

# REPORT OF THE BUSINESS COMMITTEE

## ARRANGEMENTS FOR BUSINESS AND BUSINESS SCHEDULE FOR

TUESDAY TO THURSDAY, 9 - 11 JULY 2024

(AS AGREED AT ITS MEETING ON 4 JULY 2024)

### Tuesday 9 July 2024 (2:00 p.m. - 11:40 p.m.)

Leaders' Questions (*Sinn Féin, Labour Party, Regional Group, Rural Independent Group*) 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 *re* Proposed approval by Dáil Éireann of the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Sultanate of Oman) Order 2024 (*back from Committee*) (*Dept of Finance*)
- Motion *re* Proposed approval by Dáil Éireann of the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Jersey) Order 2024 (*back from Committee*) (*Dept of Finance*)
- Motion *re* Re-appointment to Garda Síochána Ombudsman Commission (GSOC) (*Dept of Justice*)
- Motion *re* Appointment of Police Ombudsman (*Dept of Justice*)

Taoiseach's Questions 3.05 p.m. - 3.50 p.m. (45 mins)

**Government Business** 3.50 p.m. - 7.20 p.m. (3 hrs 30 mins)

- Residential Tenancies (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill 2024 (Second Stage) (*if not previously concluded, to adjourn either at 7.19 p.m. or after 3 hrs 30 mins, whichever is the later, and any division claimed to be taken immediately prior to Committee Stage on Wednesday*) (*Dept of Housing, Local Government and Heritage*)

**Private Members' Business (Sinn Féin)** 7.20 p.m. - 9.22 p.m. (2 hrs 2 mins)

- Motion *re* the late Shane O'Farrell case (working title)

P.Q.s: Oral - Minister for Public Expenditure, NDP Delivery and Reform 9.22 p.m. - 10.52 p.m. (90 mins)

Topical Issues 10.52 p.m. - 11.40 p.m. (48 mins)

Adjournment 11.40 p.m.

### Wednesday 10 July 2024 (09:10 a.m. - 10:33 p.m.)

Topical Issues 9.10 a.m. - 9.58 a.m. (48 mins)

**Private Members' Business (Social Democrats)** 9.58 a.m. - 12.00 p.m. (2 hrs 2 mins)

- Motion *re* Adopting a Zero Tolerance Approach to Domestic, Sexual and Gender-Based Violence (working title)

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

**Motion(s) without debate** 1.04 p.m. - 1.05 p.m. (1 min)

- Motion *re* Report of the Committee on Standing Orders and Dáil Reform entitled 'Amendments to Standing Orders on Timeframes for Pre-legislative Scrutiny and Consideration of Estimates'

Taoiseach's Questions	1.05 p.m. - 1.50 p.m. (45 mins)
<b>Government Business</b>	1.50 p.m. - 3.57 p.m. (2 hrs 7 mins)
- Statements and Q&A post European Council meeting of 27th-28th June 2024, pursuant to Standing Order 124 (not to exceed 1 hr 52 mins, including 20 mins Q&A and Ministerial response for 5 mins)	
SOS	3.57 p.m. - 4.57 p.m. (60 mins)
<b>Government Business</b>	4.57 p.m. - 10.03 p.m. (5 hrs 6 mins)
- Criminal Justice (Sexual Offences and Human Trafficking) Bill 2022 (Amendments from the Seanad) (to commence no earlier than 4.30 p.m. and if not previously concluded, to adjourn after 60 minutes) (Dept of Justice)	
- Residential Tenancies (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill 2024 (Committee and remaining Stages) (if not previously concluded, to conclude after 60 minutes)	
- Motor Insurance Insolvency Compensation Bill 2024 (Report and Final Stages) (if not previously concluded, to adjourn after 60 minutes) (Dept of Finance)	
- Courts, Civil Law, Criminal Law and Superannuation (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2024 [Seanad] (Committee and remaining Stages) (Dept of Justice)	
<b>Deferred Divisions</b>	10.03 p.m. - 10.33 p.m. (30 mins)
- Public Health (Tobacco) (Amendment) Bill 2024 (Second Stage) (deferred division on second reading motion)	
Adjournment	10.33 p.m.
<b><u>Thursday 11 July 2024 (9:00 a.m. - 9:53 p.m.)</u></b>	
P.Q.s: Oral - Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment	9.00 a.m. - 10.30 a.m. (90 mins)
P.Q.s: Oral - Minister for Education	10.30 a.m. - 12.00 p.m. (90 mins)
Leaders' Questions (Sinn Féin, Social Democrats, Regional Group, Rural Independent 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)
<b>Government Business</b>	1.44 p.m. - 7.30 p.m. (5 hrs 46 mins)
- Agriculture Appeals (Amendment) Bill 2024 (Second Stage) (if not previously concluded, to adjourn after 3 hrs) (Dept of Agriculture, Food and the Marine)	
- Údarás na Gaeltachta (Amendment) Bill 2024 (Second Stage) (if not previously concluded, to adjourn at 7.30 p.m. or after 2 hrs 46 mins, whichever is the later) (Dept of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media)	
<b>Other Business</b>	7.30 p.m. - 7.50 p.m. (20 mins)
- Statements by TDs who have been elected as MEPs (as proposed by the Ceann Comhairle, supported by the Business Committee)	
Topical Issues	7.50 p.m. - 8.38 p.m. (48 mins)
<b>Thursday Evening Business: private member's Bill</b>	8.38 p.m. - 9.53 p.m. (75 mins)
- National Vetting Bureau (Children and Vulnerable Persons) (Amendment) Bill 2022 (Second Stage) (Deputy Pa Daly)	
Adjournment	9.53 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.;
  - (ii) the time allotted to Government business shall be extended in accordance with the arrangements for that business; and
  - (iii) private members' business may be taken later than 6.12 p.m., with consequential effect on the commencement times for Parliamentary Questions to the Minister for Public Expenditure, NDP Delivery and Reform and for topical issues

#### **Tuesday proposal no. 2 - Motion *re* Proposed approval by Dáil Éireann of the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Sultanate of Oman) Order 2024**

- The proceedings on the Motion *re* Proposed approval by Dáil Éireann of the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Sultanate of Oman) Order 2024 shall be taken without debate

#### **Tuesday proposal no. 3 - Motion *re* Proposed approval by Dáil Éireann of the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Jersey) Order 2024**

- The proceedings on the Motion *re* Proposed approval by Dáil Éireann of the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Jersey) Order 2024 shall be taken without debate

#### **Tuesday proposal no. 4 - Motion *re* Re-appointment to Garda Síochána Ombudsman Commission (GSOC)**

- The proceedings on the Motion *re* Re-appointment to Garda Síochána Ombudsman Commission (GSOC shall be taken without debate

#### **Tuesday proposal no. 4 - Motion *re* Appointment of Police Ombudsman**

- The proceedings on the Motion *re* Appointment of Police Ombudsman shall be taken without debate

### **Tuesday proposal no. 5 - Residential Tenancies (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill 2024**

- The proceedings on Second Stage of the Residential Tenancies (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill 2024 shall, if not previously concluded, be interrupted and stand adjourned either at 7.19 p.m. or after 3 hours 30 minutes, whichever is the later, and shall not be resumed on Tuesday, and any division claimed on those proceedings shall be taken immediately prior to Committee Stage of the Bill on Wednesday

### **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.;
  - (ii) Statements and Q&A post European Council meeting of 27th-28th June 2024, pursuant to Standing Order 124, shall be taken on the conclusion of oral Parliamentary Questions to the Taoiseach pursuant to Standing Order 46(1);
  - (iii) the SOS pursuant to Standing Order 25(1) shall be taken on the conclusion of the statements; and
  - (iv) the weekly division time may be taken later than 8.45 p.m. and shall in any event be taken on the conclusion of proceedings on the Courts, Civil Law, Criminal Law and Superannuation (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2024 [*Seanad*]

### **Wednesday proposal no. 2 - Motion *re* Report of the Committee on Standing Orders and Dáil Reform entitled 'Amendments to Standing Orders on Timeframes for Pre-legislative Scrutiny and Consideration of Estimates'**

- The proceedings on the Motion *re* Report of the Committee on Standing Orders and Dáil Reform entitled 'Amendments to Standing Orders on Timeframes for Pre-legislative Scrutiny and Consideration of Estimates' shall be taken without debate

### **Wednesday proposal no. 3 - Statements and Q&A post European Council meeting of 27th-28th June 2024, pursuant to Standing Order 124**

- The Statements and Q&A post European Council meeting of 27th-28th June 2024, pursuant to Standing Order 124, shall not exceed 2 hours and 7 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 1 hour and 40 minutes, and the Resolution of the Dáil of 20<sup>th</sup> September, 2023, providing for two minutes for non-aligned members;

- (ii) following the statements, questions and answers shall be taken for 20 minutes;
- (iii) on the conclusion of the questions and answers, a Minister or Minister of State shall be called upon to make a statement in reply which shall not exceed five minutes; and
- (iv) members may share time

**Wednesday proposal no. 4 - Criminal Justice (Sexual Offences and Human Trafficking) Bill 2022**

- The proceedings on the amendments from the Seanad to the Criminal Justice (Sexual Offences and Human Trafficking) Bill 2022 shall commence no earlier than 4.30 p.m. and shall, if not previously concluded, be interrupted and stand adjourned after 60 minutes, and shall not be resumed on Wednesday

**Wednesday proposal no. 5 - Residential Tenancies (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill 2024**

- The proceedings on Committee and remaining Stages of the Residential Tenancies (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill 2024 shall, if not previously concluded, be brought to a conclusion after 60 minutes by one question which shall be put from the Chair, and which shall, in relation to amendments, include only those set down or accepted by the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage

**Wednesday proposal no. 6 - Motor Insurance Insolvency Compensation Bill 2024**

- The proceedings on Report and Final Stages of the Motor Insurance Insolvency Compensation Bill 2024 shall, if not previously concluded, be interrupted and stand adjourned after 60 minutes, and shall not be resumed on Wednesday

**Thursday proposal no. 1 - Arrangements for business**

- In relation to Thursday's arrangements—
  - (i) the ordinary routine of business as contained in Schedule 3 to Standing Orders shall be modified to the following extent:
    - (a) the Dáil may sit later than 9.27 p.m.;
    - (b) the time allotted to Government business shall be extended in accordance with the arrangements for that business; and
    - (c) topical issues may be taken later than 7.24 p.m., with consequential effect on the commencement time for the National Vetting Bureau (Children and Vulnerable Persons) (Amendment) Bill 2022; and

- (ii) the Dáil on its rising shall adjourn until 2 p.m. on Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> September, 2024

**Thursday proposal no. 2 - Agriculture Appeals (Amendment) Bill 2024**

- The proceedings on Second Stage of the Agriculture Appeals (Amendment) Bill 2024 shall, if not previously concluded, be interrupted and stand adjourned after 3 hours, and shall not be resumed on Thursday

**Thursday proposal no. 3 - Údarás na Gaeltachta (Amendment) Bill 2024**

- The proceedings on Second Stage of the Údarás na Gaeltachta (Amendment) Bill 2024 shall, if not previously concluded, be interrupted and stand adjourned either at 7.30 p.m. or after 2 hours 46 minutes, whichever is the later, and shall not be resumed on Thursday

**MEMBERS DISSENTING**

Deputies Pádraig Mac Lochlainn, Cian O'Callaghan, Bríd Smith (*substituting for Deputy Richard Boyd Barrett*) and Mattie McGrath dissented in relation to the lack of a debate on the Report of the Housing Commission. Deputy McGrath also dissented in relation to the lack of a debate on the siege of Jadotville.

**UPCOMING THURSDAY EVENING BUSINESS**

**26<sup>th</sup> September 2024:** Local Authority Public Administration Bill 2023 (Second Stage) (*Deputy Robert Troy*)

**BUSINESS COMMITTEE**

*5 July 2024*