

REPORT OF THE BUSINESS COMMITTEE

ARRANGEMENTS FOR BUSINESS AND BUSINESS SCHEDULE FOR

TUESDAY TO THURSDAY, 23 - 25 APRIL 2024

(AS AGREED AT ITS MEETING ON 18 APRIL 2024)

Tuesday 23 April 2024 (2:00 p.m. - 10:41 p.m.)

Leaders' Questions (<i>Sinn Féin, Labour Party, Regional Group, Rural Independent Group</i>)	2.00 p.m. - 2.34 p.m. (34 mins)
Order of Business and Questions on Policy or Legislation	2.34 p.m. - 3.04 p.m. (30 mins)
Motion(s) without debate	3.04 p.m. - 3.05 p.m. (1 min)
- Motion <i>re</i> Referral to Joint Committee of proposed approval by Dáil Éireann of the Planning and Development (Street Furniture Fees) Regulations 2024 (<i>Dept of Housing, Local Government and Heritage</i>)	
Taoiseach's Questions	3.05 p.m. - 3.50 p.m. (45 mins)
P.Q.s: Oral - Minister for Public Expenditure, NDP Delivery and Reform	3.50 p.m. - 5.20 p.m. (90 mins)
Government Business	5.20 p.m. - 6.21 p.m. (61 mins)
- Civil Registration (Electronic Registration) Bill 2024 (Second Stage) (<i>if not previously concluded, to adjourn either at 6.20 p.m. or after 1 hr 1 min, whichever is the later</i>) (<i>Dept of Social Protection</i>)	
Private Members' Business (Sinn Féin)	6.21 p.m. - 8.23 p.m. (122 mins)
- Motion <i>re</i> Stardust Tragedy (working title)	
P.Q.s: Oral - Minister for Justice	8.23 p.m. - 9.53 p.m. (90 mins)
Topical Issues	9.53 p.m. - 10.41 p.m. (48 mins)
Adjournment	10.41 p.m.

Wednesday 24 April 2024 (9:10 a.m. - 10:02 p.m.)

Topical Issues	9.10 a.m. - 9.58 a.m. (48 mins)
Private Members' Business (Regional Group)	9.58 a.m. - 12.00 p.m. (122 mins)
- Motion <i>re</i> Support for Carers	
Leaders' Questions (<i>Sinn Féin, Social Democrats, People Before Profit-Solidarity, Independent Group</i>)	12.00 p.m. - 12.34 p.m. (34 mins)
Questions on Policy or Legislation	12.34 p.m. - 1.04 p.m. (30 mins)
SOS	1.04 p.m. - 2.04 p.m. (60 mins)
Government Business	2.04 p.m. - 9.32 p.m. (7 hrs 28 mins)
- Statements on Agriculture – Update on weather related supports for farmers (<i>not to exceed 3 hrs 32 mins</i>) (<i>Dept of Agriculture, Food and the Marine</i>)	
- Gas (Amendment) Bill 2023 (Amendments from the Seanad) (<i>to commence no earlier than 4.30 p.m. and if not previously concluded, to adjourn after 1 hr</i>) (<i>Dept of Environment, Climate and Communications</i>)	
- Gambling Regulation Bill 2022 (Report and Final Stages) (<i>if not previously concluded, to adjourn either at 9.30 p.m. or after 2 hrs 56 mins, whichever is the later</i>) (<i>Dept of Justice</i>)	

Deferred Divisions

9.32 p.m. - 10.02 p.m. (30 mins)

Adjournment

10.02 p.m.

Thursday 25 April 2024 (9:00 a.m. - 6:33 p.m.)

P.Q.s: Oral - Minister for Social Protection

9.00 a.m. - 10.30 a.m. (90 mins)

P.Q.s: Oral - Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine

10.30 a.m. - 12.00 p.m. (90 mins)

Leaders' Questions (*Sinn Féin, Labour Party, People Before Profit-Solidarity, Regional Group*)

12.00 p.m. - 12.34 p.m. (34 mins)

Questions on Policy or Legislation

12.34 p.m. - 1.04 p.m. (30 mins)

SOS

1.04 p.m. - 1.44 p.m. (40 mins)

Government Business

1.44 p.m. - 4.30 p.m. (2 hrs 46 mins)

- Civil Registration (Electronic Registration) Bill 2024 (Second Stage, resumed, if not previously concluded) (*if not previously concluded, to adjourn at 4.30 p.m.*)

Topical Issues

4.30 p.m. - 5.18 p.m. (48 mins)

Thursday evening business: Committee Report

5.18 p.m. - 6.33 p.m. (75 mins)

- Motion *re* Report entitled "Report on Politically Exposed Persons" (*Committee on Finance, Public Expenditure and Reform, and Taoiseach*)

Adjournment

6.33 p.m.

The proposed arrangements for the taking of business are as follows:

ARRANGEMENTS FOR BUSINESS

Tuesday proposal no. 1 - Arrangements for business

- The ordinary routine of business as contained in Schedule 3 to Standing Orders shall be modified to the following extent:
 - (i) the Dáil may sit later than 10.32 p.m., and shall in any event adjourn on the conclusion of topical issues taken pursuant to Standing Order 37;
 - (ii) pursuant to the Resolution of the Dáil of 10th April, 2024, two members of the Government other than the Taoiseach shall answer oral Parliamentary Questions pursuant to Standing Order 47(2), with the Minister for Public Expenditure, NDP Delivery and Reform answering questions on the conclusion of oral Parliamentary Questions to the Taoiseach; and
 - (iii) the proceedings on Second Stage of the Civil Registration (Electronic Registration) Bill 2024 shall commence on the conclusion of Questions to the Minister for Public Expenditure, NDP Delivery and Reform, with consequential effect on the commencement times for the items following in the ordinary routine of business,

namely, private members' business, Parliamentary Questions to the Minister for Justice, and topical issues

Tuesday proposal no. 2 - Motion *re* Referral to Joint Committee of proposed approval by Dáil Éireann of the Planning and Development (Street Furniture Fees) Regulations 2024

- The proceedings on the Motion *re* Referral to Joint Committee of proposed approval by Dáil Éireann of the Planning and Development (Street Furniture Fees) Regulations 2024 shall be taken without debate

Tuesday proposal no. 3 - Civil Registration (Electronic Registration) Bill 2024

- The proceedings on Second Stage of the Civil Registration (Electronic Registration) Bill 2024 shall, if not previously concluded, be interrupted and stand adjourned either at 6.20 p.m. or after 1 hour and 1 minute, whichever is the later, and shall not be resumed on Tuesday

Wednesday proposal no. 1 - Arrangements for business

- The ordinary routine of business as contained in Schedule 3 to Standing Orders shall be modified to the following extent:
 - (i) the Dáil may sit later than 9.30 p.m. and shall in any event adjourn on the conclusion of the weekly division time, or where there are no postponed divisions, on the adjournment or conclusion of proceedings on the Gambling Regulation Bill 2022;
 - (ii) in the event the Taoiseach is unable to attend for questions pursuant to Standing Order 46(1), the SOS pursuant to Standing Order 25(1) may take place earlier than 1.49 p.m., with consequential effect on the commencement time for Government business; and
 - (iii) the weekly division time may be taken later than 8.45 p.m., and shall in any event be taken on the adjournment of the proceedings on the Gambling Regulation Bill 2022, or where those proceedings conclude within the available time, on the conclusion thereof

Wednesday proposal no. 2 - Statements on Agriculture – Update on weather related supports for farmers

- The Statements on Agriculture – Update on weather related supports for farmers shall not exceed 3 hours and 32 minutes and the following arrangements shall apply thereto:
 - (i) the arrangements for the statements, not including the Ministerial response, shall be in accordance with the arrangements agreed by Order of the Dáil of 30th July,

2020, for 200 minutes, and the Resolution of the Dáil of 20th September, 2023, providing for two minutes for non-aligned members;

- (ii) following the statements, a Minister or Minister of State shall be called upon to make a statement in reply which shall not exceed 10 minutes; and
- (iii) members may share time

Wednesday proposal no. 3 - Gas (Amendment) Bill 2023

- The proceedings on the amendments from the Seanad to the Gas (Amendment) Bill 2023 shall commence no earlier than 4.30 p.m. and shall, if not previously concluded, be interrupted and stand adjourned after 1 hour and shall not be resumed on Wednesday

Wednesday proposal no. 4 - Gambling Regulation Bill 2022

- The proceedings on Report and Final Stages of the Gambling Regulation Bill 2022 shall, if not previously concluded, be interrupted and stand adjourned either at 9.30 p.m. or after 2 hours and 56 minutes, whichever is the later, and shall not be resumed on Wednesday

Thursday proposal no. 1 - Arrangements for business

- The ordinary routine of business as contained in Schedule 3 to Standing Orders shall be modified to the extent that topical issues may be taken earlier than 7.24 p.m. and shall in any event be taken either at 4.30 p.m., or on the conclusion of Second Stage of the Civil Registration (Electronic Registration) Bill 2024, whichever is the earlier, with consequential effect on the commencement time for the Motion *re* Report entitled “Report on Politically Exposed Persons”, and on the time for the adjournment of the Dáil: Provided that where Second Stage of the Civil Registration (Electronic Registration) Bill 2024 concludes before Thursday, topical issues shall be taken on the conclusion of the SOS

Thursday proposal no. 2 - Civil Registration (Electronic Registration) Bill 2024

- Any resumed proceedings on Second Stage of the Civil Registration (Electronic Registration) Bill 2024 shall, if not previously concluded, be interrupted and stand adjourned at 4.30 p.m. and the Bill shall not be resumed on Thursday

UPCOMING THURSDAY EVENING BUSINESS

2nd May 2024: Motion *re* Report entitled “Report on Offshore Renewable Energy” (*Committee on Enterprise, Trade and Employment*)

16th May 2024: Neighbour Disputes (Vegetation) Bill 2017 (Second Stage) (*Deputy Aengus Ó Snodaigh*)

23rd May 2024: Motion *re* Report entitled “Mental Health Supports in Schools and Tertiary Education” (*Committee on Education, Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science*)

30th May 2024: Commission for Future Generations Bill 2023 (Second Stage) (*Deputy Marc Ó Cathasaigh*)

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