeodh leithreasú ioncaim nó airgid phoiblí eile, lena n-áirítear teagacht teagmhach, mura mbeidh Teachtairreacht ag an Dáil ón Rialtas ag moladh chuspóir an leithreasaithe di. Clóbhualfear tás aon Teachtairreachta ar Riar na hOibre.\(^{49}\)

\(^{49}\) B.O. 206.

\(^{50}\) Féach Airteagal 17.2 den Bhunreacht.
by the Clerk of the Dáil of such a Message shall be deemed to be the report of the Standing Joint Committee on the Bill;

(b) the Bill, if amended, shall be printed; and

(c) the Bill shall be set down for Report Stage in the originating House on a date not earlier than twenty-eight days thereafter.

Fourth Stage.

208. On the Report Stage, amendments shall be restricted similarly as in the Standing Joint Committee and the Fifth Stage shall be fixed for a date not earlier than fourteen days thereafter.

Waiver of Stages.

209. In the case of a Consolidation Bill originating in the Seanad, the Bill shall on its receipt in the Dáil after being passed by the Seanad be set down for Report Stage, the First, Second and Third Stages being waived.

FINANCIAL PROCEDURE

Estimates and Financial Resolutions to be considered in Committee.

210. Unless the Dáil shall otherwise order, every motion to increase, reduce or otherwise vary, a charge upon the people and every Estimate for the Public Service shall be considered in Committee.

Bills involving the imposition of charges upon the people.

211. (1) A Bill which involves the imposition of a charge upon the people, other than an incidental charge, shall not be initiated by any member, save a member of the Government.

(2) The Committee Stage of a Bill which involves a charge upon the people, including an incidental charge, shall not be taken unless a motion approving of the charge has been passed by the Dáil. No such motion as aforesaid nor any amendment thereto proposing to increase the amount stated in any such motion may be made by any member, save a member of the Government.

(3) An amendment to a Bill which could have the effect of imposing or increasing a charge upon the people may not be moved by any member, save a member of the Government or Minister of State.

Bills involving the appropriation of revenue or other public moneys.

212. (1) A Bill which involves the appropriation of revenue or other public moneys, other than incidental expenses, shall not be initiated by any member, save a member of the Government.

(2) The Committee Stage of a Bill which involves the appropriation of revenue or other public moneys, including incidental expenses, shall not be taken unless the purpose of the appropriation has been recommended to the Dáil by a Message from the Government. The text of any Message shall be printed on the Order Paper.\(^{50}\)

\(^{49}\) S.O. 206.

\(^{50}\) See Article 17.2 of the Constitution.
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(3) Ní fhéadfaidh aon chomhalta nach comhalta den Rialtas nó Aire Stáit leasú a thairiscint ar Bhille a bhféadfadh go mbeadh d'èifeacht leis go gcuirfi nó go méadófáí muirear ar an ioncam.

Deontais le haghaidh na seirbhísí poiblí.

213. Déanfaidh an Dáil gach deontas airgid a bheartófar le haghaidh na seirbhísí poiblí a bhreithniú ar thairiscint a gcinnfear i gan leanú agus ina luafar an tsuim a bheidh le deonú agus an tseirbhís áirithe dá mbeifear ag iarraidh na suime. Ní fhéadfaidh aon chomhalta nach comhalta den Rialtas aon tairiscint den sórt sin a dúradh a dhéanamh.

Billí a thionscamh ag tabhairt feidhme do Rúin lena vótáiltear airgead nó lena bhforchuirtear cránchas.

214. Nuair a bheidh an Dáil réidh le breithniú le breithniú aon Rúin, nó aon sraith Rún, lena vótáiltear airgead do seirbhísí poiblí, nó lena bhforchuirtear cránchas, déanfaidh an chomhalta den Rialtas atá i mbun na Roinne Airgeadais, nó comhalta eile den Rialtas ag gníomhú thar a cheann nó thar a ceann, Bille a ullmhú agus a thionscamh.

Meastacháin a Thíolacadh don Dáil agus a Chur faoi bhráid bhráid Rochchoistí.

215. (1) Déanfar na gnáth-Meastacháin bhliantúla i gcomhair na Seirbhísí Poiblí a thíolacadh don Dáil agus a scaipeadh ar na comhaltaí de réir na dtreimhsí ama atá leagtha amach i mír (2) den Bhuana-Ordú seo: Ar choimnioll go bhféadfár Meastacháin fhorlíontacha nó bhreise, nach mbeidh sna gnáth-Meastacháin bhliantúla, a thabhairt isteach, le cead ón Dáil, tar éis tairiscint a dhéanamh.

(2) Is iad na treimhsí ama dá dtagraítear i mír (1), mura n-ordóidh an Dáil a mhalaírt, ná tríth nach déanaí ná seacht lá roimh bhreithniú na gnáthrún bhliantúil lena bhforchuirtear cránchas agus tríth nach déanaí ná an triochadh lá den bhliain airgeadais.

(3) Faoi réir fhorlácha mhír (1), féadfar Meastachán nó Meastacháin a chur faoi bhráid Rochchoiste lena bhreithnihú nó lena mbreithnihú: Ar choimnioll, más rud é go dtosóidh an Dáil ar bhreithniú a dhéanamh ar aon tairiscint faoi Bhuana-Ordú 213 i leith an Meastacháin nó na Meastachán sin, go mbeidh an tOrdú lenar cuireadh an Meastachán sin faoi bhráid an Rochchoiste sin ar ceal.

Díospóireacht ar Mheastacháin Fhorlíontacha.

216. Nuair a bheidh Meastacháin forlíontach á phlé, cloífear sa díospóireacht le Mfearanna an Mheastacháin, agus ní fhéadfaí aon díospóireacht a dhéanamh ar an Meastachán bunaidh, ach amháin sa mhéid gur gá e chun na Mfearanna áirithe a bheidh faoi dhíospóireacht a mhíniú nó a léiríú.

Teorainn ama le hóráidí ar Rúin Airgeadais agus Meastacháin.

217. Mura n-ordóidh an Dáil a mhalaírt ní rachaidh óráid compalta le linn díospóireachta ar thairiscint le haghaidh muirear a chur ar an bpobal nó le haghaidh airgead a dheonú a bheartófar don tseirbhís poiblí thar uair an chloig: Ar choimnioll nach rachaidh óráid an chéad chainteora ó ghrupa (mar a mhíniútear le Buan-Ordú 163) ná óráid chomhalta an Rialtais nó aon Aire Stáit ag freagairt na díospóireachta thar uair go leith an chloig i ngach cáis: Ar choimníoll fairís sin nach mbáinfidh an t-ordú seo leis an óráid ó chomhalta den Rialtas nó Aire Stáit ag cur tús leis an díospóireacht.
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(3) An amendment to a Bill which could have the effect of imposing or increasing a charge upon the revenue may not be moved by any member, save a member of the Government or Minister of State.

Grants for public service.

213. Every grant of money proposed for the public service shall be considered by the Dáil on a motion, which shall be decided without amendment, stating the amount to be granted and the particular service for which the sum is demanded. No such motion as aforesaid may be made by any member, save a member of the Government.

Initiation of Bills implementing Resolutions voting money or imposing taxation.

214. On the completion by the Dáil of the consideration of any Resolution, or series of Resolutions, voting money for public services, or imposing taxation, a Bill shall be prepared and initiated by the member of the Government in charge of the Department of Finance, or another member of the Government acting on his or her behalf.

Presentation to the Dáil and Referral of Estimates to Select Committees.

215. (1) The ordinary yearly Estimates for the Public Services shall be presented to the Dáil and circulated to members in accordance with the time periods set out in paragraph (2) of this Standing Order: Provided that supplementary or additional Estimates, not included in the ordinary yearly Estimates, may be brought forward on leave given by the Dáil after motion made.

(2) The time periods referred to in paragraph (1) shall, unless the Dáil shall otherwise order, be not less than seven days prior to the consideration of the ordinary yearly Resolutions imposing taxation and not later than the thirtieth day of the financial year.

(3) An Estimate or Estimates may, subject to the provisions of paragraph (1), be referred to a Select Committee for consideration: Provided that, where the Dáil enters into consideration of any motion under Standing Order 213 in respect of such Estimate or Estimates, the Order of referral of that Estimate to that Select Committee shall stand rescinded.

Debate on Supplementary Estimates.

216. In the discussion of a supplementary Estimate the debate shall be confined to the Items constituting the same, and no discussion may be raised on the original Estimate, save in so far as it may be necessary to explain or illustrate the particular Items under discussion.

Time limit on speeches on Financial Resolutions and Estimates.

217. Unless the Dáil shall otherwise order, the speech of a member in the course of a debate on a motion for the imposition of a charge upon the people or for a grant of money proposed for the public service shall not exceed one hour: Provided that the speech of the first speaker from a group (as defined by Standing Order 163) and the speech of the member of the Government or Minister of State replying to the debate shall not exceed in each case one hour and a half: Provided further that this order shall not apply to the speech of a member of the Government or Minister of State opening the debate.
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An Coiste um Chuntas Pobhlaí.

218. (1) I ndiaidh ationól na Dála tar éis Olltoghcháin, beidh Buan-Choiste arna bhunú dá ngairfear an Coiste um Chuntas Pobhlaí, chun scrúdú a dhéanamh agus tuarascáil a thabhairt don Dáil—

(a) ar na cuntais ina dtaispeánfar leithreasú na suimeanna a bheidh deonaithe ag an Dáil le haghaidh an chaiteachas pobhló agus cibé cuntais eile is cuí leo (nach cuntais daoine a áirítear sa Dara Sceideal a ghabhann le hAcht an Ard-Reachtaire Cuntas agus Ciste (Leasú), 1993) a bheidh iníúchta ag an Ard-Reachtaire Cuntas agus Ciste agus tiolactha don Dáil, maille le haon tuarascáilacha ón Ard-Reachtaire Cuntas agus Ciste orthu;

(b) ar thuarascáilacha an Ard-Reachtaire Cuntas agus Ciste maidir lena chuid nó lena cuid scrúduithe ar bharainneacht, éifeachtacht, córais mheasúnaithe éifeachtúilch, nó agus imeachta agus cleachtais; agus

(c) ar thuarascáilacha eile a dhéanfar an tArd-Reachtaire Cuntas agus Ciste faoin Acht.

(2) Féadfaidh an Coiste athruithe agus feabhsúcháin a mholadh ar leagan amach na Meastachán a chuirfear faoi bhráid na Dála.

(3) Féadfaidh an Coiste dul ar aghaidh lena chuntas nó ar thuarascáil ón Ard-Reachtaire Cuntas agus Ciste am ar bith tar éis don chuntas nó don tuarascáil sin a bheith tiolactha do Dháil Éireann.

(4) Beidh na cumhachtaí seo a leanas ag an gCoiste:

(a) an chumhacht chun fios a chur ar dhaoine, ar pháipéir agus ar thaifid mar a mhínítear i mBuan-Ordú 96(3) agus i mBuan-Ordú 99;

(b) an chumhacht chun fianaíse béal agus fianaíse scríofa a ghlacadh mar a mhínítear i mBuan-Ordú 96(1);

(c) an chumhacht chun Fochoistí a cheapadh mar a mhínítear i mBuan-Ordú 96(4);

(d) an chumhacht chun sainchomhairleoirí a fhostú mar a mhínítear i mBuan-Ordú 96(14); agus

(e) an chumhacht chun taisteal mar a mhínítear i mBuan-Ordú 96(15).

(5) Déanfar gach tuarascáil a bheartóidh an Coiste a thabhairt, arna glacadh ag an gCoiste, a leagan faoi bhráid na Dála láithreach agus as a aithte sin beidh cumhacht chun gCoiste an tuarascáil sin, mar aon le cibé doiciméid ghaolmhara is cuí leis, a chlóbhualadh agus a fhoilsíu.

(6) Déanfaidh an Coiste tuarascáil bhliantúil ar dhul chun cinn maidir lena chuid gníomhaíochtaí agus pleannanna a thiolcadh do Dháil Éireann.

(7) Staonfaidh an Coiste—

(a) ó fhaisnéis ründa i ndáil le gníomhaíochtaí agus pleannanna Roinne nó oifige Rialtais, nó comhlachta a bheidh faoi réir iníúchta, scrúdaithe nó cigireachta ag an Ard-Reachtaire Cuntas.
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Committee of Public Accounts.

218. (1) There shall stand established, following the reassembly of the Dáil subsequent to a General Election, a Standing Committee, to be known as the Committee of Public Accounts, to examine and report to the Dáil upon—

(a) the accounts showing the appropriation of the sums granted by the Dáil to meet the public expenditure and such other accounts as they see fit (not being accounts of persons included in the Second Schedule of the Comptroller and Auditor General (Amendment) Act 1993) which are audited by the Comptroller and Auditor General and presented to the Dáil, together with any reports by the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon;

(b) the Comptroller and Auditor General’s reports on his or her examinations of economy, efficiency, effectiveness evaluation systems, procedures and practices; and

(c) other reports carried out by the Comptroller and Auditor General under the Act.

(2) The Committee may suggest alterations and improvements in the form of the Estimates submitted to the Dáil.

(3) The Committee may proceed with its examination of an account or a report of the Comptroller and Auditor General at any time after that account or report is presented to Dáil Éireann.

(4) The Committee shall have the following powers:

(a) power to send for persons, papers and records as defined in Standing Order 96(3) and Standing Order 99;

(b) power to take oral and written evidence as defined in Standing Order 96(1);

(c) power to appoint sub-Committees as defined in Standing Order 96(4);

(d) power to engage consultants as defined in Standing Order 96(14); and

(e) power to travel as defined in Standing Order 96(15).

(5) Every report which the Committee proposes to make shall, on adoption by the Committee, be laid before the Dáil forthwith whereupon the Committee shall be empowered to print and publish such report together with such related documents as it thinks fit.

(6) The Committee shall present an annual progress report to Dáil Éireann on its activities and plans.

(7) The Committee shall refrain from—

(a) enquiring into in public session, or publishing, confidential information regarding the activities and plans of a Government Department or office, or of a body which is subject to audit,
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agus Ciste, a fhiosrú i seisiún poiblí nó a hfoilsíú más rud é go n-iarrfaidh comhalta den Rialtas nó an comhlaucht a bheidh i gceist gair a dhéanamh anmhailidh; agus

(b) ó fhiosrú a dhéanamh maidir leis na fúntais a ghabhann le beartas nó beartais de chuid an Rialtas nó Aire Rialtas nó maidir leis na fúntais a ghabhann le cuspoiri na mbeartas sin.

(8) Gan dochar do neamhspleáchas an Ard-Reachtaire Cuntas agus Ciste maidir le cinneadh na hoibre a bheidh le cur i gcrích ag a Oifig nó a hOifig nó an mhodha ina gcuirtear i gcérich i, féadfaidh an Coiste, i gcumarsáid rúnda, cibé moltair is cuí leo a thabhairt don Ard-Reachtaire Cuntas agus Ciste maidir leis an obair sin.

(9) Trí chomhalta dhéag a bheidh ar an gCoiste, nach comhalta den Rialtas ná Aire Stáit aon duine acu, agus ceathrar acu sin is córam dó. Beidh an Coiste agus aon Fhochoiste a cheapfadh sé comhdhéanta ar chuma go ndéanfaidh sé ionadaíocht chothrom don Dáil.

An Coiste um Fhormhaoirsíú Buiséid.

219. (1) Beidh arna bhunú, a luaithe is féidir i ndiaidh ationól na Dála tar éis Olltoghcháin, Buanchoiste, dá ngairfear an Coiste um Fhormhaoirsíú Buiséid, chun scrúdú a dhéanamh, más cuí leis é, chun tuarascáil a thabhairt don Dáil —

(a) ar an staid fhioscach fhioriomlán, lena n-áirítear —

(i) an staid chomhioimláis aithe maidir le hioncam agus caiteachas agus An Rialtais, lena n-áirítear spríocanna struchtúracha;

(ii) réamh-mheastacháin mheántéarma don airgeadas poiblí;

(iii) réamhairesí agus forbairtí maireacnamaíochta; agus

(iv) rialachas fisiochta fisioirí, lena n-áirítear rialacha agus priacail fisiochta a fheidhmiú maidir leis an staid fisiochta;

(b) ar an mbeartas maidir le caiteachas poiblí, lena n-áirítear —

(i) an staid chaiteachais ag féachaint don Uasteorainn Caiteachais Rialtais agus don tsliot tomhais chaiteachais faoin gComhaontú Ciobhsaíochta agus Fáis; agus

(ii) na hUasteorainnneacha Caiteachais Aireachta a bhfuil feidhm acu maidir le Meastacháin ar leith nó grúpaí Meastacháin i gcomhair Seirbhísí Poiblí i gcás go bhfuil séisean an fhorbairt caiteachais a bheith acu an staid fisiochta fisioirí;

(c) ar an mbeartas maidir le fáiltear an Stáitcheisthe.

(2) Féadfaidh an Coiste brethniú a dhéanamh ar ní a bhaineann le beartas poiblí agus a bhfuil tionchar suntasach aige ar an staid bhuiséid nó ar an staid fisiochta fisioirí: Ar choimnioll go rachaidh
examination or inspection by the Comptroller and Auditor General, if so requested either by a member of the Government, or the body concerned; and

(b) enquiring into the merits of a policy or policies of the Government or a member of the Government or the merits of the objectives of such policies.

(8) The Committee may, without prejudice to the independence of the Comptroller and Auditor General in determining the work to be carried out by his or her Office or the manner in which it is carried out, in private communication, make such suggestions to the Comptroller and Auditor General regarding that work as it sees fit.

(9) The Committee shall consist of thirteen members, none of whom shall be a member of the Government or a Minister of State, and four of whom shall constitute a quorum. The Committee and any sub-Committee which it may appoint shall be constituted so as to be impartially representative of the Dáil.

Committee on Budgetary Oversight.

219. (1) There shall stand established as soon as may be, following the reassembly of the Dáil subsequent to a General Election, a Standing Committee, to be known as the Committee on Budgetary Oversight, to examine and, where it considers it appropriate, report to the Dáil on—

(a) the overall fiscal position, including—

(i) the aggregated position on revenue and expenditure and the General Government Balance, including structural targets;

(ii) medium-term projections for the public finances;

(iii) macro-economic forecasts and developments; and

(iv) general fiscal governance including the application of fiscal rules and risks to the fiscal position;

(b) public expenditure policy, including—

(i) the expenditure position having regard to the Government Expenditure Ceiling and the expenditure benchmark under the Stability and Growth Pact; and

(ii) Ministerial Expenditure Ceilings applying to individual Estimates or groups of Estimates for the Public Services where significant variations from the expenditure profile could potentially impact on the overall fiscal position;

(c) Exchequer receipts policy.

(2) The Committee may consider a matter of public policy with significant impact on the budgetary position or on the overall fiscal position: Provided that prior to the commencement of such consideration,
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Cathaoirleach an Choiste, roimh thosach an bhreithnithe sin, i gcomhairle leis an gCoiste earnála iomchuí arna bhunú de bhun Bhuain-Ordú 95.

(3) Féadfaidh an Coiste freisin breithniú a dhéanamh ar an gcreid foriomlán do rannpháirtíocht pharlaíomhacht le linn an timpithrialla buiséid agus féadfaidh sé moltaí i ndáil leis an gcéadanna a dhéanamh don Fhochoiste ar Athleasú na Dála, is moltaí a bheidh le breithniú ag an gCoiste sin faoi Bhuain-Ordú 119(1)(b): Ar choimmhíoll, le linn dó é sin a dhéanamh, go rachaidh an Coiste i gcomhairle—

(a) leis na Coistí arna mbunú de bhun Bhuain-Ordú 95 maidir le haon mholtaí a bhfuil tionscionchar acu, i dtuairim an Choiste, ar ról nó ar chúram na gCoistí sin; agus

(b) leis an Aire nó leis na hAirí iomchuí mheadar le haon mholtaí a bhfuil tionscionchar acu, i dtuairim an Choiste, ar ról nó ar chúram Roinne nó Ranna,

agus tabharfadh sé fógra i dtaoibh thorthaí na gcomhairliúchán sin don Fhochoiste ar Athleasú na Dála.

(4) Beidh na cumhachtá seo a leanas ag an gCoiste:

(a) an chumhacht chun fios a chur ar dhaoine, ar pháipéir agus ar thaiifid mar a mhínitéar i mBuan-Ordúithe 96(3) agus 99;

(b) an chumhacht chun fianaise béil agus fianaise scríofa a ghlacadh agus chun aighneachtaí a ghlacadh mar a mhínitéar i mBuan-Ordú 96(1) agus (2);

(c) an chumhacht chun Fochoistí a cheapadh mar a mhínitéar i mBuan-Ordú 96(4);

(d) an chumhacht chun sainchomhhairleoirí a fhostú mar a mhínítear i mBuan-Ordú 96(14);

(e) an chumhacht chun taisteal mar a mhínítear i mBuan-Ordú 96(15).

(5) Déanfar gach tuarsáil a bheartóidh an Coiste a thabhairt, arna ghlacadh ag an gCoiste, a leagan faoi bhraíd na Dála láithreach agus as a athle sin beidh cuimhacht ag an gCoiste an tuarsáil sin, mar aon le cibé doiciméid ghaoilmhara is cuí leis, a chlóbhuaidh agus a fhoilsíodh.

(6) Maidir leis an gCoiste cugú chomhalta dhéag a bheidh air, Nach comhalta den Rialtas ná Aire Staith aon duine acu, agus ceathrar acu sin is córam dó: Ar choimhniol—

(a) go mbeidh an Coiste agus aon Fhochoistí a cheapfaidh sé comhdhéanta ar chuma go ndéanfaidh sé nó siad ionadailocht chothrom don Dáil; agus

(b) go mbeidh feidhm ag forálacha Bhuain-Ordú 106 maidir leis an gCoiste.

Comhaontuithe Idirnáisiúnta a Tharraingeodh Muirir ar Chistí Poiblí a Cheadú.

220. (1) I gcás gur gá don Dáil tearttaí san, chomhaontaithe idirnáisiúnta a tharraingeodh muirear ar chistí poiblí a cheadú, féadfaidh cuimhne atá den Rialtas nó Aire Staith ta irisint a dhéanamh chun an críche sin.
the Chairman of the Committee shall consult with the relevant sectoral Committee established pursuant to Standing Order 95.

(3) The Committee may also consider the overall framework for parliamentary engagement throughout the course of the budgetary cycle and may make recommendations thereon to the sub-Committee on Dáil Reform for that Committee’s consideration under Standing Order 119(1)(b): Provided that, in so doing, the Committee shall consult with—

(a) the Committees established pursuant to Standing Order 95 on any recommendations which, in the opinion of the Committee, impact on their role or remit; and

(b) the relevant Minister or Ministers on any recommendations which, in the opinion of the Committee, impact on the role or remit of a Department or Departments,

and shall notify the results of such consultations to the sub-Committee on Dáil Reform.

(4) The Committee shall have the following powers:

(a) power to send for persons, papers and records as defined in Standing Orders 96(3) and 99;

(b) power to take oral and written evidence and submissions as defined in Standing Order 96(1) and (2);

(c) power to appoint sub-Committees as defined in Standing Order 96(4);

(d) power to engage consultants as defined in Standing Order 96(14);

(e) power to travel as defined in Standing Order 96(15).

(5) Every report which the Committee proposes to make shall, on adoption by the Committee, be laid before the Dáil forthwith, whereupon the Committee shall be empowered to print and publish such report, together with such related documents it thinks fit.

(6) The Committee shall consist of fifteen members, none of whom shall be a member of the Government or a Minister of State, and four of whom shall constitute a quorum: Provided that—

(a) the Committee and any sub-Committees which it may appoint shall be constituted so as to be impartially representative of the Dáil; and

(b) the provisions of Standing Order 106 shall apply to the Committee.

Approval of International Agreements involving Charges on Public Funds.

220. (1) Where approval by the Dáil of the terms of any international agreement involving a charge upon public funds is required, a motion to that effect may be made by a member of the Government or Minister of State.
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(2) Faoi réir cheanglas Airteagal 29.5.2° den Bhunreacht i gcónaí, ní dhéanfaidh aon ní sa Bhuan-Ordú seo cosc a chur le togra in aon tairiscint den sórt sin a tharchur chuig Roghchoiste lena bhreithniú.

Billí Airgid

Deimhniú i dtaobh Billí Airgid.

221. Chomh luath agus a bheidh Bille, arb é tuairim an Cheann Comhairle, gur Bille Airgid é, rite ag an Dáil, agus sula gcuirfear chun an tSeanaid é, bhéarfaidh an Ceann Comhairle a dheimhniú nó a deimhniú gur Bille Airgid é agus craolfaidh sé nó sí don Dáil é sin a bheith déanta aige nó aici. Ina theannta sin, cuirfidh sé nó sí faoi dearth go gcuirfear fógra chuig Cathaoirleach an tSeanaid láithreach á insint dó nó di go bhfuil sé nó sí tar éis an Bille sin a dheimhniú.51

Cumarsáid idir an Dáil agus an Seanad

Teachtaireachtaí

222. Is i scríbhinn, faoi láimh Chléireach na Dála, a chuirfear Teachtaireachtaí ón Dáil go dtí an Seanad, agus is chun Cléireach an tSeanaid a dhíreofar iad.

Teachtaireachtaí ón Seanad.

223. (1) Is é nó í an Cléireach a ghlacfaidh Teachtaireachtaí ón Seanad. Cuirfidh an Ceann Comhairle aon Teachtaireacht den sórt sin in iúl don Dáil a luaithe a bheidh caoi aige nó aici air: Ach i gcás prainne speisialta, féadfar briseadh isteach ar aon ghnó a bheidh ar siúl nuair a gheofar an Teachtaireacht sin chun go gcoirisfeár í.

(2) Más gá i gcás Teachtaireachta ón Seanad go ndéanfadh an Dáil aon ghníomh nó ní, cuirfear an Teachtaireacht ar an gcéad Riar na hOibre eile a ullmhófar ina dhiaidh sin, agus breithneofar í dá réir sin: Ach i gcás prainne speisialta, féadfaidh an Dáil an Teachtaireacht sin a bhreithniú níos luaithe nó sin.

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Billí a ritheadh ag an Dáil a dheimhniú.

224. Tar éis do Bhille gabháil trí gach céim sa Dáil, déanfaidh an Cléireach, nó cuirfidh sé nó ní faoi dearth go ndéanfar, cóip bheacht de, agus deimhnoidh sé nó sí gur cóip dhílis chruinn an chóip sin trína dheimhniú sin ar bhráth an chéad leathanach agus trána inisealachacha nó a hinisealachacha agus uimhir a chur ar gach leathanach ina dhiaidh sin. Luafar sa dheimhniú faoi láimh an Cléireigh an dáta a ghabh an Bille tránachéim beiridh sa Dáil, agus an dáta a cuireadh chun an tSeanaid é.

Billí a chur chuán chun an tSeanad.

225. Déanfar an chóip dhílis sin de Bhille a ritheadh mar a dúradh, arna dheimhniú go cuí mar a fhuráiltear anseo roimhe seo, a chur chuán an tSeanad mar aon le Teachtaireacht ag tagairt dó Bhille

51 Féach Airteagal 22.2 den Bhunreacht.
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(2) Subject always to the requirement of Article 29.5.2° of the Constitution, nothing in this Standing Order shall preclude the referral of a proposal contained in any such motion to a Select Committee for its consideration.

MONEY BILLS

Certificate as to Money Bills.

221. Immediately after a Bill, which in his or her opinion is a Money Bill, has passed the Dáil, and before it is sent to the Seanad, the Ceann Comhairle shall issue his or her certificate that it is a Money Bill, and he or she shall announce that fact to the Dáil. He or she shall also cause a notification to be transmitted immediately to the Chairman of the Seanad, informing him or her of the certification of any such Bill.51

COMMUNICATION BETWEEN THE DÁIL AND THE SEANAD

Messages

Messages to the Seanad.

222. Messages from the Dáil to the Seanad shall be in writing, signed by the Clerk of the Dáil, and shall be addressed to the Clerk of the Seanad.

Messages from the Seanad.

223. (1) Messages from the Seanad shall be received by the Clerk. The Ceann Comhairle shall, at the first convenient opportunity, communicate any such Message to the Dáil: Provided that in case of special urgency, any business in progress on the receipt of such Message may be interrupted to hear the same.

(2) If a Message from the Seanad requires any action to be taken or thing to be done by the Dáil, it shall be set down on the Order Paper next thereafter prepared, and shall be considered accordingly: Provided that in case of special urgency, the Dáil may consider such Message at any earlier period.

Bills

Vouching of Bills passed by the Dáil.

224. When a Bill has passed through all its stages in the Dáil, the Clerk shall make, or cause to be made, an exact copy thereof, and shall vouch such copy to be a true and correct copy by certifying the same at the head of the first page and by initialling and numbering each succeeding page. The signed certificate of the Clerk shall state the date of the passing of the Bill through its last stage in the Dáil, and the date of its transmission to the Seanad.

Transmission of Bills to the Seanad.

225. Such true copy of a Bill, passed as aforesaid, and duly certified in the manner hereinbefore provided, together with a Message referring to such Bill, shall be transmitted to the Seanad. The Message

51 See Article 22.2 of the Constitution.
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sin. Déarfar sa Teachtairacht gur mian leis an Dáil go gcomhaontódh an Seanad le dlí a dhéanamh den Bhille nó, i gcás Bille Airgid, go bhfuil an Bille á chur chuán an tSeanáid le haghaídh a mholtaí.

Billí a tionscnaíodh sa Seanad.

226. Bille a tionscnaíodh agus a ritheadh sa Seanad, measfar an Chéad Chéim a bheith rite aige sa Dáil, agus cuirfear síos don Dara Chéim é ar an gcéad Riar na hOibre eile a ullmhófar tar éis é a fháil ón Seanad. Billí a tionscnaíodh sa Seanad.

227. Nuair a bheidh Bille, a cuireadh ón Dáil go dtí an Seanad, tar éis gabháil trí gach céim sa Seanad, agus go mbeidh sé curtha ar ais chuán na Dála le leasuithe a rinneadh sa Seanad nó, i gcás Bille Airgid, le moltáí a rinne an Seanad, foilseofar na leasuithe nó na moltáí sin, cibé acu é, don Dáil, agus déanfadh an Dáil, i gCoiste, na leasuithe nó na moltaí sin, cibé acu é, a bhreithniú agus tuairisc a thabhairt orthu.

Leasuithe nó moltaí ón Seanad a bhreithniú.

228. Aon leasú a dhéanfaidh an Seanad ar Bhille a tionscnaíodh sa Dáil, féadfaidh an Dáil glacadh leis tar éis é a leasú nó gan é a leasú nó féadfaidh sí diúltú dó. Ní thairghfear aon leasú ar leasú a rinne an Seanad mura bhfuil dlúthbhaint aige leis, má ní bhfuil an Dáil eile a thairiscint ar an mBille mura leasú é a leanann as glacadh le leasú ón Seanad nó as é a leasú nó as diúltú dó.

Cumhachtaí an Tí maidir le leasuithe ón Seanad: leasuithe ar leasuithe ón Seanad.

229. Gach gnó a bheidh gan chríochnú

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230. Féadfaidh aon chomhalta den Dáil é a dhéanamh den Dáil éirí as bheith ina chomhalta nó ina chomhalta di, dá dheoin nó dá deoin féin, trí fhógra i scribhinn don Cheann Comhairle, agus cuirfear ar Riar na hOibre don lá sin é, faoi réir fhórálacha Bhuan-Orduithe 35, 159 agus 162.

COMHALTAÍ D’ÉIRÍ AS

An nós imeachta i dtaoibh comhalta d’éirí as oifig, agus an dáta óna mbeidh éifeacht leis.

231. Féadfaidh aon chomhalta den Dáil é a dhéanamh, tar éis fógra a thabhairt, á ordú don Cheann Comhairle a ordú don Chléireach a Eascaire nó a hEascaire a chur amach chun comhalta a thoghadh chuán aon fhólúntas a tharlóidh ó am go ham a lónadh. Is i dtosach an Ghnó Phoiblí a bhfeas a tharlaíosc an tairiscint sin.

Corryholúntaí

Eascairí a chur amach agus freagraí orthu, etc.

231. (1) Féadfaidh tairiscint a dhéanamh, tar éis fógra a thabhairt, á ordú don Cheann Comhairle a ordú don Chléireach a Eascaire nó a hEascaire a chur amach chun comhalta a thoghadh chuán aon fhólúntas a tharlóidh ó am go ham a lónadh. Is i dtosach an Ghnó Phoiblí a bhféas a tharlaíosc an tairiscint sin.

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shall state that the Dáil desires the agreement of the Seanad to the passing of the Bill into law or, in the case of a Money Bill, that the Bill is sent to the Seanad for its recommendations.

**Bills initiated in the Seanad.**

226. A Bill, which has been initiated in and passed by the Seanad, shall be deemed to have passed its First Stage in the Dáil, and shall be set down for its Second Stage on the Order Paper next prepared after its receipt from the Seanad.

**Consideration of amendments or recommendations of the Seanad.**

227. When a Bill, transmitted from the Dáil to the Seanad, shall have passed through all its stages in the Seanad, and shall have been sent back to the Dáil with amendments made in the Seanad, or in the case of a Money Bill, with recommendations made by the Seanad, such amendments or recommendations, as the case may be, shall be published to the Dáil, and the Dáil shall, in Committee, consider and report on such amendments or recommendations, as the case may be.

**Powers of House in relation to Seanad amendments: amendments to Seanad amendments.**

228. An amendment made by the Seanad to a Bill initiated in the Dáil may be accepted by the Dáil with or without amendment or be rejected. No amendment shall be moved to an amendment made by the Seanad that is not strictly relevant thereto, nor can any other amendment be moved to the Bill unless it be consequential upon the acceptance, amendment or rejection of a Seanad amendment.

**Business undisposed of.**

229. All business undisposed of at the adjournment of the Dáil, shall stand postponed until the next sitting day, unless the Dáil shall otherwise order, and shall be placed on the Order Paper, subject to the provisions of Standing Orders 35, 159 and 162.

**Resignation of Members**

**Procedure for resignation of member, and date of taking effect.**

230. Any member of the Dáil may voluntarily resign his or her membership thereof by notice in writing to the Ceann Comhairle, and such resignation shall take effect upon receipt of the notice by the Ceann Comhairle who shall as soon as may be inform the Dáil.

**Casual Vacancies**

**Issue of and returns to Writs, etc.**

231. (1) A motion may be made, after notice, directing the Ceann Comhairle to direct the Clerk to issue his or her Writ for the election of a member to fill any vacancy that may occur from time to time. Such motion shall be made at the commencement of Public Business.
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(2) Tabharfaidh an Cléireach tuarascáil ar eisiúint gach Eascaire den sórt sin, agus luafar inti an Dáilcheantar ar eisíodh an Eascaire sin ina leith, aímn an Cheann Comhairimh ar cuireadh amach chuige nó chuici é, agus an dáta a cuireadh amach é.

(3) Nuair a gheobhaidh an Cléireach an freagra ar an Eascaire craolfaidh sé nó sí aímn an chomhalta a toghadh, agus leagfaidh sé nó sí faoi bhráid na Dála cóip den Eascaire, agus den fhreagra a formhuintíodh air.

(4) Nuair a bheidh an freagra faighte aige nó aici ar Eascaire a eisíodh chun comhalta a thoghadh chun corrpholúntas a liónadh, tabharfaidh an Cléireach fógra don chomhalta a toghadh nach foláir dó nó dí bheith i láthair, in áit a cheapfaidh sé nó sí agus lá (nó laethanta) a aínmeoidh sé nó sí, chun forálacha mhír (1) de Bhuan-Ordú 1 a chomhlíonadh.

Scribhinní a leagfar faoi bhráid na Dála

An modh chun scribhinní a leagan faoi bhráid na Dála: iad a bhfhoilsíite.

232. (1) Nuair is gá scribhinn a leagan faoi bhráid na Dála measfar í a bheith leagtha faoi bhráid na Dála má dhéantar cóip den scribhinn, a bhféadfaidh gur cóip leictreonach i bhfoirm cheadaithe í, a sheachadh chun na críche sin do Leabharlann an Oireachtais.

(2) Gach scribhinn a leagfar faoi bhráid na Dála, measfar í a bheith in fhíoilíite.

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Buan-Orduithe a chur ar fionraí nó a mhodhnú ó thaobh éifeachta.

233. (1) Féadfar aon cheann nó cinn de Bhuan-Orduithe na Dála a chur ar fionraí nó a mhodhnú, agus chun críche áirithe, mà thairgtear sin tar éis fógra a thabhairt: Ach má bhionn práinn leis, agus is é nó is í an Ceann Comhairle a bheidh ina bhreitheamh nó ina breitheamh air sin, féadfar aon Bhuan-Ordú nó Buan-Orduithe a chur ar fionraí ar thairiscint a dhéanamh gan fógra. Má chuirtear i gcoinne tairiscéana den sórt sin ceadóidh an Ceann Comhairle ráiteas mínitheach ón gcomhalta a rinne an tairiscint, agus ráiteas ó chomhalta atá ag cur i gcoinne na tairiscéana, sula gcuirfidh sé nó sí an cheist uirthi.

(2) I gcás ina mbeidh ar áireamh sa chríoch áirithe chun a bhféadfaidh aon Bhuan-Ordú nó aon Bhuan-Orduithe a chur ar fionraí nó a mhodhnú treoir do Choiste leasuithe a dhéanamh nach bhfuil de réir Bhuan-Ordú 187 thairis sin, beidh diospóireacht nach lú ná 60 nóiméad ann de réir mar a ordóidh an Teach i dtaoibh phríonsabal na leasuithe lena mbaineann: ach amháin go bhféadfaidh an Ceann Comhairle a chinneadh go ndíonn na leasuithe sin Bille ar leithligh a thionscnamh.

(3) Ní fhéadfaidh comhalta príobháideach tairiscint a dhéanamh chun Buan-Orduithe a chur ar fionraí nó a mhodhnú ach le línn ina aímn a bheidh socraithte chun gnó comhaltaí príobháideacha a thógáil.

Ré na mBuan-Orduithe.

234. Leanfaidh na Buan-Orduithe sin roimhe seo i bhfeidhm go dtí go n-athrófar, go leasófar nó go n-aisghairfear iad.
(2) The Clerk shall make a report of the issue of every such Writ stating the Constituency in respect of which, and the name of the Returning Officer to whom, such Writ was issued, together with the date of issue.

(3) On the receipt of the return to the Writ, the Clerk shall announce the name of the member elected, and shall lay before the Dáil a copy of the Writ, and of the return endorsed thereon.

(4) When the return to a Writ issued for the election of a member to fill a casual vacancy shall have come into his or her hands, the Clerk shall notify the member returned that his or her attendance is required at a place appointed and on a day (or days) named by him or her, for the purpose of complying with the provisions of paragraph (1) of Standing Order 1.

**Documents laid before the Dáil**

**Method of laying documents before the Dáil: considered public.**

232. (1) Where a document is required to be laid before the Dáil the delivery of a copy of the document, which may be an electronic copy in an approved format, to the Parliamentary Library for that purpose shall be deemed to be the laying of it before the Dáil.

(2) All documents laid before the Dáil shall be considered public.

**Standing Orders**

**Suspension or modification in effect of Standing Orders.**

233. (1) Any Standing Order or Orders of the Dáil may be suspended or modified, and for a particular purpose, upon motion made after notice: Provided that in cases of urgent necessity, of which the Ceann Comhairle shall be the judge, any Standing Order or Orders may be suspended upon motion made without notice. If such motion be opposed the Ceann Comhairle shall permit an explanatory statement from the member who moves it and a statement from a member who opposes it before he or she puts the question thereon.

(2) Where the particular purpose for which any Standing Order or Orders may be suspended or modified includes giving an instruction to a Committee to make amendments which are not otherwise in accordance with Standing Order 187 a debate of not less than 60 minutes as the House may order shall take place on the principle of the amendments concerned: save that the Ceann Comhairle may determine that the said amendments warrant the initiation of a separate Bill.

(3) A motion to suspend or modify Standing Orders may only be moved by a private member during the time fixed for taking private members’ business.

**Duration of Standing Orders.**

234. The foregoing Standing Orders shall continue in force until altered, amended or repealed.
NÁ HEARNÁLACHA DOICIMÉID A AÍNNMÍTEAR LEIS NA BUAÍ-ORDUITHE SEO CHUN CRÍOCHA
BHUAÍ-ORDÚ 153(2)(A) AGUS (B):

(a) Imeachtaí Dháil Éireann (“bileoga an chlérigh”).

(b) Mionteagaisc maidir le reachtaíocht nó maidir le himeachtaí eile atá faoi bhráid na Dála.

(c) Páipéir oibre de chuid na Dála nó de chuid aon cheann dá Coistí.

(d) Na doiciméid seo a leanas maidir le cruinnithe de chuid Coistí Dála—
    (i) cláir oibre,
    (ii) mionteagaisc,
    (iii) miontuairiscí, agus
    (iv) athscríbhínhí.

(e) Páipéir thaighde arna n-ullmhú ag an tSeirbhís Leabharlainne agus Taighde, nó ag aon saoráid a chuir a pháirce in ionad na saoráide sin, ar iarratas ón Dáil nó ó Choiste den Dáil.

(f) Comhairle do chomhaltaí ó oifigigh don Dáil nó ó chomhaltaí den chomhfhóireann.

(g) Tuairimí, comhairle, moltaí, nó torthaí comhchomhairliúchán, arna mbreithniú nó arna bhreithniú ag an Dáil nó ag Coiste den Dáil, nó arna n-ullmhú nó arna bhreithniú le haghaidh an bhreithnithe sin.

(h) Doiciméid arb éard iad cumarsáidí idir comhaltaí agus oifigigh don Dáil nó cumarsáidí idir oifigigh don Dáil, nó doiciméid is fianaise ar chumarsáidí den sórt sin.

(i) Doiciméid arb éard iad cumarsáidí idir oifigigh don Dáil nó cumhaltaí den chomhfhóireann, de pháirt, agus aon saolbhair oifige nó a Roinn nó a Oifigí, agus aon oifigigh, comhaltaí forna, nó gníomhaireachtaí de chuid an Rialtais, den pháirt eile, a bhaineann go díreach le haon chuaidh den ghnó dá dtagraítear i nBhuán-Ordú 153(2)(a), nó doiciméid is fianaise ar chumarsáidí den sórt sin.

(j) Doiciméid arb éard iad cumarsáidí ó Choiste den Dáil lena n-íarrtar faisnéis chuimhneachta gnó Coiste agus aon fhreagra (nach freagra ar dheúltaigh an Coiste é a ghlacadh, nó freagra arb éard é doiciméid a scoir, liomhadh ón gCoiste de réir reachta, de bheith ina ndoiciméid de chuid an Choiste) a cuireadh ar aghaidh chuig an gCoiste agus ar ghlac an Coiste leis, nó doiciméid is fianaise ar an scéanna.

(k) Doiciméid arna currfadh i ndáil leis an gcaoi a rialaítear an gnó parlaíminteach idir páirtithe nó grúpaí de réir mar a choróitear sna Buaí-Orduithe seo, lena n-áirítear doiciméid maidir le comhaltaí acheapadh chun Coiste.
CATEGORIES OF DOCUMENT DESIGNATED BY THESE STANDING ORDERS FOR THE PURPOSES OF STANDING ORDER 153(2)(A) AND (B):

(a) Imeachtaí Dháil Éireann (“clerk sheets”).

(b) Briefings regarding legislation or other proceedings before the Dáil.

(c) Working papers of the Dáil or any of its Committees.

(d) The following documents in respect of Dáil Committee meetings—

   (i) agendas,

   (ii) briefings,

   (iii) minutes, and

   (iv) transcripts.

(e) Research papers prepared by the Library and Research Service, or any replacement for that facility, at the instance of the Dáil or a Committee of the Dáil.

(f) Advices to members from officers of the Dáil or members of the joint staff.

(g) Opinions, advice, recommendations, or the results of consultations, considered by the Dáil or a Committee of the Dáil, or prepared for that consideration.

(h) Documents constituting or evidencing communications between members and officers of the Dáil, or communications between officers of the Dáil.

(i) Documents constituting or evidencing communications between officers of the Dáil or members of the joint staff, on the one hand, and any office-holder or his or her Department or Office, and any officers, staff, or agencies of the Government, on the other, in direct relation to any of the business referred to in Standing Order 153(2)(a).

(j) Documents constituting or evidencing communications from a Committee of the Dáil that solicit information for the purposes of Committee business and any response (not being one the Committee has declined to receive, or one the documents constituting which have ceased by decision of the Committee in accordance with statute to be documents of the Committee) forwarded to and accepted by the Committee.

(k) Documents created in relation to how parliamentary business is regulated between parties or groups as provided for in these Standing Orders including with regard to the appointment of members to a Committee.
(l) Doiciméid a bhaineann le saincheisteanna araionachta atá iomchuí maidir leis an Dáil nó lena Coistí.

(m) Gan an earnáil is neasa roimhe seo a theorannú, doiciméid arb éard iad cumarsáidí de bhun reachta idir oifigeach don Dáil nó comhalta de cheachtar Teuch den Oireachtas, de pháirt, agus Coiste den Dáil, den pháirt eile, i ndáil le hiompar nó le hiompar líomhanaithe comhalta den Dáil, nó doiciméid is fianaíse ar an gcéanna.

(n) Freagra ó duine nach comhalta ar ní atá de chineál clúmhillteach arna ghlacadh ag an gCoiste um Nós Imeachta, nó arna ghlacadh thar a cheann, de réir na mBuan Orduithe seo, go dtí go dtabharfadh an Coiste sin breith gur tearchaí iad tearchaí an fhreagra a fhágann gur ceart é a fhoilsiú nó a leagan faoi bhráid na Dála.

(o) Dréachtáí de dhoiciméid oifigiúla is dréachtáí nach mbeartaítear a fhoilsiú.

(p) Maidir le doiciméad nach dtagann faoi réim Bhuan-Ordú 153(2) ar an gcúis go bhfuil sé sa réimse poiblí nó go leagadh faoi bhráid na Dála é nó go bhfuil sé le foilsiú nó le leagan faoína bráid amháin ar bull, agus ar an gcúis sin amháin, dréachtáí nach mbeartaítear a fhoilsiú nó nach mbeartaítear a leagan faoína bráid amháin

(q) Doiciméid a bhaineann le toilíú dá dtagráitear in Airteagal 15.8.2° den Bhunreacht agus le haon suí den Dáil de bhun an toilithe sin.

(r) Doiciméid a bhaineann leis an gCeann Comhairle nó an Leas-Cheann Comhairle a thoghadh.
(l) Documents concerning disciplinary issues relevant to the Dáil or its Committees.

(m) Without limiting the next preceding category, documents constituting or evidencing communications pursuant to statute between an officer of the Dáil or a member of either House of the Oireachtas, on the one hand, and a Committee of the Dáil, on the other, in relation to the conduct or alleged conduct of a member of the Dáil.

(n) A response by a non-member to matter in the nature of being defamatory received by or on behalf of the Committee on Procedure in accordance with these Standing Orders until that Committee decides that the terms of the response are such that it should be published or laid before the Dáil.

(o) Drafts not intended for publication of official documents.

(p) In respect of a document falling outside Standing Order 153(2) solely because it is in the public domain or has been laid before the Dáil or is presently to be published or so laid, drafts not intended for publication or not intended to be so laid.

(q) Documents relating to an assent referred to in Article 15.8.2° of the Constitution and to any sitting of the Dáil pursuant to that assent.

(r) Documents relating to the election of the Ceann Comhairle or Leas-Cheann Comhairle.
Páipéir bhallóide a sholáthar

1. Soláthrófar páipéir bhallóide do chomhaltaí ar an modh seo a leanas—
   
   a. Déanfar an páipéar ballóide a mharcáil leis an marc oifigiúil;
   
   b. Soláthróidh an Cléireach páipéir bhallóide do na comhaltaí a bheidh i láthair sa Seomra;
   
   c. Cuirfear marc ar liosta vótála na gcomhaltaí os coinne ainm an chomhalta chun a léiriú gur eisíodh páipéar ballóide chuig an gcomhalta sin;
   
   d. Aon chomhalta a mbeidh a pháipéar ballóide nó a páipéar ballóide millte aige nó aici de thaisme, déanfar, nuair a thabharfaidh sé nó sí ar ais don Chléireach é agus nuair a shásóidh sé nó sí an Cléireach maidir leis an taisme, páipéar ballóide eile a thabhairt dó nó di. Marcálfaidh an Cléireach “millte” láithreach ar an bpáipéar ballóide millte. Coinneoidh an Cléireach an páipéar ballóide millte agus pléifidh sé nó sí leis de réir mhír 19 den Sceideal seo.

Rialacha chun na vótaí a chomhaireamh

2. Féadfaidh an Cléireach, a chúntóirí nó a cúntóirí agus na hiarrthóirí a bheith i láthair le linn oscailt na mboscaí ballóide agus le linn chomhaireamh na vótaí a gheofar astu agus ní bheidh aon duine eile i láthair gan cead ón gCléireach.

3. Diúltóidh an Cléireach d’aon pháipéar ballóide atá neamhballóide trí “diúltaithe” a fhormhuintiú ar a aghaidh agus ní áireofar aon pháipéar ballóide den sórt sin sa chomhaireamh.

4. Fionnfaidh an Cléireach ansin an líon príomhroghanna a taifeadadh ar na páipéir bhallóide do gach iarrthóir, agus ansin socróidh sé nó sí na hiarrthóirí ar liosta (dá ngairtear “an t-ord roghanna” anseo feasta) in ord líon na bpríomhroghanna a taifeadadh do gach iarrthóir, ag tosú leis an iarrthóir dar taifeadadh an líon is mó príomhroghanna. Más ionann an líon príomhroghanna a taifeadadh d’aon bheirt iarrthóirí nó d’aon líon iarrthóirí is mó ná beirt (dá ngairtear “iarrthóirí comhionanna” anseo feasta), fionnfaidh an Cléireach ar an líon dara roghanna a taifeadadh ar na páipéir bhallóide uile do gach duine de na hiarrthóirí comhionanna agus socróidh sé nó sí na hiarrthóirí comhionanna eatarthu féin ar an ord roghanna san ord dara roghanna a taifeadh do gach iarrthóir acu sin, ag tosú leis an iarrthóir dar taifeadadh ar an líon is mó dara roghanna. Más ionann an líon príomhroghanna agus dara roghanna a taifeadadh d’aon bheirt iarrthóirí comhionanna, nó d’aon líon iarrthóirí comhionanna is mó ná beirt, fionnfaidh an Cléireach, ar an modh céanna, an líon tríú roghanna a taifeadh ar na páipéir bhallóide uile do gach duine de na hiarrthóirí comhionanna sin is déanaí a luaitear agus socróidh sé nó sí na hiarrthóirí sin ar an ord roghanna dá réir sin, agus mar sin de go dtí go mbeidh na hiarrthóirí uile socraithe in ordin ar an ord roghanna. Más ionann an líon príomhroghanna, dara roghanna, tríú roghanna agus roghanna eile go léir a taifeadh d’aon bheirt iarrthóirí comhionanna, nó d’aon líon iarrthóirí comhionanna is mó ná beirt, cinntidh an Cléireach le cramhchuir an t-ord ina mbeidh na hiarrthóirí sin le socru ar an ord roghanna.

5. Socróidh an Cléireach ansin na páipéir bhallóide bhalví ina mbeartáin de réir na bpríomhroghanna a taifeadh do gach iarrthóir.
SCHEDULE 2
RULES FOR THE SELECTION OF A CANDIDATE FOR CEANN COMHAIRLE FOR THE PURPOSES OF STANDING ORDERS 6 AND 7:

Provision of ballot papers

(1) Ballot papers shall be provided to members in the following manner—

(a) The ballot paper shall be marked with the official mark;

(b) Members present in the Chamber shall be provided with ballot papers by the Clerk;

(c) A mark shall be placed on the members’ division list opposite the member’s name to indicate that a ballot paper has been issued to such member;

(d) A member who has inadvertently spoiled his or her ballot paper shall, on returning it to the Clerk and satisfying the Clerk as to inadvertence, be given another ballot paper. The Clerk shall immediately mark “spoilt” on the spoilt ballot paper. The Clerk shall retain the spoilt ballot paper and deal with it in accordance with paragraph 19 of this Schedule.

Rules for the counting of votes

(2) The Clerk, his or her assistants and the candidates may be present at the opening of the ballot boxes and counting of the votes extracted therefrom and no other person shall be present without the permission of the Clerk.

(3) The Clerk shall reject any ballot paper that is invalid, endorsing “rejected” on its face and any such ballot paper shall not be included in the count.

(4) The Clerk shall then ascertain the number of first preferences recorded on the ballot papers for each candidate, and shall then arrange the candidates on a list (hereinafter called “the order of preferences”) in the order of the number of first preferences recorded for each candidate, beginning with the candidate for whom the greatest number of first preferences is recorded. If the number of first preferences recorded for any two or more candidates (hereinafter called “equal candidates”) is equal, the Clerk shall ascertain the number of second preferences recorded on all the ballot papers for each of the equal candidates, and shall arrange the equal candidates as amongst themselves on the order of preferences in the order of the second preferences recorded for each such candidate, beginning with the candidate for whom the greatest number of second preferences is recorded. If the number of first and second preferences recorded for any two or more equal candidates is equal, the Clerk shall, in like manner, ascertain the number of third preferences recorded on all the ballot papers for each of such last-mentioned equal candidates, and arrange such candidates on the order of preferences accordingly, and so on until all the candidates are arranged in order on the order of preferences. If the number of first, second, third, and all other preferences recorded for any two or more equal candidates is equal, the Clerk shall determine by lot the order in which such candidates are to be arranged on the order of preferences.

(5) The Clerk shall then arrange the valid ballot papers in parcels according to the first preferences recorded for each candidate.
Déanfaidh an Cléireach ansin an líon páipéar i ngach beartán a chomhaireamh agus creidiúnóidh sé nó sí d'ogach iarrthóir líon vótaí is ionann agus an líon páipéar baili ar ar taifeadadh príomhrogha don iarrthóir sin.

Ansin déanfaidh an Cléireach an líon vótaí a creidiúnáidh do gach iarrthóir a shuimiú agus an uimhir sin a roinnnt ar a dò; an toradh air sin móide a haon, gan aon fhúilleach codánach a áireamh, is é an líon vótaí é is leor chun iarrthóir a thoghadh agus tugtar an “cuóta” ar an uimhir sin sna Rialacha seo.

Más ionann agus an cuóta, nó más mó ná an cuóta, an líon vótaí a bheidh creidiúnaithe d’iarrthóir i ndeireadh aon chomhairimh nó i ndeireadh aisteoiri aon bhheartán nó an fhobheartáin le hiarrthóir eisiata, measfar gurb é nó í “an t-iarrthóir ar éirigh leis nó léi” an t-iarrthóir sin agus críochnófar an comhaireamh a híreadh.

Más rud é, i ndeireadh aon chomhairimh, nach mbeidh an cuóta sroichta ag an aon iarrthóir nó nach mó ná an cuóta líon vótaí aon iarrthóra, beidh feidhm ag na forálacha seo a leanas—

(a) eisífaidh an Cléireach an t-iarrthóir (ar a dtugtar “an t-iarrthóir eisiata” sa Riall seo) a mbeidh an líon is lú vótaí creidiúnaithe dó ní dí an tráth sin agus scrúdófar páipéir uile aíle an iarrthóra sin;

(b) déanfar páipéir inaisteithe an iarrthóra eisiata a shocraí ina bhfobheartáin de réir na roghanna is neasa ar fáil a bhfeidh orthu le haghaidh na n-iarrthóirí leanúnacha agus déanfar gach fobheartán a aisteoiri chug an iarrthóir leanúnach a mbeidh an rogha taifeadtha dó ní dí;

(c) aistreofar beartán ina mbeidh bunvótaí ar dtús;

(d) déanfar fobheartán ina mbeidh vótaí aisteithe a aisteóireachta san ord ina bhfuair an t-iarrthóir eisiata iad;

(e) déanfar fobheartán ar leith de na páipéir neamh-aisteithe agus cuirfeadh i leataobh iad mar pháipéir a bhfuiltear réidh ar fad leo;

(f) más rud é, nuair a bheidh iarrthóir le heisiamh faoin Riall seo, go mbeidh líon iomlán na vótaí a fuair an bheirt, nó an líon is mó ná beirt, iarrthóirí is ísle vótaí faoi bhun líon na vótaí a creidiúnáidh don chéad iarrthóir eile is airde vótaí, déanfaidh an Cléireach an bheirt, nó an líon is mó ná beirt, iarrthóirí sin is ísle vótaí a eisiamh d’aon iarracht;

(g) más rud é, nuair nach foláir iarrthóir eisímhar faoin Riall seo, go mbeidh an líon céanna vótaí ag beirt, nó ag líon is mó ná beirt, iarrthóirí aíse é agus gurb iad is ísle vótaí (ar mó a n iomlán ná líon vótaí an chéad iarrthóra eile is airde vótaí), tabharfar aird ar líon na mbunvótaí a creidiúnáidh do gach iarrthóir díobh, agus eisíafar an t-iarrthóir ag a bhfuil an líon is lú bunvótaí. Nuair is ionann líon na mbunvótaí, tabharfar aird ar líon iomlán na vótaí a creidiúnáodh do na hiarrthóirí sin sa chéad chomhaireamh ina raibh líon ná mionann vótaí acu agus eisíafar an t-iarrthóir ag a bhfuil an líon is lú vótaí go n-éirigh leis a chomhaireamh. Nuair is ionann líon na vótaí a creidiúnáodh do na hiarrthóirí sin i ngach chomhaireamh, eisíafar an t-iarrthóir is ísle san ord roghanna sa chéad chomhaireamh.
(6) The Clerk shall then count the number of papers in each parcel and credit each candidate with a number of votes equal to the number of valid papers on which a first preference has been recorded for such candidate.

(7) The Clerk shall then add together the number of votes credited to each candidate and divide that number by two; the result increased by one, any fractional remainder being disregarded, shall be the number of votes sufficient to secure the selection of a candidate and this number is referred to in these Rules as the “quota”.

(8) If at the end of any count or at the end of the transfer of any parcel or sub-parcel of an excluded candidate, the number of votes credited to a candidate is equal to or greater than the quota, that candidate shall be deemed to be the “successful candidate” and the count shall thereupon be concluded.

(9) If at the end of any count, the quota has not been reached or exceeded by any candidate, the following provisions shall apply—

(a) the Clerk shall exclude the candidate (in this Rule referred to as the “excluded candidate”) then credited with the lowest number of votes and all the papers of that candidate shall be examined;

(b) the transferable papers of the excluded candidate shall be arranged in sub-parcels according to the next available preferences recorded thereon for continuing candidates and each sub-parcel shall be transferred to the continuing candidate for whom the preference was recorded;

(c) a parcel containing original votes shall be first transferred;

(d) sub-parcels containing transferred votes shall be transferred in the order in which the excluded candidate obtained them;

(e) a separate sub-parcel shall be made of the non-transferable papers and they shall be set aside as finally dealt with;

(f) if, when a candidate has to be excluded under this Rule, the total of the votes of the two or more lowest candidates is less than the number of votes credited to the next highest candidate, the Clerk shall in one operation exclude such two or more lowest candidates;

(g) if, when a candidate has to be excluded under this Rule, and two or more candidates have each the same number of votes and are lowest (the total of which is more than the next highest candidate), regard shall be had to the number of original votes credited to each of those candidates, and the candidate with the lowest number of original votes shall be excluded. Where the numbers of the original votes are equal, regard shall be had to the total number of votes credited to those candidates at the first count at which they had an unequal number of votes and the candidate with the lowest number of votes at that count shall be excluded and, where the numbers of votes credited to those candidates were equal at all counts, the candidate lower in the order of preferences at the first count shall be excluded.
(10) Más rud é, i ndeireadh aon chomhairimh, nach mbeidh an cuóta sroichte ag aon iarrthóir nó nach mó ná an cuóta líon vótaí aon iarrthóra,agus nach mbeidh ach aon iarrthóir leanúnaí amháin fáththa, measfar gurb é nó í an t-iarrthóir sin an t-iarrthóir ar éirigh leis nó léi agus criochnófar an comhairesamh air sin.

(11) Ar gach aistríú faoi na Rialacha seo, déanfar gach fobheartán de pháipéir a aistrítear a chur ar bharr an bheartáin nó an fhobheartáin (más ann) de pháipéir an iarrthóra chun a ndéantar an t aistriú, agus creidiúnófar don iarrthóir sin lion vótaí is ionann agus lion na bpáipéar arma n aistriú chuige nó chuici.

(12) I ndeireadh gach comhairimh, taifeadfaidh an Cléireach ar leathanach thorthaí líon ionmáin na vótaí a bheidh creidiúnaithe do gach iarrthóir i ndeireadh an chomhairimh sin agus taifeadfaidh sé nó sí freisin líon na bpáipéar neamh-inaistríthe raibh éifeacht leo sa chomhairimh sin.

(13) I ndeireadh aon chomhairimh, féadfaidh aon iarrthóir a iarraidh ar an gCléireach gach ceann nó aon cheann de na páipéir bhallóide lenar pléadh sa chomhaireamh sin a athscrúdú agus a athchomhairameadh, agus féadfaidh an Cléireach na páipéir a thaispeáinfar a athscrúdú agus a athchomhairameadh dá réir sin.

(14) Féadfaidh an Cléireach dá rogha féin, nó ar iarrthóir dá iarraidh sin, páipéir bhallóide a athchomhairameadh uair amháin nó níos minice ná sin in aon chás nach deimhin leis nó léi cruinneas aon chomhairimh.

(15) Ní chuirfear, le haon ní sna Rialacha seo, d’oibleagáid ar an gCléireach an bheartán céanna páipéar bhallóide a athchomhairameadh níos mó nó uair amháin.

(16) San athscrúdú agus san athchomhairameadh, ní chuirfear isteach ar lion ná ar ord na bpáipéar bhallóide in aon bheartáin.

(17) Is breith chríochnaitheach breith an Chléirigh, cibé acu sainiráite nó intuirthe as a ghníomhartha nó as a gníomhartha, ar aon cheist eacscróidh i ndáil leis an gcomhaireamh, lena n-áirítear i ndáil le haon iarrthóir a eisamh, nó i ndáil le haon páipéar bhallóide nó aistriú vótaí.

(18) Nuair a bheidh comhairameadh na vótaí criochnaithe, cinnfidh agus dearbhóidh an Cléireach an toradh san ionad comhairimh, agus craolfaidh sé nó sí a'íon an iarrthóra ar éirigh leis nó léi is iarrthóir a gcúirfear a aínm nó a hainm faoi bhráid an Tí de réir Bhuan-Ordú 7(3).

Páipéir bhallóide a scrisiúadh
(19) A luaithi is indéanta tar éis an toghcháin agus tar éis don iarrthóir ar éirigh leis nó léi dul i gceannas, scrisfaidh an Cléireach na páipéir bhallóide.

Mínithe
(20) Sna Rialacha seo—

(a) ciallaíonn “iarrthóir leanúnaí” aon iarrthóir nach meastar gurb é nó í an t-iarrthóir ar éirigh leis nó léi agus nach bhfuil eisiata;

(b) ciallaíonn “comhairesamh” (de réir mar a éileoidh an comhthéacs) —
(10) If at the end of any count, the quota has not been reached or exceeded by any candidate, and there is only one continuing candidate remaining, that candidate shall be deemed to be the successful candidate and the count shall thereupon be concluded.

(11) On every transfer under these Rules, each sub-parcel of papers transferred shall be placed on top of the parcel or sub-parcel (if any) of papers of the candidate to whom the transfer is made, and that candidate shall be credited with a number of votes equal to the number of papers transferred to him or her.

(12) At the end of every count the Clerk shall record on a result sheet the total number of votes credited to each candidate at the end of that count and also the number of the non-transferable papers not effective on that count.

(13) Any candidate may, at the conclusion of any count, request the Clerk to re-examine and recount all or any of the ballot papers dealt with during that count, and the Clerk may re-examine and recount accordingly the ballot papers indicated.

(14) The Clerk may at his or her discretion, or at the request of a candidate, recount ballot papers either once or more often in any case in which he or she is not satisfied as to the accuracy of any count.

(15) Nothing in these Rules shall make it obligatory on the Clerk to recount the same parcel of ballot papers more than once.

(16) In the re-examination and recount, the number or order of ballot papers in any parcel shall not be disturbed.

(17) The decision of the Clerk, whether expressed or implied by his or her acts, on any question which arises in relation to the count, including the exclusion of any candidate, or to any ballot paper or transfer of votes, shall be final.

(18) On the completion of the counting of the votes, the Clerk shall determine and declare the result in the count centre, and announce the name of the successful candidate whose name shall be put before the House in accordance with Standing Order 7(3).

**Destruction of ballot papers**

(19) As soon as practicable subsequent to the election and taking of the Chair by the successful candidate, the Clerk shall destroy the ballot papers.

**Definitions**

(20) In these Rules—

(a) “continuing candidate” means any candidate not deemed to be the successful candidate and not excluded;

(b) “count” means (as the context may require) either—
(i) na hoibríochtaí go léir a bhaineann le comhaireamh na bpríomhroghanna a taifeadadh d’iarrthóirí; nó

(ii) na hoibríochtaí go léir a bhaineann le haistriú vótaí iarrthóra eisiata; nó

(iii) na hoibríochtaí go léir a bhaineann le haistriú vótaí de chuid beirt, nó de chuid líon is mó ná beirt, iarrthóirí le chéile;

(c) ciallaíonn “cinneadh le crannchur” cinneadh de réir na dtreoracha seo a leanas, is é sin, tar éis ainmneacha na n-iarrthóirí lena mbaineann a scríobh ar stíalla cosúla páipéir, agus na stíalla a fhilleadh chun nach bhféadfaí iad a aithint agus iad a mheascadh agus a tharraingt ar corr, socrófar na hiarrthóirí lena mbaineann eatarthu féin ar an ord roghanna san ord ina dtarraingeofar na stíalla ar a mbeidh a n-aímneachta, ag tosú leis an iartrhóir a mbeidh a ainm nó a haimn ar an gcéad stíall a tharraingeofar;

(d) ciallaíonn “neamhbbhailt”, nuair is tagaírt do pháipéar ballóide é, aon pháipéar ballóide —

(i) nach mbeidh an marc oifigiúil air; nó

(ii) nach mbeidh an figiúr “1”, ina sheasamh leis féin, nó aon mharc eile is dóigh leis an gCléireach a thaispeáinann príomhrogha go soiléir, curtha air ar chor ar bith nó nach mbeidh sé curtha air ar shlí a thaispeáinann príomhrogha d’iarrthóir égin; nó

(iii) ar a mbeidh an figiúr “1”, ina sheasamh leis féin, nó aon mharc eile is dóigh leis an gCléireach a thaispeáinann príomhrogha go soiléir, curtha os cionn ainm níos mó ná iartrhóir amháin; nó

(iv) ar a mbeidh an figiúr “1”, ina sheasamh leis féin, ag taispeáint príomhrogha agus uimhir égin eile curtha os cionn ainm an iartrhóra chéanna; nó

(v) ar a mbeidh ní ar bith scríofa nó marcáilte is dóigh leis an gCléireach gur ní é as ar féidir an comhalta atá ag vótáil a shainaithint;

(e) ciallaíonn “páipéar neamh-inaistrithe” páipéar ballóide —

(i) nach bhfuil aon dara rogha ná aon rogha dá éis sin taifeadta air d’iarrthóir leanúnach; nó

(ii) ar a mbeidh ainmneacha beirt, nó lión is mó ná beirt, iarrthóirí (cibé acu is iartrhóirí leanúnacha iad nó nach ea) marcáilte leis an uimhir chéanna, agus gurb iad is neasa san ord rogha; nó

(iii) ar a mbeidh ainm an iartrhóra is neasa san ord rogha (cibé acu is iartrhóir leanúnach é nó i nó nach ea) marcáilte le huimhir nach bhfuil ag teacht go leantach i ndiaidh uimhir égin eile ar an bpáipéar vótála, nó le dhá uimhir nó níos mó; nó

(iv) a bheidh ar neamhní mar gheall ar neamhchinn teacht;
(i) all the operations involved in the counting of the first preferences recorded for candidates; or

(ii) all the operations involved in the transfer of the votes of an excluded candidate; or

(iii) all the operations involved in the transfer of the votes of two or more candidates together;

(c) “determine by lot” means determine in accordance with the following directions, namely, the names of the candidates concerned having been written on similar slips of paper, and the slips having been folded so as to prevent identification and mixed and drawn at random, the candidates concerned shall as amongst themselves be arranged on the order of preferences in the order in which the slips containing their names are drawn, beginning with the candidate whose name is on the slip drawn first;

(d) “invalid” by reference to a ballot paper means any ballot paper—

(i) which does not bear the official mark; or

(ii) on which the figure “1” standing alone, or the word “one” or any other mark which, in the opinion of the Clerk, clearly indicates a first preference, is not placed at all or is not so placed as to indicate a first preference for some candidate; or

(iii) on which the figure “1” standing alone, or the word “one” or any other mark which, in the opinion of the Clerk, clearly indicates a first preference, is set opposite the name of more than one candidate; or

(iv) on which the figure “1” standing alone indicates a first preference and some other number is set opposite the name of the same candidate; or

(v) on which anything is written or marked which, in the opinion of the Clerk, is calculated to identify the member voting;

(e) “non-transferable paper” means a ballot paper—

(i) on which no second or subsequent preference is recorded for a continuing candidate; or

(ii) on which the names of two or more candidates (whether continuing or not) are marked with the same number, and are next in order of preference; or

(iii) on which the name of the candidate next in order of preference (whether continuing or not) is marked by a number not following consecutively after some other number on the voting paper or by two or more numbers; or

(iv) which is void for uncertainty;
(f) ciallaíonn “bunvóta”, maidir le haon iarrthóir, vóta as páipéar ballóide ar ar taifeadadh príomhrogha don iarrthóir sin

(g) léireofar “rogha” mar a leanas—

   (i) ciallaíonn “príomhrogha” an figiúr “1”, ina sheasamh leis féin, nó na focail “a haon”, nó aon mharc eile is dóigh leis an gCléireach a thaispeánann príomhrogha go soiléir

   (ii) ciallaíonn “dara rogha” an figiúr “2”, ina sheasamh leis féin, nó na focail “a dó”, nó aon mharc eile is dóigh leis an gCléireach a thaispeánann dara rogha go soiléir agus é ina sheasamh ar leanúint as príomhrogha;

   (iii) ciallaíonn “tríú rogha” an figiúr “3”, ina sheasamh leis féin, nó na focail “a trí”, nó aon mharc eile is dóigh leis an gCléireach a thaispeánann tríú rogha go soiléir agus é ina sheasamh ar leanúint as dara rogha agus mar sin de;

   (iv) ciallaíonn “rogha is neasa ar fáil” rogha ar dóigh leis an gCléireach gur dara rogha nó rogha ina dhiaidh sin í a taifeadadh in ord leantach d’iarrthóir leanúnach, gan aird a thabhairt ar na roghanna is neasa in ord ar an bpáipéar ballóide d’iarrthóirí a mheastar a bheith eisiata cheana féin;

(h) ciallaíonn “páipéar inaistrithe” páipéar ballóide ar a ndearadh, tar éis príomhrogha, dara rogha nó rogha ina dhiaidh sin a thaifeadadh in ord uimhreach d’iarrthóir leanúnach;

(i) ciallaíonn “vóta aistrithe”, maidir le haon iarrthóir, vóta as páipéar ballóide ar ar taifeadadh dara rogha nó rogha ina dhiaidh sin don iarrthóir sin.
(f) “original vote” in regard to any candidate means a vote derived from a ballot paper on which a first preference is recorded for that candidate;

(g) “preference” shall be interpreted as follows—

(i) “first preference” means the figure “1” standing alone, or the word “one” or any other mark which, in the opinion of the Clerk, clearly indicates a first preference;

(ii) “second preference” means the figure “2” standing alone, or the word “two” or any other mark which, in the opinion of the Clerk, clearly indicates a second preference standing in succession to a first preference;

(iii) “third preference” means the figure “3” standing alone, or the word “three” or any other mark which, in the opinion of the Clerk, clearly indicates a third preference standing in succession to a second preference and so on;

(iv) “next available preference” means a preference which, in the opinion of the Clerk, is a second or subsequent preference recorded in consecutive order for a continuing candidate, the preferences next in order on the ballot paper for candidates already excluded being disregarded;

(h) “transferable paper” means a ballot paper on which, following a first preference, a second or subsequent preference is recorded in numerical order for a continuing candidate;

(i) “transferred vote” in regard to any candidate means a vote derived from a ballot paper on which a second or subsequent preference is recorded for that candidate.
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