

For approval by the Steering Committee at its meeting on 22 October 2023

**British-Irish  
Parliamentary  
Assembly**



**Tionól Parlaiminteach  
na Breataine agus  
na hÉireann**

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

**The K Club, Kildare**

**PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME OF BUSINESS**

**MONDAY 23 OCTOBER 2022**

**At 9.30 am: meeting in public session.**

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

**At about 9:45 am**

- 3. ADDRESS BY THE MINISTER FOR FINANCE, IRISH DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE**

Michael McGrath TD, Minister for Finance at the Department of Finance will address the Assembly and respond to questions.

**At about 10:30**

- 4. ADDRESS BY THE MINISTER OF STATE, UK NORTHERN IRELAND OFFICE**

Steve Baker MP will address the Assembly and respond to questions.

**11.10 am coffee break.**

**At about 11.25 am**

- 5. ADDRESS BY THE MINISTER OF STATE, IRISH DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT, CLIMATE AND COMMUNICATIONS**

Ossian Smyth TD, Minister of State at the Department of Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform with special responsibility for Public Procurement and eGovernment; and the Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications with special responsibility for Communications and Circular Economy, will address the Assembly and respond to questions.

**At about 12.05 am**

**6. AN OVERVIEW OF THE FASTER PROJECT: FACILITATING A SUSTAINABLE TRANSITION TO ELECTRIC VEHICLES IN THE REGIONS**

Pamela Arthurs, Chief Executive, East Border Region will address the Assembly and respond to questions.

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

**At 2.30 pm**

**7. PROMOTING BRITISH-IRISH DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS**

His Excellency Paul Johnston, Ambassador of the United Kingdom to Ireland, will address the Assembly and respond to questions.

**At about 3.00 pm**

**8. PANEL DISCUSSION: DEVELOPING WIND ENERGY**

- Noel Cunniffe, CEO, Wind Energy Ireland.
- Marian Troy, Head of Corporate Affairs, SSE.

**At about 4.00 pm**

**9. DEBATE ON MOTION “That this Assembly has considered recent political developments”**

*(motion agreed by the Steering Committee)*

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

**TUESDAY 24 OCTOBER 2022**

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

**10. BIPA ANNUAL REPORT 2019-2022**

**11. COMMITTEE A REPORT: “Protecting the Common Travel Area in post Brexit era”**

Senator Emer Currie will present her Committee’s report and respond to questions.

**12. COMMITTEE REPORTS, ETC.**

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

PROGRESS REPORT FROM COMMITTEE C (ECONOMIC)

Brendan Howlin TD

PROGRESS REPORT FROM COMMITTEE D (ENVIRONMENT & SOCIAL)  
Lord Alf Dubs

**At about 10.45 am: coffee break**

**At about 11.00 am**

**13. SUPPORTING ENERGY TRANSITION**

*Implementing the climate action plan, the role of the energy agency*  
Lisa Vaughan, CEO, Tipperary Energy Agency.

*Leveraging the Power of Communities*  
Eugene Conlon, Manager, Energy Team and the Market House, Dunleer, SEC.

Question and answer session

**Not later than 12 noon:**

**14. ADJOURNMENT**

*The session will conclude not later than 12 noon.*