

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

**British-Irish
Parliamentary
Assembly**



**Tionól Parlaiminteach
na Breataine agus
na hÉireann**

66th 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 Officer, 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, Chief Executive Officer, 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

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

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 12.15:

16. ADJOURNMENT

The session will conclude not later than 12.15 pm.