

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>ORDER OF BUSINESS</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">ARRANGEMENTS FOR BUSINESS FOR</p> <p style="text-align: center;">WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY, 20 - 21 MARCH 2024</p>
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**Announcement of Business for the Week:**

Wednesday's business shall be:

- Motion *re* Ministerial Rota for Parliamentary Questions (*without debate*)
- Motion *re* Consideration of Estimates by Committee (*without debate*)
- Statements pre European Council meeting of 21st-22nd March, pursuant to Standing Order 124 (*not to exceed 1 hr 52 mins*)
- Microenterprise Loan Fund (Amendment) Bill 2024 (Second Stage) (*if not previously concluded, to adjourn either at 7.10 p.m. or after 1 hr 31 mins, whichever is the later*)

Wednesday's private members' business shall be the Motion *re* General Practice and Local Health Services, selected by Sinn Féin.

Thursday's business shall be any resumed proceedings, if not previously concluded, on Second Stage of the Microenterprise Loan Fund (Amendment) Bill 2024 (*if not previously concluded, to adjourn either at 4.10 p.m. or after 2 hrs 26 mins, whichever is the later*).

Thursday's private members' business shall be the Motion *re* Accommodation for International Protection Applicants, selected by the Social Democrats.

**Proposed Arrangements for this week's business:**

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

1. the ordinary routine of business as contained in Schedule 3 to Standing Orders shall be modified to the extent that, notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 34A(1)—
  - (i) private members' business may be taken later than 6.12 p.m. and shall in any event be taken on the adjournment of proceedings on Second Stage of the Microenterprise Loan Fund (Amendment) Bill 2024, or where those proceedings conclude within the allotted time, on the conclusion thereof;
  - (ii) questions pursuant to Standing Order 46(1) to a Minister other than the Taoiseach shall not be taken; and
  - (iii) the Dáil shall adjourn on the conclusion of topical issues pursuant to Standing Order 37 which shall be taken on the conclusion of private members' business;

2. the proceedings on the Motion *re* Ministerial Rota for Parliamentary Questions shall be taken without debate;
3. the proceedings on the Motion *re* Consideration of Estimates by Committee shall be taken without debate;
4. the Statements pre European Council meeting of 21st-22nd March, pursuant to Standing Order 124, shall not exceed 1 hour and 52 minutes and the following arrangements shall apply thereto:
  - (i) the arrangements for the statements, not including the Ministerial response, shall be in accordance with the arrangements agreed by Order of the Dáil of 30<sup>th</sup> July, 2020, for 100 minutes, and Resolution of the Dáil of 20<sup>th</sup> September, 2023, providing for two minutes for non-aligned members;
  - (ii) following the statements, a Minister or Minister of State shall be called upon to make a statement in reply which shall not exceed 10 minutes; and
  - (iii) members may share time; and
5. the proceedings on Second Stage of the Microenterprise Loan Fund (Amendment) Bill 2024 shall, if not previously concluded, be interrupted and stand adjourned either at 7.10 p.m. or after 1 hour and 31 minutes, whichever is the later, and shall not be resumed on Wednesday.

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

1. (i) the ordinary routine of business as contained in Schedule 3 to Standing Orders shall be modified to the following extent:
  - (a) no motion for a Committee report pursuant to Standing Order 102 or private member's Bill pursuant to Standing Order 160 shall be taken;
  - (b) private members' business pursuant to Standing Order 159(1) and Standing Order 169 shall be taken for 2 hours and 2 minutes on the adjournment of the resumed Second Stage proceedings on the Microenterprise Loan Fund (Amendment) Bill 2024, or where Second Stage of that Bill concludes within its allotted time, on the conclusion thereof: Provided that if Second Stage of that Bill concludes before Thursday, private members' business on Thursday shall be taken on the conclusion of the SOS; and
  - (c) topical issues shall be taken on the conclusion of private members' business, and the Dáil shall adjourn on the conclusion of topical issues; and

- (ii) the Dáil on its rising shall adjourn until 2 p.m. on Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> April, 2024; and
  - 2. any resumed proceedings on Second Stage of the Microenterprise Loan Fund (Amendment) Bill 2024 shall, if not previously concluded, be interrupted and stand adjourned at 4.10 p.m. or after 2 hours 26 minutes, whichever is the later, and the Bill shall not be resumed on Thursday.
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