



REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON STANDING ORDERS AND DÁIL REFORM

Amendments to Standing Orders correcting cross-references and other
drafting amendments

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Recommendations of Committee on Standing Orders and Dáil Reform relating to changes to Standing Orders

At its meeting on Tuesday, 10th May, 2022, the Committee on Standing Orders and Dáil Reform agreed to recommend to Dáil Éireann, pursuant to Standing Order 118A(2)(a), that the amendments to the Standing Orders of Dáil Éireann relative to Public Business, as contained in the Appendix to this report, be made. The proposed amendments relate to the correction of cross -references and other drafting amendments required on foot of previous more substantive changes to Standing Orders.

APPENDIX: Recommended amendments to the Standing Orders of Dáil Éireann relative to Public Business

“That the Standing Orders of Dáil Éireann relative to Public Business be amended as follows:

- (i) in Standing Order 34, by the substitution of ‘Committee Cathaoirleach posts’ for ‘Committee Chair posts’;
- (ii) in Standing Order 71, in paragraph (4), by the substitution of ‘Working Group of Committee Cathaoirleach’ for ‘Working Group on Committee Cathaoirleach’;
- (iii) in Standing Order 71A, in paragraph (13), by the substitution of ‘Questions on Policy or Legislation’ for ‘Questions on Promised Legislation’;
- (iv) in Standing Order 74, in subparagraph (b) of paragraph (4), by the substitution of ‘Questions on Policy or Legislation’ for ‘Questions on Promised Legislation’;
- (v) in Standing Order 94, in subparagraph (c) of paragraph (2), by the insertion of ‘and the Ombudsmen’ after ‘Joint Committee on Public Petitions’;
- (vi) in Standing Order 96, in paragraph (6), by the substitution of ‘relevant meetings of the Council of the European Union’ for ‘meetings of the relevant EC Council (of Ministers) of the European Union’;
- (vii) in Standing Order 100, in paragraph (3), by the substitution of ‘Standing Order 118A’ for ‘Standing Order 119’;
- (viii) in Standing Order 106, by the substitution of the following for paragraph (1):
 - ‘(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, and shall be entitled to vote in Select Committee proceedings, for the purpose of consideration of the following matters:
 - (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) Scrutiny of Private Members’ Bills in accordance with Standing Order 178: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.’;
- (ix) in Standing Order 109, in paragraph (4), by the substitution of ‘Standing Order 106(4)’ for ‘Standing Order 107(3)’;
- (x) in Standing Order 113, in paragraph (5), by the substitution of ‘Questions on Policy or Legislation’ for ‘Questions on Promised Legislation’;

- (xi) in Standing Order 118A, in paragraph (3)—
 - (a) in subparagraph (a), by the substitution of ‘Standing Order 96(2)’ for ‘Standing Order 96(4)’;
 - (b) in subparagraph (b), by the substitution of ‘Standing Order 96(10), other than as defined in the proviso thereto’ for ‘Standing Order 96(14)’; and
 - (c) in subparagraph (c), by the substitution of ‘Standing Order 96(10), other than as defined in the proviso thereto’ for ‘Standing Order 96(15) (other than as defined in subparagraph (a) thereof)’;
- (xii) in Standing Order 119, in paragraph (3)—
 - (a) in subparagraph (a), by the substitution of ‘Standing Order 96(2)’ for Standing Order 96(4)’;
 - (b) in subparagraph (b), by the substitution of ‘Standing Order 96(10), other than as defined in the proviso thereto’ for ‘Standing Order 96(14)’; and
 - (c) in subparagraph by the substitution of ‘Standing Order 96(10), other than as defined in the proviso thereto’ for ‘Standing Order 96(15) (other than as defined in subparagraph (a) thereof)’;
- (xiii) in Standing Order 120, in paragraph (9), by the substitution of ‘Standing Order 96(1), (2), (5)(a) and (10)’ for ‘Standing Order 96(1), (2), (4), (8), (14) and (15)’;
- (xiv) in Standing Order 121, by the substitution of the following for paragraph (4):

‘(4) The Committee shall have the power, as defined in Standing Order 96(10), to engage consultants and to travel.’;
- (xv) in Standing Order 125, in subparagraph (a) of paragraph (4), by the substitution of ‘other than paragraphs (4), (6) and (7)’ for ‘other than paragraphs (3), (6), (7), (10) and (11)’;
- (xvi) in Standing Order 126, in paragraph (4), to insert ‘and the Ombudsmen’ after ‘Joint Committee on Public Petitions’;
- (xvii) in Standing Order 130, by the substitution of ‘Standing Order 95(9)(b)’ for ‘Standing Order 95(8)(b)’;
- (xviii) in Standing Order 178, in paragraph (2), by the deletion of ‘, or detailed scrutiny under Standing Order 161,’;
- (xix) in Standing Order 179—
 - (a) in paragraph (1), by the deletion of ‘, or as part of detailed scrutiny under Standing Order 161’;
 - (b) in paragraph (3), by the deletion of ‘, or detailed scrutiny under Standing Order 161’; and

- (c) in paragraph (4), by the substitution of ‘Standing Order 178’ for ‘Standing Order 161, or Standing Order 178, as appropriate’;
- (xx) in Standing Order 180, in paragraph (2), by the substitution of ‘Questions on Policy or Legislation’ for ‘questions on promised legislation’;
- (xxi) in Standing Order 205, in subparagraph (a) of paragraph (4), by the deletion of ‘as defined in Standing Orders 96(3) and 99’;
- (xxii) in Standing Order 219—
 - (a) in paragraph (3), by the substitution of ‘Standing Order 118A(2)(a)’ for ‘Standing Order 119(1)(b)’;
 - (b) in paragraph (4)—
 - (I) in subparagraph (a), by the deletion of ‘as defined in Standing Orders 96(3) and 99’;
 - (II) by the substitution of the following for subparagraph (b)
 - ‘(b) power to take oral and written evidence as defined in Standing Order 96(1);’;
 - (III) in subparagraph (c), by the substitution of ‘Standing Order 96(2)’ for ‘Standing Order 96(4)’;
 - (IV) in subparagraph (d), by the substitution of ‘Standing Order 96(10)’ for ‘Standing Order 96(14)’; and
 - (V) in subparagraph (e), by the substitution of ‘Standing Order 96(10)’ for ‘Standing Order 96(15)’; and
- (xxiii) in the Ordinary routine of business table in Schedule 3, by the substitution of ‘Questions on Policy or Legislation’ for ‘Questions on Promised Legislation’ wherever it occurs.”