

For approval by the Steering Committee at its meeting on 14 April 2024

**British-Irish  
Parliamentary  
Assembly**



**Tionól Parlaiminteach  
na Breataine agus  
na hÉireann**

**66<sup>th</sup> PLENARY SESSION**

**Druids Glen, Co. Wicklow**

**PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME OF BUSINESS**

**MONDAY 15 APRIL 2024**

**At 9.15 am: meeting in public session**

- 1. BRIEF INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS BY CO-CHAIRS**
- 2. ADOPTION OF PROPOSED PROGRAMME OF BUSINESS**

**At 9.30am**

- 3. OPENING ADDRESS**

An Taoiseach, Mr. Simon Harris TD will address the Assembly.

**At about 9:40 am**

- 4. MINISTER OF STATE AT THE DEPARTMENT OF TOURISM, CULTURE, ARTS, GAELTACHT, SPORT AND MEDIA**

Minister Thomas Byrne TD will address the Assembly and respond to questions.

**At about 10:30 am**

- 5. TOURISM – A FORCE FOR GOOD**

Joanne Stuart, Chief Executive, Northern Ireland Tourism Alliance will address the Assembly and respond to questions.

**11.15 am coffee break.**

**At about 11.30 am**

- 6. PROMOTING BRITISH-IRISH DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS**

His Excellency Martin Fraser, Irish Ambassador to Great Britain will address the Assembly.

His Excellency Paul Johnston, British Ambassador to Ireland, will address the Assembly.

**Questions and Answers**

**At about 12.10 am**

**7. DEBATE ON MOTION “That this Assembly has considered current international events”**

*(Text of motion to be agreed by the Steering Committee)*

*The sitting will be suspended from 1.00 pm to 2.30 pm.*

**At 2.30 pm**

**8. GROWING TOURISM TO THE ISLAND OF IRELAND**

Alice Mansergh, Chief Executive, Tourism Ireland will address the plenary and respond to questions.

**At about 3.20 pm**

**9. POLITICAL ENABLERS NEEDED FOR IRISH TOURISM TO PROSPER**

Eoghan O’Mara Walsh, CEO, Irish Tourism Industry Federation will address the plenary and respond to questions.

**At about 4.10 pm**

**10. PROGRESS REPORT FROM COMMITTEE D (ENVIRONMENT & SOCIAL)**

Lord Alf Dubs

**At about 4.20 pm**

**11. DEBATE ON MOTION “The Assembly will consider the relationships between the development of tourism and provision for housing in rural areas across the BIPA jurisdictions”**

*(Motion to be agreed by the Steering Committee)*

*The session will conclude not later than 5.00 pm.*

**TUESDAY 16 APRIL 2024**

**At 9.30 am: Meeting in public session**

**12. ANNUAL REPORTS**

Annual Report 2019-2022 & Annual Report 2023

**At about 9:45**

**13. COMMITTEE REPORTS, ETC.**

PROGRESS REPORT FROM COMMITTEE A (SOVEREIGN MATTERS)  
Senator Emer Currie

PROGRESS REPORT FROM COMMITTEE B (EUROPEAN AFFAIRS)  
Darren Millar MS

GOVERNMENT RESPONSES TO COMMITTEE REPORTS

**At about 10.30 am**

**14. COMMITTEE C REPORT: “Government Energy Strategy and Consumer Energy Policy”**

Brendan Howlin TD will present his Committee’s report and respond to questions.

**At about 11.05 am coffee break**

**At about 11.25 am:**

**15. CUILCAGH LAKELANDS UNESCO GLOBAL GEOPARK – REGENERATIVE TOURISM IN A SHARED LANDSCAPE**

Grainne O’Connor, Manager, Cuilcagh Lakelands UNESCO Global Geopark will address the plenary and respond to questions.

**Not later than 12.25:**

**16. ADJOURNMENT**

*The session will conclude not later than 12.25 pm.*