



Legislature, Executive and Judiciary

The Government An Rialtas

Leo Varadkar TD was appointed Taoiseach on 14 June 2017, having been nominated by Dáil Éireann on a vote of 57 to 50 with 45 abstentions. Members of the government were appointed on the same day on a vote of 57 to 43 with 35 abstentions.

Members of the Government



Taoiseach and Minister for Defence:
Taoiseach agus Aire Cosanta:
Leo Varadkar TD



Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign
Affairs and Trade with responsibility
for Brexit:
Tánaiste agus Aire Gnóthai
Eachtracha agus Trádála ar a bhfuil
freagracht as Brexit:
Simon Coveney TD



Minister for Finance and Public
Expenditure and Reform:
Aire Airgeadais agus Caiteachais
Phoiblí agus Athchóirithe:
Paschal Donohoe TD



Minister for Education and Skills:
Aire Oideachais agus Scileanna:
Richard Bruton TD



Minister for Business, Enterprise and
Innovation:
Aire Gnó, Fiontar agus Nuálaíochta:
Heather Humphreys TD



Minister for Justice and Equality:
Aire Dlí agus Cirt agus
Comhionannais:
Charles Flanagan TD



Minister for Culture, Heritage and the
Gaeltacht:
Aire Cultúir, Oidhreacht agus
Gaeltachta:
Josepha Madigan TD



Minister for Health:
Aire Sláinte:
Simon Harris TD



Minister for Agriculture, Food and
the Marine:
Aire Talmhaíochta, Bia agus Mara:
Michael Creed TD



Minister for Communications,
Climate Action and Environment:
Aire Cumarsáide, Gníomhaíthe ar
son na hAeráide agus Comhshaoil:
Denis Naughten TD



Minister for Transport, Tourism and
Sport:
Aire Iompair, Turasóireachta agus
Spóirt:
Shane Ross TD



Minister for Children and Youth
Affairs:
Aire Leanaí agus Gnóthai Óige:
Katherine Zappone TD



Minister for Rural and Community
Development:
Aire Forbartha Tuaithe agus Pobail:
Michael Ring TD



Minister for Employment Affairs and
Social Protection:
Aire Gnóthai Fostaíochta agus
Coimirce Sóisialai:
Regina Doherty TD



Minister for Housing, Planning and
Local Government:
Aire Tithíochta, Pleanála agus
Rialtais Áitiúil:
Eoghan Murphy TD

Attorney General Ard-Aighne



Seamus Woulfe SC

Ministers of State (and their responsibilities) Na hAiri Stáit (agus a bhfreagrachtaí)



Minister of State at the Departments
of the Taoiseach, and Culture,
Heritage and the Gaeltacht (with
special responsibility as Government
Chief Whip, and for Gaeilge,
Gaeltacht and the Islands):
Aire Stáit ag Ranna an Taoisigh, agus
Cultúir, Oidhreacht agus Gaeltachta
(le freagracht speisialta air mar
Príomh-Aoire Rialtais, agus air maidir
le Gaeilge, Gaeltacht agus na hOileáin):
Joe McHugh TD



Minister of State at the Department of
Education and Skills (with special
responsibility for Higher Education):
Aire Stáit ag an Roinn Oideachais agus
Scileanna (le freagracht speisialta
uirthi maidir le Ardoideachais):
Mary Mitchell O'Connor TD



Minister of State at the Departments
of Taoiseach and Defence (with
special responsibility for Defence):
Aire Stáit ag Ranna an Taoisigh agus
Cosanta (le freagracht speisialta air
maidir le Cosaint):
Paul Kehoe TD



Minister of State at the Departments
of Employment Affairs and Social
Protection, Justice and Equality, and
Health (with special responsibility for
Disability Issues):
Aire Stáit ag Ranna Gnóthai
Fostaíochta agus Coimirce Sóisialai,
agus Dlí agus Cirt agus Comhionannais,
agus Sláinte (le freagracht speisialta air
maidir le Saincheisteanna Míchumais):
Finian McGrath TD



Minister of State at the Departments
of the Taoiseach, and Foreign Affairs
and Trade (with special responsibility
for European Affairs):
Aire Stáit ag Ranna an Taoisigh, agus
Gnóthai Eachtracha agus Trádála (le
freagracht speisialta uirthi maidir le
Ghnóthai Eorpacha):
Helen McEntee TD



Minister of State at the Departments
of Finance, and Public Expenditure
and Reform (with special responsibility
for Public Procurement, Open
Government and eGovernment):
Aire Stáit ag Ranna Airgeadais, agus
Caiteachais Phoiblí agus Athchóirithe
(le freagracht speisialta air maidir le
Soláthar Phoiblí, Rialtas Oscailte agus
Riomhsheirbhísí Rialtais):
Patrick O'Donovan TD





Minister of State at the Departments of Finance, and Public Expenditure and Reform (with special responsibility for Financial Services and Insurance):
Aire Stáit ag Ranna Airgeadais, agus Caiteachais Phoiblí agus Athchóirithe (le freagracht speisialta air maidir le Seirbhísí Airgeadais agus Árachas):
Michael D'Arcy TD



Minister of State at the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (with special responsibility for the Diaspora and International Development):
Aire Stáit ag an Roinn Gnóthaí Eachtracha agus Trádála (le freagracht speisialta air maidir le Diaspóra agus d'Fhorbairt Idirnáisiúnta):
Cianan Cannon TD



Minister of State at the Department of Health (with special responsibility for Mental Health and Older People):
Aire Stáit ag an Roinn Sláinte (le freagracht speisialta air maidir le Meabhairshláinte agus Daoine Breacaosta):
Jim Daly TD



Minister of State at the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport (with special responsibility for Tourism and Sport):
Aire Stáit ag an Roinn Iompair, Turasóireachta agus Spóirt (le freagracht speisialta air maidir le Turasóireacht agus Spóirt):
Brendan Griffin TD



Minister of State at the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government (with special responsibility for Local Government and Electoral Reform):
Aire Stáit ag an Roinn Tithíochta, Pleanála agus Rialtais Áitiúil (le freagracht speisialta air maidir le Rialtas Áitiúil agus Athchóiriú Toghdhán):
John Paul Phelan TD



Minister of State at the Department of Health (with special responsibility for Health Promotion and the National Drugs Strategy):
Aire Stáit ag an Roinn Sláinte (le freagracht speisialta uirthi maidir le Cur Chun Cinn na Sláinte agus an Straitéis Náisiúnta Drugaí):
Catherine Byrne TD



Minister of State at the Departments of Business, Enterprise and Innovation, Employment Affairs and Social Protection, Taoiseach, and Justice and Equality (with special responsibility for Trade, Employment, Business, EU Digital Single Market and Data Protection):
Aire Stáit ag Ranna Gnó, Fiontar agus Nuálaíochta, Gnóthaí Fostaíochta agus Coimirce Sóisialaí, an Taoisigh, agus Dlí agus Cirt agus Comhionannais (le freagracht speisialta air maidir le Trádáil, Fostaíocht, Gnó, Margadh Anair Digiteach an AE agus Cosaint Sonraí):
Pat Breen TD



Minister of State at the Department of Rural and Community Development, and Communications, Climate Action and Environment (with special responsibility for Natural Resources, Community Affairs and Digital Development):
Aire Stáit ag Ranna Forbartha Tuaithe agus Pobail, agus Cumarsáide, Gníomhaíthe ar son na hAeráide agus Comhshaoil (le freagracht speisialta air maidir le Acmhainní Nádúrtha, Gnóthaí Pobail agus Forbairt Dhigiteach):
Seán Kyne TD



Minister of State at the Departments of Business, Enterprise and Innovation, and Education and Skills (with special responsibility for Training, Skills, Innovation, Research and Development):
Aire Stáit ag Ranna Gnó, Fiontar agus Nuálaíochta, agus Oideachais agus Scileanna (le freagracht speisialta air maidir le Oiliúint, Scileanna, Nuálaíocht, Taighde agus Forbairt):
John Halligan TD



Minister of State at the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine (with special responsibility for Food, Forestry and Horticulture):
Aire Stáit ag an Roinn Talmhaíochta, Bia agus Mara (le freagracht speisialta air maidir le Bia, Foraoiseacht agus Gairneoireacht):
Andrew Doyle TD



Minister of State at the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government (with special responsibility for Housing and Urban Development):
Aire Stáit ag an Roinn Tithíochta, Pleanála agus Rialtais Áitiúil (le freagracht speisialta air maidir le Tithíocht agus Forbairt Uirbeach):
Damien English TD



Minister of State at the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform (with special responsibility for the Office of Public Works and Flood Relief):
Aire Stáit ag an Roinn Caiteachais Phoiblí agus Athchóirithe (le freagracht speisialta air maidir le Oifig na nOibreacha Poiblí agus Faoiseamh Tuile):
Kevin Boxer Moran TD



Minister of State at the Department of Justice and Equality (with special responsibility for Equality, Immigration and Integration):
Aire Stáit ag an Roinn Dlí agus Cirt agus Comhionannais (le freagracht speisialta air maidir le Comhionannas, Inimírce agus Comhtháthú):
David Stanton TD

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Houses of the Oireachtas Commission Coimisiún Thithe an Oireachtais

Coimisiún Thithe an Oireachtais, the Houses of the Oireachtas Commission, was established under the Houses of the Oireachtas Commission Act 2003. The Commission comprises 11 members. Its functions are set out in legislation and are, in summary, to provide for the running of the Houses of the Oireachtas and the administration and management of the Houses of the Oireachtas Service and, within this, to: oversee ongoing expenditure; pay all salaries and expenses and keep and publish accounts; exercise staff functions (via the Secretary General); produce strategic plans, annual reports, estimates and information; exercise certain functions of the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform regarding secretarial assistance for members and parliamentary parties; and exercise certain legal functions (including participation in proceedings where necessary and arranging for legal advice).

Commission Members

The Commission comprises 11 members.

Ex officio members: Seán Ó Fearghail TD, Ceann Comhairle of Dáil Éireann (*Chair*); Senator Denis O'Donovan, Cathaoirleach of Seanad Éireann (*Deputy Chair*); Peter Finnegan, Clerk of Dáil Éireann (*Secretary General*)

Nominee appointed by the Minister for Finance:
Martin Heydon TD

Members appointed by the Houses of the Oireachtas:
Joe Carey TD, Senator Paudie Coffey, Senator Gerard P. Craughwell, Timmy Dooley TD, Catherine Murphy TD, Louise O'Reilly TD, Senator Ned O'Sullivan

Officers

Clerk of the Dáil (also Secretary General of the Houses of the Oireachtas Service, Registrar of Political Parties and Accounting Officer): Peter Finnegan
Clerk-Assistant of the Dáil (also Assistant Secretary, Parliamentary Services Division): Elaine Gunn
Clerk of the Seanad (also Examiner of Private Bills and Seanad Returning Officer): Martin Groves
Clerk-Assistant of the Seanad: Bridget Doody
Superintendent, Houses of the Oireachtas: Paul Conway
Captain of the Guard: John Flaherty

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Assistant Secretary, Corporate and Members' Services:
Michael Errity
Assistant Secretary, Parliamentary Services Division (also Clerk-Assistant of the Dáil): Elaine Gunn
Assistant Secretary, Parliamentary Budget Office:
Annette Connolly