

# REPORT OF THE BUSINESS COMMITTEE

## ARRANGEMENTS FOR BUSINESS AND BUSINESS SCHEDULE FOR

TUESDAY TO THURSDAY, 2 - 4 JULY 2024

(AS AGREED AT ITS MEETING ON 27 JUNE 2024)

### Tuesday 2 July 2024 (2:00 p.m. - 11:50 p.m.)

Leaders' Questions (*Sinn Féin, Social Democrats, People Before Profit-Solidarity, 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* Further Revised Estimate for Public Services 2024 [Vote 29] (*back from Committee*) (*Dept of Public Expenditure, NDP Delivery and Reform*)

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

**Government Business** 3.50 p.m. - 7.30 p.m. (3 hrs 40 mins)

- Courts, Civil Law, Criminal Law and Superannuation (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2024 (Second Stage) [*Seanad*] (*if not previously concluded, to adjourn either at 7.29 p.m. or after 3 hrs 40 mins, whichever is the later*) (*Dept of Justice*)

**Private Members' Business (Sinn Féin)** 7.30 p.m. - 9.32 p.m. (2 hrs 2 mins)

- Residential Tenancies (Amendment) Bill 2024 (Second Stage)

P.Q.s: Oral - Minister for Defence 9.32 p.m. - 11.02 p.m. (90 mins)

Topical Issues 11.02 p.m. - 11.50 p.m. (48 mins)

Adjournment 11.50 p.m.

### Wednesday 3 July 2024 (9:10 a.m. - 10:38 p.m.)

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

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

- Motion *re* Gender Based Violence

Leaders' Questions (*Sinn Féin, Labour Party, 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)

Taoiseach's Questions 1.04 p.m. - 1.49 p.m. (45 mins)

SOS 1.49 p.m. - 2.49 p.m. (60 mins)

**Government Business** 2.49 p.m. - 10.08 p.m. (7 hrs 19 mins)

- Statements on tackling all forms of domestic, sexual and gender-based violence (*not to exceed 2 hrs 27 mins*) (*Dept of Justice*)
- Motion *re* Proposed approval by Dáil Éireann of the report by the Minister for Defence, regarding service by the Defence Forces with the United Nations in 2023\*
- Motion *re* Proposed approval by Dáil Éireann of Ireland's participation in two Permanent Structured Cooperation Projects and two European Defence Agency Projects\*

*\* Two separate motions to be debated together and brought to a conclusion after 1 hr 52 mins (Dept of Defence)*

- Health (Miscellaneous Provisions) (No. 2) Bill 2024 (Report and Final Stages) *(to commence no earlier than 6.30 p.m. and if not previously concluded, to adjourn after 90 minutes) (Dept of Health)*

- Automatic Enrolment Retirement Savings System Bill 2024 (Amendments from the Seanad) *(if not previously concluded, to adjourn either at 10.04 p.m. or after 90 mins, whichever is the later) (Dept of Social Protection)*

**Deferred Divisions** 10.08 p.m. - 10.38 p.m. (30 mins)  
*Adjournment* 10.38 p.m.

### **Thursday 4 July 2024 (9:00 a.m. - 8:03 p.m.)**

P.Q.s: Oral - Minister for Transport 9.00 a.m. - 10.30 a.m. (90 mins)

P.Q.s: Oral - Minister for Finance 10.30 a.m. - 12.00 p.m. (90 mins)

Leaders' Questions *(Sinn Féin, Social Democrats, Regional Group, 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)

**Government Business** 1.44 p.m. - 6.00 p.m. (4 hrs 16 mins)

- Public Health (Tobacco) (Amendment) Bill 2024 (Second Stage) *(if not previously concluded, to adjourn at 6 p.m. or after 4 hrs 16 mins, whichever is the later) (Dept of Health)*

Topical Issues 6.00 p.m. - 6.48 p.m. (48 mins)

**Thursday evening business: Committee report** 6.48 p.m. - 8.03 p.m. (75 mins)

- Motion *re* Report entitled "Environmental Impact of Local Industrial Emissions in Castlecomer, Co. Kilkenny" *(Committee on Agriculture, Food and the Marine)*

*Adjournment* 8.03 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 time for Parliamentary Questions to the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence and topical issues

**Tuesday proposal no. 2 – Motion for Further Revised Estimate for Public Services 2024 [Vote 29]**

- The proceedings on the Motion for Further Revised Estimate for Public Services 2024 [Vote 29] shall be taken without debate

**Tuesday proposal no. 3 - Courts, Civil Law, Criminal Law and Superannuation (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2024 [*Seanad*]**

- The proceedings on Second Stage of the Courts, Civil Law, Criminal Law and Superannuation (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2024 [*Seanad*] shall, if not previously concluded, be interrupted and stand adjourned either at 7.29 p.m. or after 3 hours 40 minutes, whichever is the later, and shall not be resumed on Tuesday

**Tuesday proposal no. 4 - Residential Tenancies (Amendment) Bill 2024**

- Notwithstanding anything in Standing Order 170(2), the proceedings on Second Stage of the Residential Tenancies (Amendment) Bill 2024 shall, if not previously concluded, be brought to a conclusion after 2 hours and 2 minutes

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

- The ordinary routine of business as set out 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
  - (ii) the time allotted to Government business shall be extended in accordance with the arrangements for that business, with consequential effect on the commencement time for the weekly division time

**Wednesday proposal no. 2 - Statements on tackling all forms of domestic, sexual and gender-based violence**

- The Statements on tackling all forms of domestic, sexual and gender-based violence shall not exceed 2 hours and 27 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 2 hours and 15 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, 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 - Motion *re* Proposed approval by Dáil Éireann of the report by the Minister for Defence, regarding service by the Defence Forces with the United Nations in 2023 and Motion *re* Proposed approval by Dáil Éireann of Ireland's participation in two Permanent Structured Cooperation Projects and two European Defence Agency Projects**

- The proceedings on the Motion *re* Proposed approval by Dáil Éireann of the report by the Minister for Defence, regarding service by the Defence Forces with the United Nations in 2023 and the Motion *re* Proposed approval by Dáil Éireann of Ireland's participation in two Permanent Structured Cooperation Projects and two European Defence Agency Projects shall, if not previously concluded, be brought to a conclusion after 1 hour and 52 minutes and the following arrangements shall apply thereto:
  - (i) the two motions shall be debated together, with separate questions put on all proceedings thereon;
  - (ii) the arrangements for the speeches, 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 hours and 40 minutes, and the Resolution of the Dáil of 20<sup>th</sup> September, 2023, providing for two minutes for non-aligned members;
  - (iii) following the speeches, a Minister or Minister of State shall be called upon to make a speech in reply which shall not exceed 10 minutes; and
  - (iv) members may share time

**Wednesday proposal no. 4 - Health (Miscellaneous Provisions) (No. 2) Bill 2024**

- The proceedings on Report and Final Stages of the Health (Miscellaneous Provisions) (No. 2) Bill 2024 shall commence no earlier than 6.30 p.m. and shall, if not previously concluded, be interrupted and stand adjourned after 90 minutes, and shall not be resumed on Wednesday

**Wednesday proposal no. 5 - Automatic Enrolment Retirement Savings System Bill 2024**

- The proceedings on the amendments from the Seanad to the Automatic Enrolment Retirement Savings System Bill 2024 shall, if not previously concluded, be interrupted and stand adjourned either at 10.04 p.m. or after 90 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 on the adjournment of Government business, or where that business concludes within the available time, on the conclusion thereof, with consequential effect on the commencement time for the Motion *re* Report entitled “Environmental Impact of Local Industrial Emissions in Castlecomer, Co. Kilkenny”, and on the time for the adjournment of the Dáil

**Thursday proposal no. 2 - Public Health (Tobacco) (Amendment) Bill 2024**

- The proceedings on Second Stage of the Public Health (Tobacco) (Amendment) Bill 2024 shall, if not previously concluded, be interrupted and stand adjourned either at 6 p.m. or after 4 hours 16 minutes, whichever is the later, and shall not be resumed on Thursday

**MEMBERS DISSENTING**

Deputy McGrath dissented in relation to the lack of a debate on the Report of the Housing Commission.

**BUSINESS COMMITTEE**

***28 June 2024***